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As he stopped to chat with people at the Sing-Long Chinese-American carry out a person from the restaurant handed Clinton a styrofoam container of fried scallops. Clinton thanked them and passed it on to an aide.

At Bernie's haircare salon, Clinton was told by employee Eula Strickland that her health insurance bill came \$800 every three months because she is considered self employed, "I can't afford to pay that."

Clinton described his health insurance program and said "We need to change the law to create a big pool" of workers so rates will go down for individuals.

Clinton talked at length about his plans for small business and inter cities. "I'll be good for small business." he said several times. At one point a man who said he was a member of the secret service for FDR shooked Clinton's hand and identified himself as 74 year old A.J. Costello of Manisis, VA. "You must have been a very young man," Clinton told him.

The President-Elect was presented a box of flowers by nine year old Tiara Dews, a D.C. fifth grader, who was bearing a banner said "Metropolitan Princess." "I'm going to take you with me," Clinton told her. "You're a beautiful little girl." "This is the very first time a President of the United States has ever visited us. I am very delighted." M. Chong, owner of Hamilton Wine and Liquor, told Clinton.

Tom Raum-Associated Press

Pool report Two on open house, interior and exterior.

The group moved at a fairly leisurely pace through the diplomatic reception room, where the Clintons and Gores were standing in front of a blazing fire and beneath a portrait of George Washington.

Among those who came through:--

Yvonne Adams 17, a senior at Sidwell Friends School which Chelsea Clinton will start attending next week. She told Clinton "You made a great choice." She told reporters "It's the best you can do, that school. There's a lot of freedom of choice. You can choose your own classes."

A number of people who went through had no tickets, apparently lined up early in the morning and made special requests, and got in. Including Donald Butler of Louisville, Ky. who gave Clinton a campaign photo album, said he was just luck -- "I showed up and I got in."

Keri Rice, a hospice nurse from Berkeley, California, wore a button announcing, "Another Republican for Clinton." She said she was still a Republican, but she didn't vote for Bush last time around, and this time, "I voted for Clinton for obvious reasons." She got in as part of a group that stood outside the White House holding up a sign saying, "California. Please let us visit, Bill and Hillary."

One woman said to Hillary, "Thank you for opening our house to us. Hillary said, "It's your house too."

pool two continued.

Clinton announced one young man who said he'd been there since 2.30 a.m. Andrew Levy from Livingston, N.J. is 20, a journalism student at the University of Michigan. He wore blue jeans and a ski jacket and carried a red sleeping bag. He said he was under the impression he could just line up for the open house. "I thought there would be a crowd so I got there early and there was nobody there but me at 2.30." He curled up in his sleeping bag at the corner of Pennsylvania and East Executive Avenue and said he had a secret service agent "sort of looking out for me." He said he didn't sleep because it was too cold.

A little boy was named Bill Clinton, with his father "Bill Clinton Senior." From Clifton Park, N.Y. Little Bill said he told the President, "Nexttime I bomb, I'll blame it on you." He was 9. Also said, "It was a dream come true coming here."

There was a man in full jogging attire who said he was "just jogging by" and asked if he could come in, and was allowed to. He was Mike Cole from Los Angeles, who said he wasn't even in Washington for the inaugural, but was on a business trip. He seemed rather surprised he'd got in.

Jessica Hazard from Boise, Idaho, showed off her t-shirt inscribed "I still believe in a place called Hope." She got in because she sent in a postcard that was picked from the lottery.

Johnoween S. Mathis from Hearne, Texas, had a special invitation as an old friend of the Clintons. She said she had known Clinton since 1972 when she was working for George McGovern. "I knew then he had it to be President. I told him every time I saw him I'm still waiting for you." She is 75.

Vincent Bernard Orange, 9, son of Vincent Bernard Orange, Senior, an attorney in Washington DC, solemnly read the President a letter he had written for him. It was very neatly typed, headed Ms Josie W. Meeks' Third Grade class, Bunker Hill Elementary School, 14th and Michigan Avenue NE, Washington DC. It read, "Dear Mr President, I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to meet you and Mrs Clinton today at the White House. I am here today in my official capacity as president of Ms Weeks' class. On behalf of my class I would like to present to you and Mrs. Clinton six original paintings of major federal and monumental sites in Washington. These housewarming gifts were created by the president, vice president, councilwoman, councilman and two constituents of my class. If your schedule permits, I would like to invite you to my class and Bunker Hill Elementary School. We would like to join you in a partnership for education. On behalf of my class, I welcome you, Mrs. Clinton, Chelsea and Socks to the District of Columbia."

Clinton hugged the boy and said "You did a good job. Go back to your school and say you fulfilled your duty well."

Jill Williams from Hollywood, who got her ticket from the lottery, seemed more interested on whether she would be on television than in the President.

By now it was almost noon, and it was estimated that about 750 had passed through the line. The Clintons and Gores conferred, and the decision was evidently made by the President to go outside and greet the hundreds still standing in the cold. The event was supposed to be over at noon, which was obviously impossible at the speed at which it was proceeding.

The Clintons and Gores went out to see the crowd at the diplomatic entrance, with the pool on the steps below the Truman balcony. Clinton apologized, saying: "We're going to work this out. We will try to shake hands with everyone before you all freeze to death. We wanted to begin this new administration by opening the White House to the people who sent us here." He explained that things were "inevitably disordered, the way a democracy proceeds and more folks showed up than expected." He added, "But it's OK, you are citizens and this is your house and I am the tenant here. I need your prayers and support."

Someone in the crowd shouted, "It will work. Don't give up on it."

They then organized a single file line that went by the Clintons and Gores, shaking hands, then filed into the White House to do the tour.

end pool two Muriel Dobbin McClatchy Newspapers.

p^Pool report 3: Meeting of Clinton with appointees.

Gilbert Lewthwaite - Baltimore Sun

Clinton was standing at head of conference table in Jefferson Room, opposite the Oval Office. Behind him was a bookcase. His appointees were sitting in two rows round the table. McLarty was to his left. The poll didn't have time to position any others. When pool was allowed in he appeared to be delivering a lecture of ethics and teamwork. "First of all you have to be willing to work as a team. You have to be willing to work with each other." He said they came here without any ax to grind except the public's interest. He warned them against worrying about "how one looks in the press." He asked rhetorically whether Lincoln or Roosevelt got good or bad press at certain times, and said: "We just have to be dominated by high standards and clear vision and we ought to have a good time doing it." Asked about Iraq, he said: "I have nothing to add other than we are going to stay with our policy. It's the American policy, and that's what we are going to stay with." Pressed with another question on gays in the military, he said: "You will have so many questions and so many answers you will be sick of it." When told there were plenty of questions but no answers so far, He responded: "I have just given you one,"

Historic note: first Clinton portrait is hanging over stairs outside the door between us and the Oval Office suite.:

Pool report #4
January 21, 1993 Filed: 5:42 PM EST

Arkansas event with Clinton on Thursday afternoon.

Pool Reporter: Randy Lilleston, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
(by agreement among correspondents)

Event began at 2:35 p.m., 35 minutes behind schedule. Only Hillary there when event begins. Held in the Diplomatic Reception Room, just like morning event. Also identical in the way people were led into the White House. Nine hundred tickets given out; perhaps another 150 Arkansans also came through. They waited outside and got in, just like people in morning.

An overview: By the pool's best guess, the Clintons knew 40 to 60 percent of the people who came through the line in the three-hour event. Like the one in the morning, people who were waiting outside got in even if they didn't have tickets - they just had to show an Arkansas driver's license and were let in at the end.

Pool was out of earshot of most personal conversations, but they were along the lines of, "We're proud of you bill," etc.

First in line is Edith West, 65, of Hot Springs, Ark. She belongs to a "birthday club" with Virginia Kelley, Bill's mom. About a dozen members. They go to lunches together on one another's birthdays. Asked why she was first: "I don't know. Just lucky, I guess." She said she'd only been in line for about an hour and a half.

2.40 p.m. Ida Margaret Stone, 66, of Lockesburg, Ark. presents hillary with a medicine bag made by native Americans in ohio. "It's the most gorgeous thing you've ever seen. There's even real eagle feathers on it," she said. She's unsure how old the bag is - you can't kill eagles any more and make their feathers into bag decorations.

The president arrived 2.47 p.m. Both he and Hillary are given water to drink, then tea later. He first greets Jim McLarty, 50, of Hope, who's Mack McLarty's cousin. "It's a big time for Hope," Jim says. It's his first time in the White House. "I'm a Democrat and I've been waiting for a long, long time."

At 2.52, the Clintons shake hands with Doris Bruce, 50, of Fort Smith, Ark. She's wearing a low-cut red satin gown that pushes the laws of physics and a matching red feather boa. "This is an authentic duplication of a gown that was worn by one of the madams who was on the "Hell on the Border" strip in 1896," she explains afterward. H on the B was a street in Fort Smith, which is on the Arkansas-Oklahoma border.

Lots of Hope people roam through the line. One button spotted: Hope, Ark.: Birthplace of Mack McLarty.

Just before 3 p.m., Page Hoeper(cq) of Beverly Hills, Calif. comes through. Hoeper, now an aerospace consultant, attended Boys Nation with Clinton in 1963 and can be seen in the now-famous shot of Clinton shaking hands with Kennedy. He said he talked to Bill about doing some defense consulting.

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Four daughters of Dr. Rex Horn, Clinton's pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, roamed through at 3.16. Rex wasn't there. Clinton hugged them all., said hello, obviously was familiar with them. "We're really proud of him," Ashley Horn, 15, said.

First "hog hat" given to Clinton by John Worrall, 49, of Conway, ARK. at 3:20p. Worrall's temporarily stationed with the National Guard in the Washington area. "I want to get home," he said. For the culturally unaware: A hog hat is a plastic Arkansas Razorback molded into a shape of a goofy hat, with the snout pointing forward. Makes a great gift.

At 3.33, David Goodson, 38, and wife Sarah, also 38, came through. On June 8, 1982, when Clinton won the Democratic nomination for governor for the second time, he mentioned Sarah, a campaign worker who gave birth to a daughter that night as well.

A few minutes later, Shannon Lauterbach, 23, formerly of Hope and now employed by Nippon TV in Washington, brought through Rie Miyazawa, 19, to meet the president. Informed sources say Miyazawa is the "Japanese Madonna," the hottest music star in that country.

Miyazawa was impressed by Hillary. "'She was very beautiful,' Miyazawa said. When informed that Clinton likes Elvis, she responded, 'My mother likes Elvis, too.' Miyazawa is from Tokyo.

At 4.14 p.m., 5-year-old Michael Hodo of Lewisville, Texas, shook hands with the president and opened an autograph book, asking him to sign it. "I'm not supposed to do this, but you're so cute, I'm going to do it," Clinton responded. Michael is the son of Theresa Hodo, 37, of Lewisville.

Hillary left at 4:15, does not return.

A few minutes later, longtime Clinton Arkansas crony Ark (cq) Monroe came in. Ark is a former state insurance commissioner and headed up a tax reform commission when Clinton was governor. "He's taken a lot of steps to make sure this happened, and so did we," said Monroe, who helped Clinton in a number of campaigns.

4.32, David Brown, 31, of Hot Springs had hug-tear visit with Clinton. "I grew up across the street from his family. I've known him for about 20 years. I used to play basketball with him," Brown said. Brown has worked on every statewide campaign in which Clinton has been involved, dating back to attorney general race of 1976. Q: Did you think, as a child, that Clinton would grow up to be prez? A: "I knew he would be. Sure did."

At 4.34, Ernie and Phyllis Green came in. Ernie is one of the "Little Rock Nine," the nine black students who integrated Little Rock Central High School in 1957. He's now an investment counselor in Washington. Also a former Carter administration official.

"It's a proud day, a very proud day. He has gotten his administration off on very good footing, both with symbolism and substance," said Green, 51.

Clinton takes a break at 4.40, after all the ticketholders have passed through. Perhaps 150 non-ticket holders will come in in a minute. He left the room. As he was leaving: Q: Is the Zoe Baird nomination in trouble? Clinton gave no response.

Next group of people didn't have tickets, but waited outside in the rain to get in. They got in at 4:56. ""He wouldn't have gotten here if he hadn't been persistent and we are persistent, too," said Jimmie Glisson, 65, of Berryville, Ark. Glisson has helped Clinton in a number of campaigns.

Clinton quit at 5.02.

END Randy Lilleston
 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Pool Report #1

No jog this morning. The motorcade was in place, agents were wearing jogging clothes and your pool was loaded into vans about 5:50 a.m. With no guidance from the staff about what was happening, we waited in the vans until 8:02 when we finally were told the jog was not to be.

Highlights of the early a.m.: A black Chrysler New Yorker pulled up the driveway about 7:28. Chelsea, in jeans and a blue-and-white-striped jacket, got in the back seat and a woman agent got in front at 7:41 and left for the ride to school.

A few minutes earlier, a groundskeeper took Socks for a walk on a long leash on the grass of the South Lawn.

Mercer -- Media General Newspapers

Pool Report -- February 2, 1993
Joan Shaffer, McClendon News Service

The travel pool departed in the motorcade at 9:47 a.m. and returned to the White House at 2:10 p.m. The pool saw the President only briefly -- during his speech at the National Governors Association meeting (which was piped in to the White House press room) and momentarily as he left the Democratic Caucus luncheon meeting at the Capitol.

The President first went to the J.W. Marriott Hotel for the closing session of the NGA meeting, arriving at 9:50 a.m. As the motorcade passed Pennsylvania Avenue and E Streets, N.W., a bystander was observed holding a sign that said, "President Bill Clinton Free Lyndon LaRouche."

At 10 a.m., the President, wearing a dark blue suit with a pale pinstripe, arrived in the hotel's ballroom, accompanied by Colorado Governor Roy Romer. The President ended his speech (which, as noted above, was piped into the White House press room) at 10:19. As the President left, he greeted and kissed people on the way out.

The motorcade arrived at the Capitol at 10:33 a.m. The President met -- without the pool or any media -- with the Joint Leadership in the Capitol. Afterwards, the President joined the Democratic Caucus for a meeting and luncheon in S 207, off the Senate floor. The pool did not see the President from the time he left the DGA meeting until he left S 207.

At 12:48, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole and Senator Phil Gramm met with the press outside the Senate floor, where the pool was staked out. Dole said that "We have not decided precisely" about the gays-in-military issue. "We will have additional meetings this afternoon. I will not disclose our strategy at this time. Essentially, it is pretty much the same. We have not changed our position We are asking first to have hearings then a vote."

Senator Phil Gramm said, "What we are trying to do today is to call in our members and give everybody an opportunity to share what they have heard from back home We will get a broadbased support We are trying today to listen to all members and to listen to all ideas and work out a strategy The American people want it voted upon."

Then Senator Dole said, "There will not be a long debate on this issue. We are not holding up the Family Leave bill. I may ask that they [the Senate] take up the Family Leave bill today, even though I am against it."

At 1:58 p.m., President Clinton walked out of S 207 with Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell; Maryland Senator Paul Sarbanes, to whom he was talking; and Vice President Al Gore. The President smiled at the press and said, "Hello, folks." #####

Pool Report #4
From WHO to Sand Bags and Wind Bags
July 14, 1993

From WHO the President changed his shirt, dropping the teal one you saw earlier to a dark blue polo shirt with a Des Moines Fire Department logo. He also donned a dark blue baseball cap with RUAN in big, gold letters. John Ruan, says the governor, is a local big shot and prominent businessman whose trucking company, along with the Iowa Motor Travel Association, is helping in the effort to fill sand bags and fight the flood. The motorcade stopped on Fleur Drive just short of Valley Drive. One half the roadway -- normally one of the busiest in Des Moines and the main drag from the airport into town -- was filled with small mountains of filled white sandbags. Atop these mountains were people, almost uniformly supportive of the President and happy to see the visit.

In what looked like a security nightmare, the president plunged into the crowd and grabbed a spade. For several minutes, he shoveled sand into a sand bag while making appropriate sand small talk. When he completed it, the approving crowd applauded. He then started making his way slowly through the crowd toward the intersection, now completely under water. One group of raucous young men on one of the sandbag mountains tried to offer him a McDonald's hamburger. The president declined, so the guys started tossing the burgers from mountain to mountain. Apparently hamburger-tossing being a local sport of note, the lads were quite adept at what they did.

As he continued to make his way toward the flooded intersection, Gov. Branstad stood and quietly assessed the damage. Pointing, he noted that this park -- now flooded by the rising waters of Gray's Lake and the nearby Raccoon River -- was where he liked to exercise each morning. Just beyond the park, he said, were the troubled water treatment plant and, atop a hill, the governor's mansion. As if to make his point about the location of the water plant, Army National Guard helicopters repeatedly passed overhead. All either were filled with sandbags in their open bays or toted loads of sandbags in nets beneath. Almost all featured guardsmen standing on rungs outside the bays in what appeared to be precarious positions.

Once at the intersection, the president -- no doubt going further forward in Iowa flood waters than any president before him -- stood for several minutes within feet of the hostile, rushing waters, chatting with Branstad and Col. Roger Schultz, the chief of staff to the adjutant general of the Iowa National Guard.

Next, after your pool was unceremoniously escorted far from the auras of the network anchormen in attendance, the President granted brief interviews at the intersection. First was our man Wolf. Second was Tom Brokaw, who, at the completion of the interview gave a high-five to a cameraman and, to the cheers of the Sandbag mountains and a growing chant of "Tom, Tom, Tom," jogged energetically to a waiting car. Third was Dan Rather, who eschewed jogging but showed great skill in working a rope line shoulder to shoulder with the president. It was enough to recall an earlier presidential query of "Are you running for something?" There was no fourth interview. Unreliably, we were told that Peter had objected because he wanted his interview at the water supply stop and not at the scene of a flooded intersection. We cannot vouch for the accuracy of that report.

Other flood notes -- many people had plain white cans filled with water. The cans, provided by Anheuser-Busch, said simply "Donated by Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Fort Collins, Colo., Drinking Water. (Not for Sale) 12 oz."

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

December 2, 1992

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

President Bush today called President-elect Clinton to update him on the continuing situation in Somalia. They discussed the status of UN consultations. President Bush will continue to stay in touch with the President-elect on this issue.

The President today also is consulting with other world leaders concerning a possible UN resolution.

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February 4, 1993

Pool Report #1 from Miles Benson, Newhouse News Service

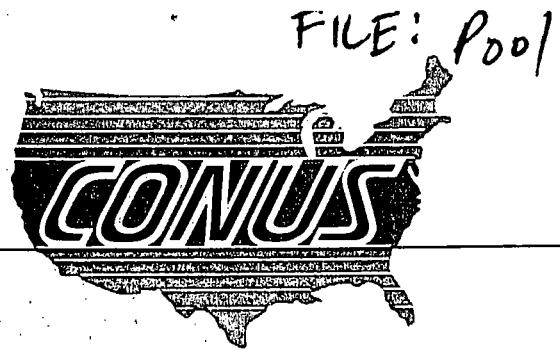
Not much news in this.

No jog this morning. President Clinton and Hillary departed the White House at 7:35 a.m. Travelled by motorcade to the Washington Hilton Hotel to attend the National Prayer Breakfast. In his remarks at the breakfast to what seemed like about 2,000 people the President described his thoughts in taking the oath of office saying that he intended to declare at the end of the oath "so help me God," with a ringing voice but that what he wanted to say was "so, help me God." Full text will be made available by the White House Press Office. At the prayer breakfast the President sat on the dais between the Chairman, Representative Bill Emerson, and Hillary. Also present on the dais were Vice President Gore and Tipper, Dr. Richard C. Halverson, Chaplain U.S. Senate; Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas; Representative Ralph Regula of Ohio; Senator Howell Heflin of Alabama; Singer Wintley Phipps; Representative Benjamin A. Gilman of New York; Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts; Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska; The Reverend Dr. Billy Graham; Singer Marlys Smith and Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy.

The prayer breakfast, an annual event, is attended by members of Congress and invited guests from many countries. Present for today's breakfast were the Prime Ministers' of Barbados and Dominica. The breakfast are an outgrowth of the Senate and House Prayer Breakfast which began in 1942. The first president to attend the annual prayer breakfast was Dwight Eisenhower in 1953. Attendees pay \$50 per person or \$100 per couple for tickets.

Hillary left midway through the breakfast to attend a memorial service for the victims of the CIA shootings. The President left the Washington Hilton at 10:00 a.m. to go by motorcade to the Capital for a meeting with House Democratic Leadership and Whips. More to come later.

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February 3

Dee Dee,

Just to update you on the Friday pool meeting: I have notified the following organizations which regularly cover national news at the White House and/or were included in pools during the Reagan and Bush administrations:

ABC	Fox
CBS	MacNeil/Lehrer
CNN	NBC
Conus	Tribune
C-Span	

Not all of these organizations may want to be part of any coverage rotations. They all, however, have an interest in how those pools are handled.

I have attached some background notes on how pools have been handled in the past so that you will have some idea of where we are coming from. We're quite anxious to get something worked out!

Mike McKee
Television Representative/WHCA

DL:

Let's start
a "pool"
file.

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Friday 5th 9:45.

WHITE HOUSE TELEVISION POOLS UNDER REAGAN/BUSH

By the end of the Bush administration, the following pools were in effect by agreement of the White House and news organizations:

Travel Pool - One camera crew, one lighting technician, and one reporter or producer representing television. The crews and reporters were drawn from a daily rotation among ABC, CBS, CNN, and NBC only. The lighting technician rotated monthly among those four. The network providing the crew was responsible for distributing the tape to all other legitimate television news organizations.

Open Photo/Writing Pool - Any camera crew which wished would be admitted. One broadcast correspondent representing television and radio was drawn from a rotation among:

ABC	AP Radio
CBS	NPR
CNN	Sheridan
Comus	UPI Radio
Fox	Unistar
NBC	VOA
Tribune	Westwood One (NBC/Mutual)

The correspondent position would rotate only after a day in which that correspondent actually had pool duty.

During the last two years of the Bush administration, ABC, CBS and NBC voluntarily formed what they call among themselves the "coverage pool". Rotating weekly, the pool network would send in two cameras to open photo events; a head-on crew and a cuts crew. The other two networks would not send in crews.

The three networks made the video available by paid subscription to other television organizations.

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Pool Report 1 on Open House

Gilbert Lewthwaite - Baltimore Sun

Clinton and Gore arrived in the Diplomatic Reception Room at 9.20 AM. They stood in front of fire place with log fire burning. Over fireplace was Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington. It is an oval room with murals on the walls. A yellow reception settee was again one wall. Two vases of yellow flower and two chimes motif lamps were on side tables beside the fireplace. Clinton ignored a Plante question on whether he thought Baird should resign, as suggested by Barbara Jordan. Visitors entered via The Collonade around the Rose Garden and through the south portico. A military band played on the balcony above the portico. They left via the north portico after going upstairs for a tour of the state rooms. According to Rabbi there were 1,300 guest, chosen by a variety of methods, including lottery and political favor. He did not know how many had applied.

First woman through was Dorothy Taylor, of Toledo, Ohio, staying in Hyattsville, Md. She got her ticket from her sister. She was wearing blue Clinton-Gore campaign windcheater, white woollen noddy hat, white sneakers. She had a shopping bag on her arm. She worked at the Presidential Inaugural Committee at the Navy Yard. She was in line at 6.50 AM. She said: "I didn't want to be last in line, but I didn't think I would be first. I have missed anything but the ball. I didn't go to a ball. I stayed too long at the parade. When my family sees me on television I guess they will say" "Mama made it at last." Five minutes after the line started coming in, Clinton took a cup of coffee from a silver tray, holding it in his left hand as he shook hands with visitors. Gore gave young kids in the line "fives." First one to get the treatment was Chris Harris, 12, from Burk Virginia. Timothy Burgess, 4, was in his best suit with a red tie. Clinton, courching down to eye level with the boy, said: "You're a beautiful boy. I love your suit and tie." Gore gave him 'fives'. His father, Timothy, of Williamstown, Kentucky, said: "I mailed in postcards. He used his wish troll and rubbed his wish troll over the postcards. I sent in 34. I just ran around the house to find all the postcards I could get. Then I just put it out of my mind. We were watching the president-elect on TV and I said to Timmy 'That could be you one day.' My wife ran in and said turn that set off. They were calling me (to say his postcard had been selected). It was 10.30PM last Thursday. "I am an emotional guy. It was one of the greatest thrills of my life." Beverley Stafford (address not known), a worker with the Rehabilitation Services Administration, said: "I was talking to him about services for people with disabilities. He was very supportive. I am very hopeful for the next four years." Clinton knelt again wien Hilary Ramp, 6, of Herndon, Va., came by. she was a little girl with her blonde hair in plaits tied with red ribbons. Couldn't get any quotes. At 9.38 Clinton and Gore took glasses of water. Verner Magnusson, a farmer of Oakland, Nebraska, who attended Clinton victory party in Little Rock, Nebraska, gave Clinton his card. "We visited a little," he said of his exchange today. When Debbie and Robert Blain, of Los Angeles, arrived with four month old Matthew in her hands,

Clinton cradled the baby's limp arm in his hand and said: "Watch me shake hands with a citizen who has an appropriate response. Just another day in the office for Matthew."

Alex Scott, 8, of Worcester, Mass, exchanged another "fives" with Gore, who said: "People call you Al. they call me Al too." Clinton told Bill Clark, a parks service worker in DC, he hoped to be in the White House longer than four years. "I said 4,8, or 12 or a little bit longer. He said 'Yes.' He loved it. A real nice guy. I also said I like the same music as him. We have the same jazz records." John Obernauer, 25, of Hyatsville, Md., said: "I told him I admired him but I didn't want it to go to his head. He said he was going to make sure he kept meeting people like me to keep him reminded not to get too big headed." Clinton was heard telling him: "I thought it looked like you came in here to tell me something.: Obernauer said later: "I am just afraid that he will become insulated in the White House and distant from the people. I just don't want that to happen because he has so much potential." Clinton told Father Peter Daly, from Catholic University, who praised the president's social programs particularly his healthcare reform, that he had been "very influence" by his Catholic education (at Georgetown). It was Carole Townsend hat, with its red brim and black crown, that caught Clinton's eye. "I love your hat," he said. She bought the hat for \$10 at Lord and Taylor outlet sell-off 18 months ago. Employed in the executive development side of the General Services Administration, she said she invited Clinton and Gore to speak at the Executive Service Consortium, an eight-agency consortium. Corporal Patricia Blanding, 23, said: "I told him it was nice meeting him and it was a privilege because I always wanted to meet a president and it was the first time I had ever been to the White House. It's a joyful occasion. He asked how long I had been in the military. He said he was happy. It was great. I waited two hours in line and it was worth every minute of it. I am glad I came." At 10.04 AM Clinton and Gore both took more water. AT 10.05 Hillary and Tipper joined the reception line. Nelda Lee, of Odessa, Texas, said: I just told him I was a great niece of Robert E. Lee, I singed on to work for the campaign in October, 91, and I expect him to be a great leader, as great as the great general." At 10.13 the rug on which the receivers were standing and which kept wrinkling up was taped to the ground. ^During the interlude Clinton was again asked about Jordan's suggestion that Baird resigned. He looked at the rug and ignored the question. Grace Tuanmu, 23, of Rockville, Md., handed Hillary a present: Asian-style hairsticks she and a friend had made. Grace, who works at the NIH, said: "They have an Asian tradition. We noticed that she has been wearing his hair up a lot lately. I asked him if he liked his new house. He said 'Yes, but he was having a hard time finding things." Jacqueline Lundquist gave Clinton a bag of tee-shirts from the youth organization with which she works. She also told Tipper Gore they had met in Rio at the earth summit which she attended with her husband who represented the Beach Boys. Fred Cassidy, an aircraft overhaul foreman with the Air Force Reserves, who marched in the parade, said : "I was telling the president he

really needs to take care of himself. He has a lot of work to do and he has to get plenty of rest. You can't burn the candle at both ends. I said if there was anything I could do to help this country, I would be most happy to chip in. He said he appreciated that and would need a lot of people to chip in." Cassidy, of Mechanicsville, Md., said his wife sent in the postcard which won the lottery. At 10,26 there was the only disturbance of the morning. Shouting something in apparent ;tongues" an unidentified man who had just been through the receiving line turned and shouted :The Lord God has spoken in the name of the Messiah." He was bundled out. John Rounsavall, of Burke Center, Va., originally from Blythesville, Ark, chatted with Clinton about his (Rounsavall's_ relative, Grady Brown, being Clinton's veterans affairs sec. in Arkansas. He also chatted to Gore about his brother teaching one of Gore's legal assistants, Greg Simons, baseball. He said: "I think it;'s going to be a new beginning. I think the U>S> is looking for new blood, for charisma, enthusiasm. I think both Clinton and Gore fit the bill to the nth degree." Rounsavall is a c.p.a. with an office three blocks from the White House.

One little boy with a collector's piece is Joseph Skrodzki, 7, from Columbia, Md. Clinton and Gore signed his baseball. Said Jospeh, who plays baseball with friends at Savage Boys Club: "I'm going to put it in a case and put it on my dresser." His mother Cheryl said: "I think its wonderful they are having an open house. They were all very friendly and cordial." When Stephanie Ells, 12, of Fairfax, Va., told Hillary Clinton it was her birthday, Clinton stopped the line and led a chorus of "Happy Birthday" in whicheveryone joined while an embarassed stood in the middle of the first two families. Her father Mark, who works with the National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse in Alexandria, Va., said: "It's a very special day for both of us. A new administration and a twelfth birthday. That's just unbelievable, pretty overwhelming.:" Jennifery goes to Mosby Woods school (sixth grade), Fairfax, Va. She will have her own party tomorrow. AT 10.44 AM Clinton took another glass of water. Joe Peterson, a doctor at George Washington, gave him a rugby shirt (because we play almost in his front yard". "He liked the idea." Of the open house he said: "I think it's outstanding. It's a lot more than a hollow gesture. He has got to be exhausted, but he is standing there with his hand out, and I think he really means it." Carlo Liggins, of Cleveland, Ohio, said: "I just told him I had been praying for this for a long time, and I love him in the Lord and everything else." She was wearing a Clinton-Gore button on one lapel of her fur coat and a button of her grandson Harold, 4, on the other. One of the most touching encounters was with Daniel Legum, 7, suffering from a disability his father declined to identify to the pool. The reception party made a great fuss of Daniel, of Bethesda, Md., and posed for a group picture with him. His father, Doug, a real estate developer, said: "Daniel sent in the post care. Daniel told him they had an election at school and that he voted for him in the school election and the president thanked him for his support." Joe Overby, 83, from Raleigh, N.C., arrived dressed as

Uncle Same, complete with striped toper. He said he had been wearing the outfit at inaugurations since 1930. He claimed to have walked from the Capitol to the White House alongside Jimmy Carter. He said he paid \$12 outside the gate for his ticket. "They had them sold in just no time," he said. "I was lucky to get one." Although the line was told not to ask for autographs, a Diane Garner, originally from Little Rock and now a professor in social studies at Washington University, Topeka, Kansas, didn't get the message. Instead she got the autographs of all four in her copy of "Clinton". "I canceled hip surgery to come here. I sure did. I wouldn't have missed it for the world," she said from her wheel chair. She was a volunteer during the campaign. A Clinton look-alike turned up: Robert Heck, comedian with the Fourth Dimension which is currently presenting "Gross National Product" at the Bayou Club in Washington. He takes off Clinton in the show. Clinton was amused to see him, and gave him the spotlight. Turning to the TV cameras Heck said: "Remember, this is the administration, more than any other, has a great sense of humor." He said he just joined the line without a ticket. "They let me in without any planning. O just got in line." This reporter then broke away, and Muriel Dobbin, McClatchy, took over the watch.

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AG Nominee Sold Home to Aetna Just Before Being Nominated
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NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) Attorney General-nominee Zoe Baird, who sold her home to employer Aetna Life and Casualty Co. just weeks before her nomination, has offered to buy the house back if she is confirmed, according to a published report.

Aetna spokeswoman Linda Ambrose said Monday that Aetna was not aware that Baird might take a Washington job when it bought the house in New Haven, according to the report in the New Haven Register.

Ambrose, who would not disclose the sale price, said Aetna and Baird closed the deal in early December as part of a delayed relocation benefit Baird was entitled to when she joined the company in 1990.

Baird and her husband, Paul Gewirtz, a Yale Law School professor, purchased the house in 1987 for \$539,000.

Ambrose said Baird had written a letter to Aetna Chairman Richard Compton shortly after her nomination, telling him that she would repurchase her St. Ronan Street home from Aetna if she won confirmation as attorney general.

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On Dec. 24, Bill Clinton nominated Baird for attorney general.

Ambrose said the company wasn't concerned that Baird went ahead with the sale even though she may have known she could be leaving Aetna.

Ambrose said about 1,100 Aetna employees relocate yearly. In about 40 percent of those cases, the company has to purchase and then resell the employee's house, as in Baird's case.

Ambrose also said it is not unusual for an employee to delay using relocation benefits.

Baird's 12-room house is already on the market. The asking price of \$679,900 is up from the \$539,000 paid in 1987.

City land records showed that Baird purchased an adjoining piece of property in December 1988 for \$76,000.

A spokeswoman for Coldwell Banker Elite Realtors, which is handling the sale, said she believed the second parcel was included in the current offering.

As recently as Friday, city tax records listed the owners of the 340 St. Ronan St. property as Baird and Gewirtz. The records showed the \$13,488 annual property taxes are up to date.



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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RON BROWN
ANNOUNCES CLINTON/GORE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL COMMITTEE TEAM

Presidential Inaugural Committee Chairman Ron Brown today announced the appointments of senior staff members who will assist in the organization and production of President-Elect Clinton's January swearing-in celebration activities. The Committee, chaired by Brown and Producers Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason will be managed by former Clinton/Gore National Finance Director Rahm Emanuel and Clinton/Gore Headquarters Director Mary Mel French.

"Bill Clinton ran a campaign about change, hope and opportunity," Brown said. "The Inaugural celebration marks the beginning of an Administration dedicated to these very ideals. I'm proud to be a part of such a talented, diverse and energenic team -- all of whom are committed to orchestrating the most memorable Inaugural in history."

The Presidential Inaugural Committee Directors include:

Rahm Emanuel, Co-Executive Director and Manager. Emanuel most recently served as Clinton/Gore Campaign National Finance Director. His prior political experience includes positions as the Director of Finance for Mayor Daley's campaigns in 1989 and 1991 and as the Political Director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Mary Mel French, Co-Executive Director and Manager. French the Administrator of the Clinton/Gore National Campaign in Little Rock. French also served Clinton in his Gubernatorial races, holding the position of Senior Administrator in 1990. She is currently the President of the Arkansas Governor's Mansion Association.

Paul Brooks, Historian. Brooks will act as Historian for his third Presidential Inaugural Committee. Brooks was also appointed to this position by the National Archives in 1969 and 1989.

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Yolanda Caraway, Director, Office of the Chairman. Caraway is the Director of CCS Events, a member of the Democratic National Committee and a Senior Advisor to DNC Chairman Ron Brown.

Cheri Carter, Director of Administration. From 1990 to June 1992, Carter served as the Deputy Director of Finance at the Democratic National Committee. Carter acted as the Director of Administration for the 1992 DNC Victory Fund.

Robert Cundall, Chief Financial Officer. Cundall worked for the Democratic National Committee as Budget Director. Prior to the DNC, Cundall worked as an investment banker for Mobil Corporation.

Allison Cutler, Co-Director of Scheduling and Advance. Cutler served as a scheduling desk for both Clinton and Gore. Prior to the Clinton/Gore Campaign, Cutler worked for Americans for Harkin and Senator Paul Wellstone (D-MN).

Debra Fried Levin, Director, Office of the Vice President. Fried Levin served as Senator Gore's Director of Finance since 1990, assuming the same position during the Clinton/Gore Campaign.

Nancy Jacobson, Finance Director. Jacobson, a veteran democratic fundraiser, worked on both Gary Hart's and Al Gore's Presidential campaigns. She also served as a Mid-Atlantic Finance Director for the Clinton/Gore Campaign.

Ernest Johnston, III, Director of Marketing. Johnston is the President of Ernest Johnston Advertising Agency of Washington DC. The firm is a full-service advertising and public relations agency, specializing in entertainment-oriented public relations.

Richard Mintz, Communications Director. Mintz worked as Hillary Clinton's Staff Director during the Clinton/Gore Campaign. Prior to the campaign Mintz worked for the political affairs firm of Ogilvy, Adams and Rinehart.

Bill Morton, Executive Assistant to the Chairman. Morton has served as a Special Assistant to DNC Chairman Ron Brown since 1989. Morton also served as an aide on the 1988 Jackson for President Campaign.

Andrew Rogal, Operations Director. Rogal is the founder of Rogal America, a national meeting management company. Rogal has worked in the travel and tourism industry for over 15 years and has been active in community and political affairs.

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Mike Stratton, Co-Director of Scheduling and Advance. Stratton, a long-time Democratic party activist, is a principal at the Denver-based firm of Stratton, Reiter, Dupree and Durante.

Christine Varnay, General Counsel. Varnay served as Chief Counsel during the Clinton/Gore Campaign after serving as General Counsel for the DNC. She is currently on leave from her Washington DC law firm, Hogan and Hartson.

Deborah Wilhite, Director of Events. Wilhite worked as Deputy Convention Manager during the Democratic National Convention and later as General Election Director. She also acted as the Policy Director to the Speaker of the House in the Connecticut Legislature.

NOTE: We are currently in the process of establishing a permanent Presidential Inaugural Committee Communications Office. The contact phone number (202-252-1501) is a temporary listing. We will provide updated information with permanent contact names and phone numbers shortly. Information regarding Inaugural event tickets, media credentials and schedules will be made available in early December.

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