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People didn't take that "leap of faith" from astronaut to politician."

Wednesday is his birthday he says - later they (the Glenns) invite me to a surprise birthday party for John - Wednesday night at Fairmont Hotel.

His daughter Lynn says "It will be a hard time for him."

Debby Phillips story had just come from doing press in losing race for mayor of Columbus. Got off plane and asked where the volunteers were. There were none. Tremendous contrast. She said she knew, then, in December, that the campaign was a loser.

He was not well served. "They were mercenaries. They had no commitment to John Glenn. They were all looking out for their own careers. As soon as they began to fall apart they deserted him like rats on a sinking ship. Everyone covered his own ass. They didn't give a damn about John Glenn. Everyone blamed everyone else.

*Re the "rats" I should not  
be wary comment Drew got  
for his children were negative  
overwhelmingly dominated re Glenn's  
+ conflicts.*