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Okay, now something totally frivolous about the Cheney piece (if you want real analysis, go here). The WaPo piece reveals Cheney's secret service name:

"Angler," as the Secret Service code-named him,

Which is of course the name they've given the series.

Well, I think it perhaps ironic because, as I understand it, Cheney's not that great a fisherman. At least that's what a friend I was close to in the early 90s told me. You see, she (yes, **she**) fished against Cheney at the Jackson One Fly tournament. A whole day in a boat with no one else but Cheney (pre-Vice President days) and a guide. Now, my friend was a pretty good fly-fisher. Still, she kicked his ass.

Which I guess provides a nice irony to the title of the article. Here is Cheney trying to take over the world. But he—Angler—can't even beat a girl in his eponymous sport!

Pity someone didn't figure out he was a loser before the Iraq war.