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RFK on the Edge

The GOP Makeover

Olympic Golden Girls

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: MARK PETERSON—SABA, DAVE BLACK, HENRI CARTIER-BRESSON—MAGNUM

ON THE COVER: All these years distant, Robert F. Kennedy seems frozen in myth. But an exclusive excerpt from Evan Thomas's new biography charts RFK's journey to maturity at the cold war's hour of maximum danger—the Cuban missile crisis. The real story of Bobby's role in getting us back from the brink. **THE BUSH-GORE WAR:** The vice president isn't planning on letting George W. Bush's upbeat Philadelphia story stand for long. **Behind both teams' strategies for the fall,** and a gallery of images from the GOP's big party. **AGAINST THE TIDE:** Around the age of 30, a crew of swimming stars are getting on—by Olympic standards. **How they're getting faster** as they grow older.

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