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COUNTY ELECTION SYNOPSIS

NIAGRA COUNTY

The incumbent Republican county District Attorney was defeated by the son of Assemblyman Matt Murphy in the major county race.

Republicans gained one seat on the county Legislature (11-8 to 12-7)

City of Niagra Falls elected first Republican Mayor in 3 decades.

Chautauqua County

Republicans won the County Comptroller position in a three way race and at least maintained their majority on the County Legislature (13-12). and it could possibly go 14-11.

Republicans also won mayoral races in Jamestown and Dunkirk which had been Democratic strongholds.

Cattaraugus County

Republicans lost control of the County Legislature for the first time ever, (was 12-11 now 11-12). They also lost a Surrogate Court race. Most town races were won by the incumbents.

Livingston County

There were no major county races. In the Board of Supervisor races the Republicans picked up one seat to take a one seat majority.

Wyoming County

Republican incumbents won races for sheriff and county court. They also increased their margin on the County Board of Supervisors by picking up a Supervisor seat in Warsaw.

Monroe County

The major race was Bob King's defeat of Tom Frey (52-48) for County Executive. The conservative endorsement of King was crucial. Despite the King victory, Republicans lost one seat on the County Legislature (was 13-16 now 12-17)

Seneca County

The board of Supervisors went Democratic for the first time since 1964. The incumbent Republican Sheriff was also defeated. (issue was whether to build a new jail or not)

Ontario County

The board of Supervisors went Democratic for the first time ever. Specific numbers not available.

Wayne County

Senato Kehoe's brother lost his bid for County D.A.

Yates County

A republican challenger won the D.A. race. County lrgislative races went 8-3 Republican.

Orleans County No info available yet

Genesse County

Republicans increased their plurality on the County Legislature by one (7-1). They also won countywide races for Clerk, D.A., and Family court

Schuyler County

The incumbent county treasurer won, but Republicans lost three seats on the Legislature (total unknown)

Allegany County NO info available

Chemung

Republicans won the only countywide race whhich was D.A. There was no change in the Legislature numbers or town Supervisor numbers

Erie County

Gorski overwelming won re-election as County Supervisor, but Republicans gained 2 and possibly 3 county Legislature seats, (12-5 dem to know 10-7 or 9-8). It also appears that Republicans ran well in the South towns gaining control of the towns.

TO: Ed Lurie
FROM: John D'Agati
DATE: November 6, 1991
RE: Nassau/Suffolk Eletion Results

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Please note that these are early returns and in some of the races assumptions that a continued lead have been made that may very well not hold true. Even with that, some races remain too close to call and we are awaiting more information. An Asterisk indicates an incumbent

SUFFOLK

County Executive

Gaffney	R	51%
Halpin*	D	41%
Kelly	C	7%

Towns

Babylon

Supervisor

Pitts*	D	6062
Petrizzo	R	4786

Town Council remains Dem.
Town Clerk remains Dem
Receiver of Taxes remains Rep.

Brookhaven

Supervisor

LaMura	R	4917
Blakeslee	D	4173

Town Council remains Rep.
Receiver of Taxes remains Rep.

East Hampton

Supervisor

Bullock*	D	614
Bernard	R	330

Town Council remains Dem
Town Assesor, Two Dems win

Huntington

Town Council loses one Republican. Becomes Democratic
Town Clerk remains Rep
Receiver of Taxes (Too Close to Call)

Islip

Supervisor

Jones *	R	4537
Barraga	C	1899
Wilson	D	1587

Town Council remains Rep.
Town Clerk remains Rep.
Receiver of Taxes remains Rep.

Riverhead

Supervisor

Baschetti	D	
Janoski*	R	Too close to call but he is reported to have won according to Lavelle district Office.

Town Council: Two Vacancies, F. Creighton Rep. (1990 Cong. Candate)
One to Harriet Gilliam Dem.

Town Clerk	Rep.
Receiver of Taxes	Rep.
Town Justice	Rep.
Assesor 2Vac	Rep.

Smithtown

Town Council: One Rep. Fitzpatrick
One Dem Sgroi
Receiver of Taxes remains Dem.

Southampton

Supervisor

Thiele	R	455 (Former County Leg.)
Stavropo	R	200

Town Council 2 Vac.
Won by SouthHampton Party candidates (SHP)

Southhold

Supervisor

Harris*	R	518
Kujawski	D	333

Receive of Taxes remains Rep.
Assessor remains Rep.

The Suffolk County Legislature has 18 total seats and was divided 11 Republicans/Conservatives to 7 Democrats. There are three races that have not been called yet. Those are the 2nd, 12th, and 16th Legislative Districts. It is very possible that we could end up with a 9 to 9 tie as it is currently being reported.

NASSAU

County Board of Assessors

Seldin*	R	38,697
Weisenburg	D	34,052

Judicial Races

Seybert	R	38,428
Fleischman	D	33,380

Towns

Hempstead

Presiding Supervisor

Mondello*	R	7,410
Levine	D	3,746

Supervisor

Peterson*	R	6,644
Davidson	D	4,065

Town Board, Reps. retain all three vacancies

Town Clerk remains Rep.

Receiver of Taxes remains Rep.

North Hempstead

Supervisor

Zwirn*	D	18,648
Previdi	R	13,158

Town Council, Dems pick up two vacancies, **Gains Majority**

Plus May Newburger Dem, win unexpired term on Council

Town Clerk remains Rep.

Receiver of Taxes remains Rep.

Oyster Bay

Supervisor

Yevoli	D	17,128
Delligatti*	R	16,670

Town Board: Reps. win all three seats

Town Clerk remains Rep

Receiver of Taxes remains Rep.

Assembly District 22

Marcarella	R	14,686
Guise	D	8,155

TO: Edward S. Lurie
FROM: TLS
DATE: 11/06/91

DUTCHESS:

In Dutchess County, the Republicans had a great year. Bill Steinhaus kicked ass in the County Exdcutive race, Fred Scoralick was re-elected sheriff, Bill Paroli won the vacant County Clerk seat and Bill Grady won re-election as District Attorney.

In addition, with two races still undecided because the margins are within five votes, the Republican seem to have gained two seats in the County Legislature.

In Poughkeepsie, the Republicans won the Mayor's race.

WESTCHESTER:

Republicans did not do as well in Westchester County. The Democrat, Zeleski, won the race for Mayor of Yonkers and the Republicans lost the County Legislature. The legislature is now 8 Republicans, 8 Democrats and 1 Conservative. It seems to me the Conservative will run the county.

NYC:

In The City, the Republicans won five City Council Seats including a seat won by Tom Ognibene, Serf Maltese's Council. In Addition to Ognibene's seat in Queens, the Republicans won another seat in Queens, a seat in Staten Island, a seat that is partly in Staten Island and Partly in Brooklyna and a seat in Manhattan.

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Cayuga County

County Legislature

1990: 14R-7D

1991: 14R-7D

The County Legislature was not up for re-election this year.

Countywide - The Democrats won the Cayuga County Sheriff's race, while the Republicans were successful in winning the District Attorney's race.

Big Winners - The Republicans took control of the city of Auburn Mayor's office, with 28 year old Republican Guy Constantino winning election. The Republicans also maintained control of the city council.

Cortland County

County Legislature

1990: 10R-9D

1991: 10R-9D

No elections for County Legislature in 1991.

Countywide - No countywide races in 1991

Big Losers - Cortland County Legislator Ron Walsh Jr., a Democrat, defeated Republican Candidate Charles Wilson in the City of Cortland Mayor's race. Walsh replaces two term incumbent Martin Mack.

Delaware County

Board of Supervisors

1990: 15R-4D

1991: N/A

Delaware County has a weighted voting system much like Sullivan County. It is apparent, according to Sandy Mathes, Senator Cook's Chief of Staff, that the Republicans have increased their majority on the Board of Supervisors.

Countywide - None

Greene County

County Legislators

1990: 12R-1D

1991: 8R-5D

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The major issues at hand in the loss of four Republicans on the Greene County Legislature were construction of an unpopular Solid Waste facility and taxes.

County Wide - The Democrats won both the Greene County Sheriff and District Attorney's posts. The Republicans won the County Treasurer and County Clerk positions.

Orange County

County Legislature:

1991: 16 R- 4D

No Legislature elections no change.

County Wide Races - one

Big Wins - voters in former Democratic Senator Arthur Gray's hometown of Port Jervis elected a Republican mayor as challenger Michael Worden defeated Democratic Incumbent Richard Roberts. Roberts replaced Gray as Mayor of Port Jervis when Gray defeated Republican Incumbent Richard Schermerhorn for the Senate in 1988.

In Senator Larkin's hometown of New Windsor, Republican Incumbent Supervisor George Green was re-elected over Democratic challenger Jim Sullivan. According to Senator Larkin's office, Sullivan was a thorn in Senator Larkin's side and also had a good relationship with Senate Minority staff in Albany.

Big Losses - Democrats took over the town of Wallkill, a longtime GOP bastion by a 3-2 margin on the Town Board. Actual names and figures weren't available.

Otsego County

Board of Representatives

1990: 10R-4D

1991: 10R-4D

No change in the County Legislature with the Republicans picking up an open seat.

Countywide - No races occurred countywide.

Big Winners - Duncan Davie, Senator Seward's Chief of Staff won re-election as Supervisor of the Town of Oneonta. He ran without opposition. Republicans also took control of the Oneonta Town Board for the first time in eight years.

The Oneonta City Council is deadlocked with four Republicans and four Republicans currently sitting. The current Mayor,

David Brenner who is a Republican has the power to break a tie, giving the Republicans a 5-4 edge on the city council.

Rensselaer County

County Legislature: 1991: 13D- 6R

No County Legislature Elections were held in 1991, there were no changes.

County Wide - Republican challenger Dan Keating defeated incumbent Sheriff Warren McGreevey 55%-45% in unofficial returns. Keating dominated in the heavily Republican towns as well as running strong with McGreevey in the Democratic Cities of Troy and Rensselaer.

Big Wins - Roy Wright upset incumbent Democratic Supervisor Richard Fennelly in North Greenbush. John Ramahlo, an incumbent Republican Town Councilman also won re-election. The makeup of the Town Board goes from 4-1 D to 3-2 D, with the Republicans picking up a seat.

Big Losses - Democrats scored well in County Supervisor Races. In Poestenkill, Incumbent Supervisor Lois Fisher lost to Democrat Jay Nish, a loss that may be attributed to the presence of Town Republican Chairman Frank Wittman's entry into the Supervisor's race on an independent line. Nish won by 113 votes while Wittmann polled 117 votes on the Independent line providing Fischer's margin of defeat. The Democrats took over the Town Board with two Democratic challengers upsetting an Incumbent Republican to take a 3-2 edge.

Democratic Supervisors were also reelected in the towns of Schodack, Nassau and Sand Lake. In Schodack, one term Incumbent Jack Nelson was defeated by Democratic Challenger Mike Glavin who garnered 2,295 votes to Nelson's 1,971. Democratic and Republican challengers were elected to Town Board seats, defeating an eight term Republican Incumbent. Republicans retain control of the Schodack Town Board by a 3-2 margin. In Nassau, Democratic Challenger Willard Bridgham defeated Incumbent Bernard Clifford by a total of 908-769. The Republicans also lost control of the Town Board. These races are of note because Schodack is the home town of State Republican Chairman Bill Powers.

Saratoga County

Board of Supervisors

1990: 19R- 3D

1991: 20R- 2D

Result: Republican gain of one seat.

County Races - None

Big Wins - It was a night of big wins for Republicans in Saratoga County. The biggest winner was the Republicans in Clifton Park, whose Town Board went from 3-2 D to 4-1 R in a Republican sweep. Republican Supervisor candidate Marvin LeRoy defeated Democratic Incumbent Supervisor Joseph Riley, while Republican Town Board Candidates John Pritchard and former Clifton Park Supervisor Roy Speckhardt defeated Democratic Incumbent Nancy Bellamy and Challenger Frederick DeCasperis.

Waterford retained an all Republican Town Board as Republican Supervisor Candidate Bert Mahoney defeated Democratic Challenger Frank Cerqua. Kathleen Marchione won re-election as Halfmoon Supervisor, with the Town Board remaining all Republican.

In Saratoga Springs, Republican Mayor A.C. Dake's longtime archrival Remigia Foy was defeated for re-election to the City Council by Republican Challenger J. Michael O'Connell.

Big Losses - None

Schenectady County

County Legislature

1990: 8R-5D

1991: 9R-4D

Republicans gained a seat to take a 9-4 majority on the County Legislature. In District 1, incumbent Republican legislator David Tessitore, an apparent 48 vote loser on election night gained 200 votes due to a counting error to reclaim his seat. The third seat is up for grabs between Democratic challengers Thomas Nuzback and Joseph Pangione who are separated by only seven votes. County Legislative Chairman Charles Drago was re-elected from the First District.

In District 4, Democratic Minority leader John Macejka was defeated by Republicans Francis H. Potter and Frank A. Ranucci who claimed the District seats. Macejka was defeated in the September Democratic primary and ran as a Conservative-Liberal Candidate.

Incumbents retained their seats in the other districts.

Big Wins - None

Big Losses - Relatively none. In Senator Farley's hometown of Niskayuna, Democratic Supervisor Edwin D. Reilly and Democratic Councilmen Liz Orzel Kasper and Jeffrey Scardino were re-elected keeping the makeup of the Niskayuna Town Board at 3D-2R

Democratic Supervisor James Constantino was re-elected as Rotterdam Town Supervisor over former Democrat turned Republican Challenger William Osta. Constantino led a Democratic sweep of all Rotterdam Town offices.

In the City of Schenectady, former Mayor and Incumbent Republican Councilman Frank Duci was elected Mayor in a three way race over Democrat Thomas Hanaway and Conservative candidate Michael Andriano. The Democrats retained control of the City Council, winning four at large seats. Former Congressman Sam Stratton's son Brian Stratton won election to the Schenectady City Council.

Schoharie County

Board of Supervisors

1990: 8R-7D

1991: N/A

It appears that the Republicans have taken control of the County Board of Supervisors which is operated on a weighted voting system. A Republican was elected as Supervisor of the Town of Cobleskill, the largest town in Schoharie County.

Countywide - It was a Republican sweep of all County offices up for election, with Republican candidates winning the County Clerk, County Treasurer and County Sheriff's races.

Sullivan County

Board of Supervisors

1990: 7R-8D

1991: N/A

The major news to come from the Board of Supervisor races was the defeat of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Democrat David Kaufman. Sullivan County practices a weighted voting in the Board of Supervisors, so it is still unclear on which party has control of the Board.

Countywide - None

Big Winners/Losers - Several major Supervisors went down to defeat, and the Democrats took control of the town of Liberty which had been under Republican control.

Tompkins County

Board of Representatives

1990: 8R-7D

1991: 8R-7D

No elections for Board of Representatives.

Countywide - No countywide elections this year.

Big Losses - Democrat Socialist Mayor Benjamin Nichols won re-election as mayor of the city of Ithaca defeating Republican/Liberal candidate Mark Finkelstein. Two years ago Nichols became the first Socialist to be elected mayor.

Ulster County

County Legislature

1990: 27R-6D

1991: 20R-13D

Republican loss of seven seats.

Countywide Races - None

Big Winners - Despite losses in the County Legislature, Republicans were victorious in taking control of the City of Kingston and the Towns of Saugerties and Woodstock, three areas that had been under Democratic Control.

Big Losers - Ulster Democrats took control of the Republican stronghold of Wawarsing which went from 3-2R to 5-0D as Democrats swept local offices.

Rockland County

County Legislature

1990: 5R-16D

1991: 7R-14D

Republicans picked up two seats in the Rockland County Legislature including a seat in the Democrat controlled town of Ramapo. The last time the Republicans picked up a legislative seat in Ramapo was in 1983.

Countywide - Republican James Konalik defeated his Democratic opponent by a 2-1 margin to win the Rockland County Sherriff's race. This race became open due to the retirement of the Democratic incumbent.

Big Losers - Republicans lost control of the Town of Orangetown. The new makeup of the Orangetown Board will be 3-1 D, a change of two from the 3-1 R majority of 1991.

Onondaga County

County Legislature

1990: 15R-9D
1991: 14R-10D

The Democrats picked up a seat on the County Legislature with the defeat of Republican Incumbent Tom Aufhammer.

Countywide - Incumbent County Executive Nicholas Pirro, a Republican easily won re-election as Onondaga County Executive, defeating his Democratic opponent Assemblyman Melvin Zimmer by a 67%-30% margin. Pirro outspent Zimmer 10-1 on the campaign.

Democrat Joseph Nicoletti defeated both a Republican and a Conservative opponent to win the Assembly seat vacated by Melvin Zimmer.

Big Losses - Democrats took control of the Syracuse Common Council. Democrats Nancy McCarty and Vicki Manion won Counselor at Large seats while Democratic Challenger Ted Limpert defeated Incumbent Republican Councilman Bernard Mahoney. Limpert, Manion and McCarty had the strong backing and endorsement of State Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann.

The town of Dewitt Supervisor race is too close to call.

Democrats took control of the town of Salina. The town board lineup will change from 4-1R to 4-1D.

Big Wins - Republicans gained one seat on the Clay town Board. The lineup will change from 5-2R to 6-1R

Columbia County

Board of Supervisors

1990: 14R-9D
1991: 17R-6D

Republicans picked up three seats on the Board of Supervisors with Republican Challenger William Hogenkamp defeating incumbent Democratic Minority Leader Francis Blake in the Town of Chatham Supervisor race. In the city of Hudson, incumbent Democratic Supervisor James J. Dolan Jr. trailed Republican Challenger Thomas Koulos by seven votes with ten absentee votes left to be counted. In the town of Stockport, the GOP picked up a seat vacated by retiring

incumbent Democrat William Stone with Republican challenger John E. Funk Sr. defeating Democrat David Jennings.

In addition, Town of Taghkanic Supervisor Elizabeth Young who is a Democrat is planning to change her registration and join the Republican ranks in January, 1992. The Democrats did defeat an incumbent Supervisor in the town of Canaan with Democratic challenger Leonard Doreen defeating Republican Richard Klingler. This is not a loss for the GOP however, for Klingler used to caucus with the Democratic Minority even though he was a Republican.

Countywide - The GOP swept all countywide races on Tuesday. Republican incumbent District Attorney Paul Czajka was unopposed in his bid for a new term, as was Republican County Clerk John C. Hilliard, and incumbent Republican Coroner Kenneth Hamm. Republican Paul Roemer was elected as Columbia County Treasurer defeating Democrat Joanne Testa and Conservative candidate John R. Sundwall Jr.

Big Wins - The biggest surprise came in the City of Hudson where Incumbent Democratic Mayor Michael Yusko was defeated in his bid for a seventh term by Republican Alderman William D. Allen Sr. As mentioned before, Republicans claimed the Supervisors Office in the towns of Taghkanic, Stockport, and Chatham.

Big Losses - The Incumbent Republican Common Council President Alvin Kritzman was defeated by Democratic Challenger Patrick D. Maloy whose father, Donald Maloy, was a Democratic Common Council President in the mid 1970s. As a result, the Democrats kept control of the City of Hudson Common Council and kept the City Treasurer post with Democrat Incumbent Alyce Noabozny defeating Republican challenger John Kulish.

Jefferson County

Board of Supervisors

1990 27R-7D
1991 28R-5D-1I

The Republicans picked up a seat on the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors. The Town of Lyme Supervisor election is still in doubt with Independent Candidate James E. Golden leading Incumbent Republican Supervisor Marcus Nellis by 4 votes with 6 absentee ballots yet to be tallied. James Golden party affiliation is Republican however.

Countywide - the Republicans won the District Attorney seat with Republican Challenger James T. King Jr. defeating Democratic County Treasurer Jane Bowman-Jenkins by a 51%-49% margin.

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Locally - A near Republican sweep of all Town Supervisor posts in the County. Democrats claimed the Supervisor race in the Towns of Philadelphia and Wilna and in the City of Watertown, the seventh, tenth and eleventh wards.

In Watertown's non-partisan mayoral election Jeffrey E. Graham was the winner, along with City Council candidates Kevin Kieff and Roy Goodwin.

Broome County

No County Legislature races this year.

Big Wins - The Republicans maintained control of the Binghamton City Council. The lineup is 5R-3D-1IR compared to 5R-4D in 1990. An insurgent Democrat, Tony Fiala was supported by both Senator Libous and the Republicans and managed to upset the incumbent Democrat in the Democratic Primary and win election to the council. Paul Van Savage maintains that this councilman will fall in with the Republicans rather than the Democrats.

The Republicans swept the Village of Johnson City, winning the Mayor's office as well as 2 Trustee seats. The incumbent Democratic mayor, the son of former assemblyman James McCabe was defeated as well as 2 Democratic Trustees.

Big Losses - Endicott three term incumbent Mayor Marion Corrino, a Republican lost her bid for re-election. The Republicans do maintain control of the village board of Trustees.

Tioga County

Board of Supervisors

1990: 6R-3D

1991: 5R-4D

Republican Incumbent Frank Brown lost in his bid for re-election. 3 out of the 4 Democrats running for the Supervisor spots has the endorsement of the Republican party.

Countywide - The Republicans retained control of the Sheriff's Department as well as winning the Sixth District Supreme Court seats.

Oneida County

Big Wins - Republicans maintained control of the Rome Mayor's Office as well as picking up four seats on the city Council. Incumbent Mayor Louis Lapolla of Utica won re-election.

Herkimer County

County Legislature

1990: 11R-5D

1991: 10R-6D

Republicans in Herkimer County lost one seat on the County Legislature, but won the Mayor's office in the City of Little Falls.

Westchester County

County Legislature 1990:

10R-7D

1991: 9D-8R

Democrats in Westchester County claimed their first Legislature majority since 1907 by defeating one Incumbent Republican and picking up two seats that were open due to the retirement of two Republican Incumbent Legislators.

Edward Brady an incumbent Republican legislator was defeated by Challenger Suzanne Swanson. Two interesting sidenotes to this election; the first being that Swanson originally declined to run and had to be persuaded into the race; secondly, Swanson is a registered Conservative and may not vote with the Democrats even though she had Democratic support during the race.

Incumbent Democrat Patricia Hotchkiss was defeated by Richard Flynn, mayor of the Town of Mount Kisko for a legislative seat. Two Republicans, Board Chairman John Hand and Majority leader Diane Keane did not run for re-election. Their seats were claimed by Democrats Judith Shepard and George Latimer.

If County Executive Andrew O'Rourke does get nominated to a federal Judgeship, the Democrats would pick a successor as County Executive.

Countywide - None but Judicial Races.

Big Losses - The city of Yonkers elected Democrat Terrence Zaleski, a current assemblyman, as mayor. Zaleski won in a three way race defeating Republican City Council President Peter Chema and former mayor Angelo Martinelli who ran as an independent. Current mayor Henry Spallone was defeated by Chema in a Republican primary. Zaleski polled 16,114 votes to Chema's 14,850 votes with Martinelli polling 12,546 votes.

Democrats won the position of City Council President as Democrat Vincenza A. Resliano defeated Republican Armand Ferrari 19,586-13,000. Peter Chema was former City Council President.

In New Rochelle, incumbent Republican mayor Leonard Paduano was defeated by Democratic Challenger Timothy Idoni. In Greenburgh, former Legislator, Democrat Paul Feiner defeated Republican Louis Giampiccolo Jr. for the post of Greenburgh Supervisor. Former Supervisor Anthony Veteran switched from the Democratic to the Republican party in a bid for another term but was defeated by Giampiccolo in the Republican party. Greenburgh remains in Democratic control.

Conservative Jack Gaffney lost his Supervisor race in the town of Cortland to Democratic challenger Linda Puglisi. Incumbent Yorktown Republican Supervisor Nancy Elliott lost her bid for re-election to Democratic challenger Aaron Bock. Two Republican Councilman also lost their bids for re-election. In Rye Town, Republican Incumbent Donald Gioffre lost his re-election bid to Democrat James Sapione. Ossining Incumbent Republican Supervisor Barbara Fratianni was defeated by Democratic William E. Burton.

Big Wins - Republicans apparently increased their Majority on the Yonkers City Council to 5R-2D with victories in the 2nd District where Republican Edward J. Magillon holding a 52 vote lead over former Yonkers mayor, Democrat Nicholas Wasicsko. Incumbent Republican councilman John Spencer won re-election in the 3rd district and incumbent Republican councilmen Salvatore Sialiano, Thomas Dickerson and Edward Fagan winning re-election in the 4th, 5th and 6th districts.

The Democratic Stranglehold on the Eastchester Town Board was broken with the election of Republican James Cavanaugh to a Town Board Seat. Eastchester is the hometown of Westchester Republican Chairman and former State Chairman Anthony Colavita.

Republicans picked up a Supervisor Seat in the town of North Salem with Republican Sy Globerman defeating Democratic incumbent Marshall Belkin. Republicans also picked up Town Board seats in the City of New Rochelle, and the Town of North Salem.



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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON
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Thank you, Lou [Gerstner, CEO, RJR Nabisco], for those kind words. // To paraphrase John F. Kennedy, I'm touched at this warm reception -- but not half as touched as all of you have been. //

My thanks to all of you for your strong support.

[Introductory acknowledgements.] Let me congratulate all of you who made November 5th such a great day for the New York GOP -- and across the river, the Jersey GOP's clean sweep. You know, Jim Florio said this election was a referendum on the Bush Administration. For once, Jim Florio was right. ///

Finally, let me thank one key player who's back in Washington today: Vice President Dan Quayle. // For nearly three years now, he's served this nation well -- as an advocate for economic growth and sound policy at home, as an ambassador for American interests abroad. He's even squared off with the ABA. I'm pleased and privileged to have him by my side. //

Just before I came on stage, [Guy Molinari] was pressing me -
- as people often do at this kind of event -- to make **this** the day I make a special announcement. / Well, today, I do have an announcement to make: // Guy -- you're double parked. //

*Molinari
may not be
there*

I also have a special announcement from the Governor of New York. You'll recall he said he'd be making a big decision before Thanksgiving. Well, he has made that decision -- and I quote: The crushed cranberries are better than the jellied sauce. ///

I feel blessed to have the opportunity to serve this country at such an exciting moment in history -- a moment when America and the ideals we stand for have celebrated a string of successes around the world. //

In the world beyond our shores, we've grown accustomed to the dizzying pace of change. Yet here at home, we're stumbling along, stuck with a Congress that's out of step with the times -- out of touch with the American people. A Congress that's pushing the same tired old liberal agenda to a nation hungry for change. //

This fall, the American people have seen Congress in living color. They've seen Congress' inability to act, when Americans demand action. They've seen its endless appetite for side-shows and sleaze -- its addiction to perks and privileges. The American people have seen "their tax dollars at work" -- and poll after poll tells us, when it comes to Congress, the American people aren't feeling very kind and gentle. //

It shouldn't surprise anyone that the liberals that control the Congress tell a different story. They claim they can't act because we don't have an agenda. You don't hear much about the Democratic agenda, for good reason. The agenda of the liberal leadership is simply this: take whatever legislation we send up

-- and knock it down. Bury it deep in some obscure subcommittee, and swear they never saw it.

Yes, we've had some successes -- times when enough enlightened members of the opposition worked with us to pass sound legislation. We can be proud of the Clean Air amendments, which for the first time enlist market mechanisms in service to the environment. We should champion our child care bill. The Democrats wanted to warehouse our kids in a brave new child care bureaucracy, but we put choice in the hands of parents. And yes, we should celebrate landmark civil rights legislation like the American With Disabilities Act --- a covenant to bring this country's 43 million disabled citizens into the American mainstream. ~~[[Civil Rights Bill?]]~~ //

But these successes can't obscure the fact that the rest of our agenda's still stuck in the maze -- mugged by a party leadership locked into the tired old liberal mindset.

These days, the Democrat-controlled Congress doesn't want to act unless it's to expand the powers of government, so that some subcommittee chairman -- worse yet, some Congressional staffer - - lays down another mandate on the American people.

Meanwhile, Capitol Hill lives in a loophole of its own making: time after time Congress exempts itself from laws all other Americans must live by. // The time has come for those who make the laws to live by the laws. //

And if Congress doesn't heed the will of the people, people may just do a little legislating of their own: set term limits to curb career Congressmen. //

Let's get Congress back into the hands of the party that puts the interests of the American people first and foremost. Put Republicans in charge -- for a change. //

The American people are tired of double-standards and double-talk. The American people want action: action to get this economy growing again. // People are hurting -- hurting here in New York and all across the country: Families trying to make ends meet, proud Americans trying to keep their dignity when they've lost their job. I don't know any American who sees this happening who doesn't feel a tug -- who doesn't want to reach out and help.

The liberals see this as a question of lost jobs. Their "solution" comes in the form of a government check. We see it another way: as a matter of lost opportunity -- as a chance to recapture dignity in the form of a paycheck. // In short, we see the answer to unemployment as economic growth.

Three times in three years I've called on Congress to enact strong economic growth initiatives. Three times in three years the leadership on the Hill sent those initiatives into liberal limbo. // New initiatives to increase saving and investment; increase federal funds for R&D; enterprise zones to spawn a new generation of urban entrepreneurs in our inner cities -- a

capital gains tax cut, to unleash investment and get our economy booming again. //

Two years ago, in November 1989, we came close on capital gains. A majority in both the Senate and the House passed a package containing a capital gains tax cut. It took a last minute parliamentary maneuver by Senator Mitchell to block passage. / Well, Senator Mitchell got his political victory -- and America got a recession. //

I'll make a deal with the Democrats: give me a cut in cap gains -- let the liberals call it a tax cut for the rich. I'll take the political heat. // In short order, we'd all see that cutting capital gains would help put America back to work, stimulate growth, generate more jobs -- and ultimately bring in more tax revenue than it costs. //

You know, I've argued over and over that a capital gains cut will help the economy -- but it's all fallen on deaf ears. I've talked about how it would create growth and opportunity and jobs. Maybe I can put it in language the liberals will understand: a cut in capital gains will generate more taxpayers. //

The tired old liberal leadership hasn't noticed that the world has passed them by. / Look at the way the liberals talk about foreign policy. // Since I took the oath of office, this Nation has been called on to meet one challenge after another: from Eastern Europe to Panama to the Persian Gulf. Each time, America answered the call. Each time, America advanced the cause of freedom. And because we did, America stands today as the

world's preeminent power -- economic and political, military and moral. //

And still we hear Secretary of State Ted Kennedy -- asking: why does the President spend so much time on foreign policy? //

I don't care what the second-guessers on Capitol Hill have to say: I will never apologize for a single minute I devote to defending America's interests abroad. //

Listen to the liberals, and you'd think we were back in the 19th Century -- isolated from the rest of the world by two oceans. While the liberals live in the last century -- we've got to prepare for the next. In our world -- the real world -- those tired old labels of "foreign" and "domestic" are outdated, behind the times.

Think about a problem plaguing this city. When I convene a drug summit in Cartagena, Colombia to stop the tidal wave of crack before it hits the streets of New York -- is that foreign or domestic?

Think about the global economy. Liberals act as if the "global marketplace" is off in Asia or Europe, when it's really all around us. Consider this: Every additional billion dollars in new trade means 20,000 new American jobs. So when I fight for free and fair trade in Latin America or East Asia or to the European Community -- is that foreign policy or domestic? //

As you know, I've postponed the trip I'd planned to East Asia. As important as it is to push for freer trade and open markets in Japan, Korea and Australia -- when I learned Congress

might stay in session past the Thanksgiving recess, I thought I'd better change my plans. I owe it to the American taxpayer to make sure Congress never stays home alone. //

The Democrats control both houses. Don't keep the American people waiting: take a stand with law-abiding Americans, with the victims of violent crime. Send me a tough, comprehensive crime bill I can sign. // Quit piling on the pork, and pass a responsible transportation bill that puts Americans to work improving our roads. The American people have heard enough excuses. They want action. So I say to the liberal leadership: Stop the political posturing -- and get down to business. //

Let me focus for a moment on one especially urgent piece of legislation: extending unemployment benefits. / We had a deal -- a deal signed and sealed by every member of the Democratic leadership, except George Mitchell. He had a choice: pass a bill, and get benefits into the hands of people who need them now -- or stretch things out, send up another version he knows I'll veto, just to score a few more political points. Democratic leaders know I've been ready since August to sign the Dole alternative. But Senator Mitchell chose to play politics -- and because he did, unemployed Americans are waiting weeks and months for the benefits they need right now. Hundreds of thousands of unemployed Americans and their families: held hostage by one Senator. That's obscene -- and it must stop. //

I believe the American people are ready to move in a new direction. Everyone knows we've got real problems. But they're

tired of hearing the old liberal litany -- tired of so-called leaders who never weary of saying what's wrong with America. // That's not our America. That's not the America that's envied the world over. That's not the America we know is right and decent and good. / Americans want leadership: they want someone who shares their faith, someone who will summon up the best in the American spirit to shape a new American century -- a new American destiny. //

That's our vision -- our mission in the year ahead. It starts right here, with all of you -- and with your support we will succeed. // Thank you -- and may God bless the United States of America.

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Cuomo, Through His Own Looking Glass

Yes, His Musings Rankle. No, He's Not a Tease. Will He Run? Maybe.

By MAUREEN DOWD

Mario M. Cuomo knows he is driving everyone crazy, and he says he dearly wishes he would just get a sign from the heavens.

"I often wonder why God was so good to Paul," the Governor of New York mused, sitting in his Manhattan office Thursday evening, sipping coffee as the skyline grew dark and talking about the Biblical conversion of Saul of Tarsus to Paul. "Now here's a guy by the name of Saul riding along on a horse. God hits him on the tush with lightning and says, 'Saul, you better become a Christian and get straight in a hurry. And when it's all over, you'll be with me right here eating vanilla ice cream forever.' Do you know what an incredible stroke of luck that would be? Can you imagine if you could get hit in the tush with a little lightning: This is it. This is what you're supposed to do. It would make life so simple."

Life with Mario Cuomo is never simple, of course. He knows that columnists have labeled him narcissistic, manipulative, self-indulgent and self-righteous; even his admirers are saying that if he does not shut up and get in the race, he may become irrelevant. But thin skinned though he often is, he does not seem to care.

Socratic Striptease

He is too deeply engrossed in the maze of his own thought process. Like Madonna wearing her underwear as outerwear, the Governor has put his inner life on display for the outside world, engaging in a dialogue about the campaign with all comers — from his son to his secretary to strangers on a SoHo street to a woman who mailed him a needlepoint pillow advis-

ing "Carpe Diem," seize the day.

Ever since Mr. Cuomo dropped his Presidential handkerchief two weeks ago, saying he would give the matter some thought, he has been mobbed by Democrats and reporters seeking a single syllable: yes or no. Instead, he has offered hundreds of thousands of words, an extraordinary Socratic strip-tease in which he is building a lawyerly case, pro and con. He has been examining his strengths, his vulnerabilities, his worthiness, his motives, his responsibilities about the state's and city's fiscal conditions. And he has been rehearsing possible campaign themes and rebuttals to Republican attacks.

'Just Tell Me the Answer'

While the Governor hates being called a political tease and says he would love some divine intervention, his self-examination seems intended, either consciously or unconsciously, to seduce the public and the party into demanding his candidacy. Still, it is not clear just what he is doing: Does Mr. Cuomo need to orchestrate a demand so that he can morally justify such arching ambition? Or is this all window dressing designed to raise his bargaining price in the party?

"There are some people who think this is in poor taste, this is tedious. There are some who say, 'I don't want to hear all this garbage, just tell me the answer,'" he acknowledged. "But I've got to do this. I want the people to know what's going through my mind so they don't think this is some game, because it's not. I want them to hear the questions.

"I didn't say, 'Leaving here would be an abandonment.' I

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Cuomo, Through His Own Looking Glass: Will the Governor Run? Maybe

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said, 'Wouldn't leaving my job be an abandonment?' What I'm really saying is, 'What do you think?' And you get a lot back. You get reporters calling you and telling you, off the record, 'I think you're full of baloney.' And you get hundreds of letters and people on the street telling you to run. And others who say 'Don't do it. This place is a disaster and it's all your fault.'"

How His Mind Works

Unlike Bush, Introspection

Mr. Cuomo's existential referendum seems all the more startling because the nation has become accustomed to leaders like George Bush who disdain introspection. Long after he began his 1988 campaign, Mr. Bush still looked stumped when he was asked why he wanted to be President, usually mumbling a vague answer like "Challenges, rewards."

Feeling entitled from birth, desperately uncomfortable with self-examination, Mr. Bush did not go through any mental contortions, as Mr. Cuomo has, about worthiness and how best to serve.

And if the public celebration of uncertainty seems complicated and strange from afar, it is even more confusing at close range. His staff has given up trying to figure out which way he is leaning.

Even his longtime secretary, Mary Tragale, does not know what her boss is trying to say a lot of the time.

'I Never Said That'

"This morning you said, 'I'd love it,'" she said, standing at the door of this office on the 57th floor of the World Trade Center. "What did you mean? I won't stop until I understand that quote."

"What? I never said that," the Governor protested, claiming that the wire-service story must have got it wrong.

What he had told reporters at a subway safety event in SoHo, in one of his classic titillating exchanges about a national campaign, was: "If I can, sure, I'd love to do it. If I can't, then I'll tell you I can't and I'll stay here and do everything I can from here."

To Mr. Cuomo, a quote is not accurately

reported unless every original nuance and dependent clause and larger context is reflected.

He clearly enjoys the mystery and obscurity, the hunt for clues to his thinking, and drops Delphic comments like: "Everything is possible until nothing is possible."

Mr. Cuomo was asked by Gabe Pressman of WNBC-TV in New York about the significance of an Oliver Wendell Holmes quotation he keeps under his desk in Albany ("Building more stately mansions/ Oh, my soul/ As the swift seasons roll/ Leave thy low vaulted past"). The Governor savored the double entendre of his response: "It says, in effect, you ought to try to make more stately mansions of your life. The reference is to living in a hovel. Living contained. Living afraid and moving into a larger life, where you express yourself more fully and you try to do better things."

But reporters who cover the Governor get frustrated by his semantic shell games, on vivid display now.

Much Ado or Not?

Although Mr. Cuomo concedes that this is the first time he has ever seriously considered running for President, he still somehow maintains that the reporters who revealed his change in stance, offered at a fund raiser two weeks ago, were making much ado about nothing.

Although Mr. Cuomo says it is "one of the great myths that I am easy to rile," he still gets peeved by small things: When reporters interviewing him on the Democratic agenda changed the subject to his own aspirations, Mr. Cuomo answered the questions at great length and with great charm. But afterward, a Cuomo aide called one of the reporters to complain that the Governor was annoyed. This even though the Governor had been discussing his aspirations all week and surely he knew that any reporters who did not ask him about his plans would be incompetent.

What many find maddening about Mr. Cuomo is that he can be didactic about political points that seem apparent to everyone else, giving the impression that he is either disingenuous or hiding behind false modesty, belied by his obvious stature and gifts of intellect and oratory.

Despite that this is an era of personality politics, despite that the Democrats are starving for leaders with charisma and moral stature, Mr. Cuomo has continued to insist that the message is more important than the messenger.

At one point, talking in his Albany State-

house office, the Governor fended off a question about his relevance to the Democrats' success by noting that, with Jesus and Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi, the message of love had been more important than their roles as messengers. "It wasn't Jesus; it was the message," he said.

Although he certainly must know that his period of indecision has frozen the Democratic field, he spent some time last week debating the point. When he saw a quotation by the political analyst William Schneider saying that he was "doing harm to the other Democratic candidates and the party," Mr. Cuomo called Mr. Schneider.

"I want to know if that is a fact," he said he told the analyst. "That's important to me. In my own head, I don't think I am. I think that the people they're not getting money from wouldn't give them money anyway and are just using me as an excuse."

Then the Governor, getting worked up over this point, suddenly called his secretary into the office to demand what she has told honchos who have called wanting to raise money for a 1992 bid: "Mary, the question is, are we fooling anybody out there? Are we giving them the impression that we want them to wait for us to make up our mind?" She can be forgiven if she was a bit confused by the distinction. It is the inevitable effect of his indecision that people will postpone their decisions as long as he postpones his.

Although he is interested in what analysts and party leaders are telling him, he is equally interested in the tone of the mail from strangers. The Governor is a disciple of Teilhard de Chardin, the French theologian who writes that endeavors should be based on the desire to contribute to the greater good of man and God, not simply personal ambition, which can be a sin. So he is impressed that many writers now tell him it is important simply to stand up and make the case for the Democrats, even if he does not win.

He gets his press secretary, Anne Crowley, on the speaker phone, to get a feel on how the mail is running. (Overwhelmingly in favor of running.) His personal favorite, not surprisingly, is one that says, "Stop jogging. Run," and is signed "God."

The Governor relishes the dialectic, with all its semantic contradictions and verbal culs de sac. Trying to follow his reasoning is a bewildering and frustrating experience, sort of like getting lost in the back streets of Venice or bumping around in a house of mirrors.

"My mind works like yours does, like most people's minds work, except I spend more

time thinking about how it works than they do, and talking about it," the Governor said.

Mr. Cuomo says that those who call him indecisive are "silly," and, indeed, he very decisively issued orders around his office last week on other subjects, like refiling his lawsuit against Chief Judge Sol Wachtler and what kind of floats the Columbus Day quincentenary parade next year should have.

When he noticed that the Indians on a float were all men, he advised the organizers: "I think we need some female Indians."

Not Plodding, Rushed

He knows many people do not understand why he is agonizing so now, when he has been mentioned as a strong Presidential contender ever since his eloquent speech at the 1984 Democratic convention. But he says that, while he was flattered by the attention, he never took the time to address the hard personal and practical questions about running.

Far from feeling plodding, he says he feels rushed. "Maybe it's good that I don't have time to think about it," he said.

At one point in his musings about how the decision-making could be infinite, he interrupted to instruct a reporter that he was not wasting valuable time he could be using to think about his decision by talking to a reporter: "Don't think because I talk so much, I'm not listening. I'm listening to myself, too."

How He's Unlike Bush

Comfortable In Ethnic Mien

If Mr. Bush had to exaggerate a Texas persona with an emphasis on pork rinds and country music to make his preppy background more muscular, Mr. Cuomo would be comfortable in his ethnic mien. He tests out the class theme, recalling that when he was desperate after graduating from St. John's Law School about getting a job, even though he was at the top of his class, the dean of the law school suggested he might try changing his name.

"Really, it was like cold water," he said. "I thought about it years later, and I said, just imagine me as Mark Conrad."

"Can you see me now with a big Wall Street firm, walking out at the country club with my white tennis shirt and my tennis

racket and saying, 'Hi, I'm Mark Conrad, he asked, dropping the tones of Queens pick up the tones of Westchester. "Can you imagine me trying to get away with this? There are some people who can be George Bush. I can't be George Bush."

Just as George Bush has his mother's voice always in his ear, telling him not to gloat over his achievements, so Mario Cuomo has what he calls his "1950's Catholic guilt. Just as Mr. Bush has a hard time with 'I, me, big I,'" as he calls it, so Mr. Cuomo will oft shift into the impersonal second person "you," when he is talking about himself.

Avoiding Self-Aggrandizement

"It's a tough thing we have to deal with people who were born in my place and time and context," he said. "On the one hand you are instructed that your individual dignity is your primary responsibility. You have to maintain it, preserve it, enhance it. And at the same time, you are instructed that to the extent that you are otherworldly, other person oriented, you are better. You want to be sure that you're not doing something just for your own self-aggrandizement. That's what I don't like the fire-in-the-belly concept."

This may explain why Mr. Cuomo seems to need and encourage the sort of public goodwill that would make him feel compelled to enter the race as a way of mitigating the self-aggrandizing aspects of declaring that you think you are better than all the other contenders.

But like a lot of things about Mr. Cuomo the logic of this seems a bit specious because the last two weeks of public dialogue he appeared self-aggrandizing to many. A because, if the issue of turning the country in a different direction is as important as says, why is it morally preferable to sit on the sidelines just so that you do not overestimate your own significance? Isn't that false modesty, leaving the field to those who feel entitled or privileged or more comfortable with their own ambitions, no matter what their beliefs?

While Mr. Cuomo fiddled and other burned, Sheila Schwarz did not mind the show. Watching the Governor spar with reporters in SoHo on Thursday, the 57-year-old secretary for Samuel Levine Plumbing and Heating said that he was right to take time.

"Don't you do this at the store?" she asked. "Should I buy it? Shouldn't I buy it? Should I get it? Shouldn't I get it? Should I take it? Shouldn't I take it? We'll do that. When makes up his mind, it will be great."

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It's not necessarily bad that the race hasn't begun

BODY:

For the Democrats '92 is the Quality Time campaign. No one wants to replay the '88 primaries, when Democrats picked at one another in an endless march of boring debates. Not one wants to revive the jokes about the Seven Dwarfs. That's why -- contrary to some doomsayers -- it's not bad news for the part that, six months before the Iowa caucuses, former senator Paul Tsongas remains the only Democrat to have declared. Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV last week became the second high-level dropout (after House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt). Other candidate-candidates, like Sen. Al Gore, are still making up their minds. And after Labor Day at least two new faces are expected to enter the race: Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin. Both men are feisty, folksy and upbeat. What's wrong with fewer candidates and a shorter campaign?

Despite its balky beginning, the '92 Democratic race could sort out some of the party's longtime internal struggles. Harkin and Clinton represent two competing strains. Harkin is unapologetic about his allegiance to traditional liberalism. He boasts about receiving more money from organized labor in his re-election campaign last year than any other senator in history. Clinton, a reform-minded governor, reflects party moderates' efforts to recapture middle-class voters and break free from special interests. A Harkin-Clinton contest would highlight the ideological divisions within the party. But it might also bridge the cultural gap that has helped keep Democrats from winning the White House. White Southern males, many of whom left the party for Ronald Reagan, could probably imagine themselves swigging a beer with Tom or Bill. And either man could effectively carry the Democratic "fairness" theme against the patrician Bush-Quayle ticket.

Some strategists regard Harkin as a Democratic death wish, too liberal to win in November. But at a time when voters yearn for straight talk from candidates, Harkin's plain English, complete with expletives, could strike a chord. Clinton has a more polished exterior, but his good ole boy credentials are authentic.

What's more, it's a healthy sign that the Democrats seem to be trying to weed themselves out rather than shoot themselves to bits. If Clinton runs, Gore may decide to sit it out. They're both Southern centrists, and there is little rationale for both to enter the race. Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, who is testing the waters with a poll in New Hampshire, says he'll inform Jesse Jackson of his decision before making an announcement around Labor Day. Jackson, in turn, is weighing an offer from Cable News Network to host a Saturday-night

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While everyone in the Democratic Party bemoans the dearth of Democrats in the 1992 presidential field, New Hampshire Democrats are busily setting up events for whoever shows up.

The party will sponsor a Jan. 19 debate at Dartmouth College and a second debate Feb. 9 or Feb. 16. The state's primary, the first in the nation, is tentatively set for Feb. 18.

Other showcases for candidates, should there be any besides former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, are the state party convention Oct. 5 and a holiday event Dec. 8. Both will be in Manchester.

Could New York Gov. Mario Cuomo wait until after Thanksgiving to enter the race? John Marino, the New York Democratic state chairman, says yes.

A candidate who waited that long wouldn't have much time to organize and raise money, particularly if the critical state of California moves up its primary from June to March.

But those are just nuts and bolts.

"He would have to come in and sweep the nation and win some of the most prominent primaries right off the bat," pollster Stan Greenberg said of Cuomo.

"Then the force of his personality, momentum and a sense of history would all drive the other candidates out of the race. The fact that he missed the filing deadlines in Illinois wouldn't matter. This is based on a blowout scenario."

Speaking to the U.S. Conference of Mayors last week, Cuomo said a Democrat could beat President Bush with an aggressive campaign focused on domestic issues. However, Cuomo said he wasn't interested in being a candidate.



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Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton visited Austin, Texas, late last week in the middle of a special legislative session and barely made a ripple. But in New Hampshire last Monday, feuding state Democrats ensured maximum publicity for the likely presidential candidate.

The governor attracted some 150 people - about twice the expected number - to a speech inaugurating the state chapter of the Democratic Leadership Council. Clinton heads the national organization, a centrist offshoot of the party.

State chairman Chris Spirou made clear before Clinton's visit that he had no use for the DLC. He didn't attend Clinton's speech, but he did meet privately with him for a few minutes later in the day.

"He is a distinguished Democrat and a distinguished governor," Spirou said in an interview. As for his DLC ties, "We can't hold that against him."

Former state party chairman Joseph Grandmaison, who had planned to work for Sen. Jay Rockefeller before the West Virginian bowed out, said Clinton's speech was exceptional.

"It was apparent that he's given a great deal of thought as to what he would do were he successful," he said. "It's ironic that that is precisely the ingredient that Rockefeller cited as missing from his candidacy."

Clinton plans to establish an exploratory committee next week. His schedule included a speech Tuesday to the American Bar Association in Atlanta.

Clinton wasn't the only Democrat spreading a centrist message last week.

Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, told the National Lieutenant Governors Conference in Charleston, S.C., that the president should have a line-item veto.

That authority generally has been sought by Republican presidents and fought by Democratic Congresses. But Wilder, a potential candidate who would run on his record of fiscal conservatism, called it "a most vital necessity" in a time of runaway spending.

Sen. Albert Gore Jr. was supposed to take an incommunicado vacation on a houseboat this month, but he's finding it hard to stay off the telephone.

There's no phone on the houseboat, which the family is using on a lake not far from Nashville. But there are always docks with pay phones. That's how Gore managed to speak to Rockefeller last week before Rockefeller announced he wasn't running for president.

Gore is also in contact with advisers and this month sent a letter and newspaper clips to past and potential supporters, telling them he's still mulling whether to make the race.



The Associated Press, August 11, 1991

Campaign plans are proceeding in Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin's camp.

If he runs for president, according to an aide, he'll announce his candidacy Sept. 15 at a steak fry at a picturesque farm near Des Moines.

Oh, and if he runs, he'll make that announcement at 2 p.m. - right in the middle of the four-hour event. He'll fly to New Hampshire and possibly California the next day to repeat the announcement.

If he runs, that is.

The Republican National Committee wasn't amused to find out that Rick's, a topless bar in Houston, is trying to link itself with the committee in a campaign to sell T-shirts with a GOP theme.

A classified ad in the Houston Chronicle last week sought a telemarketing manager "to run promotions campaign for Rick's and the Republican National Committee." The party is scheduled to hold its convention in Houston next summer.

"We are doing nothing with them. There are no promotions that involve Rick's and the RNC," said RNC spokesman Gary Koops.

He said the committee is looking for legal ways to make sure the party isn't linked with the bar's T-shirt venture.

According to the Chronicle, the \$ 17 shirts feature four women dancers in low-cut military uniforms. A caption underneath says, "We Salute Bush."

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Dan,

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When Jeannie phoned me today it sounded like you had not received the "New York GOP" material I turned in LAST FRIDAY AFTERNOON. She couldn't be sure, but she hadn't seen anything.

Then, a few minutes later, Bob Simon called to ask about something he definately didn't receive, which I had turned in Friday as well. So in case you didn't receive what I sent Friday, I'm transmitting it again right after this page.

I won't win any popularity contests with whoever clears the fax machine, but I can't think of one single reason why a piece of paper with a person's name on it would not be delivered to that person. But this has happened enough times now that I consider it a problem, and I wish something could be done about it.

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THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE OUTSIDE WITH SIGNS AND BANNERS SAYING "WE WANT YOU," "WE NEED YOU," "YOU'RE IRREPLACABLE" AND "DON'T LEAVE US TO GET BY WITHOUT YOU." I THOUGHT IT WAS NEW YORKERS URGING ME TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE GIANTS' FANS BEGGING BILL PARCELLS TO COME BACK.

(Former Giants coach now works for NBC.)

I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF SPECULATION SURROUNDING ME LATELY, AS PEOPLE ASK "WILL HE OR WON'T HE, AND IF HE DOES WHEN WILL HE MAKE IT OFFICIAL?" SO TO FINALLY PUT AN END TO THE GUESSING, MARLIN FITZWATER ISSUED A STATEMENT TO THE MEDIA AT 10 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, CONFIRMING THAT I WOULD INDEED -- BE STAYING FOR LUNCH TODAY.

(Or not, as the case may be.)

MORE...

TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN - NEW YORK GOP (CONT'D)

I WISH THE PRESS WOULDN'T SEE THINGS THAT AREN'T THERE. AT THE END OF AN INTERVIEW RECENTLY, THE REPORTER SAID "I'VE GOT MY LEAD, YOU'RE OFFICIALLY IN THE RACE." AND ALL I HAD SAID WAS "IT'S GETTING LATE, I'VE GOT TO RUN."

SOMEONE ASKED HOW I FEEL (HOW I'D FEEL) ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF RUNNING AGAINST A DYNAMIC, CHARISMATIC ITALIAN-AMERICAN WHO ALREADY HAS STRONG NAME IDENTIFICATION THROUGHOUT AMERICA. AS FAR AS I KNOW, LEE IACOCCA HASN'T ANNOUNCED.

I'M GLAD TO BE THIS CLOSE TO THE STUDIOS OF "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE." AFTER WE FINISH HERE, I'M GOING OVER TO REHEARSE MY DANA CARVEY IMPRESSION.

I DON'T THINK THERE'LL EVER BE ANYTHING QUITE LIKE THE HISTORIC PAINTING OF WASHINGTON CROSSING THE DELAWARE, BUT IF I TIME ONE OF MY VISITS TO NEW YORK RIGHT, THERE MIGHT BE A PICTURE OF ME CROSSING THE WATERMAIN BREAK.

ACTUALLY, IT WOULD BE A NICE CHANGE FOR ME TO SEE A LEAK THAT WASN'T CAUSED BY A SENATE STAFFER.

I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY THAT LAST BIG MESS WAS CLEANED UP IN JUST ONE DAY. WHOEVER DID IT, WE CAN USE THEM IN CONGRESS.

I NOTICE THE ROCKEFELLER CENTER RINK IS OPEN, BUT IF THE DEMOCRATS GET THEIR WAY, THE WHOLE COUNTRY WILL BE SKATING ON THIN ICE.



TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN - NEW YORK GOP (CONT'D)

DAN,

Jeannie said you wanted a joke with oblique reference to Cuomo. You'll notice I've done one, but I might be able to come up with another once I know for sure if he's running or not -- and he's supposed to announce by next Tuesday I believe.

So when he announces, I can add a line or two on, like I did for the Italian-American Dinner once I knew Sonny Bono was running for Senate.

Personally, I think Cuomo will run -- but at the start of this baseball season I predicted the Cleveland Indians would win the World Series.

Doug

*1 CUOMO: STATEWIDE JOB PERFORMANCE 55% NEGATIVE
 The Marist poll, conducted 10/7-10 by the Marist College
 Institute for Public Opinion, surveyed 624 registered NY voters;
 margin of error +/- 4% (Marist release, 10/17).

CUOMO JOB PERFORMANCE

	NOW	3/91	2/90	9/89	10/87			
Excellent	6%	7%	10%	15%	23%			
Good	38	41	54	49	50			
Fair	27	25	24	27	20			
Poor	28	27	12	9	7			
	DEM	GOP	IND	MEN	WOM	CATH	WHT	BLK
Excellent	9%	3%	6%	5%	7%	7%	6%	13%
Good	49	32	29	36	40	36	36	53
Fair	27	26	30	25	29	25	27	20
Poor	15	40	35	33	24	31	31	14

Cuomo FAV / UNFAV SINCE '83, HAS CUOMO BEEN A GOOD GOV.?
 54% / 43% Yes 56% No 37%

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (453 Dem RVs; +/- 5%)

		W/O CUO, JAX	FAV / UNFAV	ID
Cuomo	52.5%	---	70% / 27%	100%
Jackson	12.3	---	46 / 40	98
Kerrey	4.9	9.1%	22 / 6	40
Brown	4.8	11.3	27 / 11	52
Clinton	3.4	5.5	11 / 3	24
Harkin	2.7	6.7	12 / 5	31
Wilder	2.4	5.4	14 / 9	39
Tsongas	1.9	5.8	14 / 7	26
Agran	0.2	0.7	3 / 0	7
Undec.	14.9	55.6		

BOSTON GLOBE's Michael Frisby reports Cuomo is "on the verge of deciding to run ... according to party activists who say that at least 20 fund-raisers and organizers have been asked not to make commitments to other candidates so they can enlist in his campaign. One Boston business leader who has raised money for [Dems] confirmed [10/17] that he and other fund-raisers had been asked to wait for a Cuomo announcement, which could come by the end of the month and perhaps as early as this weekend": "I have a sense that he is going to be a candidate, and to that extent, I have not made any commitments." The \$-raiser would not say whether Cuomo himself made the request. Another Dem consultant: "Everybody who has had a discussion with the governor recently says this is it. And he knows that no one will take him seriously if it is not this time." Dem analyst Bob Beckel on the effect of a run: "What impact did Hurricane Hugo have on [SC]? It doesn't insure him the nomination, but the first person to get hurt is Harkin. And after the initial euphoria wears off, some on the South and West may become gun-shy about Cuomo and look for an alternative" (10/18). WASH. POST's Balz & Schwartz report he "sent another signal that he is close to deciding ... saying he would have to resign as governor if he becomes a candidate. But as is often the case with Cuomo, he delivered a cryptic message, telling a WCBS radio audience, 'It's difficult to imagine a time

GOV WOULD OUST REGENTS OVER BIGOTRY FLAP

AN angry Gov. Cuomo led a growing wave of political protest yesterday as he denounced the state Board of Regents for refusing to pass an anti-bigotry resolution — and called for the board's abolition.

Cuomo — in an exclusive interview with *The Post* — said of New York's top education policy-making body:

"When the people who are supposed to be in charge of education of our youth are afraid to condemn bigotry, then something fundamental has gone wrong with the system.

"I can't think of another state in the union where the Regents have so tenuous a connection to the people," said Cuomo, who was in California Friday when the Regents rejected a resolution condemning "racial and religious diatribes."

Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Al D'Amato — saying he was "shocked and outraged over such cowardice" — told *The Post* that "the entire Board of Regents should resign.



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"Shame on the Regents. Shame, shame, shame," D'Amato angrily added.

The Regents took up the anti-bigotry resolution after Regent Norma Gluck of Manhattan said she wanted to condemn growing racial and religious hatred in New York.

Other Regents said the resolution was also meant to chastise City College Black Studies Chairman Leonard Jeffries for the con-

troversial speech he delivered at a state-sponsored event here in July.

The speech, in which Jeffries said Jews and the Mafia conspired to put down black advancement, was strongly denounced by Cuomo, Mayor Dinkins and City University Chancellor Ann Reynolds.

However, in a still-unexplained move, Gluck withdrew the resolution — which did not condemn Jeffries or anyone else by name — after Chancellor Martin Barell of Nassau County claimed it would "expose" the Regents to court action.

"This is not a macho organization," said Barell. "We don't want to stand tall."

Barell and state Education Commissioner Thomas Sobol, who works for the Regents, repeatedly refused to provide details to back up their claim that lawsuits could result from the anti-bias resolution, although they said research for that finding was done by the



GOV. CUOMO: Says "there is no accountability for these people [the Regents] through elective politics."

Regents' \$89,766-a-year counsel, Lizette Cantrea.

"What she advises her clients is a matter of attorney-client privilege and she's not going to reveal her legal reason," insisted Sobol spokesman Chris Carpenter.

However, the state's top political leaders, all lawyers — ranging from Cuomo to D'Amato to Senate Majority Leader Ralph Marino (R-Nassau) to Assembly Speaker Melvin Miller (D-Brooklyn) —

said they knew of no law, ruling or regulation preventing the condemnation of bigotry.

"Even if there was such a legal decision — and I don't know of any — we should deploy 200 lawyers or more to fight anything as stupid as a decision which says it's illegal to condemn bigotry," declared state Republican chairman William Powers.

Cuomo told *The Post* he favored abolishing the Regents through an amendment to the state Constitution, possibly at the proposed constitutional convention he now supports.

"Education is the most important thing in this state, some people believe, but there is no accountability for these people [the Regents] through elective politics," Cuomo said.

Political insiders said Barell and Sobol — who helped name Jeffries to a highly controversial panel rewriting the state's social-studies curriculum two years ago — apparently killed the resolution in order to avoid being caught up in the ongoing Jeffries controversy.

"The Regents are so afraid of offending anyone that they don't have the guts to take a stand on something as simple as condemning bigotry," said a former top state Education Department official who continues to monitor the agency.

Here is the "controversial" resolution the state Board of Regents refused to pass:

"Resolved: That the Regents of the State of New York condemn the use of any educational and cultural institutions under the aegis of the University of the State of New York as a platform for the expression of racial and religious diatribes which foment hate and divisiveness and remain committed to the principle that education must foster mutual understanding and mutual respect."

This Thursday, the City College Faculty Senate plans to take up a resolution condemning Jeffries' bigoted statements.

City College President Bernard Harleston — who condemned Jeffries' statements — has suspended his own disciplinary probe of Jeffries pending the review of a federal-court decision halting action against Michael Levin, an allegedly anti-black CCNY professor.



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*17 NEW YORK: FERRARO TOPS DEMS, BUT ONLY ABRAMS LEADS D'AMATO
 ! A Political/Media Research poll, conducted 10/15-19,
 surveyed 818 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Dem
 primary subsample: 311 RVs; +/- 5.9% (BUFFALO NEWS, 10/24).

Tested: Sen. Al D'Amato (R), ex-Rep. Geraldine Ferraro (D), AG
 Robert Abrams (D), NYC Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman (D), Rep.
 Bob Mrazek (D), Rev. Al Sharpton.

DEMS	PRIMARY	FAV / UNFAV	ID	D'AMATO JOB RATING (among full sample)
Ferraro	40%	43% / 22%	100%	Excellent 6%
Abrams	36	54 / 8	85	Good 33
Holtzman	8	32 / 17	70	Fair 39
Mrazek	3	9 / 3	31	Poor 20
Sharpton	2	11 / 57	82	Not sure 2
Undec.	11			

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

D'Amato	38%	D'Amato	45%	D'Amato	47%	D'Amato	50%
Abrams	47	Ferraro	43	Holtzman	32	Mrazek	22
Undec.	15	Undec.	12	Undec.	21	Undec.	28

D'Amato "is extremely vulnerable" and "has been politically bruised" by his recent ethics troubles. His standing is strongest among white males and "suffers most" among women, Jews, Blacks and Hispanics. His "strong" actions in support of Israel and the Gulf War "appear not to have helped him" with Jewish voters. 39% gave him exc/good and 60% gave him fair/poor. Dems: The poll indicates Ferraro "benefitted the most from the aftermath" of the Thomas confirmation. D'Amato: "It's starting to look like Geraldine Ferraro is a lot stronger than some people have thought." He also indicated he would "prefer" running against her than Abrams. Ferraro spokesperson Frank Wilkinson, asked how Ferraro was going to deal with her high negatives, said "we're going to deal with it by getting Gerry out to the people as much as possible." Abrams spokesperson Ethan Geto "acknowledged" the Thomas fallout had "given Ferraro a push," but "insisted" that all major polls show Abrams is the only one who can beat D'Amato (BUFFALO NEWS, 10/24).

*13 NEW YORK: ABRAMS IS BEST VS. D'AMATO; FERRARO NEGATIVE FALLS
The Marist poll, conducted 10/7-10 by the Marist College
Institute for Public Opinion, surveyed 624 registered voters;
margin of error +/- 4% (Marist release, 10/17). Tested: Sen. Al
D'Amato (R), AG Bob Abrams (D), NYC Comptroller Liz Holtzman (D),
ex-Rep. Geraldine Ferraro (D) and Rep. Robert Mrazek (D-03).

D'AMATO JOB PERFORMANCE

	NOW	3/91
Exc.	6%	8%
Good	28	34
Fair	37	33
Poor	22	20

HYPOTHETICAL GENERAL MATCHUPS

Abrams	45%	D'Amato	43%
D'Amato	41	Holtzman	40
D'Amato	46%	D'Amato	41%
Ferraro	38	Mrazek	19

Among Dem subsample (453 RVs; +/- 5%)

	NOW		ID	3/91		ID
	FAV	UNFAV		FAV	UNFAV	
Abrams	57%	10%	85%	56%	10%	87%
Holtzman	52	17	79	51	16	78
Ferraro	51	24	97	48	33	98
Mrazek	10	3	24	9	5	22

N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Joel Benenson: "The survey indicated that
D'Amato has been unable to recover from ethics charges" (10/18).
D'Amato spokesperson Zenia Mucha said D'Amato "was encouraged
that he outpolled three of his four challengers": "It's clear
that the obituaries on Senator D'Amato are premature" (N.Y.
TIMES, 10/18).

*14 SOUTH DAKOTA: DASCHLE FEELS PRESSURE TO BEGIN CAMPAIGN

Sen. Tom Daschle (D) "said he didn't expect to formally
announce his re-election candidacy until next spring": "I'd like
to see these campaigns shortened, not lengthened, and frankly
we're not preparing to do anything public for some time."
Daschle "said he felt he was being lured into a long campaign by
Republicans who are trying to get" ex-Gov. Bill Janklow (R) to
run for the GOP nomination (see HOTLINE 9/25). Daschle said "the
draft Janklow campaign is not what South Dakotans want to see":
"I've called it Mickey Mouse. I think the best term is goofy"
(RAPID CITY JOURNAL, 10/11). Under headline "Draft Janklow
scheme a GOP embarrassment," a WAKONDA TIMES editorial asserts,
"If Janklow is smart as he is often given credit for being, and
even half as smart as he thinks he is, he will step around this
'draft Janklow plan' as if it was something he came upon while
walking in his pasture" (10/10).

===== HOTSPOTS =====

*14 NEW YORK: D'AMATO, OFF THE HOOK & BACK IN THE SADDLE "Jubilant" over the exoneration of influence-peddling allegations by the Senate Ethics Cmte, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R) "blasted" political opponents, "thanked 'all the little people' who supported him during the" 20-month investigation and "said he planned to hit the campaign trail" (Virginia Breen, N.Y. NEWSDAY). D'Amato choked back tears after the cmte ruling: "Mama's prayers have been answered. ... This has been two tough years. It's ironic that I've been attacked for what I'm proudest of and that's being a fighter for the people of New York" The Ethics Cmte dismissed 15 complaints, but "rebuked" him, for being "'negligent' and conducting 'the business of his office in an improper and inappropriate manner'" (8/4). NYC Consumer Affairs Commiss./'86 D'Amato opponent Mark Green, who brought the charges before the cmte, "denounced" the ruling: "The committee brought the cynical defense that everybody does it and concluded that Al D'Amato was merely playing by the rules of the game, which apparently allow quid pro quo politics." Ralph Nader's Public Citizen group called for "the abolition of the Senate Ethics Committee" and condemned the report as "a whitewash." But Sen. Min. Leader Bob Dole (R) called the charges as "a blatant political attempt at character assassination" (Myron Waldman, NEWSDAY, 8/3). D'Amato made a 30-second TV ad after the ruling "to capitalize on the suddenly more favorable political breezes." It will air throughout the state this week as D'Amato embarks on a statewide "personal appearance blitz" (Gaylord Shaw, NEWSDAY, 8/4). D'Amato said neither the cmte's findings nor grand jury investigations of HUD "will hamper his bid" for a 3rd term. But his "political foes" said his re-election chances "have been set back." Geraldine Ferarro: "We think he is very vulnerable. We are going to run a strong campaign against him and we intend to win" (McFadden, N.Y. TIMES, 8/4). W.S. JOURNAL editorial says "Senate sources say there was another factor at work. Only a week ago, the resolution" of Sen. Alan Cranston's (D-CA) case was "curiously delayed by months. Cynics believe [GOPers] will be unwilling to pursue Mr. Cranston now that Mr. D'Amato is off the hook" (8/5). On 8/4, D'Amato unofficially kicked off his re-election bid with appearances in L.I. and Little Italy. D'Amato declared himself "stronger than ever" and "pulled out two of his most powerful campaign weapons, his mother and" ex-NYC Mayor Ed Koch (D) (Landa, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 8/5). Missing from the Little Italy event was Al's brother Armand (N.Y. POST, 8/5).

REMARKS OF WILLIAM D. POWERS, CHAIRMAN
NEW YORK REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 23, 1991

I Want to thank all the members of the State Committee for this show of confidence in electing me to serve a full term as chairman.

As your Chairman, I have two priorities.

My first priority, since taking this job last January, has been to get the State Committee out of debt -- and, beyond that, to put it on a firm financial footing.

I'm glad to report we are making progress in this area.

We've had a number of fund-raisers this year, including Vice President Quayle's visit here in June. We've raised over \$700,000 in this brief time span -- with most of the donations coming in small amounts, from rank-and-file supporters.

With your help, we will do even better in the future.

My second priority is obvious -- to build a competitive Republican Party and to elect Republicans to office throughout New York State.

We've got our work cut out for us.

Important local and county elections this year. Presidential, U.S. Senate and state legislative races next year. A New York City mayoral race in 1993.

And the year after that, the mother of all, the governor's office.

Think about it: In 1994, the Democrats will have controlled the executive branch of New York State government for 20 years. That's got to end.

We know where we want to go. Today I'd like to spend a few minutes talking about how we get there.

Fundraising is a big part of it -- but only part.

In the last eight months, I've travelled to over 40 counties around the state. One theme kept coming up in my visits to places like Watertown, and Corning and Queens.

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Loyal, rank-and-file Republicans would approach me with the same message, sometimes in the same words. Some of them would almost plead with me.

"Bill," they said. "This party has got to stand for something. We've got to let people know what we stand for."

Know what? They're right.

It will take more than money to elect Republicans -- although goodness knows we need it.

And it will take more than dissatisfaction with the Democrats -- although goodness knows they've earned it. We have to let people know what we stand for.

That's where the Democrats actually have one leg up on us.

For better or worse, everybody knows what they stand for. They stand for taxing and spending, spending and taxing.

They stand for Government with a capital "G". Show 'em a problem and they'll show you a "program," complete with an army of well-paid bureaucrats to run it.

Spending is what got them elected. But more and more, their taxing is losing them the confidence of a growing number of New Yorkers.

Mario Cuomo and his liberal Democrat friends have taxed and spent New York State into the lowest bond rating in our history.

Of course, the Governor would like us to think it's all Washington's fault. Every chance he gets, he makes the excuse that New York is not unique -- that 31 other states are in financial trouble this year.

My answer to that can be summed up in two words:

Massachusetts and Louisiana.

Massachusetts and Louisiana are the only two states with lower bond ratings than New York.

I think that says a lot.

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And I think Mario should be ashamed of himself for trying to shift the blame. And, by the way, wasn't there another liberal Democrat who wanted to be President running Massachusetts?

The second worst bond rated state in the country - where is he now?

The voters see through Mario Cuomo and his excuses just as the Massachusetts voters saw through Michael Dukakis. They are ready to look at alternatives. They want candidates who stand for something -- and who can deliver.

Politically, it's time for us to give them ... the Republican alternative!

Our message needs to focus on the areas where the Democrats have done the most damage -- Taxing and spending. We're killing the middle class with taxes in this state. We're stifling businesses and losing jobs by the tens of thousands.

Sensible New Yorkers of all political stripes know what heavy taxes and high spending are doing to New York. The evidence is all around us --in jobs lost, in companies leaving, in homes that New Yorkers can't sell or can't afford to buy.

People are desperate for a change.

It's time that the Republican party gave them that change. It's time that we gave them a choice.

* Here and now I call upon elected Republicans across New York to declare a moratorium on tax increases in 1992 -- starting here at the state level.

* Here and now, I call upon Republicans to oppose any -- and I mean any -- further tax increases in 1992.

When will we get government spending under control so that we can give relief to our hard working tax payers?

We must, as a Party, commit ourselves to slim down New York's bloated state and local governments, and to relieve permanently New York's back-breaking tax burden.

This is the singular most important thing we can do to earn the support of the voters.

We need also to reaffirm our respect for the human rights and human dignity for all New Yorkers, regardless of race, color or creed. This does not mean condemning them to a welfare system that does nothing but foster despair and dependency.

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What a shameful deceit it is when a system is dedicated to self-preservation rather than helping people return to gainful employment.

New York's welfare system must be reformed and it must be done now.

We need to eliminate other programs that have long since outlived their usefulness -- luxury rent control being but one glaring example of taxing the hard-working middle class to subsidize the rich.

We need to reaffirm our commitment to traditional values, to the concepts of self-reliance and individual responsibility.

We need to give our new immigrants, those who arrive in New York every day from places as varied as Korea, the Soviet Union and the West Indies, the same economic opportunities as our own immigrant parents and grandparents.

We are justifiably proud of the contributions of all of our people.

We do not need to apologize for the greatness of America. We do not need to insult the achievements of our American culture under the guise of "multi-cultural education."

We do not need to tolerate racial extremists who, wearing the cloak of "scholar" would spread hatred among our children.

We do not need to continue to support a top-heavy Department of Education, which has more administrators than the combined countries of all of Western Europe ... and still can't teach. Let's give our parents a voucher system in education. Let them choose the schools which truly teach, truly educate our children.

The social fabric of New York has always been special and unique. We are a family of families, bound together by ties of mutual respect, concern and genuine affection. Our undying optimism in our ability to succeed is what guarantees our success as a people, not some government mandated grant or program.

The difference between Republicans and Democrats is that we look at government as a servant of the people, not as some sort of "Big Brother".

Today, after 9 years of Mario Cuomo in office we have 30,000 more people on the state payroll and fewer people living in New York to pay the bill. I ask you, who's working for whom?

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And now the Governor would expand the bureaucracy further, by assuming total control of the medicaid system. We all know our cities and counties are staggering under the medicaid burden -- but when, ever, has the state shown that it can administer health insurance without bankrupting the taxpayer in the process.

It is time we called on the private sector to get involved.

It is time we stopped using programs to fatten the states' payroll and started using them to deliver benefits to our people.

I call upon the private sector to become our partners in leading the way to medicaid administrative reform.

The opportunities to apply Republican thinking to restore our state's vitality have never been greater.

For the first time in 20 years we have an electorate which is virtually begging us to lead them in new directions. They are entitled to a Republican Alternative and WE ARE GOING TO GIVE IT TO THEM.

The Eagle will return to Row A --- I promise you.

Now let's get out there and start winning elections.

pesticides annually to control the state-protected swamp may be helping says the use of the Department of Environmental Conservation and more dangerous, insects that are linked to the growth of tougher, Noreen Carter, who lives near the 7,700-acre Cicero Swamp north of upstate Syracuse, says so many mosquitoes spill across her backyard, and so aggressively, that it's impossible for her family to stay outdoors. "It's like something from a Hitchcock movie. It's like we're building a huge population of super mosquitoes," she said.

Former U.S. attorney for N.J. dies at 51

Thomas W. Greelish, a former U.S. attorney for New Jersey, died of an apparent heart attack while attending a picnic in Morristown, N.J., an associate said. He was 51. Greelish served as U.S. Attorney from August 1985 to March 1987. Prior to that appointment, he had served as an assistant prosecutor under U.S. Attorney Herbert J. Stern and as First Assistant Attorney General for New Jersey. While in the U.S. attorney's office, Greelish handled such notable cases as the prosecution of political extremists Susan Lisa Rosenberg and Timothy Blunk and the investigation into the collapse of the Bevill, Bresler and Schulman financial empire. Survivors include his wife, Peggy Ann, and daughter, Sharon.

State GOP names mascot after pet peeve

ALBANY (AP) — There's at least one Mario that the state Republican Party is not trying to get rid of. The state GOP leadership has adopted a kitten and named the new pet after the party's chief nemesis, Gov. Cuomo. "I only thought it was appropriate, to keep reminding us what our role and mission was," state Republican Party Chairman William Powers said yesterday. His top goal is making sure that Democrat Cuomo doesn't get elected to a fourth term in 1994. Powers said the cat has been irascible during the past few weeks — sort of like the governor. "We've tried to talk to him, but he scampers away," Powers said of the cat. "Mario's been distant and uncommunicative."

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By MARY PAI

The only thing more than the dream-pie of a pre-dawn car rudely awakened is screaming about it.

But that all could be the past — if legislation passed yesterday becomes

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NY Post June 25, 1991

... (D-02) who faces redistricting troubles, and ex-K.C. Charlie Wheeler. Probable non-candidates include state Sen. Jay Nixon, the '88 Sen. loser and '92 candidate for AG, St. Louis Mayor Vincent Schoemehl and LG Mel Carnahan, both '92 candidates for gov. Carnahan, who some Dems "have been trying to persuade ... to switch to the Senate race": "I'm confident there will be a major candidate" (4/14).

***14 NEW YORK: "CHANGE-NY" TO GIVE NY GOP A RUN FOR THE MONEY**

Three of NY's "best-known and most influential" GOPers "have joined forces in an unprecedented attack on Majority Leader Ralph Marino and the entire GOP-controlled Senate. The well-financed attack -- which blasts the Senate for raising state taxes and thus helping drive businesses out of New York -- is part of a new effort to spark a taxpayer revolt while laying the groundwork for a conservative-oriented campaign for governor in 1994. ... The GOP-vs.-GOP attack -- which is sending shock waves through Republican circles -- is being launched in the name of a new 'non-partisan' group called CHANGE-NY, founded just two months ago by: '82 gov. nominee Lew Lehrman; "multimillionaire former U.S. Ambassador to France" Evan Galbraith, "who sought to become the GOP [gov] candidate last year but was disqualified when he didn't meet the five-year residency requirement. Galbraith will be eligible to run in 1994, and plans to do so, GOP sources said"; and NYU dean Herb London, "who unsuccessfully sought the GOP [gov] nomination last year, then made a surprisingly strong race as the Conservative Party candidate." The group's mailings criticize Marino, Assembly Speaker Mel Miller (D) and other state politicians they perceive as having taxed the voters excessively. Marino and "several other" GOPers "were described as 'furious' over CHANGE-NY's efforts, which were hotly discussed last week in a closed-door party conference. ... Meanwhile, CHANGE-NY picked up some major support ... as Lawrence Kudlow, the nationally prominent chief economist at the financial firm Bear Stearns, abruptly resigned as the state GOP's vice president for policy. Kudlow, insisting that New York's GOP 'needs to have some new perspectives and ideas,' said he plans to help with CHANGE-NY's efforts" (Fredric Dicker, N.Y. POST, 4/15).

"MR. CHEAPSKATE": "Mayor Dinkins' income soared by 35 percent to \$217,218 last year," but "his contributions to charity went down from \$625 in 1989 to \$475." Of the \$475, only \$125 was in cash. The remaining \$350 was a donation of 'clothing and household goods' to the Salvation Army." By comparison, ex-Mayor Ed Koch (D) "paid \$8,800 to charities in 1986 when he earned \$107,500." Dinkins: "Much of what I've done charity-wise is not something you can deduct. Many things I do to assist charities really adds up to my time and energy." Dinkins and wife Joyce each checked the box marking \$1 of their tax money to go to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund (N.Y. POST, 4/13).

***15 NORTH DAKOTA: BROKEN CAMPAIGN PROMISE "HAUNTS" CONRAD**

Sen. Kent Conrad (D) made a campaign promise "that he most certainly regrets: that he would not seek re-election if the Federal deficit was not brought under control." At the time, he said, "I believe it is time for politicians to stop posturing and promising and start guaranteeing performance and results." Conrad "has not announced whether he will run next year, though his backers say he is inclined to do so." Recently questioned by a group of high schoolers, Conrad replied, "I made a statement on something I could not, in and of myself, deliver. That is, I could not make it happen alone. No one person can make it happen alone." Sen. Alan Simpson (R-WY) "said that broken campaign promises [were] 'the kind of thing that haunts us all.'" Dem

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POLITICS

Feinstein Planning to Seek Wilson's Former Senate Seat

Former San Francisco mayor Dianne Feinstein, who lost a spirited battle for the governorship of California to Republican Pete Wilson, is planning to seek Wilson's former Senate seat in 1992, when California will elect two senators.

Feinstein surprised many of her fellow Democrats by declaring Sunday that she is "exploring" a run for the seat "if I can avoid the possibility of primary opposition." The seat is held by Republican John Seymour, a relatively-unknown former state legislator from Orange County whom Wilson named to the Senate earlier this month.

If Feinstein wins, she would face reelection in 1994, when the term expires. Many had expected Feinstein to run for the full six-year Senate term of Democrat Alan Cranston, who is retiring in 1992.

But a Democrat with close ties to Feinstein said she had made a "calculated decision" to run for the two-year term because she alone among the Democrats could raise the enormous sums needed for back-to-back Senate races in two years. Wilson spent nearly \$13 million to win reelection to the Senate in 1988.

Feinstein's husband, Richard Blum, is a wealthy financier who seeded her gubernatorial campaign fund by advancing personal loans of about \$3 million to the bid, which cost at least \$15 million. In addition, she developed an impressive list of contributors in that race and is believed to have the best name recognition of any Democrat in California.

As many as seven Democrats, probably including former governor Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr., are expected to vie for the nomination to the Cranston seat. The list of Republican competitors for this seat also is likely to be long and include Ed Zschau, who lost narrowly to Cranston in 1988.

'Back to the Basics' for N.Y. Republicans

William Powers, a top aide to Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-N.Y.) who was elected unanimously Monday to head the beleaguered New York state Republican Party, told party leaders, "We're going to go back to the basics."

Powers takes over a state party that is almost \$1 million in debt after suffering its worst showing ever in November's gubernatorial election. Republican nominee Pierre Rinfret barely beat out the Conservative Party's nominee, winning just 21 percent of the vote.

Powers has been D'Amato's director of state operations since 1980. He also served as a political consultant to the state Senate's GOP majority for the past year. Powers said he will resign both posts and said he expects the party to pay him "at least" as much as the combined \$107,500 he made last year from the two jobs. Powers replaces J. Patrick Barrett, a millionaire who was not paid a salary.

D'Amato is under investigation by the Senate ethics committee on allegations of influence peddling on behalf of relatives, friends and campaign contributors. He is expected to face a tough reelection battle next year. Some Republicans grumbled that Powers is too close to D'Amato to be chairman.

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□ He blames declining income- and sales-tax collections.

By Robert Bellafiore

Associated Press

ALBANY — New York state, halfway through its fiscal year, is running a \$155 million budget deficit, state Comptroller Edward Regan reported Tuesday.

Regan, in his monthly assessment of the state's finances, said income and sales tax collections were down from April 1, when the fiscal year began, through Sept. 30.

Regan's report came as aides to Gov. Mario M. Cuomo said that New York's chronically troubled financial situation isn't getting any better and may worsen over the next six months.

The aides said the state has lost nearly twice as many jobs over the last 18 months than originally expected and the national recession hasn't turned around as some economists had predicted it would.

"All the economic news we have gotten since April 1 has been bad," said Claudia Hutton, spokeswoman for Cuomo's budget division. "There aren't encouraging signs right now."

Hutton said the Cuomo administration was concerned about the \$127.5 million drop in income tax collections and would spend the next several weeks trying to find out why it happened.

She also said Cuomo budget officials were concerned about increasing Medicaid caseloads, which were helping drive up state spending.

Worse economic news could mean bad news across the board for New

Yorkers because it could force Cuomo and the state Legislature to cut spending or raise taxes once again, or both.

Hutton said there were no estimates yet of how deep the potential hole in this year's budget might be. That won't be known until Cuomo releases an update on the first six months of the 1991-92 fiscal year. The report is due Oct. 30.

The difference between Regan's report and the one Cuomo releases later this month is that the governor's study tries to predict the state's fiscal health for the full fiscal year. Regan's report merely looks at revenue collections and spending for the first six months.

A year ago, Cuomo's Oct. 30 report predicted a \$900 million deficit. In December, Cuomo and the Legislature cut about \$1 billion from the budget, taking money from social programs, school aid and state workers. Still, the state had to borrow money at the end of the fiscal year in March to balance its books.

It was unclear Tuesday whether another deficit was looming, although Cuomo has hinted in recent weeks that the state budget is in trouble.

"If anything, we have less money than we had at time we made the budget, not more, or at least less than we anticipated having," Cuomo said last week. "We don't even have the money we hoped to have. That's my best guess at the moment."

This year to deal with a potential \$6 billion-plus deficit, Cuomo and the Legislature cut state spending on schools, fired more than 5,000 state workers and reduced aid to local governments.

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By Elizabeth Edwardson

Associated Press

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Senate Majority Leader Ralph Marino was traveling in Ireland yesterday. His spokesman, Edward Martin, said Powers' message fit in with Marino's plans.

POWERS BACKED ON TAX MORATORIUM PITCH

By ANTHONY J. HOWARD
Gazette staff writer

State GOP Chairman William Powers is having very little trouble getting Republican legislators to line up behind his call for a tax moratorium in 1992.

"I agree, the people of New York are already overtaxed and we just can't levy anymore taxes on them," said Sen. Joseph L. Bruno, R-C-Troy.

Another Republican voicing support for Powers is Sen. Paul L. Kehoe of Wolcott. "I am 100 per cent supportive of this idea. New York taxpayers have been pushed too far already. In fact, come the end of this recession taxes should be scaled back."

Senate Majority Leader Ralph Marino, R-C-Syosset, has already gone on record and said he will propose a budget next year without new taxes.

Powers made his call for the tax moratorium at a State Republican Committee meeting last week, where he was elected to a full two-year term after serving as interim chairman following J. Patrick Barrett's resignation last January.

Powers' call for a tax moratorium also drew the support of Tom Carroll, president of CHANGE-NY. However, he questioned whether legislators will remember it during the next budget negotiations.

CHANGE-NY is a non-partisan organization that monitors the voting records of individual legislators on bills related to taxes and spending.

"We agree with any person, Democrat or Republican, who takes a position against new taxes. We just hope that position stands up, because there will be great pressure for a tax increase next year," said Carroll.

Carroll said he expects special interest groups who give so much money to political campaigns will apply pressure. "If they are going to hold the line on taxes, we are going to need more political courage. There is no evidence yet that this political will exists."

CHANGE-NY has publicly criticized the members of the majority parties in both houses as well as the governor for last year's \$1.4 billion tax increase.

Bruno said Senate Republicans agreed to new taxes last year "because we were



William Powers, left, is congratulated after being elected to a two-year term as chair of the Republican State Committee at a meeting last week.

Powers took the post last January when J. Patrick Barrett resigned.

Gazette photo by Nancy McMahon

dealing with the reality of the budget process. The budget was three months late and we needed to get it passed so we could get aid to the school districts and the municipalities."

That sentiment was echoed by Sen. Dale M. Volker, R-C-Depew. "You have to be able to understand how the budget process works before you can criticize. Seventy per cent of the state budget goes back to the local governments and school districts. We in the Senate took the position that local school districts are important to us."

Sen. Hugh T. Farley, R-C-Schenectady, sent some of the criticism back. "They (CHANGE-NY) don't make any sense because they only criticized those who voted for the budget. What did they want,

that the budget not get passed?"

Sen. Dean Skelos, R-Rockville Centre, said he backs Powers' call for a moratorium, just as Senator Marino has. "What we need is more Medicaid and welfare reform and lower taxes. We also need a budget that addresses the needs of the state without raising taxes."

Powers, during his acceptance speech, reminded Republican committee members that the state has raised taxes in each of the last three years. The way to freeze taxes in the coming year is to cut spending.

Carroll agrees. His focus would be massive reform of the Medicaid, welfare and prison systems as well as eliminating legislative member items, also known as the pork barrel. "Most importantly, we

need to target state programs to the truly needy, not the truly greedy."

The Republican senators were unanimous in saying they also want welfare and Medicaid reform, and cited a plan they unveiled several weeks ago. Farley believes that the Republican Medicaid reform proposal is "crucial to the state's fiscal well being."

Looking into the future, Bruno insists that the Senate Republicans will honor this moratorium next April. "We have compromised on this (taxes) for the last several years and are totally fed up with it. We're not going to compromise again next year, so if the Democrats want more taxes next year, we may be here until Christmas."

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LEGISLATIVE GAZETTE

Cuomo shifts the burden

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Gov. Mario Cuomo portrays himself as holding the line against tax increases despite the clamoring of special interests. In fact, as the scope of his proposed budget cuts becomes clear, it's evident that the governor is not holding down taxes at all — just shifting the burden to cities and counties, towns, villages and school districts.

At a state Conference of Mayors meeting Sunday, Schenectady Mayor Karen Johnson talked about the threatened "destruction of local government." Aging cities like Schenectady and Mechanicville are particularly at risk from cutbacks in state aid, since they have already had to hold down spending and push through big property-tax increases in recent years. Johnson said Cuomo's proposed cuts are the equivalent of another 16 percent tax hike, or the loss of 60 city jobs. The danger is that further local tax increases or service cutbacks will, in the long run, just make the plight of these municipalities worse.

As an alternative to the Cuomo plan, the Conference of Mayors proposes a 3 percent income-tax surcharge for people earning more than \$200,000 per year, which it says would raise \$1.5 billion a year. Other groups proposing higher income-tax rates for wealthy New Yorkers include the State Communities Aid Association and the Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus. This wouldn't be "soaking the rich," but rather restoring some much-needed progressivity to the state's tax system.

New York's taxes have been getting steadily

less progressive for 26 years. A 2 percent sales tax was instituted in 1965, and it went up to 4 percent in 1971. Since 1973, the top income-tax rate has been cut from over 15 percent to under 8 percent, and people with gross incomes as low as \$19,100 now find themselves paying at the top rate (although limitations on deductions provide some progressivity at higher income levels, and some loopholes have been closed). Meanwhile, the state has been raising regressive taxes which fall much more heavily on the poor and middle class than on the rich.

To his credit, Cuomo proposes an indefinite freeze in application of the current income-tax law, which calls for a slight reduction in the top rate and elimination of all but two brackets by 1994 — the law would actually increase the rate paid by the poorest taxpayers from 4.3 percent to 5.5 percent. But this does not alter the fact that Cuomo has presided over a growing inequity in New York's tax system, and that his budget — which includes regressive tax increases as well as the drastic spending cuts — would make this worse.

In his increasingly strident resistance to a fairer tax policy, the governor has taken to saying "a little tax increase" wouldn't be enough to plug New York's deficit. No one's denying that. But if making the tax system fairer can avoid some of the harshest budget cuts, then why not do it? And why does the Democratic governor of New York, heir to the tradition of Franklin Roosevelt, seem so determined to gouge the middle class?

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ALSO MONDAY

► **NEW YORK BUDGET:** Gov. Mario Cuomo vetoed \$940 million from the new state budget. Among cuts: \$500 million to local schools; \$100 million to local governments.

► **MEATPACKING DEATHS:** Authorities said three employees of National Beef Packing Co. were found dead Sunday at the plant in Liberal, Kan., in a restricted area that has little oxygen and requires air tanks. They were not wearing air tanks, officials said.

► **SCHOOL VANDALIZED:** The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for a fire and vandalism at an Oregon State University mink research farm near Corvallis. Officials said equipment and records were destroyed.

King, L.A. officers meet in court

Los Angeles motorist Rodney King was face-to-face in court for the first time with police officers charged with beating him March 3. King was "nervous and very upset" meeting the officers at the hearing, said his lawyer, Steven Lerman. Judge Bernard Kamins ruled that officer Laurence Powell's comparison of blacks with the film *Gorillas in the Mist* was admissible evidence. Defense lawyers said the comments were about another suspect before the King incident. Also, a survey by the National Association of Chiefs of Police showed 88% of police chiefs believe the King beating was an aberration. And 94% of 313 who returned ballots said Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates should keep his post.



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KING: 'Nervous, very upset' in court

Written by Paul Leavitt. Contributing: Sandra Sanchez, Steve Marshall and Cathy Carroll

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JACKSON: BUSH 'MORE DANGEROUS' THAN WALLACE

Democratic supporters of the civil rights bill denounced President Bush Thursday for engaging in the politics of divisiveness, with Jesse Jackson saying "Bush in the White House is more dangerous than Wallace was in the schoolhouse door."

But Bush defended himself against the criticism, telling reporters aboard Air Force One, "To the degree there are politics in this, I must say I really still feel it's on the other side. And I must say I get offended a little bit when people question my motives on this."... Bush accused his opponents of ignoring the Administration's proposal and argued that his position mirrors public opinion.... "So what happens? They flail me for divisive politics -- that means doing it Ralph Neas's way, some self-appointed guy up there in Washington who calls all the shots. Well, that's not good enough for me."...

Other Democrats also challenged Bush. "He chose the politics of Jesse Helms and David Duke instead of the politics of Martin Luther King, and he ought to held accountable," said DNC Chairman Brown.
(Dan Balz, Washington Post, A5)

PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL TSONGAS URGES OTHERS TO GET IN RACE

Paul Tsongas...challenged other would-be Democratic candidates Thursday to get into the race, and Jesse Jackson turned him down - - for now. "I think the Democratic Party has the responsibility to field the best team it can, out there in the primaries," he said. Both Tsongas and Jackson appeared at a news conference at a convention of the Rainbow Coalition.... But Jackson, calling himself the "front runner" even though he has not announced that he will run a third time for the nomination, said he would decide "later on this year."... Jackson said he could get 10 million votes in 1992, enough, he claims, to win the presidential nomination.
(Michael Posner, Reuter)

CUOMO SAYS PARTY NEEDS PROGRAM, NOT 'NEW FACES'

ALBANY -- Gov. Cuomo says his party "doesn't need new faces" like his to challenge President Bush in 1992 but will fail to regain the White House unless it develops "a winning program for the whole of the Americans people. And that we don't have."

In an interview this week, the governor confirmed that he will begin making political speeches around the country later this year when the New York budget impasse ends. But he insisted he will be trying to shape the Democratic agenda for next year, not preparing for a 1992 candidacy....

"Anti-recession help will never come," he said, "because of the ridiculous status quo budget (agreement) that binds them all until after the 1992 election. This recession is causing the greatest fiscal problems (to states and cities) since the Great Depression, but they made a law that said you are not allowed to have a peace dividend.... That wasn't George Bush alone. That was George Bush and George Mitchell saying, 'This is the very best we can do.' Mitchell and Foley are terrific guys, but it's clear that we Democrats have not put together an agenda."

Cuomo also said Senate Democrats "made a terrible mistake walking away from the Moynihan Social Security tax cut."

(David Broder, Washington Post, A8)

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Addenda

■ The New York Legislature ended a record state-budget delay of 65 days by adopting a nearly \$52 billion spending plan that would raise taxes by more than \$1 billion for the third consecutive year.

■ A New Jersey state appeals court upheld the nation's toughest ban on semiautomatic assault weapons. It requires gun owners to sell their weapons out of state, render them inoperable or surrender them.

From news services

6/5/91

Mayors taxed by Cuomo's cuts

By PAUL FOY
Gazette Reporter

ALBANY — Mayors from across New York yesterday said deep state budget cuts will lead to sharply higher property taxes, a move one mayor likened to "pushing chairs around on the deck of the Titanic."

"If we're all in the same boat, we're going down together," state Sen. Frank Padavan, chairman of the Senate Cities Committee, told a delegation of the New York Conference of Mayors.

Altamont Mayor James P. Carusa, the conference president, said local governments were unable to cut their budgets to make up for the loss in state revenue-sharing funds, despite Gov. Mario Cuomo's contention.

Under Cuomo's proposed budget, cities would lose 38 percent of their state aid, while towns and villages would lose all of their revenue-sharing funds. The cuts would save the state more than \$400 million a year.

Instead, Carusa outlined a conference proposal calling for the state to tax wealthy people at a higher rate, impose a temporary surcharge on all earners and expand the state sales tax to cover lawyers, engineers and architects.

The new and higher taxes have been opposed by Cuomo, and Padavan, although sympathetic to the mayors yesterday, offered no promises, saying only that each conference proposal "obviously will be considered."

The alternative, according to Schenectady Mayor Karen B. Johnson, will be devastating.

Schenectady faces a loss of \$2.6 million in state aid, which Johnson said may not seem like much compared to the city's \$44-million general fund. The problem, she said, is very little of the taxpayer-supported fund can be cut, except for personnel.

She said the city may have to lay

off 60 of its 750 workers, including 30 police officers and firefighters.

Johnson said Schenectady has already reduced its work force by 10 percent over the past five years, while raising property taxes by 75 percent.

In Freeport, the problem is so serious the village is considering closing its municipal building on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Mayor Dorothy Storm said.

Carusa said Altamont, a village of 1,516 people, was in better shape, partly because Albany County gives it a share of the sales tax. Altamont could lose \$30,000 in state aid, 10 percent of its general fund, he said.

As a group, Carusa said, local governments are taking an unfair hit in Cuomo's budget proposal to slash state spending by \$4.5 billion in the fiscal year that begins on April 1.

Asked what kind of cut in local aid was fair, Carusa said he "wouldn't want to put a percentage on it, but

abandoning the local governments is not the way to balance a state budget."

The mayors also complained that Cuomo's proposed "mandate-relief" bill — which would ease some state requirements on local governments — spells relief for counties but not cities and villages.

In Schenectady, Johnson said, state labor arbitrators routinely award salary increases to police and fire unions that are 1 to 2 percent higher than the negotiated settlements for other city workers, exceeding the city's ability to pay.

Norwich Mayor Marjorie Chomyszak said state labor law requires laborers be paid \$20 an hour on city construction projects when the prevailing local wage is \$7 an hour.

Padavan said he agreed wage laws may need revision, but said that and other philosophical questions won't be resolved in the five weeks the state has to pass a budget.

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THE DAILY GAZETTE

Cuomo defends budget policies

By MARC HUMBERT
The Associated Press

ALBANY — Gov. Mario Cuomo dismissed as "irrelevant" yesterday criticism from a leading Democratic legislator that the governor's budget policies were "killing" minorities and their children.

Cuomo said the very tax increases being sought by state Assembly Deputy Speaker Arthur Eve to offset the administration's proposed sharp spending cuts would hurt those most in need.

"I believe you cannot help the poor by chasing away the jobs they aspire to and destroying the state's economy; and that's what these tax increases would do," Cuomo said yesterday.

The Democratic governor, in the face of persistent financial problems,

has proposed a budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1 that would sharply reduce state aid to local schools and for some social welfare programs.

On Sunday, after hearing Cuomo defend his budget plan during a speech to the annual dinner of the state Legislature's Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, Eve said the governor's plan would make New York "the most racist state in the union."

Eve, a Buffalo Democrat and the Legislature's highest ranking black legislator, warned that proposed cuts that deny opportunities to children could be particularly dangerous.

"A child that's denied hope, that child may take your life one day," said the veteran legislator.

Eve said Cuomo "insulted our members tonight. He told you half

truths. He didn't tell you all the truth. He actually lied to you."

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"Arthur Eve's comments I regard as irrelevant," Cuomo said yesterday after being read Eve's comments. The governor had spoken and left the Sunday night dinner before Eve made his attack. "His characterizations, I think, are excessive. I'm sure he doesn't speak for the caucus."

Several hours before the Sunday night dinner, caucus leaders held a news conference at which they denounced the Cuomo budget proposal as "neither fair nor equitable." The caucus said the governor's budget plan was "unacceptable."

The caucus offered a budget alternative that called for fewer spending cuts than the \$4.5 billion proposed by

Cuomo and increased taxes, including higher income taxes on the wealthy.

Later, Cuomo told the caucus dinner that raising taxes could be damaging because it could drive employers out of the state.

"People you're trying to help you could actually destroy," he said. "You are jeopardizing the business that your children will have to work in."

Yesterday, Cuomo said "our objectives are identical: protect the defenseless [and] provide economic opportunity for those capable of working."

"This is the essential difference — I believe that at this point the state needs new strength through new discipline. They believe we ought to raise taxes massively. It's as simple as that," Cuomo added.

Bush defends foreign policy, rips Mitchell

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By Frank J. Murray
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

NEW YORK — President Bush attacked congressional critics of his foreign travels again yesterday in a scathing speech that also appeared to accuse Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of personally triggering the recession.

"Each time America answered the call America advanced the cause of freedom. Because we did, America stands today as the world's pre-eminent power: economic, political, military and — this last one is important — yes, moral power," Mr. Bush said, ticking off policy victories in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, Panama and the Persian Gulf.

"I'm very sorry. I am not going to change my ways," Mr. Bush told a friendly crowd of contributors who

paid a total of \$2.2 million to eat chicken and hear him taunt congressional Democrats.

Mr. Bush threw more verbal shots at Congress in a speech last night before the non-partisan Asia Society.

Mr. Bush first defended his need to serve both domestic and foreign arenas of national policy, even though "sometimes those obligations clash." He said he would reschedule his Asian trip to avoid leaving while Congress is in session.

"It can commit too much mischief in times like that.

"Frankly, I don't mind telling you that I just don't feel comfortable leaving Congress home alone," Mr.

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• President Bush calls for lower credit card interest rates. C1.

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Bush said.

He added: "I will certainly not permit us to retreat into a kind of Fortress America, which will doom us to irrelevance and poverty."

Earlier, at the political fundraiser, Mr. Bush said with disdain: "You'd think we're back in the 19th century, isolated from the rest of the world by two oceans. I am not going to apologize for one single minute that I devoted to advancing our economic principles abroad or working for world peace."

Ignoring for the moment his own slip in two new polls, Mr. Bush used such words as "tawdry," "phony" and "second-guessers" to support his contention that voters are fed up with a Congress he said is embarrassing the country at home and abroad.

While suggesting Democrats intentionally drag their feet for political gain, he smilingly appealed for a halt to political rhetoric even at the White House.

"I think [people] are tired of hearing a lot of political talk — maybe from the White House but certainly from the Congress. . . . People sense there's something wrong in the United States Congress," he said. "Sometimes I get this sinking feeling that the Democrats believe that they can win only if times are bad. They have a vested interest in seeing us fail."

After raising that specter of economic sabotage, the president linked blame for the recession to Mr. Mitchell's unyielding stand against cutting the tax rate on capital gains, which the senator from Maine calls a tax break for the rich.

Mr. Bush says the cuts would stimulate the economy and, at least in the

short run, offset the "obnoxious deficit" with higher tax collections as investors cash their chips.

Although Mr. Mitchell did not respond directly, a Senate aide said, "The president is repeating himself," adding that Mr. Mitchell apparently "scored some points" by proposing a comprehensive economic growth package last week.

"Americans don't want a fix put on there by pledging some euphoric tax cut that may or may not have an effect on the economy, and definitely could have an adverse effect on the deficit that is far too large," Mr. Bush said, referring to various tax-cut proposals, including some with Republican backing.

Mr. Bush said Congress is "out of step with the times and out of touch with the heartbeat of the people. . . . [The public has] seen this endless appetite for sideshows that have really kind of embarrassed our country at home and abroad. They've seen the overindulgence in perks and privileges."

He said, "They claim they can't act because we don't have an agenda. . . . The agenda of that liberal leadership is simply take whatever legislation the president sends up to the Hill and knock it down."

Mr. Bush listed energy, highways and his anti-crime bill among unfinished business, and tallied among his legislative successes clean air, choice in child care, and the Americans-With Disabilities Act.

A Times-Mirror poll taken between Oct. 31 and Nov. 10 reported yesterday that Mr. Bush has the general approval of 55 percent of the population, down six points in a month and down from a peak of 84 percent in March.

The Gallup Poll reported Mr. Bush's approval rating yesterday at 56 percent in surveys completed Sunday.

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Lean Times Spur Change At the New York Times

Newspaper Beefs Up Its Local Coverage

By Howard Kurtz
Washington Post Staff Writer

Battered by recession and battling its unions, the New York Times is weathering its worst financial storm since this struggling city nearly went bankrupt in the 1970s.

The Times's parent company earned just \$1.9 million in the third quarter, a 79 percent plunge from the previous year and a far cry from the heady days of just two years ago, when annual earnings topped \$260 million.

Against this grim backdrop, the Times has launched a multimillion-dollar effort to shore up its home base. A redesigned Metro section, which made its debut yesterday, represents a sharp turn for a newspaper that has neglected New York for a decade while concentrating on

building its coast-to-coast circulation.

The focus on local news appears to reflect dimming hopes for the 11-year-old national edition, which is sold outside the Boston-Washington corridor. While beefed-up local coverage may not yield immediate dividends, it is widely seen as an effort to protect the basic franchise against encroachment by suburban competitors.

The new Metro section contains nearly a third more space, greater use of fancy graphics and a half-page traffic map. The Times is adding 15 local reporters to a 70-person Metro staff, doubling its contingent in the New Jersey, Long Island, Westchester and Connecticut suburbs and reinforcing its tiny bureaus in Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx.

"I don't think there's any question it's overdue," said Metropolitan



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Editor Gerald Boyd. "Clearly, we have shortchanged our regional readers for a long time. We've also shortchanged our city readers."

Many metropolitan papers, such

as Times Mirror Co.'s Los Angeles Times and Hartford Courant, have moved toward greater town-by-town reporting in an effort to lure

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N.Y. Times to Spend Millions Expanding Its Local Coverage

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suburban readers, relying heavily on "zoning" strategies in which each of the key suburbs or zones gets its own Metro pages emphasizing local news.

The Baltimore Sun, which is also owned by Times Mirror, is preparing an ambitious zoning plan for next year. The Washington Post, by contrast, has attempted to broaden its coverage of the Maryland and Virginia suburbs without zoning, with a strong emphasis on a regional focus.

Here at the Times's West 43rd Street headquarters, editors say the paper should be a unifying force for the region's 15 million people, not covering individual school boards and sewer hearings.

That big-picture approach may also be a necessity, since the Times reaches only 1 in 10 New York-area households and could never hope to match the saturation coverage of the Bergen Record in New Jersey or Long Island's Newsday.

"In much of our region, we're not the hometown paper," said Managing Editor Joseph Lelyveld. "We don't have that awful word they use, penetration. But we do get an awful lot of the best educated, most thoughtful readers."

"We cover Manhattan well. We cover city and state politics well. We never felt that what we were doing in the outer boroughs and the suburbs was

up to the standards of the rest of our journalism.

"We're not going to flood all the towns on Long Island with dozens of reporters. . . . We'll try to cover Long Island as well as we cover California."

Spending money in bad economic times is something of a Times tradition, editors say. In the mid-'70s, when the paper faced the prospect of going into the red, it launched five special sections—Sports Monday, Science Times, Living, Home and Weekend—that proved to be magnets for advertising.

The Metro expansion follows a 50 percent increase in what had been a lackluster sports section. "Go one on one with a rising sports star," the promotional placards say.

While the national edition's circulation has climbed to 250,000, pushing total daily sales to 1.1 million, national advertisers have been less than enthusiastic.

"We could sell the hell out of the national edition, but we haven't figured out how to sell the advertising," one editor said. "Maybe the market doesn't exist. What advertiser needs to reach the chairman of the English department at Kansas State and an investment banker in Houston?"

The paper's New York-area circulation, about 730,000, has been flat for a decade. Critics say the journalism has often been equally flat, and the three

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The Mario Myth

By Roger Stone

DEMOCRATS who think that Mario Cuomo is the candidate they have been waiting for to take back the White House are in for a real surprise. Mario Cuomo offers voters the same thing George McGovern, Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis offered them: warmed-over New Deal liberalism, albeit in a more attractive package. In fact, Mr. Cuomo may be the weakest Democrat the party could field.

Granted, the New York Governor is probably the most oratorically gifted politician in either party today. He is talented, cunning, fearless and has stature. Add to this his combativeness, refreshing for the Democrats after Michael Dukakis's feckless performance, and it's easy to see why many Democrats think a Cuomo candidacy would be a godsend.

But Mario Cuomo is poised to fall flat on his face if he enters the 1992 Presidential race.

The expectations for his candidacy are breathtaking. They would be hard for any mortal to live up to — never mind a candidate who has never been around the Presidential track.

Governor Cuomo's indecision over whether he should run has already worn thin with the national news media and his party. His tendency to

He would be a godsend — to Republicans.

answer questions with questions will only make him seem vague, argumentative and remote at a time when voters want candor and plain talk. And his thin skin won't help: attacked by underfinanced Republican challengers in the gubernatorial races of 1986 and 1990, he regularly took the bait when silence would have been the best response.

The Republicans also know to sidestep Mr. Cuomo's strengths. He is not vulnerable on the question of his ethnicity or his geographic base. In a country connected by mass communications, Italian-Americans from Queens are not as foreign as they once were to Texans or Nebraskans.

Indeed, Governor Cuomo would benefit from a Republican attack portraying him as a spokesman for minorities. You can almost hear him cite Willie Horton, quotas and Anita Hill in a slashing attack accusing the Republicans of racially and ethnically polarizing America.

But Mr. Cuomo won't be so lucky. The Republicans will shoot instead for his Achilles' heel — his disastrous tenure as Governor of New York, the crime-and-taxes capital of the world. He has been a major player, we should be reminded, in every Democratic administration in New York since 1974.

New Yorkers have the worst social



services and some of the highest crime and tax rates in the nation. The ever-looming deficits in Albany make Michael Dukakis look like a fiscal genius and model governor.

Mario Cuomo is deft and he will try to lay the state's ills on President Bush's doorstep. But the Governor's anemic showing in 1990, when nearly as many New Yorkers voted for other candidates as voted for him, demonstrates that voters will hold him, and not Washington, responsible.

Even in foreign affairs, where he is a very blank slate, Mr. Cuomo is out of the mainstream. Who can forget his proposal to settle the Iraqi conflict by ceding some Kuwaiti territory to Saddam Hussein?

Governor Cuomo will not have to wait for his face-off with President Bush to have his record attacked. The Democratic candidates, Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas and Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, will see to that. Both have positioned themselves as technocrat-centrists to stand in sharp contrast to Mario Cuomo's old-style politics. Though the Democratic primaries are sufficiently liberal for him to win the nomination, it's not

likely that the Governor will survive with his status as a giant intact or his ideology unexposed.

No, Mario Cuomo, vetoer of the death penalty, cannot win in 1992 precisely because he is an intelligent and talented man whose political philosophy has failed at home. The smoking wreckage of New York State is there for all to see.

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Roger Stone, a public affairs consultant, worked on the Nixon, Reagan and Bush Presidential campaigns.

BUSH STRIKES BACK AT 'TIRED LIBERALS'

Looking for Ways to Criticize
Democrats, the President
Wields an Old Weapon

By ANDREW ROSENTHAL

The liberals are back, at least as far as George Bush is concerned.

Still battling troublesome public opinion polls and groping for ways to strike back at the Democrats, the President took up a weapon yesterday that had proved extremely potent in his 1988 campaign: painting himself as the guardian of the political center and the Democrats as far-out liberals.

In a speech at a \$2.2 million fund-raising event at the New York Hilton that seemed to try out virtually every campaign theme the Republicans are preparing for 1992, Mr. Bush referred to the leadership in Congress and the Democrats in general as "liberals" more than 10 times in a 25-minute speech, and as "Democrats" only once or twice.

America, Mr. Bush declared, is "tired of hearing a liberal litany." The "liberal leadership" in Congress, he said, is blocking his efforts to bring the country out of an economic slowdown. Proponents of the "tired old liberal mindset" on Capitol Hill, the President asserted, carped and criticized while he made America into "the pre-eminent power" in the world.

The "liberals," said a President who is trying to overcome criticism that he spends too much time on diplomacy and not enough on fighting the economic downturn, do not understand that foreign policy and domestic concerns are linked. And they cannot be trusted to run the country while the President is abroad, he said.

"Saw That Movie, 'Home Alone'?"

"You see, I saw that movie, 'Home Alone' and I owe it to the American taxpayer to make sure Congress never stays home alone," Mr. Bush said, explaining his decision to cancel a trip to the Far East that had been scheduled for later this month.

The White House had come to New York trying to play down the importance of opinion surveys that suggest Mr. Bush is still politically vulnerable on domestic issues and has yet to recover from a slide in his approval rating that began after the flush of victory in the Persian Gulf. The luncheon speech was clearly intended as an old-fashioned tub-thumper to rally the party faithful.

Asserting that he had tried to extend a bipartisan hand to Capitol Hill, only to be met with a storm of criticism, Mr. Bush said, "I'm not going to be the javelin catcher for the liberals in Con-



President Bush used a fund-raising event at the New York Hilton yesterday to try out virtually every campaign theme the Republicans are prepar-

ing for 1992. With him were Louis V. Gerstner Jr., left, chief executive of RJR Nabisco, and Wayne Calloway, chief executive of PepsiCo.

Keith Moyers/The New York Times

gress anymore."

But the speech, his third at a fund-raising event for his 1992 campaign in about 10 days, also left the impression of a candidate groping for effective themes, an impression bolstered by the relative lack of loud or sustained applause from a partisan crowd that paid \$1,000 apiece to attend the event.

Outside the hotel, a small knot of protesters sought to remind Mr. Bush of two domestic political issues that are likely to trouble his re-election candidacy: abortion and AIDS.

Standard Republican List

Inside, Mr. Bush ran through a standard Republican list of accusations against the Democrats: They are soft on crime, weak on foreign policy, irresponsible on government spending and yearning to raise taxes. He blamed other factors than his Presidency for economic problems, calling at one point for a cut in credit card interest rates and at another all but blaming the Senate majority Leader, George J. Mitchell of Maine, personally for the economic downturn.

Apart from the tension between domestic priorities and foreign policy, two other themes kept bobbing up like markers in the political currents of the 1992 race: the Persian Gulf and Gov. Mario M. Cuomo of New York.

Although Mr. Bush and the other

Bush taps into old themes to battle new problems.

lunchtime speakers never mentioned him by name, they referred several times to the possibility that Mr. Cuomo might seek the Democratic Presidential nomination. Indeed, the President's schedule in New York, which included a meeting with prominent figures in the New York Jewish community, seemed at least in part aimed at shoring up the President's support here in anticipation of a Cuomo campaign.

Sounding one theme, the Persian Gulf, that the Republicans intend to use against Mr. Cuomo if he runs, Senator Alfonse A. D'Amato, the New York Republican, said: "One unnamed Governor, who may or may not be running for President, he thought we should be reasonable, give Saddam just a little oil or a little land. But everyone knows you can't appease a glutton with one piece of pie."

The White House also tried to brush aside an effort by Mr. Cuomo and New York State's legislative leaders to

forge an unusual multiyear budget plan that would remove the state's fiscal problems from center stage in the 1992 campaign.

"No amount of fancy footwork will relieve him of the responsibility of his own state's fiscal affairs," said Marlin Fitzwater, Mr. Bush's spokesman.

But at a news conference in Albany yesterday, Governor Cuomo returned President Bush's fire on the economy, and specifically on his comment that Democrats have a "vested interest" in economic failure.

"If he's suggesting that Democrats, given a choice, would have chosen to believe the worst, he's wrong," Governor Cuomo said.

Mr. Bush also made an appeal for support to a group of about 15 leaders of American Jewish organizations, a meeting that Alfred H. Moses, president of the American Jewish Committee, said both sides were determined to make "warm and friendly" after a falling-out between Mr. Bush and many American Jews over his refusal to grant Israel \$10 billion in new housing credits and a Sept. 12 news conference at which Mr. Bush bitterly criticized the Israeli lobby.

Mr. Moses said that Mr. Bush did not make an outright appeal for votes, but that the theme of the meeting was largely political. "It was a good time for fence-mending," he said.

President Blames Senate Democrats for Recession

Citing Resistance to Capital Gains Tax Cut, Bush Defends His Own Economic Potpourri

By Ann Devroy
Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Nov. 12—President Bush, on the political defensive as he begins his reelection drive, today put the blame for the recession on Senate Democrats and offered a stew of remedies that mixed everything from tort reform to a plea to credit card firms to drop their interest rates.

In the third of a series of Bush-Quayle fund-raising events, Bush portrayed himself as having a full program to deal with the nation's ills and said the Democrats have resisted that program at every turn.

In a broadside at Congress, Bush said the American people "have seen Congress up close and they've seen their inability to move when Americans demand action."

He accused Congress of an "endless appetite for sideshows that have really kind of embarrassed our country" and of "overindulgence in perks and privileges." Pounding the lectern, he insisted, "I'm not going to be the javelin-catcher for the liberals in Congress anymore."

On the economy, Bush said what the nation needs is "confidence" and he offered one suggestion that was new for him. "I would like to see those credit card rates go down," he said, adding he had discussed the idea with business executives. He called again for his capital gains tax cut and blamed Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell (D-Maine) for stopping it and thus causing the recession.

Noting there were enough votes to pass it in 1989, Bush said, "It took a last-minute political maneuver by Senator Mitchell to block the package." Mitchell, he said, "got that political victory and eight months later our economy slipped into a recession."

Bush's address to 2,000 Republicans, each of whom paid \$1,000, prompted little applause or enthusiasm as the president moved from one topic to another, rarely devoting more than a few seconds to any theme. The address came at a time his aides are scrambling for a broad message to counter Democratic charges that Bush's passion for for-

ign policy has caused him to turn a deaf ear to the nation's domestic problems.

Although Mitchell was the only Democrat Bush mentioned by name today, he is clearly still smarting from Democratic attacks on his foreign travel. In his fund-raising speech, and in a later one to the Asia Society, he laid out a case for why foreign policy efforts are vital to the domestic condition of the nation. "If we succeed in making this a more peaceful world, is that foreign policy or domestic?" Bush asked.

He ticked off a series of foreign initiatives, such as the South American drug summit and his meetings on trade policy at The Hague two days ago, asking after each whether that amounted to foreign or domestic policy. "I am not going to apologize for one minute that I devote to advancing our economic principles abroad or working for world peace," Bush said.

The Bush team hopes to use the president's success in the Persian Gulf War as a key element in his reelection, making the case that an untested president would be too

risky a proposition at a time of international instability.

Bush met with more than a dozen Jewish leaders after the campaign speech, in a session requested by the White House. U.S. Jewish groups had expressed strong opposition to Bush's decision to defer until January \$10 billion in loan guarantees to Israel to prevent a congressional debate on Mideast peace talks that opened late last month. Some had questioned the strength of his commitment to the Jewish state.

But Shoshana Cardin, president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, expressed satisfaction with Bush's responses during more than an hour of discussion. While Bush would not discuss the timing or amount of loan guarantees, she said, he repeated his previous commitment to aid for Israel to absorb Soviet immigrants.

Cardin, saying the Jewish leaders were "very pleased" with the session, said Bush displayed "rock-solid recognition of the need for Israel to be secure."

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talk show, a forum that he may find more inviting than a third try for the presidency. Even Tsongas, before undertaking his lonely quest, made sure that two possible candidates he admired -- Sens. Bill Bradley and Bob Kerrey -- would not be running.

The only Democrat who's not on anybody's call list is New York Gov. Mario Cuomo. Never a team player, Cuomo has enough name recognition and fund-raising ability that he could hang back until Thanksgiving and then "save" the party. "It's Cuomo and a bunch of boys," says GOP strategist Ed Rollins. A late Cuomo entry could shake the party's carefully cultivated collegiality. The governor's intentions remain as unreadable as ever. At a meeting of the nation's mayors in Hyannis, Mass., last week, he said his state needed his attention so urgently that there was "no point" in even discussing a possible presidential run. But he only said he wouldn't discuss it -- he didn't say he wouldn't run.

Late start: Democratic officials are making the best of their less--is-more campaign. Party Chairman Ronald Brown is stepping into the breach and stepping up the criticism of George Bush. He dismissed questions last week about the party's late start: "The final outcome, as always, will be determined far more by the vigor of our ideas than by the length of our campaign." For whoever runs, unseating an enormously popular president is a long-shot proposition. But Democrats need not despair. The past few elections have given them a lot of experience with early starts, crowded fields, spirited debate -- and consistent failure. At least they're trying something new.

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