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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SOSNIK AND KAREN HANCOX

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT

Poll

TULSA WORLD (OK) POLL

This poll, conducted by Tulsa Surveys on April 12 and 13 (+/- 4.5 MoE), shows the President leading the GOP challengers and found President Clinton's approval rating over 50 percent for the first time in his Administration. The poll found the President's approval rating at 52.1% approve; in contrast, the President's approval rating was only 41.4 in the first quarter of 1995.

Clinton	42%	Clinton	41.6%
Dole	37	Dole	34.3
Perot	9	Perot	7.1
		Buchanan	5.8

CANDIDATES

Bob Dole

Dole appeared on CBS's *Face the Nation* yesterday; a transcript and videotape of the show is enclosed. On the show, Dole said he "assumes there will" be an increase in the minimum wage and criticized Bill Kristol (Dole: "I don't look upon him as anybody who really understands politics.") When asked about Perot's charge that the political parties asked Perot to finance a dirty-tricks campaign in 1993, Dole suggested the charge may warrant a Dept. of Justice investigation, and called on Perot to clarify his accusations soon.

The Kansas City Star reported yesterday that Dole's campaign received illegal contributions from employees of Aqua-Leisure, and then were reimbursed for the donations. Simon Fireman, the company's founder & chairman and a national Finance vice-chair for the Dole campaign, has raised over \$40,000 from his employees (approximately \$4,000 has been challenged). Dole denied knowledge of the operation and called for a full investigation into the charges.

Dole escalated his challenge on your judicial nominees today, and said you should withdraw the federal appeals court nomination of Charles Stack. Dole said Stack "does not meet the standard" of being "well grounded in basic constitutional law." "Apparently, Mr. Stack's most important qualification is his prowess as a political fundraiser... President Clinton should withdraw the Stack nomination without delay," Senator Dole said.

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Ross Perot

Perot appeared on yesterday's *Meet the Press* and said he was approached in 1993 by a major political party and asked to put up \$1 million for a dirty tricks campaign. Perot said Haley Barbour was not directly involved in the alleged dirty tricks campaign, but suggested Barbour "do a little due diligence up and down the chain of command, and I would say after about 15 minutes one of the two parties is going to say 'oops'." "I'll probably save that one until this fall. That happened, no ifs, ands or buts. It's nailed," Perot continued. Perot also said on the show he supported an increase in the minimum wage, and predicted Reform Party supporters would likely endorse candidates that support term limits.

As expected, the Reform Party qualified for the Ohio ballot on Friday. The Reform Party has already qualified in eight other states (CA, MT, ND, UT, SC, ME, MN, and VA).

Miscellaneous

Below is a summary of the Clinton and Dole FEC reports, as reported by the Political Hotline:

The following information is derived from FEC reports for the 3/1-3/31/96, filed 4/20, and from year-end reports filed 2/1.

	CLINTON	DOLE
Receipts March '96	2,721,196	7,204,124
Receipts '96 year-to-date	9,243,437	16,594,924
Receipts 1995	25,468,765	24,364,905
Expend. March '96	2,890,625	7,056,782
Expend. '96 year-to-date	6,084,973	20,228,733
Expend. 1995	5,953,030	16,095,758
Expend. subject to limitation	9,582,629	28,943,883
Debts owed TO campaign	3,636,011	3,327,584
Debts owed BY campaign	648,283	4,634,454
Cash on hand 3/31	16,595,360	717,793

STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / PRESIDENTIAL

New Jersey

An Asbury Park Press poll conducted April 12-13 surveyed 604 likely New Jersey votes finding the President leading Dole 50% - 31% in a two-way matchup. The poll also shows the President leading a three way race: Clinton 45%, Dole 26%, Perot 14%. (margin of error 3.9%) An article regarding the poll is attached.

North Carolina

Lyndon LaRouche has been running thirty minute infomercials in North Carolina which were part of a national buy. These ads have not received any additional press.

Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania primary is tomorrow and is viewed by most in the state as lackluster at best. Most of the attention will be focused on the three statewide primaries for Auditor General, Attorney General and State Treasurer. There are also primaries in the 1st, 5th, 14th and 16th Congressional Districts. We are preparing a separate memo on the Pennsylvania primary.

Attached is a Boston Globe column by David Shribman which says that most everyone agrees the Presidential campaign will "be fought, and won, in California and in a four-state belt....Illinois, Michigan, Ohio -- and Pennsylvania." The article says that even though a recent Keystone poll shows the President leading Dole by 14 points in the state, the poll further shows that voters in Pennsylvania are split on whether they agree the President deserves re-election.

Another article in the Philadelphia Inquirer discusses how the Republicans have lost their foreign policy stronghold against Democrats since the end of the cold-war, and how this affects the 1996 Presidential election.

STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / NON-PRESIDENTIAL

Alabama

A Huntsville Times-Birmingham News poll, conducted April 12-18, shows Governor Fob James' popularity has had a slight improvement. The poll showed 51% rated James' job performance as good or excellent, 30% said he's doing only a fair job, and 17% gave him poor marks.

Arizona

The 1996 Arizona legislative session ended Saturday evening, with state lawmakers, particularly Republicans who control both chambers, proclaiming this year's session a success, noting that a \$200 million property tax cut was approved in the final week. Highlights of this legislative session include prohibiting minors from getting abortions without written consent of a parent, guardian or judge and banning same-sex marriages.

California

Sponsors of a voter initiative aimed at taking large donations out of California political campaigns announced Friday that they have enough signatures to qualify their measure -- the second such plan to head for the November ballot. Backers of the "Anti-Corruption Act of 1996" have turned over more than 866,000 signatures to county election officials statewide, exceeding the 433,269 needed to certify the measure. This proposal calls for \$100 contribution limits in legislative races and is very similar to the "California Political Reform Initiative" already on the November ballot. Both proposals seek to stem the tide of political money pouring into candidates' legislative campaigns -- a total that reached \$196 million for statewide and legislative races in 1994.

Colorado

Democratic Senate candidates Gene Nichol and Tom Strickland are in a close race for the U.S. Senate nomination following this past weekend's county assembly meetings in a dozen counties across the state. The results of this weekend's meetings show Strickland receiving 744 committed delegates or 40.43% of the total cast, while Nichol received 739 or 40.41%. The state convention will be held on June 8. Statewide candidates need 30% of the delegates to get on the August 13 primary ballot.

Colorado's incumbent U.S. Representatives seeking re-election have commanding fund-raising leads over their opponents, according to the latest campaign finance reports filed with the Federal Election Commission. Those facing opposition include Democratic Rep. David Skaggs, who shows a cash balance of \$192,000, 66% of which was collected from individuals. Skaggs is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

Florida

House Speaker Peter Rudy Wallace (D) appointed State Representative Willie Logan to chair a special committee to deal with redistricting and has said the panel will meet Friday. Wallace has said he thinks it will be difficult to get the redistricting done in the two weeks that are left in their session and believes it can only be accomplished if the House is persuaded that what they do is legally defensible.

Georgia

The annual "Freaknik" party ended yesterday in Atlanta with no major problems. Aside from a robbery murder, which officials said was not directly related to Freaknik, the Mayor's office was pleased with how organizers pulled off the event. There was no looting and the city operated at a normal pace.

Illinois

"Clinton Cola" is now available in Illinois. The drink, packaged in a five-color can that features a picture of you in the "O" of the word "COLA" and is topped by a picture of the White House, is the brainchild of Dan Partney of Granite City, IL. The cola, which reportedly tastes something like RC Cola, features the slogan "one taste and you'll be back 4 more." Partney says he will contribute \$2 from the sale of each \$12 case to the Illinois Democratic Party. The DNC is following up with Partney to let him know we do not support this venture.

Operation: Silver Shovel, the federal investigation of the alleged bribery of a large number of city council members by an operator of illegal waste dumps, claimed its second victim Friday, with Alderman Alan Streeter pleading guilty to taking \$37,000 in bribes from an informant over the last two years. Several more pleas and prosecutions are expected.

Louisiana

Jim Nickel won the election for State Party Chair with more than 2-to-1 of the votes. His victory over Linda Day surprised some of those working to mobilize the black vote for Day, and now means that Jim must bring the fighting factions together. He said on Saturday that his top priority is to pull the different sides together and work towards the President's re-election and victory in Louisiana.

Michigan

Dan Pero, former campaign manager and chief of staff for Governor John Engler (R) and currently the campaign manager for Senate candidate Jim Nicholson (R), will now handle the increasing number of media inquiries into Engler's personal life. Engler's spokesperson said the number and the nature of the inquiries forced the Governor to ask for help.

Rep. Barbara-Rose Collins' (D) FEC report shows that Collins has under \$17,000 in the bank and raised just over \$5,000 in the first quarter. (The bulk of what she has in the bank comes from a \$23,000 loan she took out last quarter.) She will face at least one Democratic challenger this time while at this point in the last cycle she had raised \$71,000 without any opponent. This has led to a renewed round of speculation, in light of the Justice Department's and House Ethics Committee's ongoing investigations of alleged misuse of official funds, that she will not seek re-election. However, the DCCC and our contacts in the state firmly believe that unless she makes a deal with prosecutors or is indicted, she will run.

New Jersey

The Asbury Park Press poll mentioned above finds Rep. Torricelli (D) leading Rep. Zimmer (R) 35% - 31% with 31% undecided in the open Senate race. Democrats and Republicans in New Jersey contend that the high number of undecideds shows that voters do not know much about the two candidates for the open Senate seat. Torricelli, however, contends that since the last poll showed him leading Zimmer 26% to 19%, the new poll proves that voters are gravitating towards him.

New York

Former Mayor Ed Koch (D), who endorsed Governor Mario Cuomo (D) over George Pataki (R) in 1994, has said he will back Governor Pataki for re-election in 1998. Apparently Pataki did not seek the endorsement from Koch, who now writes a weekly column for the New York Post. Pundits feel that this could be a blow to Congressman Chuck Schumer (D) who is likely to challenge Pataki in 1998. Koch still enjoys considerable influence among voters whom Schumer would be targeting -- the elderly, Jewish, outer-borough residents, and white-ethnic voters. In addition, Koch said that he will support Senator Al D'Amato (R) for re-election in 1998.

Nevada

As of last month, the state Republican Party has increased their registration lead over Democrats by 5,747. The GOP voting edge has been increasing every month since last October, when the GOP achieved a slim 855-vote margin over Democrats due to a big voter registration effort. It's worth noting that when President Clinton was elected in 1992, Democrats outnumbered the GOP in Nevada by more than 40,000 voters.

North Carolina

Harvey Gantt has accused his Democratic rival Charlie Sanders of allowing his campaign to inject race into their primary contest. In a televised debate yesterday, Sanders rejected Gantt's allegation saying, "Race is not where it's at, North Carolina has moved beyond that." Gantt said, "It boils down to the fact that there is a subtlety to the message...that the only difference between us could be race." Sanders' defended his claim that he is the only man who can beat Helms, saying that, because Gantt lost to Helms in 1990, Gantt cannot win 1996. After the debate, the Gantt campaign announced that it would make his family's 1995 tax returns available to the media today.

The Raleigh News and Observer announced its endorsement of Charlie Sanders, saying, "We like Sanders for his distinctive record of achievement and his persuasiveness on behalf of sound positions." They went on to say, "No matter which of the two they choose, voters in the Democratic primary cannot go wrong."

Oregon

Democratic Senate candidates refrained from any personal attacks on each other during their first televised debate Sunday night. During the hour-long debate hosted by KGW-TV of Portland, the four candidates agreed that Oregonians were in no mood for a repeat of the negative campaigning that took place in the recent election to replace former GOP Senator Bob Packwood. Democratic frontrunner and businessman Tom Bruggere, '90 Senate nominee Harry Lonsdale, state Senator Bill Dwyer, and Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust all participated. Bruggere has said he is willing to spend as much as \$1 million of his own money on the race, and he has been endorsed by former Democratic Governors Neil Goldschmidt and Barbara Roberts. The next debate will be held in Medford on Friday, May 3. The primary is May 21.

Meanwhile, Bruggere kicked-off a TV advertising campaign this weekend. The 30-second spots, which are airing statewide, are the first effort by any of the Democratic contenders to reach out to a mass audience before the primary. Bruggere received the endorsement of the Salem Statesman Journal over the weekend.

Oregon State Democrats held their state convention Saturday to complete their delegation to the Democratic National Convention. The Democrats picked 10 at-large delegates, eight alternates and six party leaders, who all pledged their support to President Clinton. These delegates, plus the 31 chosen in each of the five congressional districts a week ago, complete the state's delegation to the National Convention.

Tennessee

An article in the Washington Times today talked about how the Democratic base in the Vice President's old congressional district is eroding away. It also said the re-match between Representative Bart Gordon (D) and Steve Gill (R) will be a close race. Gordon beat Gill in 1994 with 51% of the vote.

Texas

The Texas State Executive Committee convened Saturday and Senate Nominee Victor Morales met the party leaders for the first time. There was some concern beforehand that the President's veto of late-term abortions would become an issue. The meeting turned out to be very positive about the President and the Democratic ticket. There were rumors that Jose R. Kennard, who resigned from the executive committee because of the veto, was trying to raise the issue with other executive committee members. Most people think his decision to resign was done purely on conscience and has no other political motivation. Kennard, himself, poses little threat to Democratic unity. He is a former state representative from El Paso with no base and very limited involvement in grassroots politics over the last decade. He has aligned himself with State Senator Judy Zaffirini of Laredo, who is very pro-life and has never been close to the Democratic establishment. They have talked about trying to elect some uncommitted pro-life at-large or PLEO delegates at the state convention in June. Nobody thinks this effort has a chance.

The South and the Economy

Ten economists recruited by the Wall Street Journal to look at six Southeastern states see solid growth in every area from home-building to tourism. They expect the total gross domestic product in the six states (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee) to increase 3.4 percent from a year earlier, when the region's GDP grew by 4.7 percent.

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Veepstakes. Responding to a question posed to him by a third grade student during a visit to an Atlanta zoo, Newt Gingrich said he believes Governor John Engler will be Dole's Vice Presidential pick.

Environment. The 104th Congress' angry rhetoric has hurt Republicans' image when it come to the environment. Polling by Republican pollster Frank Luntz shows that by a 2-1 margin, voters have more confidence in Democrats to protect the environment.

Perot. During the Meet the Press interview where Perot made the "dirty tricks" allegations seemingly against the RNC, he also blamed the RNC for an ad in California which asked Perot voters to back off from creating a third party because it would only help re-elect President Clinton. CNN pointed out that the RNC had nothing to do with the ads which were paid for solely by Republican Presidential candidate Morry Taylor.

Interview with Bill Kristol/Charlie Black. Kristol said he feels there is a certain complacency among Republicans in regards to Dole's candidacy which makes him nervous. Republicans seem to be taking for granted that the race will tighten, but Kristol is not certain that it will. Kristol further says that Dole has yet to present a clear vision to the country of what four years of a Dole presidency would mean in contrast to four more years of a Clinton presidency. Kristol also says he is concerned that polls are showing that voters trust the President over Dole on the issue of taxes. This concerns him because in every Presidential race in recent history, taxes has been the key issue for Republicans. Charlie Black retorted to most of Kristols points. Black said that the President will have trouble in the fall because, "he has governed as a liberal," and only 17% of voters identify themselves as liberals. Kristol said on the issue of taxes that the poll numbers will change because the RNC has just begun a new ad campaign centered on the issue. Black said that Dole will lay out most of his vision as he discusses issues from the Senate floor.

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Law predicts backlash over late-abortion veto

By DAVID WEBER

Bernard Cardinal Law appeared on national TV yesterday to slam President Clinton's veto of a bill banning late-term abortions and to issue a warning about the possible fallout in this year's election.

"Catholics will vote the way they want to vote," the Boston archbishop said, noting that church members do not vote as a bloc.

"But it does seem to me that the basic right to life, which is so imperiled by a (medical) procedure such as this, would certainly cause one to think very, very carefully before voting for someone

who would be supportive of permissiveness with regard to this procedure," Law said during an interview on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

Without being specific, Law hinted that members of Congress should be wary of the outrage from some abortion opponents over the continuing legality of so-called "partial-birth abortions," which are performed after the fetus is 21 weeks old.

"Every effort should be made to override this veto," Law said.

Supporters of the Clinton veto said partial-birth abortions, which reportedly are performed on approximately 17,000 women a year, are

necessary to save the lives or maintain the health of mothers during troubled pregnancies.

"The important thing to remember is that if a woman is in her third trimester, this is a wanted pregnancy. It's not a case of woman going to her doctor willy-nilly and saying, 'I've changed my mind (about completing the pregnancy),' " said Joyce Cunha, former executive director of Mass. Choice, now known as the Massachusetts chapter of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

"These are very extreme cases where the fetus is not going to survive and it's causing distress to the woman," Cunha said during

a Herald interview.

Former Boston Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, currently serving as U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, reportedly angered the Clinton administration by supporting Pope John Paul II's condemnation of the veto.

A spokesman for the pope called Clinton's action "shameful."

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala said yesterday the president would be willing to work with Congress to write legislation that would prohibit late abortions except in cases where there were "serious health concerns" related to the mother.

X FAX

Economic fears fueled the turnaround on a minimum-wage hike

ROBERT KUTTNER

WASHINGTON

What a difference a year makes. In early 1995, just after the November 1994 election rout, President Clinton gave a higher minimum wage only tepid support. House majority leader Dick Armey vowed to fight a minimum-wage increase "with every fiber of my being" and proposed instead that existing wage laws be repealed.

Business lobbies led by the fast-food industry, meanwhile, launched a fierce op-ed campaign to discredit two Princeton economists, David Card and Alan Krueger, whose research demonstrated that a moderate minimum-wage hike need not reduce the number of jobs. This maneuver backfired when two other academics retained by the industry faced scholarly criticism from peers, revised their own research findings and concluded that Card and Krueger were substantially right.

Today, Congress is on the verge of raising the federal minimum, from \$4.25 to \$5.15, and 20 House Republicans want to go

the Democrats one better by raising it to \$5.25. Senate majority leader Bob Dole, who only last week blocked consideration of an immigration bill for fear Democrats would attach a minimum-wage rider, will probably bow to the inevitable and permit an up-or-down vote. Several of his Republican colleagues will vote aye.

Only a few weeks ago, Democrats were pushing for a vote mainly to document Republican opposition. Now the bill will probably pass, with significant Republican defections. What happened?

Clearly, what happened is the surfacing of the living standards issue in an election year. An astounding 84 percent of the electorate supports President Clinton's proposed increase.

Though a relatively small percentage of the total labor force will directly benefit from a minimum-wage boost, the issue has important symbolic resonance. It signals that government, for all its bipartisan rhetoric about work values and the work ethic, will actually do something to make work pay for people struggling to support families on low-wage jobs.

The real value of the minimum wage, ad-

justed for inflation, is near a 40-year low. From the mid-'60s through the late 1970s it had an inflation-adjusted value averaging \$6 an hour — enough to keep a small family out of poverty. But today, a full-time minimum-wage job, having eroded nearly 50 percent in purchasing power, buys a poverty standard of living.

Critics falsely depicted most minimum-wage workers as teen-agers.

Critics depict minimum-wage jobs as mainly pocket money for teen-agers. But the fact is that 47 percent of minimum-wage workers hold full-time jobs. The average minimum-wage worker is an adult woman who contributes almost half her family's total income. Thirty-eight percent of minimum-wage workers are the sole breadwinner in the family.

A study by Lawrence Mishel and colleagues of the Economic Policy Institute

demonstrates that 76 percent of the benefits of a minimum-wage hike would go to families with below-average earnings. Only a small fraction (12 percent) of minimum-wage earners are teen-agers in families with above-average earnings.

As recently as 1989, a moderate boost in the minimum wage commanded bipartisan support. In the intervening years, demands have intensified for people to get off welfare and find work. But the same politicians who are most vociferous about ending welfare are the stingiest about rewarding work.

Besides trying to block a hike in the minimum wage, the Republican leadership in Congress has also sought to cut the earned-income tax credit, the other big income support for working families. Taken together, the tax credit and a higher minimum wage virtually guarantee that if you work, your total income lifts you out of poverty. What could be more supportive of the work ethic?

Dole, as the presumed Republican nominee, is vulnerable on the living standards issue. As he was losing the New Hampshire primary, he blurted out that he didn't "realize that jobs and trade and what makes America work would become a big issue."

Another less familiar source of Dole's vulnerability is his cosponsorship of a bill introduced just last September with 14 conservative Republicans to repeal the 1978 Humphrey-Hawkins Act. The 1978 act, passed after lengthy national debate, directs the Federal Reserve Board to pursue multiple economic goals, including full employment.

Dole's legislation would order the Fed to ignore unemployment or growth and emphasize one goal only — zero inflation. A Wall Street Journal editorial praised the bill for instructing the Fed "to forget about the real economy." Dole will be reminded of this bill as the campaign proceeds. Does he really want the Federal Reserve to ignore unemployment?

The economic issue is back because for millions of Americans it never went away. The swing voters in the 1996 election will be working-class wage earners unhappy with their economic condition. Whenever this occurs, Democrats awaken from slumber and Republicans fidget.

Robert Kuttner's column appears regularly in the Globe.

COVER STORY

Clinton leads Dole 'n N.J. voters poll

In the U.S. Senate race, Democratic Rep. Robert G. Torricelli would defeat any of three GOP challengers, the survey shows.

By ART WEISSMAN
STATEHOUSE BUREAU

PRESIDENT. Clinton holds a 19-point lead over Republican challenger Bob Dole among New Jersey voters — regardless of whether Texas billionaire Ross Perot mounts a third-party campaign — an Asbury Park Press poll has found.

The statewide telephone poll of 604 likely voters in the presidential election also found that New Jerseyans favor Democratic Rep. Robert G. Torricelli over three potential GOP opponents in the battle for the U.S. Senate seat on the November ballot. Torricelli, the presumed Democratic nominee, has a 36-30 percentage-point lead over Rep. Richard A. Zimmer, the front-runner among Republicans.

Leaders of both parties stressed that many New Jerseyans know little about either Zimmer or Torricelli; the poll found that one-third of voters are undecided about their choice.

Yet Torricelli said the poll indicates that more voters have made their choices in recent weeks. "They indicate a direction. ... They (polls) meant a lot less when it was 24-19, but now a lot of the electorate has made up its mind."

Zimmer, though, insisted that "the campaign hasn't really begun yet," and noted that polls conducted more than six months before the election mean little, "especially when you're dealing with candidates who are strangers to many of the voters."

Clinton's wide lead, Zimmer said, "indicates how little we should rely on polls at this stage of the campaign. ... Both parties say New Jersey is going to be a battleground."

Indeed, many of the state's political experts expect that Clinton's large margin over Dole is likely to narrow.

"The incumbent is doing OK, but he doesn't have it locked up, and we're not sure what the issues will be when the race starts, and I don't think it will start until after the conventions," said Rutgers University political science professor Steven Salmore, who works as a GOP consultant.

Democrats were relieved by the poll's findings that Clinton has a lead of 60 percent to 31 percent over Dole, the Senate majority leader and presumed GOP nominee. Experts note that incumbents who cannot gain the support of at least half of all voters in preliminary polls are unlikely to win a re-election bid.

"I think Clinton's lead is a function of two things. Number one, there's just not much enthusiasm about Dole and number two, people are beginning to appreciate Clinton's (performance on the) economy," said B. Thomas Byrne, chairman of the Democratic state committee.

GOP state chairman Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian insisted Clinton's support is unlikely to increase because he is so well known. By contrast, Dole has not picked a running mate, or campaigned in many states.

Republicans were also buoyed by the poll's findings that Perot would draw as many voters from Clinton as from Dole; in 1992, Perot drained support from former President George Bush, enabling Clinton to win.

This year, however, Clinton's margin remains 19 points in a three-way race: 45 percent prefer the president, compared with 26 percent for Dole and 14 percent for Perot. Fifteen percent were undecided or did not answer the question.

"Perot is a third-party candidate who is generally in a race against the incumbent. This time it's President Clinton," said Haytaian, adding that Dole could be helped if Perot runs.

If the race for the Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Bill Brad-

ley, Torricelli's margin widens over Republicans Richard DuHaime and Richard LaRossa, who are fighting Zimmer for the GOP nomination. Torricelli holds a 38-18 lead over DuHaime, a Passaic County freeholder, and a 37-20 lead over LaRossa, a state senator from Mercer County.

The poll, conducted on April 12 and 13, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

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Campaign '96

In presidential race, GOP sees foreign-policy edge slipping

By Dick Mulman
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Back during the Cold War, when foreign policy meant us against them, life was a lot simpler on the campaign trail. For the Republicans, the game was to make the Democrats look like wimps and themselves like warriors.

A Democratic foreign policy, they could argue, was Jimmy Carter losing a rescue team in the desert. It was Michael Dukakis riding in a tank.

A Republican foreign policy was Ronald Reagan deriding the "evil empire," and standing tall at the Korean DMZ. And after the fall of the Berlin Wall, it was George Bush putting the screws to Saddam Hussein.

Under those old rules, World War II hero Bob Dole would have reaped the benefits this year, particularly when pitted against an incumbent Democrat who eluded the Vietnam draft and never commanded anything bigger than the Arkansas National Guard before his ascendance.

But the Cold War is gone — and with it, the Republicans' inherent edge on foreign policy.

The Cold War's end has caused Republicans to lose their biggest advantage.

At this moment, Clinton is in Russia, talking up nuclear safety and trying to give Boris Yeltsin a boost in his June presidential race against a communist. Several days ago, Clinton was in South Korea and Japan, seeking to ease regional tensions while flexing up the American military presence. Last month, he sent two naval battle groups to the Taiwan Strait after China made some aggressive moves against Taiwan, its democratizing neighbor.

"If the Republicans are still thinking about attacking Clinton as untrained and dangerous in foreign affairs, well, it won't wash," says Robert Kagan, a former State Department official in the Reagan administration. "They should be thinking of trying to win the election some other way."

"The Democrats, having been schooled in the 70s, used to have an aversion to the exercise of American power. Now I think they've gotten over that aversion. Barring a disaster, Clinton is now on a pretty good trajectory."

At the moment, the Dole campaign is struggling to get some traction on foreign policy, to spotlight Clinton's missteps — and thereby remind folks of those early days when national security meetings "meandered like graduate-student bull sessions," in the words of participant Colin Powell.

Nobody argues that the Clinton record is attack-proof.

In the 1992 campaign, he lambasted Bush for being soft on the Bosnian Serbs, then

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With end of the Cold War, Republicans losing their advantage on foreign policy

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waited until last year before getting tough himself. Candidate Clinton also rapped Bush for trading with the Chinese while downplaying their human-rights abuses — and now President Clinton does the same, at the urging of American business. His work with the United Nations led to humiliation in Somalia.

But those same analysts believe that Dole is weighed down by some heavy baggage:

- Dole has no major philosophical disagreements with Clinton. They basically agree on the big-ticket items: free-trade deals such as NAFTA; democracy in Russia, with Yeltsin as the least objectionable candidate; the continuance of China's favorable trade status. And when Clinton sent U.S. soldiers to Bosnia, Dole acquiesced.

- Dole is distracted by serious splits within his own party. He is an internationalist, but members of the Patrick J. Buchanan wing, and much of the House Republican freshman class, are leery of foreign entanglements. Dole has had trouble creating a foreign-policy vision that contrasts him with Clinton and also satisfies the GOP.

- Faulting Clinton for lack of vision is risky, because "nobody has figured out what our vital interests are, with no overarching enemy to shoot at," says political analyst Charles Jones, at the University of Wisconsin.

The irony, says Kagan, is that Clinton might be freer than Dole to exercise U.S. power abroad over the next four years: "If Dole wins, I still fear that the Buchanan wing will have the whip hand, and that Dole may still have to pay obeisance. Clinton doesn't have that kind of strong and vocal (neo-isolationist) influence in his party."

On substantive foreign-policy issues, Dole seems blocked at virtually every turn. Last week, he cited the disclosure that Clinton

had looked the other way several years ago — perhaps illegally — when Iran smuggled weapons to the beleaguered Bosnian Muslims, in violation of a U.N. embargo. But the problem with converting that into a major campaign issue is that Dole was always on record as favoring arms for the Muslims.

On China, Dole had been slated to give a big speech tomorrow — perhaps attacking Clinton for starting out as a human-rights crusader, then becoming a free trader who downplays human rights. But Dole canceled; his people can't agree on what to say. Though Clinton did switch positions on China, his new stance is roughly the same as Dole's.

"China is a difficult issue for everyone," says Jeremy Rosner, who served two years on Clinton's National Security Council.

So what can Dole do? Actually, there is a strategy: Pick out Clinton's foreign-policy failures and flip-flops, and feed them into the "character" theme — a centerpiece of the impending GOP assault on Clinton. Talk about China not as a trade issue but as another piece of evidence that Clinton is a man "who says one thing, and does another."

"In this election, public attention isn't focused on foreign policy," says Republican strategist Ed Goetz. "This [character] theme is the only way to play it."

"Given what Dole has to work with, it's probably the best of a bad hand," says Rosner. "I'd do it, if I was in his shoes. And it does have some value. Dole wisely understands that, for most voters, foreign policy is really just a measure of character."

Adds Richard Ullman, an international af-

fairs professor at Princeton University: "Anything that looks like a character issue will be used this year. Those are the only real grounds on which they can attack Clinton. But will it work? Take the failure in Somalia," where 18 American soldiers died, and troops later pulled out. "To most people, that was a long time ago, 1993. People aren't thinking about that now."

Kagan is also a skeptic: "Americans don't know, or care, what Clinton thought about China's trade status four years ago. . . . What they see is that he's wielding American power. At first [in 1993], he was disengaged,

but crises happened, and he had to get involved. He was forced to make decisions — in Haiti, in Bosnia. He sort of backed into it.

"He has discovered that the world is still malleable to our influence. He has seen he can get things done in foreign policy, and he has become emboldened by that. He has seen the political payoff."

So what's left for the GOP in the foreign realm? Perhaps a disaster that kills many Americans in Bosnia, although no Republican wants that. Perhaps a communist victory in Russia, catapulting Gennady Zyuganov into the presidency and allowing the GOP to unite and attack Clinton for fumbling the end of the Cold War.

Goetz thinks he may have found an answer closer to home: "We just had six focus groups, and in three of them, people said that Clinton is obviously looking for a Nobel Peace Prize. They're asking, is Clinton spending too much time on foreign affairs?"

"Maybe that will work against him, as it worked against George Bush."

The best strategy may be for Bob Dole to use President Clinton's failures and flip-flops as a character issue.

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 Honor Committee.
 In Pennsylvania, the Clinton campaign had outspent Sen. Bob Dole, the Republican nominee-in-waiting, \$120,174.90 to \$14,349.79, according to the most recent reports of the Federal Election Commission.
 That is because Pennsylvania is a state that Clinton — more than Dole — needs to win in the fall.

Locally, neither the Clinton nor Dole campaign has spent anything on the three major channels. But on Channel 6, the ratings leader, the DNC has spent \$54,000, compared to nothing spent by the Republican National Committee. And, the state Democrats have spent \$186,000, compared with \$108,000 for the Republicans.

What Clinton did in '92, was target all media markets and states, and to advertise heavily only in those that could be seriously contested, said Ann Lewis, deputy campaign manager for Clinton-Gore.
 The campaign is not spending money in states that seem hopeless, even such big ones as Texas, or states that seem assured, like New York or Maryland.

Some analysts have suggested that Clinton has avoided those states because he didn't want to alert the journalists who live in the New York and Washington areas to the extent of the advertising.

But Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania and a longtime student of political advertising, said she believes it's all "an electoral campaign strategy. He's targeting the buys by state he has to win. This is one way to assure that you keep the Democratic agenda fresh in the minds of voters in key states."

Said Lewis, "We decided we would not be absent and we would take our case to the public."

Campaign '96

Clinton's Pa. ad strategy: Get a jump on November

By Stephen Seplow
 INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

President Clinton may not have a major opponent in Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary, but that has not stopped lavish spending here on television commercials to tout his candidacy.

The expenditures are part of a strategy put in place last summer, calling for the President, the Democratic Party and the AFL-CIO to advertise heavily in an attempt to prevent the Republicans' attacks against Clinton from monopolizing voters' attention and setting the agenda for the fall campaign.

Most of the ads convey pretty much the same message: Republican extremists in Congress are trying to balance the budget by reducing Medicare for the old and student loans for the young, while the Democrats and President Clinton are fighting to stop them.

"The President believes we must do our duty by our parents and provide our children with an opportunity," ends one of 18 different spots produced by the Democratic National Committee.

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A testy primary battle: Braxton Foglella, 82.

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Illegal funds flap jolts Dole camp

By DAVID WEBER

Sen. Bob Dole said yesterday he doesn't know if his presidential campaign received \$40,000 in questionable contributions from employees of a Massachusetts sporting goods company but the allegation should be investigated.

"As far as I know it's an allegation that's been made and ought to be checked. If somebody did that, they're in deep trouble," Dole said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The campaign contributions, allegedly made last year, were reported yesterday in The Kansas City Star.

Simon C. Fireman, 70, the founder of Aqua-Leisure Industries in Avon and the uncle of Reebok International chairman Paul Fireman, was portrayed in the Star article yesterday as the mastermind of a scheme in which his executive assistant gave employees cash and instructed them to return with \$1,000 checks payable to "Dole for President."

A wealthy man with business deals all over the world, Simon Fireman is a national vice chairman of finance for Dole's campaign.

The alleged scheme was meant to circumvent federal campaign finance laws that limit to \$1,000 the amount an individual may contribute to a campaign, according to the Star.

The newspaper said three Aqua-Leisure employees admitted being handed stacks of \$100 bills and being told by Fireman's executive assistant, Carol Nichols, to "write a personal check" to the Dole campaign.

"I knew it was illegal — especially when they gave me cash," it quoted one contributor as saying. "You just don't see people with that kind of cash."

Report cites Mass. co.'s contributions

Herbert Collins of Gloucester, who is a national finance chairman for Dole, said he is acquainted with Fireman, but was unaware of any contribution-laundering.

Collins said the money would be returned if the allegations are true.

Asked if the story was true, Dole said, "Well, I don't know," adding it was "for somebody else to determine."

Fireman was out of the country yesterday and could not be reached for comment. His lawyer, Richard M. Stein, said, "I can categorically deny that those things happened. There were no cash payments to employees."

The Kansas City newspaper said bank and campaign records showed that Fireman raised \$40,000 in checks written by his employees between February 1995 and September 1995.

Aqua-Leisure, which manufactures pool toys and swimming goggles, reportedly has between 35 and 80 employees.

'He's very enthusiastic about Republicanism. When you talk to him, he gets very animated about it.'

RON KAUFMAN, Republican National Committee

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Fireman a convert of Reagan

By Kate Zernike
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Fellow Republicans described Simon C. Fireman as a longtime Democrat who became enamored of Ronald Reagan and contributed generously to his new party from the fortune he had made cornering the market on swimming masks.

Fireman, the uncle of Reebok chairman Paul Fireman, is well known to Massachusetts Republicans, having been host for \$5,000-a-plate dinners at Boston's Park Plaza and \$500-a-head parties for President George Bush in 1992 at his vacation home in Hyannis Port.

Yesterday, the Kansas City Star reported that employees at his company in Avon alleged that they were ordered to funnel \$40,000 last year into the campaign of Sen. Bob Dole.

Founder and president of Aqua-Leisure, a pool and athletic-equipment company, Fireman was finance chairman for former state Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti, a Democrat, in 1976 and was a member of the Boston Parks and Recreation Commission. President Jimmy Carter appointed him to the US Domestic Trade Advisory Council.

But by Carter's reelection campaign, Fireman had become an eager Republican.

"It's like a reformed smoker; he's very enthusiastic about Republicanism," said Ron Kaufman, a Quincy native and a member of the Republican National Committee. "When you talk to him, he gets very animated about it."

Fireman could not be reached for comment yesterday, and Dole said yesterday he had met Fireman only a few times. Local Republican officials said they did not know what kind of relationship the two men had. Fireman is one of several vice chairmen of finance listed for the Dole campaign.

Kaufman said Fireman, now 70, was brought into the Reagan campaign by Lyn Nofziger, and headed Massachusetts Democrats for Reagan. In 1983, Reagan appointed Fireman to one of the Democratic slots on the advisory committee for trade negotiations in the office of the US Trade Representative. Yet there was little doubt that he was a Republican.

"He's a giver versus a raiser," Kaufman said. "He's not been a major player, but he always came through with how much was expected of him."



SIMON C. FIREMAN
Raised funds for Bush

Fireman continued to support Reagan and Bush, who in 1987 swore him in as head of the Export-Import Bank, the independent government agency that provides businesses with money to stimulate US exports.

In an interview published in the Globe in 1987, Fireman described himself as an advocate for small businesses, one who rejects protectionism, savors competition, and has little patience with complacency.

Critics, though, described him as a businessman with little tolerance for the procedures and delays of politics.

"He's a guy from the private sector who was the boss and is used to saying, 'Do it,'" one critic told States News Service.

Fireman grew up in the Hospital Hill section of Quincy and now lives in the Marina Bay condominiums.

In the 1960s, he inherited Boston's oldest ship chandlery, Marine Hardware and Supply, and turned it into New England's largest supplier to the boating industry.

He founded Aqua-Leisure in Avon in 1970, and made it a worldwide supplier of athletic equipment, which by the mid-1980s controlled 85 percent of the international market in swimming and dive masks.

He has contributed generously to hospitals, giving \$1 million to Beth Israel and \$500,000 each to Quincy Hospital and the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged in Roslindale in January.

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Company in Avon reportedly gave money illegally to Dole campaign

By Jill Zuckman
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — A Massachusetts businessman and his sporting goods company may have illegally contributed thousands of dollars to Sen. Bob Dole's campaign for president, but the presumptive Republican nominee said yesterday that he knows nothing about it.

According to the Kansas City

Star, employees at Aqua-Leisure Industries of Avon were given \$100 bills and told to write checks to Dole for President, three unnamed employees said. Altogether, Simon C. Fireman, the company's founder and a national vice chairman of Dole's campaign, Fireman's family, and his employees wrote 40 checks totaling \$40,000 to the Dole effort last year.

"I knew it was illegal — especially when they gave me cash," the Star

quoted one contributor as saying. "You just don't see people with that kind of cash."

Dole said yesterday that he knew nothing about the allegations made by three people at the company. "As far as I know it's an allegation that's been made and ought to be checked and if somebody did that, they're in deep trouble," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

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SEN. BOB DOLE
Allegation "ought to be checked"

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Firm in Avon allegedly gave Dole illegal funds

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Dole's deputy press secretary, Christina Martin, said yesterday that "the campaign was not and is not aware of these allegations and anyone with concerns along these lines should take them up with the Federal Election Commission." Dole said it was "for somebody else to determine," possibly the FEC or the Justice Department.

Martin would not say whether the campaign itself would investigate the allegations. Federal election laws limit individual contributions to a presidential candidate to \$1,000 and the laws prohibit an individual from evading the limit by giving others money to contribute themselves.

Fireman, whose company makes swimming goggles and inflatable pool toys, is a Republican party heavyweight in Massachusetts and served as a trade adviser to three presidents.

During the Carter administration, when he was a Democrat, Fireman served on the Private Industry Sector Advisory Council on Wholesaling and Retailing. After switching parties, he served as a director of the Export-Import Bank of the United States in the Reagan and Bush administrations.

Fireman was host for a fund-raiser for Dole in Hyannis Port last August. During the 1992 campaign, Fireman served as vice chairman of the Bush-Quayle National Finance Committee and raised more than \$1 million.

According to FEC records, the Dole campaign received \$40,000 from Aqua-Leisure workers and their families between February and September 1995, the Star reported. Each gift was for \$1,000, and as many as 12 individual contributions arrived on a single day — Feb. 28, 1995.

The gifts came from company managers, as well as from secretaries, a bookkeeper and a warehouse manager. The Star said copies of financial records and canceled checks for three separate contributions to Dole from people affiliated with Aqua-Leisure show large amounts of cash flowed into contributors' bank accounts just before they donated.

Beverly Baron, a secretary at Aqua-Leisure, said yesterday that management had not pressured her into making a contribution to the Dole campaign. "I chose of my own free will," she said, adding that she did not know of any employee who had been pressured to make contributions. Baron called the Kansas City Star report "completely false."

Cynthia Shean, a bookkeeper, told the Star that she considered herself a Democrat and that she probably would vote for Clinton. When told that campaign records showed she had given to Dole, Shean said Fireman had nothing to do with it.

Fireman is out of the country and could not be reached for comment. His attorney, Richard Stein of Newton, denied the allegations.

This is not the first time, however, that Dole has been accused of accepting illegal contributions. During his 1988 presidential campaign, employees at Birdview Satellite Communications in Overland Park, Kan., said their company reimbursed them for contributions to Dole's Senate campaign.

A federal investigation confirmed the allegations, finding that workers gave \$15,250 to Dole's campaign at their company's behest. But Dole himself was never implicated or fined.

Jim Rappaport, head of the Massachusetts Republican party, said it would have been difficult for the Dole campaign to figure out that the money from Fireman's employees was improperly donated. It was only \$40,000 in a campaign that has collected more than \$25 million, and it came in with individual contributors' names on the checks, he said.

"If someone walked in with \$25 million or \$50 million worth of cashier's checks, you'd get that something was wrong," he said. "But when checks come in with individual contributors' names, what are you supposed to do, call every one of those names and say, 'Did someone give you this money?' You can't possibly design a tracking system to prevent this."

Greta Arand of the Globe staff and Kate Zernike, a contributing reporter, assisted with this report.

Dole wants probe into claims that gifts were illegal

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole said yesterday that he doesn't know whether his presidential campaign received thousands of dollars in illegal contributions from workers at a Massachusetts sporting goods company, but that the allegation should be investigated.

"As far as I know, it's an allegation that's been made and ought to be checked. If somebody did that, they're in deep trouble," Dole said on CBS' *Face the Nation*.

The contributions, allegedly made last year, were reported yesterday in *The Kansas City Star*.

The allegations were made by three people who wrote checks to the campaign, the newspaper said. The company, Aqua-Leisure Industries, is run by Simon C. Fireman, a national vice chairman of finance for Dole's campaign. Last year, Fireman, his workers and their families sent the campaign 40 individual checks totaling \$40,000.

The three contributors, who asked not to be identified for fear of retribution, told *The Star* some workers were handed stacks of \$100 bills and told to return with checks made out to "Dole for President." They reported personally receiving

\$4,000.

"I knew it was illegal — especially when they gave me cash," the newspaper quoted one contributor as saying. "You just don't see people with that kind of cash." Asked whether the story was true, Dole said, "I don't know," adding that is "for somebody else to determine."

Federal rules forbid individuals from giving more than \$1,000 per election to a candidate's campaign committee and from giving money in the name of another person. They also forbid companies from paying someone to make a contribution.

The Star said that in interviews, at least nine contributors affiliated with Aqua-Leisure denied they were reimbursed. Many others could not be reached for comment or did not return telephone calls. Four contributors would neither confirm nor deny that they were repaid.

A lawyer for the company said workers received only their usual pay and that no one laundered contributions.

"I can categorically deny those things happened," attorney Richard



Associated Press

GOP presidential hopeful Bob Dole talks to reporters after his appearance on CBS' *Face the Nation*.

Stein told *The Star*. "There were no cash payments to employees."

Fireman, the company's founder and chairman, has been a major GOP fund-raiser, a trade adviser to three past presidents and most recently a director of the U.S. Export-Import Bank. His company distributes swimming goggles and inflatable pool toys nationwide.

Dole spokeswoman Christina Martin told *The Star* the campaign was "not aware of the allegations."

Martin added that the Kansas senator knows Fireman but does not consider him a close friend. Fireman was host for a fund-raising party for Dole last August near his summer home on Cape Cod.

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Campaign '96

Party spends on local ads now to keep Clinton before voters

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show the difference between what the Democrats stand for and what the Republicans stand for, and the Democratic approach to balancing the budget versus the extremist Republican. They are issue ads, not advocacy ads."

But there is a case before the U.S. Supreme Court testing the lines between issue and advocacy. The courts seem to be saying there has to be a line, but where it is, I don't know," said Ian Stron, an FEC spokesman.

Whatever the ads are called, Republicans acknowledge their effectiveness.

"Sure, it's paying off for him," said Mary Marshall, the Republican strategist who helped run Bush's 1992 campaign and is a radio commentator. "The commercials are all full of lies... But it's easier to attack than defend. If he says, 'we'll

just attack their stuff, that's palatable winning strategy."

The Republicans, she said, will have to redefine some issues, for example, establish that they don't want to cut benefits for the elderly.

One goal of the Democratic ads is to get a head start on issues and theme them to suit their purposes. Crime and welfare are two examples, both of which have long worked to the Republicans' advantage.

On crime, the DNC has aired two ads painting Clinton for legislation banning assault weapons. "President Clinton is right," says one of the ads. "This is not about politics. This is about saving lives."

"We did crime ads last year and look it like Israel on very early," said Lewis. "That set the stage."

On welfare, in an ad called "Clean Up," the only one so far paid for by Clinton-Gore rather than the DNC or the AFL-CIO, the President is shown in his 1996 State of the Union address urging Congress to send a bipartisan welfare-reform program bill that will really move people from welfare to work.

Dole and other Republicans have criticized Clinton for sending a welfare-reform bill earlier this year that had broad Republican and some Democratic support.

Taking control

Which goes back to a lesson learned in 1992, when President George Bush's ads essentially disappeared from television between March, when he beat back Patrick J. Buchanan and sewed up the nomination, and the GOP convention in August.

Clinton and other Democrats, meanwhile, were in a more heated fight, so they stayed on the air, attacking Bush all the while. When the convention ended, Clinton was ready with new ads far more quickly than Bush.

"The Republicans lost control of the agenda," said Jamieson.

In its attempt to avoid a similar fate, the Democratic National Committee has spent more than \$50 million through March, according to reports by the Federal Election Commission. The Republican National Committee spent \$69 million through February, according to the FEC.

In addition, the Clinton-Gore campaign has reported expenditures of about \$15 million. The Dole campaign has spent about \$33.2 million to win the nomination, close to the pre-convention legal limit of \$37 million.

The Republicans have their own ads running in Pennsylvania, mostly in support of members of Congress seeking reelection. A typical one appearing in the Philadelphia area says that Reps. Jon D. Fox and James C. Greenwood "kept their promises" by voting for a tax cut but that President Clinton vetoed it.

Issue ads

This series of ads, unusual in tying together the congressional and presidential races, is geared to combat Republican fears that Clinton will win wide support from those who dislike this Congress.

Just as those spots don't urge voters directly to support Dole, very few of the Democratic ads flat out urge a vote for Clinton.

The commercials are what is known in the trade as issue ads, as opposed to advocacy ads. Issue ads don't specifically say vote for a candidate. Instead, they take sides on an issue, such as Medicare or tax cuts. That means they aren't counted under federal limits on what candidates and parties can spend in support of a nominee.

The Democratic ad, said Amy Weiss Tobe, press secretary for the Democratic National Committee,

Koch: I'll back Pataki for re-election

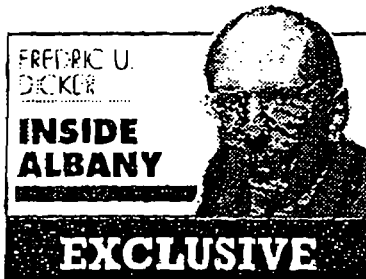
FORMER Mayor Ed Koch, who denounced George Pataki as "an empty suit" when he endorsed then-Gov. Mario Cuomo in 1994, now says he'll back Pataki for re-election in November 1998.

"I'm not interested in being wooed," Koch, a Democrat, told The Post. "I'm just going to support him the next time around."

"I think Gov. Pataki is doing a good job, I like him, and I don't think he's gotten enough support for the many good things he's doing."

Pataki's political backers, clearly surprised by Koch's early backing, described the endorsement as a major boost from one of the state's best-known and most popular Democrats.

"I'm obviously flattered and pleased because Ed Koch is an important leader in the city and state," Pataki said.



"He carries enormous influence, especially in New York City."

Koch, who writes a weekly column for The Post, said Pataki made no effort to win his endorsement — directly or indirectly.

"He hasn't asked me for his endorsement. I believe if you feel you should do something do it early, without any strings, and that's what I've done," Koch said.

The ex-mayor said he was im-

pressed with Republican Pataki's controversial decision to supersede Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson to make sure the death penalty is considered in the March 14th killing of Police Officer Kevin Gillespie.

"It took courage to do something like that," said Koch, a strong death penalty supporter.

Koch's backing of Pataki is likely to send a strong message to U.S. Rep. Charles Schumer, a Brooklyn Democrat who is gearing up to challenge Pataki.

Koch's political appeal is to older, outer-borough, Jewish and other white ethnic voters — the same group of traditionally Democratic voters Schumer hopes will rally to his side if he decides to seek statewide office.

Pataki plans to make a major effort this week to convince legislative leaders to agree on a new state budget.

Virtually none of the governor's backers expect the effort to succeed.

Pataki and the lawmakers agreed on a 30-day budget extender after the April 1 date for the state's new fiscal year was missed earlier this month and the extender expires next Tuesday.

Pataki is expected to agree to yet another short-term budget extender. But he's also planning to insist the regular biweekly salaries for himself and the 211 members of the Legislature be stopped until a final budget deal is reached.

The legislators are expected to resist.



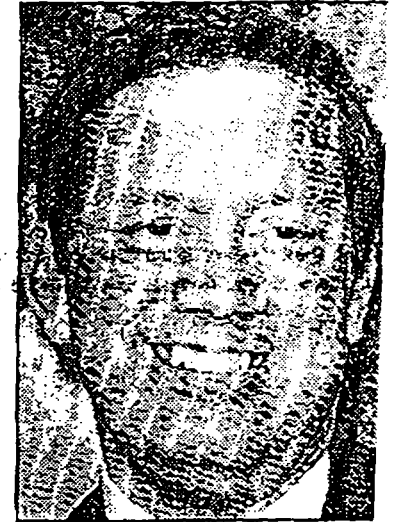
ED KOCH

Praises gov's "courage"

A furious South Bronx assemblywoman accused a suburban lawmaker last week of "grandstanding on the (relocation) threat to the Yankees" in order to get publicity for himself.

Democrat Carmen Arroyo, whose district includes Yankee Stadium, blasted Westchester County Assemblyman Richard Brodsky for "a lack of respect and consideration by trying to take leadership in my district without even considering me."

"He didn't call me and he didn't inform me," said Arroyo, who gave fellow Democrat Brodsky a rare public tongue-lashing outside the Assembly chamber. It happened after Brodsky and other assemblymen held a press conference to demand the release of information on a possible Yan-



GOV. PATAKI

"Flattered" by major boost

kee-move to Manhattan or New Jersey.

Arroyo said she was working closely with Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer to keep the Yankees in The Bronx and didn't need Brodsky's help.

"We don't need to see an assemblyman from another county coming into The Bronx to take leadership on this issue, especially when he didn't even consider us," Arroyo said.

Brodsky, widely regarded as the Assembly's biggest public hound, contended his office had contacted Arroyo's office about the press conference but had gotten no response.

"There was probably a breakdown in her office," Brodsky insisted.

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FACE THE NATION (CBS)
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SPEAKERS LIST: BOB SCHIEFFER, CBS NEWS
U.S. SENATOR ROBERT J. DOLE (R-KS),
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER
GLORIA BORGER, U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
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SCHIEFFER: This week on FACE THE NATION, Senator Bob Dole, the Republican candidate for president.

During the four months before the political conventions, Senator Dole will set forth the priorities for his campaign and for his party. What are they? What stand will he take on issues important to Americans: the minimum wage, the budget, abortion, the environment. Where will he compromise? What will he fight?

We'll ask him today. Senator Bob Dole on FACE THE NATION.

Welcome again to our broadcast. And today we welcome back Senate Majority Leader, Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole. Joining in the questioning this morning, Gloria Borger, U.S. News & World Report, and our colleague, Phil Jones, who's covering the presidential race for CBS News.

Welcome back, Senator Dole.

DOLE: Thanks very much.

SCHIEFFER: We haven't seen you in a while. Where have you been?

DOLE: I've been about everywhere.

SCHIEFFER: All right. Well, let's get serious. The minimum wage.

DOLE: Minimum wage.

SCHIEFFER: A lot of talk about the minimum wage this week. You pulled down the immigration reform bill in the Senate because you didn't want the Democrats to stick on an attachment to boost the minimum wage. Are you going to be for some kind of increase in the minimum wage before all this is over?

DOLE: I noticed a poll in The New York Times said 84 percent of the people thought the minimum wage ought to be raised; 78 percent didn't know what it was. So therein

lies the problem.

We'd like to have higher wages for everyone. We'd like to have tax cuts, we'd like to -- if you add some things to the minimum wage there's going to be an increase. We were somewhat blind-sided by a group of House Republicans, which we hope we can prevent in the future.

But our view is maybe file cloture on the immigration bill, that's a very important piece of legislation. In addition, you know, we talked about maybe including minimum wage as a part of a package in our discussion with the President. This may mean that the Democrats have given up on any bipartisan agreement on a budget. If they have, they'll continue to press the minimum wage.

SCHIEFFER: Well, this is a very complicated answer you've just given us. Well, let's go back and talk about it, one thing at a time.

DOLE: It's a very complicated issue.

SCHIEFFER: Can you -- would you support the minimum wage in any form, a boost in the minimum wage?

DOLE: Well, I did in -- I've done it about twice and voted for it twice, I think.

SCHIEFFER: Well, that's why I asked you, because there was a time when you were very strong for raising the minimum wage.

DOLE: And obviously you can't argue that anybody can make it on \$4.25 an hour, even though most of those are teenagers, part-time workers who maybe come from families that have substantial resources.

So will there be an increase? I assume there will. The House has already indicated they're going to pass the minimum wage. It'll come to the Senate, and what we'll try to do, if there is an increase, is to package it with some other things call flex-time...

SCHIEFFER: What is that?

DOLE: That means something we'll have where you can maybe work four days a week or three days a week, two days a week. Unions aren't crazy about it. Comp time, where you can take time off rather than receive overtime, these are really things that work that would benefit workers. Tax cuts would benefit workers. We're going to add some tax cuts.

So our view is you're just going to accept whatever -- President Clinton opposed this in '93 and '94, he was opposed to the minimum wage. His economic advisor, Mr. Stiglitz, has written a book about how it costs jobs.

And make no mistake about it, it's one of these things you probably can't explain to the American people, but a lot of people are going to lose their jobs. Alan Greenspan, the new Fed, the nominee for continuing chairman of the Fed, has said it's probably going to cost jobs.

DOLE: So my view is the President didn't do a thing when he had a Democratic majority. This is strictly a political move, not an economic move, but we have to deal with it, and I assume we will.

SCHIEFFER: Well, one of the Republicans in the House, Amo Houghton, said this shouldn't be a partisan issue, he said it's timely, he said it's right, and we simply ought to do it. Do you agree in general with that statement?

DOLE: I agree that we're going to have to face up to it. My view was the President didn't think it was the right thing to do in '93 and '94. In fact, he said it would be the wrong thing to do, it would cost jobs. We're talking about fast food service chains, retail stores, going to cost jobs.

Now, somebody's going to lose their job, because somebody else gets an increase. But faced with the realities, particularly with House prepared to, well, I assume the Senate will try to work out some accommodation.

But let me just say this one thing. It appears to me that what the Democrats are saying, that we don't want to try to negotiate with Republicans on a balanced budget agreement that might include something on the minimum wage. That's what the President asked us to do in December and January when we had the 55 hours of meetings, if that's what they intend to do, why, then I assume all budget talks are off.

SCHIEFFER: Are you saying that you would be willing to attach the minimum wage to the budget, to some sort of budget plan?

DOLE: I would say this. If we could work out a good budget agreement then maybe the minimum wage could be a part of that. If not, if they've given up on any agreement, which they apparently have, then we'll have to face up to it in normal process.

SCHIEFFER: One more question on this. You would not, as I take it from your remarks, allow a straight up or down vote on the minimum wage.

DOLE: No, our view is that it needs to be packaged with other things that'll help workers. As I said, maybe comp time, flex-time, things that people have in the federal government for example. Unions don't care much for it, but our view is we're going to try to help workers, let's try to help workers. Maybe extend the training wage so you won't deny entry level jobs to young people who otherwise are going to be shut out of the market.

SCHIEFFER: So you would support a minimum wage increase if some of these things were attached to it.

DOLE: If we can package a good package.

SCHIEFFER: Gloria.

BORGER: Senator, you say that the minimum wage is politics. Let's talk a little bit more about politics.

There was a piece written by Bill Kristol, who's a Republican strategist, editor of The Weekly Standard...

DOLE: He says he's a strategist.

BORGER: ...that came out today. Let me quote to you from it just a little bit. It says, "Bob Dole is likely to lose the presidential race to Bill Clinton. He may lose badly. The challenge for Republicans is to keep a Dole defeat from derailing the ongoing Republican realignment."

You've been campaigning for a year, you've been in politics for more than 40 years. Why do some Republicans still lack confidence in your ability to govern or to win?

DOLE: I don't know what his problem is. I don't know anything about Mr. Kristol's problem, but he may be trying to position himself so he can always say, well, I told you so, if it happens. He's not been a strong Dole supporter, never has, but...

BORGER: Generally, though?

DOLE: So who's Bill Kristol? What has he done?

BORGER: But there is a general sense...

DOLE: What has Bill Kristol done in the Republican Party? He managed Alan Keyes campaign to the U.S. Senate. I don't look upon him as...

BORGER: He was chief of staff to Dan Quayle.

DOLE: I don't look upon him as anybody who really understands politics. But he has a right for his opinion.

BORGER: But what I'm saying is that Bill Kristol is not the only Republican here, there are lots...

DOLE: No, there's Ariana Huffington.

BORGER: Well, there are lots of Republicans who say -- maybe not on the record like Mr. Kristol -- but Republicans who say, we don't think that Bob Dole can beat Bill Clinton. What do you need to do to regain their confidence?

DOLE: I'd just tell them to stay tuned. Well, I think I have their confidence. Bill Kristol probably has never looked at my record and probably never will. He doesn't want the facts.

But my view is that I am the nominee, presumptive nominee, and it's going to be, you know, it's not going to be easy, but we're going to win the election in November, and then all these people who've had second doubts will probably try to get tickets to the inaugural, and we'll try to accommodate them.

JONES: Senator, if you look at what's happened this past week and the hits you taken, and you've happened to be preoccupied with minimum wage and these other things as the majority leader.

DOLE: Right.

JONES: A lot of people told you that it was not a good idea for you to hold on to the majority leader's job, and you ignored them. You said, "No way." You're going to keep it. Are you having second thoughts about that?

DOLE: Not really. We've had a pretty good week. I mean, it's all this inside baseball about the...

JONES: Well, that's what it's all about, and that's why they said you shouldn't be involved in the leadership.

DOLE: Well, but I think the inside baseball doesn't resonate outside the Beltway. But, you know, we passed the terrorism bill, even though the Democrats frustrated and made us vote 14 different times. And we were concerned about terrorism -- Oklahoma City disaster.

We passed the health reform bill that the Democrats fought for two years. I offered a \$10 billion amendment, got \$8.4 billion of it, and I thought that was pretty

good. We gave the Democrats a vote on the medical savings account, didn't filibuster.

It's going to go to conference where I'm a conferee. So I think -- don't, you know, before the others break out the champagne, let's see what's in the final package.

JONES: But there are some Republicans who would like to be able to have their own identity...

DOLE: Sure.

JONES: ...and go their own way.

DOLE: Well, they did on MSAs. There are a few who went on their own.

JONES: Yeah, but they're basically being told, aren't they?

DOLE: My colleague from Kansas, yes.

JONES: They're basically being told by Bob Dole and his campaign, "Look, I'm the candidate. I'm the head of this party, and I'm going to set the agenda." Right?

DOLE: Not totally, but I think I am the candidate, and there will be an agenda. And it will be my agenda.

JONES: You just said a few minutes ago that they've gotten out of hand there and you hoped that wouldn't happen again, which indicates...

DOLE: Well, I would think that Democrats would say the same.

I would hope if somebody had felt compelled to do something they would at least contact somebody in the party to say, "We're going to do this. We're going to write a letter."

But that's the way it works around here. It doesn't bother me at all. My view is we're going to have a good year, and we'll continue to press forward. But I don't want to get, you know, lost in all this inside baseball here.

SCHIEFFER: Well, let's talk about some outside baseball.

DOLE: Well, good.

SCHIEFFER: Colin Powell -- that's a name that everybody recognizes outside the Beltway. You said somewhere back down the line that you plan to meet with

him somewhere along the way and talk about all of this.

Have you scheduled a meeting? Are you going to talk to him?

DOLE: No, Colin Powell called me after I'd wrapped up the nomination, congratulated me, and I said, "I'd like to talk to you sometime just about the Republican Party, and whether or not you can help or whether I can talk to you about defense or foreign policy matters."

He said OK. We just haven't done it yet. But we have been fairly busy.

SCHIEFFER: Do you still feel that Colin Powell would be a real asset as a vice presidential running mate?

DOLE: I feel that Colin Powell is a real asset as a Republican. I don't have a list -- short list, long list, or anything else -- on vice presidential nominees. There have been some speculation he's not interested.

He hasn't told me that. But my view is that that's the most important decision I will make between now and convention time, picking a running mate.

SCHIEFFER: Well, you told Phil Jones, sitting right there not so long ago, that you thought if push came to shove that if you talked to Colin Powell and said, "You know, you're a great patriot. You've always served your country, and I need you now." That you thought he would salute and join the team despite all.

DOLE: Well, that was....

SCHIEFFER: Do you still feel that way?

DOLE: Well, that was my opinion. Now, maybe he disagrees with that, but it seems to me with the long record of public service he's had and the fact that he is a Republican, that he shares a lot of views that a lot of Republicans share.

If you went to him -- I didn't say I was going to him -- but I said if someone did go to him and said this could be a question of duty. Supporting your party, it's more than the party, it's the country.

I think you could make a case.

BORGER: If he -- would you give him a -- if he didn't want to be vice president and you did offer it to him, would you then consider him for a Cabinet post like Secretary of State?

DOLE: Well, I just don't -- I think it's all speculative. And my view is...

BORGER: Go ahead.

DOLE: ...I shouldn't even speculate here without -- I haven't had a visit with General Powell. And I think in fairness to him and to everyone else, before I speculate, we ought to have a visit.

JONES: Well, it seems to me you could answer this question.
I mean, is he still on your list?

DOLE: I guess he's on everyone's list. But...

JONES: Including Bob Dole's?

DOLE: He's an outstanding American. He's a friend of mine, and I don't think it helps our friendship to speculate about something that hasn't occurred.

SCHIEFFER: A lot of people, and you get no short of advice...

DOLE: No, I get a lot of it. More lately than I did, say, a month ago.

SCHIEFFER: But a lot of people are saying that one thing that you might want to consider is actually announcing who your running mate is going to be before the convention. In fact, maybe even announcing some of your key Cabinet selections.

Have you thought about that, and where are you on that?

DOLE: I've thought about that. But I'm not certain that's, you know, maybe a good thing to do. Maybe we'll decide in a couple of months it's a good idea.

But again, you know, we've just, in effect, wrapped up the nomination. So we're looking at the convention, and we're looking at how much money we have, how much travel we can do between now and the convention.

And I mean, just haven't focused on who's going to be Secretary of State or whatever.

SCHIEFFER: All right. We'll take a break right here, and then we'll come back and talk about all this in a minute. In a minute.

(BREAK)

SCHIEFFER: And we're back now with Senator Bob Dole, who will be the Republican presidential candidate this year. This morning, Ross Perot, whom you know, was asked about this business, this charge that he made some time back that he had been approached by one of the people in one of the political parties who had asked him to contribute a million dollars or some sum to finance a campaign of dirty tricks in politics.

He would not say who that was. He said today, asked if it was -- told both the Republicans and Democrats have denied it -- went on to something to the effect that Haley Barbour, the chairman of the Republican National Committee, ought to check down his chain of command to get this story straightened out, suggesting that it was a Republican.

So I'd ask you, do you know anything about that? Was there anybody in your campaign that approached him?

DOLE: No, I don't know anything about it. I certainly -- I talked to Ross Perot. I haven't talked to him recently, consider him a friend. But we never had any conversation like that, or nobody -- no one that I know of in my campaign ever had a conversation like that.

SCHIEFFER: Well, so that charge...

DOLE: We couldn't accept a million dollars in the Dole For President campaign.

SCHIEFFER: Should that charge just be allowed to lay there? After all, if Ross Perot is telling the truth, someone has asked him to commit a felony because it's against the law to do dirty tricks in campaigns, as you well know.

Should the Justice Department look into this, in your view?

DOLE: Well, I think maybe Mr. Perot ought to spell it out. I mean, if he has a legitimate complaint, as he apparently says he has, then maybe at the appropriate time -- sooner the better I would hope -- he would lay it out, let the American people look at it.

Maybe it's something that should be looked into by the Justice Department. I don't know. But I know that it just didn't happen, as far as our campaign is concerned.

SCHIEFFER: Are you going to ask Ross Perot not to run?

DOLE: No, I just tell Ross Perot, and I didn't bring the checklist with me, but we are the reform party, the Republican Party. We've tried or accomplished about everything he set out in 1992.

DOLE: Reason that he had this other effort in 1992. And we believe that the Reform Party should support the Republican candidate for president. I think it would be very helpful to complete action that he suggested that he wants on certain items, and probably help us politically.

JONES: So, then why is he going to run?

DOLE: Well, I don't know.

JONES: You don't have any doubts, do you?

DOLE: I don't know. I don't think he's made up his mind.

JONES: You really don't.

DOLE: I don't think -- maybe even Ross Perot doesn't know today whether he's going to run. I think he's waiting, at least as I understand, to see what develops during the next couple of months between now and the convention, what our agenda may be, what Bill Clinton, President Clinton's agenda may be.

BORGER: Can I just switch gears a little bit again to another policy issue that's going to dog you, already has, and that's a question of Most Favored Nation status for China. In the past you've been a strong supporter of that, yet lately you've been a little hesitant. You said, well, we're going to outline our policy. Can you tell us where you're going to be on this? Bill Clinton is clearly a supporter of extending it.

DOLE: I haven't been hesitant. I've been saying I'm waiting for the President to lay out his policy. He's had about three or four policies on China, he's had a couple on Most Favored Nation status. We do have serious trade problems on intellectual property, particularly on music and CDs.

BORGER: So what would you do, if you were president now, what would your policy be?

DOLE: Well, I'd want to make certain we'd made some, you know, made some headway on some of the trade issues, and at least identified some of the human rights issues. Now, the President, I think properly, separated human rights. But trade's very important to us. But on the other hand, we've got to keep in mind there are 1.2 billion

people in China, and I've always had the theory, and still have that feeling, that we can't have any impact on China, unless we're inside the tent.

BORGER: So you're for it with some strings attached.

DOLE: I'll, as I did in NAFTA and GATT where I worked with the President, once he spells out his plan -- and I don't want to say anything that might be critical of the President while he's not in the country -- but when he gets back he'll spell out his plan and he can discuss it.

JONES: Before we get too far away from politics and strategy here, there is a newspaper report today that your campaign received tens of thousands of dollars in illegal contributions from a Massachusetts sporting goods company. Would you comment on that?

DOLE: Well, I don't know anything about it. I saw the wire story.

JONES: Is it true?

DOLE: Well, I don't know. I mean that's for somebody else to determine. As far as I know, it's an allegation that's been made and ought to be checked. If somebody did that, they're in deep trouble.

SCHIEFFER: Another issue that simply does not go away is this whole question of abortion. Governor Pataki, the governor of New York, said this week that he is going to work to take out of the Republican platform the ban on abortion. What are you going to do about that, or where do you come down on that?

DOLE: Well, first, you know, this is what the Republican Party's all about, is about competition, about different ideas, and he certainly has a right to make his views known.

SCHIEFFER: Well, are you going to join him in that effort or are you going to oppose him in that effort?

DOLE: Well, we're going to be announcing soon who will be chairman of the platform committee and the other officials at the convention, and then we'll just start discussing not only abortion, but missile defense system and agriculture and a lot of other issues.

JONES: Well, but you know where you are right now. Do you want that out of the plank, the abortion...

DOLE: We're going to have some recognition in the plank that we support the pro-life position -- no question

about it.

BORGER: But you have also said you want the party to be more inclusive, so what does that mean specifically?

DOLE: That means, you know, it means what I've said it means. I'm pro-life. My record is consistent, and I'm proud of it. I think the President made a big, big, big mistake when he vetoed the partial-birth abortion ban. He's upset a lot of the Catholics. The cardinal has spoken out, the Pope's office spoken out. And we believe there are limits and should be some restraint.

DOLE: And so, we'll have our debate at the convention, and I think we'll have a platform that will not divide the Republican Party. We want to bring people together. That's my view.

BORGER: Speaking of divisions in the Republican Party, what should Pat Buchanan do now? And how are going to deal with him on this and other issues? Have you spoken with him?

DOLE: Well, my view is I've thought about it a lot, and Pat -- there's no way Pat can win the nomination. And I recall in '88 when I was in that fix, I had two choices -- either to sit it out or help George Bush.

And I ended up going to 22 state conventions trying to help and helping elect President Bush. And I hope Pat Buchanan might do the same. I mean, he lost and I won. And I'll set forth an agenda that I think to some extent he will agree with.

But I think, as the nominee, I should set policy and not someone who lost.

SCHIEFFER: Just a quick question. Vice President Gore said that the President is going to veto the appropriations bill that Congress is currently working on to fund the government for the rest of the year if the environmental riders are not dropped.

Are you willing to shut down the government again if he does that?

DOLE: Well, the question was that -- well, I don't think it's just a question of whether we're willing, it's a question where the President's willing and the Vice President. I mean, they try to have it both ways.

And of course, speaking in one voice, they're a little more effective. But my view is we don't want to shut down the government, but does the President want to shut down

the government -- that's the question that ought to be asked.

Why would Vice President Gore recommend a veto over one issue or just one rider in a bill that encompasses billions and billions of dollars?

So we want to get it passed. We want the President to sign it. We want the government to stay open and then get on with our business.

SCHIEFFER: Well, is there a way to satisfy what they're demanding here about these environmental riders?

DOLE: We think so. We're not certain because, again, I don't say it critically, but the President hasn't been here. The Chief of Staff Panetta's not been in town. And so, it's been fairly difficult to negotiate with the White House.

SCHIEFFER: Phil?

JONES: You said recently -- quote -- yes, that if something happened along the route and you had to leave your children with Bob Dole or Bill Clinton, I think you'd probably leave your children with Bob Dole. That suggests something about...

DOLE: No, I'm just repeating what some...

JONES: ...President Clinton's character. What is it you're trying to say?

DOLE: It's what a couple of people have told me who've had focus groups. They've asked different questions and said, "You know, if you're going to be leaving town for a year and you want to leave your children -- you only had two choices."

JONES: Does that suggest that President Clinton's character is in question?

DOLE: I'm just repeating what the focus group said -- liberals, men, women, Democrats, Republicans, conservatives.

JONES: But what does that mean? Does that mean he's not a good person?

DOLE: I think it indicates -- I don't know what -- you'd have to ask the people in the focus group.

JONES: No, we're asking Bob Dole.

DOLE: But I wasn't in the focus group. But I think it indicates that people trust Bob Dole, and I trust the American people. Bill Clinton trusts big government, and there's a big, big difference in our philosophy.

SCHIEFFER: All right. That's a good place for us to leave it.

DOLE: Thank you.

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APRIL 23, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SOSNIK AND KAREN HANCOX

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT

TODAY'S PRIMARY - PENNSYLVANIA

Presidential

An ad appeared in today's Pittsburgh Tribune Review seeking Democrats for Dole. The ad is dubbed the A.D.D. Campaign (Allegheny Democrats for Dole) and is paid for by Isaac Park Yonker, National ED of the American Democrats for Dole Campaign. The ad is attached.

Bob Dole, Richard Lugar, Patrick Buchanan, Alan Keyes and Steve Forbes will appear on the Republican ballot. Bill Clinton and LaRouche will appear on the Democratic ballot. LaRouche only has delegates on the ballot in a handful of CDs in the state. However, because Democrats in Pennsylvania vote for both a Presidential candidate and delegates, LaRouche will be on the ballot statewide. Dole has been in the state twice in the last two weeks. He attended a \$200-a-plate fundraiser with Governor Ridge and Sens. Spector and Santorum and 850 supporters. Dole was in suburban Philadelphia April 15 for a rally which served as a vehicle to attack the President on tax day. Because there are few contested, high-profile Democratic races in Pennsylvania, few organizations are spending money or manpower to turn out the vote. Similarly, voter interest is virtually nonexistent, except in a few districts. Turnout is expected to be very low -- probably below 20% -- and media coverage will be light.

Non-Presidential

The two hotly contested statewide races for the Democrats are for Auditor General and Treasurer. Mina Baker Knoll is the frontrunner in the Democratic primary to replace her mother, Cathy Baker Knoll as Treasurer. The younger Knoll has been endorsed by Mayor Rendell and the Democratic State Committee. She faces lawyer Richard Orloski and former state legislator Franklin Kury in the primary. Bob Casey, Jr. faces 1994 Lt. Governor nominee Tom Foley in the Democratic primary for Auditor General. Casey is favored because of name recognition and he's been endorsed by Rendell and State Senator Vince Fumo. Casey has also spent \$200,000 on TV ads. Foley has the support of labor and much of the Democratic Party organization.

In the 1st CD, Rep. Tom Foglietta (D) is expected to win his primary against John Braxton. Foglietta has been endorsed by numerous leaders in the African American community, the Democratic State Committee and labor unions. In the 14th CD Rep. Bill Coyne (D) faces a tough primary against Dan Cohen, but is expected to win. The race became negative in the past few days and Cohen's finance director publicly resigned and signed on with the Coyne campaign because he was disappointed with Cohen's negative mailings.

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**1996 PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATES
Bob Dole**

At a GOPAC meeting yesterday, Bill Bennett called Dole's campaign incoherent and dispassionate, and pushed Dole to refine his message and draw sharper distinctions. "There's very little enthusiasm about Bob Dole," Bennett said. "He's basically conservative... but not what you'd call a deep believer." In a grim assessment of the GOP's chances in November, Bennett said, "We may get walloped anyway... But I would much rather get beat on principles." In response, Gingrich admitted the Republicans are "in a funk" but reminded the group that Michael Dukakis led in the polls at this time in 1988.

The Washington Times reported today that GOP leaders are worried about Dole's lackluster campaign, and have started meeting without Dole to develop a response to the Democratic strategy. An unnamed Republican Senator was quoted as saying, "We have no agenda; the Democrats clearly do."

In response to stories this weekend and Monday that the Dole campaign has received illegal contributions from employees of Aqua-Leisure, Dole's counsel sent a letter to the FEC asking for a review of the charges.

At an appearance before farm broadcasters yesterday, Dole said he was proud of the nickname 'Senator Ethanol', and his support of the farm program was not connected to support from Archer-Daniels-Midland.

Today, Dole appeared on the Senate floor and attacked the Administration's crime policy and "stealth" liberal crime policy.

**STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / PRESIDENTIAL
Birmingham News-Huntsville Times (AL) Poll**

This poll, conducted by Southern Opinion Research on April 12-18 (+/- 5%), shows the President in a dead heat with Senator Dole. These findings contrast with those from a January 23 poll showing Dole leading the President by 12 percentage points. When asked about the President's job approval, 39% said he is doing a good or excellent job, while 61% rated him as only fair or poor.

<u>Head-to-Head</u>		<u>Three-Way</u>	
Clinton	48%	Clinton	43%
Dole	48%	Dole	41%
		Perot	11%

Arkansas

According to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette analysis of FEC reports, residents of Little Rock's 72207 Zip code have given \$112,750 to the President's re-election fund. Dole's statewide total is \$90,235. Dole's highest total in the state came from El Dorado residents giving him \$13,000. An article is attached about this story.

Minnesota

The Independence Party of Minnesota has authorized an effort to draft former Rep. Tim Penny (D) to be its presidential candidate. Penny yesterday, however, said "no way."

Pennsylvania

A Pittsburgh Post Gazette/KDKA TV poll conducted April 15-17 surveyed 716 registered voters finding the President's lead over Dole in Pennsylvania has narrowed since a similar poll in March which showed him leading Dole by 21 points.

	<u>Now</u>	<u>3/96</u>		<u>Now</u>	<u>3/96</u>
Clinton	51%	56%	Clinton	47%	48%
Dole	41%	35%	Dole	35%	32%
Undecided	8%	9%	Perot	10%	14%
			Undecided	8%	6%

The new poll finds a significant gender gap with the President and Dole in a virtual deadheat among men but the President with a huge lead over Dole among women. Just among men, the President leads Dole only 41% to 40% with Perot running as an independent, and in a two-way race, Dole leads the President 46% to 45% among men. Among women, however, the President leads Dole 52% to 31% with Perot garnering 10%. In a two-way race, the President would beat Dole 56% to 37%.

STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / NON-PRESIDENTIAL Alabama

In the same poll mentioned above, there is no clear front runner in the U.S. Senate race in Alabama. With four Democratic candidates in the race, more than 44% of the voters did not know who they would support for the Democratic June 4 primary. U.S. Representative Glen Browder received 17%, state Senator Roger Bedford 18%, college professor Natalie Davis 17%, and former state Representative Marilyn Bromberg only received 5%. On the Republican side, Attorney General Jeff Sessions was the front runner in a seven person field receiving 34%, followed by businessman Charles Wood with 26%.

Ralph Reed recently held a Christian Coalition fundraiser in Alabama and told attendees that his group plans to send out more than 1.7 million voter guides in Alabama and more than 89 million nationwide for the fall elections. In addition, the group will be planning two "Citizenship Sundays" nationally.

Colorado

Democratic Senate candidate Tom Strickland received the endorsement of Clean Water Action, a citizens' environment group. The state director of Clean Water Action praised Strickland for "his passion for Colorado's environment."

A revamped state Senate bill limiting contributions to state political candidates won preliminary approval in the state House yesterday. The campaign financing reform bill caps individual and political action committee contributions at set limits for the general election, and higher limits for contested party primaries. The bill also changes reporting requirements, requiring independent expenditures of \$500 or more to be reported within 24 hours. The measure was advanced to a final state House vote. It is unclear whether the state House will pass this version of the Senate bill, or whether Governor Romer would sign such a measure.

Violent "brown on brown" crime will be one of the key discussions during a conference geared toward young Hispanic males this Saturday in Denver. The La Raza Male Youth Leadership Conference is expected to draw more than 1,000 people statewide. This will be the fifth annual conference, targeting young males, grades 6-12, including high-achieving students and disadvantaged youths. The conference will be held two days before a conference planned for black and other minority males, in conjunction with the Denver Million Man March scheduled for April 29.

Florida

The First Lady's trip to Miami yesterday attracted a standing-room only audience during the WLF fundraiser. She received cheers during her speech calling for a higher minimum wage, increased efforts against crime and terrorism, and more input from women. There were several busloads of people nearby protesting the Administration's proposed penny-per-pound state sugar tax. Clips are attached.

Tobacco legislation continues to dominate the legislative session. Gov. Chiles is trying to revise a disputed 1994 law that makes it easier for the state to sue tobacco companies for the cost of treating Medicare patients with tobacco-related illnesses. The state has filed a \$1.4 billion lawsuit against cigarette makers. The Governor wants to narrow the scope of the 1994 law to apply only to tobacco companies. The tobacco lobby has scared other businesses, such as the alcohol beverage industry, by saying Florida could hold them liable for medical costs related to their business as well under the existing law. Despite strong public support for the 1994 law, business groups have led the charge to repeal it altogether. The governor was able to sustain his veto of a repeal attempt earlier in the session. Last night, he held a televised town meeting in Orlando to build support for his compromise legislation. The show beat Baywatch (the number one syndicated TV show) in the ratings.

Georgia

Federal judges met behind closed doors today with attorneys and state officials to seek a settlement over the redistricting battle. The judges had been expected to reveal today which of the 23 districts are unconstitutional and must be redrawn for this year's election. Qualifying for federal Congressional races opened yesterday and will conclude this Friday.

Minnesota

The Minnesota GOP is continuing its relentless campaign to undercut Senator Paul Wellstone's (D) credibility on the campaign finance reform issue. On Earth Day, the GOP attacked Wellstone for accepting a \$600 contribution from the National Steel Corporation. In the 1990 campaign, Wellstone aired a television ad criticizing then-Senator Rudy Boschwitz (R) for accepting contributions from polluters and Wellstone on the stump attacked National Steel for seeking a revision of air pollution laws. Wellstone's campaign said it accepted the contribution because the company is a major employer in the state.

New Jersey

U.S. Senate candidate Representative Dick Zimmer (R) unveiled two 30-second ads April 22 which will run on New Jersey cable and Philadelphia television. The ads, which cost \$300,000, will serve to introduce Zimmer and tout his conservative credentials. They will not be running in New York media markets in northern New Jersey where Zimmer is well known. One of the spots features Governor Whitman endorsing Zimmer as a fellow conservative on taxes. The other spot highlights Zimmer's position on overhauling the welfare system to ensure that recipients work for their benefits. The latest FEC reports show Zimmer has \$2.07 million on hand compared to Bob Torricelli's \$3.76 million. Zimmer's campaign manager said they were comfortable spending money this early because they project to raise \$7 million in the coming months. Zimmer is likely to win his primary against two Republican challengers, State Senator Dick LaRossa, and Passaic County Freeholder Richard DuHaime -- who both had minimal cash on hand according to the FEC report. **Note:** Text of the ads are attached.

Governor Christie Whitman (R) faced scattered protests from environmentalists yesterday as she appeared at events highlighting Earth Day. Various groups including the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group and the New Jersey Environmental Federation accused Whitman of staging the Earth Day events to hide the fact she relaxes water protection regulations in order to attract businesses to the state.

New York

A Quinnipiac College poll conducted April 11-16 surveyed 741 registered New York City voters on the 1997 mayoral race. The poll pitted Mayor Giuliani against all major Democrats who are considered likely to challenge him in 1997 -- Geraldine Ferraro, Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger, Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, and City Councilman Sal Albanese who is the only declared candidate. Although the poll shows Giuliani would lead Messinger, Ferrer, Vallone and Albanese, he does not garner more than 44% against any of them. The poll shows Ferraro would lead Giuliani 45% to 40%. (margin of error 3.6%)

Although former New York City Mayor Ed Koch said that he will be supporting both Governor Pataki and Senator D'Amato's 1998 campaigns, Koch said that he does not plan to support Mayor Giuliani's bid for re-election in 1997. Koch did not endorse a Democrat for the mayor's race, but said that there are three potential candidates who could "handily" defeat Giuliani -- State Comptroller Carl McCall, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, and New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi.

The New York State Assembly approved a statewide ban on assault-style weapons. The bill, which was approved April 22 by an 82-67 margin, virtually mirrors the federal assault weapons ban. The bill will now advance to the State Senate. State Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno (R) has said he prefers to see how the federal assault weapons ban law is decided before voting on a state bill.

North Carolina

Harvey Gantt released 1995 tax returns on Monday showing that he had an adjusted gross income of \$544,461 last year.

Student and faculty protests have prompted Senator Jesse Helms to cancel his scheduled May 12 graduation speech to Appalachian State University. After students and faculty said it's improper to ask a political candidate to speak at graduation, Helms' said, "I do not desire to be the center of such orchestrated unpleasantness."

North Carolina women are significantly more concerned than men about a variety of social and economic issues, according to an analysis of a state wide poll. There was a 16-percentage-point gap between men and women when asked if they were concerned about poverty or thought political candidates should highlight the issue of poverty. There were similar gaps on questions involving child care, children's issues and the economy. When asked how they would vote if congressional elections were held today, women supported Democrats by a 16-point margin, while men favored Republicans by a 10-point margin. The poll also found economic security dominates women's concerns with half of the women rating the economy "fairly bad" or "bad," while 62% of men rate it "fairly good." Over 1,000 state residents were surveyed by KPC Research for this poll.

Oregon

In the 1st CD race, incumbent Rep. Elizabeth Furse (D) has \$288,648 in her campaign war chest, more than '94 GOP congressional nominee Bill Witt and a host of other GOP challengers combined. In the latest campaign financial reports, Witt reported \$106,164 cash available as of March 31. Furse reported \$139,879 in contributions in the first three months of this year, a total of \$354,000 for the two-year election cycle. Furse is running unopposed in the May 21 primary.

An alliance financed by some of Oregon's biggest corporations and labor unions is receiving considerable attention in their effort to pass a ballot measure which would restrict initiative rights. The measure would change the signature requirement for putting initiatives on the ballot. The proposal would require that at least one-fifth of the signatures be obtained in each of the state's five congressional districts. There now is no geographic requirement for gathering signatures in Oregon. Supporters of the measure argue that petitioners should have to demonstrate some support throughout the state in order to place proposals on the ballot. Opponents claim the proposal is an effort to control the initiative process by big-money interest that can afford to send hired petition carriers around the state.

Tennessee

House Majority Leader Bill Purcell announced today that he's not going to run for re-election this year but will work hard to elect Democrats this fall. The full news is that next month the Vice President will name Purcell as the Clinton/Gore General Campaign Chair under Governor McWherter.

Texas

U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (D) has been fined \$44,000 for finance law violations she reported concerning her initial 1992 race for Congress. The FEC ultimately outlined several campaign law violations, including failure to accurately report PAC contributions, reports that were filed late or not at all, excessive contributions and incomplete reports. Johnson said she has already paid \$20,000 of the fine with campaign funds. The rest is due in monthly installments.

Democratic U.S. Senate nominee Victor Morales (D) says his wife must only pay \$9,000 of her long outstanding college scholarships grant, although documents he showed reporters indicated she still owes \$27,000. Morales could not explain the discrepancies in the amounts his wife owes the Indian Health Service. He told the Houston Chronicle on Monday that the only payment the federal government now wants is \$9,000.

Washington

In an election year scramble to win the environmental vote, the four candidates for Governor in Washington State played up their eco-friendly credentials last night in the first single-issue debate of the campaign.

The Earth Day debate offered Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, King County Prosecutor Gary Locke, state Senator Nita Rinehart, and former congressman Jay Inslee an opportunity to display their environment-friendly backgrounds and ideas. No candidate emerged as the clear winner.

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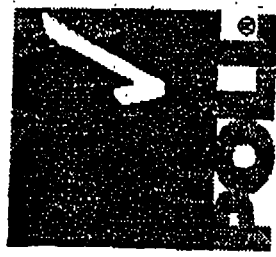
There is a business coalition that is looking to spend millions of dollars against your planned veto of product liability. The press is reporting it as a \$5 million campaign. Our sources tell us it will be \$2.5 million in media, \$30,000 in undefined phone calls (these may be calls to Members urging an override, or calls to targeted members of the public informing them of the veto, etc.) and a series of press conferences.

Inside Politics

Dole and Pennsylvania. Interviewed Terry Madonna, political scientist and pollster from Pennsylvania and Steve Goldstein of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Terry Madonna pointed out that recent polling shows that the President is doing better than Dole with two groups that are crucial in Pennsylvania -- gun owners and veterans. When asked why veterans were supporting the President, Madonna said that as seniors, they believe the President wants to protect Medicare and Medicaid. When asked what impact the strong Christian conservative, pro-life forces would have in Pennsylvania, Madonna said he did not think the election there would be decided on the abortion issue. He thinks that foremost, Pennsylvanians are concerned with "gut economic issues." When asked what Dole could do to help his chances in Pennsylvania, Goldstein said that Dole needs to visit the state more often, pointing out that he was only there twice before today's primary. He said there is only so much that Senators Santorum and Specter can do for Dole in Pennsylvania, especially since Specter bashed Dole during his own run for President. He painted Dole as captive to the religious right which did Dole no favors in Pennsylvania. Madonna said that for Dole to better his chances in Pennsylvania, he has to lay out a clear vision of why voters should cast their vote for him at a time when the economy is growing. In addition, Madonna said that the typical voter watching Dole speak finds it difficult to understand what it is he would do as President.

Music and Politics. Discussed music as a political statement in the 1990s. Although some groups, like the Indigo Girls, produce some songs that are political anthems, most others in the 1990s use their names, not their lyrics, to help organizations like Rock the Vote.

Term Limits. Announced that the term limits cloture vote fell two votes short of passing the Senate.



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enough delegates to guarantee the nomination, those attacks have abated and, in Pennsylvania, Dole's poll numbers have rebounded.

Over that span, there was little change in the proportions of voters who expressed a favorable or unfavorable view of the major candidates.

In the latest survey, conducted Monday through Wednesday, 63 percent of those surveyed had a positive view of Clinton; 36 percent offered a negative view.

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But there was some good news for the Republican nominee apparent in the survey of 716 registered voters. In a similar poll conducted a month ago, Clinton held a 21-point lead.

Both surveys had sampling error margins of about 4 percent. The earlier poll was conducted as the contested phase of the Republican primaries was just drawing to a close and months of intraparty attacks on Dole were fresh in voters' minds.

In the month since Dole secured

tions, would cast their votes for Clinton, giving the incumbent a solid overall lead over Dole.

The findings show that, had the presidential election been held last week, Clinton would have carried Pennsylvania's 23 electoral votes easily, with or without Ross Perot as a third-party candidate.

In a two-way contest, Clinton led 51 percent to 41 percent, with 8 percent undecided.

With Perot on the hypothetical ballot, the results were Clinton, 47 percent; Dole, 33 percent; Perot, 10 percent; and 8 percent were unde-

By James O'Toole
Politics Editor, Post-Gazette

"Why Can't a Woman Be More Like a Man?"

That was Henry Higgins' complaint in "My Fair Lady," and survey findings suggest that Bob Dole might want to join Professor Higgins in the exasperated duel.

The latest Pennsylvania Poll, conducted by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and KDKA-TV, shows that among men, the Senate majority leader is in a virtual dead heat with President Clinton in Pennsylvania. But women, in landslide proper-

Fifty-three percent said they had either "a lot" or "some" trust and confidence in Dole; 43 percent answered "not much" or "none" when asked how much trust and confidence they had in the Republican.

Voters were also asked to compare the candidates in a variety of specific areas.

More thought Clinton would do a better job than Dole at providing jobs, maintaining Social Security and Medicare, dealing with foreign policy crises and understanding the problems of ordinary people.

Dole fared better in two areas—dealing with the federal budget deficit and being open and honest with the public. The rivals came in about even on who would be better at providing strong leadership.

In virtually all of those areas, and in the favorable/unfavorable ratings of the candidates, there was a gulf between the views of men and those of women. If only men were eligible to vote, the race would be a virtual dead heat: Clinton led Dole, 41 percent to 40 percent with Perot running as an independent, and the president trailed the majority leader, 46 percent to 45 percent, in a head-to-head matchup.

But among women, the poll depicted a drastically different election. In a three-way race, Clinton swamped Dole, 52 percent to 31 percent, with 10 percent choosing Perot and 7 percent undecided. Dole did no better in a two-way race, trailing 56 percent to 37 percent among women, with the balance undecided.

Irwin Gertzog, a professor of political science at Allegheny College and an expert on women and politics, said such disparities were examples of a phenomenon that has been apparent for most of the past two decades.

By a margin of about 8 percentage points, women were less likely to support former President Ronald Reagan when he challenged President Jimmy Carter. There was a major gender gap again in the George Bush-Michael Dukakis election in 1988, but Gertzog said the trend was muted somewhat in 1992, in part because of the three-way race that year among Clinton, Bush and Perot.

Gertzog said female support for Republican candidates had been eroded, to one degree or another, by GOP positions on such issues as abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

"It has had a kind of cumulative effect," Gertzog said. "Bob Dole and the Republican leadership have not done anything yet to address [the effects of] these issues."

He said the peril for Republicans was compounded by the fact that more women than men are likely to vote in November, perhaps as many as 10 million more nationally.

Still, Gertzog expects some moderation in the current disparity. "The difference between the two candidates by gender will probably narrow, in part because the Repub-

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lican Party recognizes it and will try to do things to deal with it, and second, because some Republican women will tend to vote their party ... as it gets closer to the actual election."

But in the survey, the differences in the attitudes of men and women extended beyond their views of the presidential nominees. Voters were asked which single issue was most important in determining their choice for president.

About 28 percent of both men and women cited jobs as the most important issue. But among men, 23 percent cited holding down taxes as the most important issue, and 19 percent picked controlling the deficit.

In contrast, 14 percent of women chose taxes as their deciding issue, and 13 percent cited the deficit.

Coming in a strong second among women was protecting Social Security, at 22 percent, a concern identified by 12 percent of the male respondents.

Nowhere was the difference between the sexes more drastic than in attitudes toward Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Overall, her favorable and unfavorable ratings were about even. Forty-seven percent of those surveyed expressed a positive view of the first lady, and 48 percent a negative view. But there was a chasm between the views of men and women toward the president's closest adviser.

Thirty-eight percent of men had a positive view of Hillary Clinton; 58 percent had a negative view. The results among women were a near mirror image: 52 percent positive, 40 percent negative.

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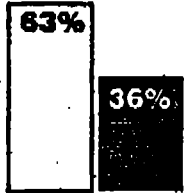
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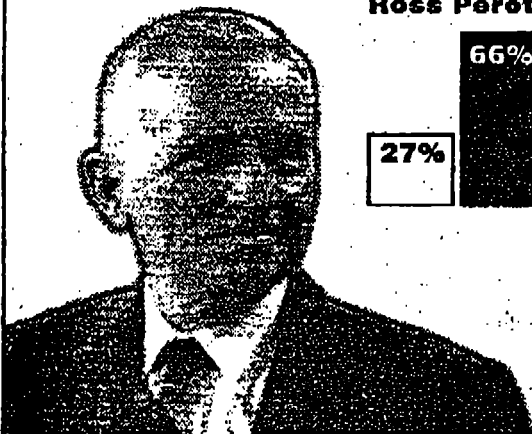
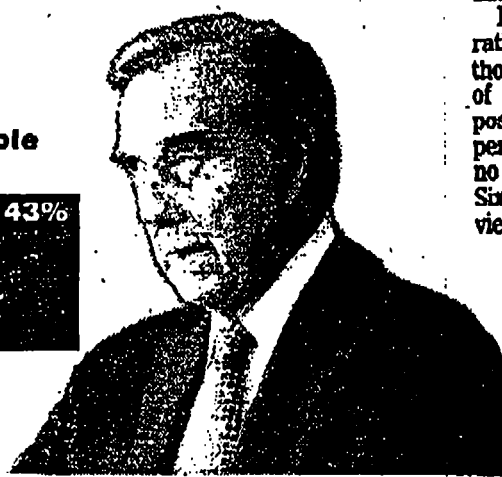
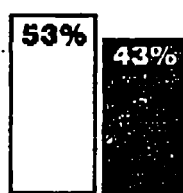
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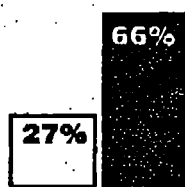
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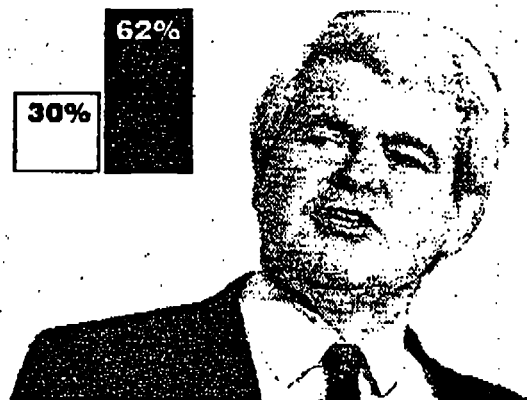
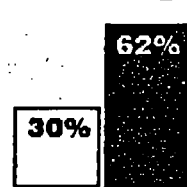
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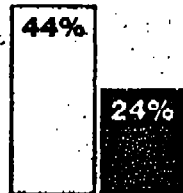
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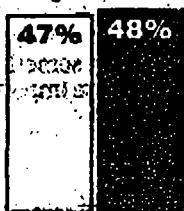
Newt Gingrich



Elizabeth Dole



Hillary Clinton



for the woman who would like to succeed Hillary Clinton as first lady. Forty-four percent of both men and women had a positive view of Elizabeth Dole, and 25 percent of both sexes had negative views of the Red Cross executive.

While women were somewhat more likely than men to offer negative opinions of Perot and of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the difference was not marked.

Both men had woeful favorable ratings. Twenty-seven percent of those surveyed had a positive view of Perot, and 30 percent had a positive view of Gingrich. Sixty-six percent said they had not much or no trust and confidence in Perot. Sixty-two percent had negative views of Gingrich.

A look at the candidates

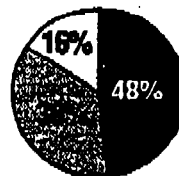


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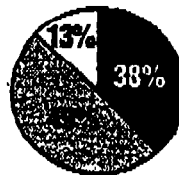
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■ Clinton
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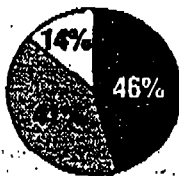
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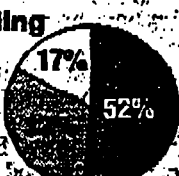
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* State GOP uniting on abortion

BY MATTHEW G. DAVIS
Free Press Staff Writer

Once bitter about having to swallow Sen. Bob Dole as the Republican presidential nominee, Michigan supporters of Pat Buchanan are now sounding less grievous about Dole and more angry at President Bill Clinton for vetoing a ban on late-term abortions.

County conventions today will mark the first gatherings of Michigan Republicans since the March 19 presidential primary. Buchanan lost the election to Dole, 51-34 percent, but won 23 delegates to the national convention — his best showing in any state.

Today's meetings could have been rancorous. During the primary campaign, Buchanan supporters had

Buchanan camp angry at Clinton

sneered that Dole was no better than Clinton, even comparing him to U.S. Rep. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, the liberal scourge of Speaker Newt Gingrich.

But leaders in both camps said last week's veto will help unify the party's factions around the abortion issue.

"That's going to bring the Buchanan people in behind the Republican ticket," said Harry Veryser, 10th Congressional District GOP chairman and a Buchanan supporter.

Buchanan's Michigan effort relied on a large contingent of abortion foes, particularly in blue-collar Roman Catholic areas and among members and supporters of the Christian Coal-

tion.

Burl Adkins, co-chairman of Buchanan's Michigan campaign, said the veto hit home with Buchanan supporters who might have been lukewarm about Dole.

"I think any pro-life person is hopping mad about this, whether they're Buchanan people or Dole people," Adkins said. "I think it's certainly a unifying factor."

Ed Sarpolus, a Lansing-based pollster, said there could be some general-election fallout in Michigan for Clinton.

"If Medicare, Medicaid and education become the dominant themes, then this issue on this one veto will

become less relevant," Sarpolus said. If not, he said, then Clinton could lose votes, particularly among Catholics.

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, joined several other clerics in denouncing the Clinton veto. In a statement, Maida said the move "amounts to the brutal killing of a child."

John Morgan, a Republican demographer based in Reston, Va., said Buchanan's ability to run an independent campaign for president has waned considerably. The veto, he said, is just another reason for Buchanan backers to get behind Dole.

"It's a very galvanizing thing," Morgan said. "The Buchanan people know that if Bob Dole was president

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Michigan's Republicans uniting around abortion

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he wouldn't have vetoed that."

Patrick Anderson, a key Dole supporter in Michigan, said today's proceedings should go smoothly, in contrast to the 1988 conventions when televangelist Pat Robertson was chal-

lenging George Bush for the nomination.

"There were rump conventions for about half the congressional districts," Anderson said. By the time of the state convention that year, "there was a Robertson rump convention for

the whole state," he said.

The county conventions today will choose delegates to the GOP state convention in May. State convention delegates will then choose 57 delegates to the GOP national convention — 34 for Dole and 23 for Buchanan.

Alabama poll shows Clinton-Dole tossup

By Tom Gordon
News staff writer

President Clinton, who has been leading his likely Republican challenger Bob Dole in national polls, is shoulder to shoulder with Dole in Alabama, a *Birmingham News-Huntsville Times* poll shows.

And if the poll's findings are a forecast of the November presidential campaign, then Dole may find himself facing the same problem that George Bush faced when challenged by then-Arkansas Gov. Clinton in 1992: spending time and money trying to shore up a shaky Southern base, while losing ground elsewhere.

In an April 12-18 telephone survey by Southern Opinion Research of Tuscaloosa, 504 Alabama voters were asked, "If a presidential election was held today and the candidates were Bill Clinton for the Democrats and Bob Dole for the Republicans, for whom would you vote?"

In response, Clinton and Dole each got 48 percent support. The margin of error is 5 percentage points.

When independent Ross Perot, who ran for president in 1992, was included, 43 percent of the voters said Clinton;

41 percent, Dole; and 11 percent, Perot.

These latest findings contrast with those from a Jan. 23-Feb. 1 *News-Times* survey of 522 voters. Those voters gave Dole, a veteran Kansas senator and Senate majority leader, the nod over Clinton by 12 percentage points. But that survey also suggested Alabamians were not wholly happy with the Republican Congress and were siding with some Democratic arguments in the still-unresolved federal budget battle.

A central element of the budget battle was the growth of entitlement programs, particularly Medicaid, the federal/state health care program for the poor, and Medicare, the federal health care program for the elderly and handicapped.

As part of an overall effort to portray the Republican Congress as irresponsible and cruel, Democrats are making Medicare and Medicaid a campaign issue, saying the Republicans want to cut benefits for millions of Americans. Republicans, meanwhile, say they must slow the growth of entitlement programs to reduce the

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Source: Birmingham News-Huntsville Times poll conducted by Southern Opinion Research. Results based on random interviews April 12 - April 18 with 504 registered Alabama voters. The poll's margin of error is 5 percent for all voters; sampling error is larger for subgroups broken down by party.

If a presidential election was held today and the candidates were Bill Clinton for the Democrats and Bob Dole for the Republicans, for whom would you vote?

Bill Clinton	Bob Dole
48%	48%

If a presidential election was held today and the candidates were Bill Clinton for the Democrats, Bob Dole for the Republicans and independent candidate Ross Perot, for whom would you vote?

Bill Clinton	Bob Dole	Ross Perot
43%	41%	11%

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federal budget deficit and that the Democrats are trying to use fear tactics for political advantage.

Nationwide polls suggest Democrats are winning the budget argument, and Clinton is leading Dole by comfortable margins.

For more than a generation, Alabama has not been kind to Democratic presidential candidates. In 1992, Clinton became the fourth consecutive Democratic presidential candidate to lose Alabama in the general election.

Clinton lost the state by 7 percentage points in a three-way race with Bush and Texas billionaire Perot. The closeness of that margin contrasted with double-digit losses Democrats had suffered in Alabama in the previous two presidential elections, and it was a strong hint at Clinton's winning margins elsewhere in the country.

Poll guidelines

Today's *Birmingham News-Huntsville Times* poll was conducted by Southern Opinion Research, a private Tuscaloosa-based firm. Results are based on random interviews April 12-18 with 504 registered Alabama voters. The poll's margin of error is 5 percent for all voters. This means that one can be 95 percent confident that the results from the sample are not more than 9.5 percent different from that of the entire population of Alabama registered voters.

Republican leaders, such as GOP national chairman Haley Barbour and others, have long said Clinton's presence on the 1996 ballot would be the best thing that could happen to

Republican candidates and one of the worst things that could happen to their Democratic opponents. And on a January visit to the Southern Republican Leadership Conference in Mobile, Dole predicted Clinton would not carry a Southern state in November.

But the latest *News-Times* poll's findings suggest that scenario may not necessarily play out, even though they show Clinton isn't very popular among Alabama voters.

"What it suggests is Dole has the same problem that Bush had in 1992," said poll co-director Patrick Colter. "He can't count on Alabama and he's probably going to have to spend some resources here to make sure he wins."

The poll also shows that with or without Perot in the picture, Clinton, 49, and Dole, 72, were closely paired among voters ages 18 to 60. But Clinton clearly led among voters 61 and

older, a group that includes most Medicare and Medicaid recipients.

Clinton also led Dole among people with a high school education or less, people who earn less than \$20,000 a year, and among black and women voters. With Perot as a candidate, Clinton led Dole by 5 percentage points among independent voters, and he increased that margin to 7 points with Perot out of the picture.

With or without Perot, Dole led Clinton among people with more than a high school education, people earning more than \$40,000 a year, and among whites and men.

In 1992, Bush won 48 percent of the vote in Alabama to Clinton's 41 percent. Perot, who received 10 percent of the vote nationwide, got 11 percent in Alabama, the same support he received in the latest *News-Times* poll.

"Alabama's been kind of a Perot-proof state," said poll co-director

How would you rate the job that Bill Clinton is doing as president?

Excellent	12%
Good	27%
Only fair	35%
Poor	26%
No answer	0%

Jim Stovall. "He never has had much impact here."

In the Jan. 23-Feb. 1 poll, the issue that Perot championed in 1992 — the budget deficit and national debt and need for a balanced budget — was named by Alabama voters as the most important issue facing the country.

In the new survey's voter ranking of most important issues, the budget issue narrowly trailed crime and

How would you rate the job that Newt Gingrich is doing as speaker of the House of Representatives?

Excellent	7%
Good	29%
Only fair	35%
Poor	25%
No answer	4%

drugs, and jobs and the economy, and was virtually even with education.

Meanwhile, only 39 percent of the surveyed voters gave Clinton's presidential job performance a good or excellent rating, while 61 percent rated him as only fair or poor. They gave a similar assessment to Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who received a 36 percent excellent or good rating, and a 60 percent only fair or poor rating.

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Clinton funds climb past Dole's in Heights

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Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Writer

WASHINGTON --President Clinton has raised more money in a few square miles of Little Rock's fashionable Heights area than Republican challenger Bob Dole has raised in the entire state.

Residents of Little Rock's 72207 ZIP code have given \$112,750 to Clinton's re-election fund. Dole's statewide total is \$90,235.

An *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* analysis of state contributions to Clinton and Dole by ZIP code found that both candidates raised about 40 percent of their money in Little Rock. The analysis covers Federal Election Commission records for the election cycle beginning Jan. 1, 1995, and includes contributions through Feb. 29, 1996.

Clinton raised 41 percent of his money -- \$361,700 -- in Little Rock. Seven of the top 10 ZIP codes contributing to Clinton were in the capital.

Dole, the Kansas senator who is the likely GOP presidential nominee, turned to Little Rock for 39 percent of his money, or \$35,075. That's where five of the top 10 ZIP codes contributing to his campaign were located.

But Dole's highest total came from the center of the state's oil industry in El Dorado. The city's 71730 ZIP code chipped in \$13,000 for Dole, the most for any single ZIP code in Arkansas. When the city's 71731 ZIP code is added in, the total for the Union County seat comes to \$15,000.

Clinton, on the other hand, has received only \$4,000 from El Dorado residents. But that is the only major ZIP code in the state where Dole outdistanced Clinton.

In addition to El Dorado and five Little Rock areas, Dole's top 10 ZIP codes include Magnolia, Fayetteville, Conway and Stuttgart.

Clinton's top 10 ZIP codes include seven areas in Little Rock along with Fayetteville, North Little Rock and Pine Bluff.

Many of the same ZIP codes showed up on both lists.

The No. 1 ZIP code for Clinton -- 72207 -- was Dole's fourth-highest area. But while Clinton raised more than \$112,000 in the area that is home to the Country Club of Little Rock and some of the city's wealthiest families, Dole garnered only \$6,500.

Clinton's total in that area came from 138 individual contributors for an average donation of \$817.03 -- about \$45 higher than the president's average contribution statewide.

The list of Clinton contributors from the 72207 area includes names of the well-known and well-heeled, such as Bill Bowen, dean of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock law school; advertising executive Wayne Cranford; George Eldridge, owner of Doe's Eat Place; lawyer Joe Giroir; Jerry Maulden, an executive with Entergy Corp.; Richard Mays, a lawyer and former state legislator, lawyer and lobbyist Ark Monroe; advertising executive Skip Rutherford; and B. Alan Sugg, president of the University of Arkansas system.

Among the residents of 72207 contributing to Dole were Bess Stephens, widow of financier Witt Stephens, and Harriet Stephens, wife of financier Warren Stephens.

Here are the rest of the top 10 ZIP codes for Clinton and how Dole fared in them:

72212. The second highest fund-raising total for Clinton came from the 72212 ZIP code in west Little Rock.

The Pleasant Valley area, which includes the Pleasant Valley Country Club, gave \$60,950 for Clinton's re-election campaign. The area was also among Dole's top 10, giving the GOP contender \$6,100.

72205. Residents of the west Little Rock area surrounding Park Plaza and University malls donated \$36,275 to Clinton. The area was not among Dole's top 10, but gave him \$2,500.

72202. This ZIP code, which is split, gave \$35,800 to Clinton. It also ranked among Dole's top 10 with \$5,000 in contributions.

The area includes parts of east Little Rock surrounding the Little Rock Regional Airport as well as redeveloped parts of the Quapaw Quarter including Villa Marre. But it also includes some locations in the Riverdale area northwest of downtown.

72227. This west Little Rock area donated \$24,475 to Clinton. It did not rank among Dole's top areas, with only \$1,500 in GOP contributions. It includes areas along west Cantrell Road as well as the Foxcroft neighborhood near the Little Rock Racquet Club.

72211. This west Little Rock location surrounding Kanis Road and Chenal Parkway gave \$24,225 to Clinton. The area was not a big fund-raising site for Dole, giving just \$250 to his campaign.

72701. This part of Fayetteville was the highest ZIP code for Clinton outside of Little Rock, chipping in \$22,550.

It did not rank among Dole's top areas. But another Fayetteville ZIP code -- 72703 -- was among the Republican's top 10 with \$3,015 in contributions.

72116. This section of North Little Rock gave \$21,350 to Clinton's re-election effort. It was not among Dole's top areas, generating only \$1,500 in donations.

72201. This ZIP code in downtown Little Rock's business district contributed \$21,000 to Clinton. It was also the No. 2 area for Dole contributions -- the highest in Little Rock -- generating \$10,000 for the Republican challenger.

71603. This section of Pine Bluff came up with \$19,575 in donations for Clinton. It was not among Dole's top 10, although it contributed \$2,000 to his campaign.

One Little Rock ZIP code that did not generate big money for either candidate was Southwest Little Rock's 72209. The "09ers" gave Clinton \$5,475, ranking it 11th out of 21 Little Rock ZIP codes that contributed to the president. On the Republican side, Dole got only one \$225 contribution.

When all the ZIP codes for various cities are totaled together, a picture emerges of Clinton's support in communities statewide.

Little Rock ranks first in contributions to Clinton with \$361,700, nearly 10 times the contributions from the second-place city, Fayetteville, with \$37,800. That's followed by Hot Springs, where residents of the president's boyhood home contributed \$27,900 toward his re-election.

The rest of the top cities contributing to Clinton were: Fort Smith with \$27,650; North Little Rock with \$24,350; Pine Bluff with \$23,325; Jonesboro with \$20,550; Conway with \$16,500; Benton with \$13,750; and Harrison with \$13,250.

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SPECIAL GIFT: Hillary Rodham Clinton receives a Seminole doll from Lee Tiger at the Women's Leadership Forum.

The Herald

Seeking 'catalyst for change'

First lady urges active political role for women

By TOM FIEDLER
Herald Political Editor

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told a wildly supportive and partisan crowd in Miami Monday night that women must be a "catalyst for change" in this year's elections to overcome the fears of those who would "build a wall, lift up the drawbridge and tell the 21st Century, 'We're not coming!'"

In a 45-minute speech to a newly organized Democratic Party group called Network '96, Mrs. Clinton extolled the accomplishments of her husband in a range of areas from foreign policy to the domestic economy.

But she elicited the strongest reactions from the gathering of more than 2,000 people — mostly women — when she

indirectly criticized the Republican-led Congress' reductions in federal spending for programs affecting poor families and young people struggling to make ends meet.

"The first thing we must do," she said, addressing a standing-room crowd at the InterContinental Hotel, "is cherish our

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First lady urges women to be active in election

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children and strengthen our families.

"No nation can survive; let alone flourish, if we don't put families first. And that means we can't talk simply about family values," she said, repeating a line often used by the GOP, "but we must act in ways that value families."

The first lady said the Republican Party had set up a "false debate between those who claim to be pro-family but in effect would cut the lifeline, leaving every family to fend for itself."

She said the nation needed a "sensible conversation" about a partnership between people and the government, rather than broad-based attacks on the bureaucracy as if it was the enemy.

"There's no debate about the government's role: governments don't raise children; parents do," Mrs. Clinton said. "But what a government does or doesn't do can undermine the capacity of the parents to be the kind of parents that they want to be."

The Network '96 reception was the second in what the Democratic National Committee intends to be a series of similar fund-raising and party building events around the nation. Party spokeswoman Amy Weiss Tobe said the Miami event was the most suc-

cessful so far, attracting more than 2,000 new members and raising about \$400,000.

The money will be used to pay for party programs intended to bring women into Democratic Party politics for this fall's elections.

Outside the hotel, about 300 people, mostly women and children, protested the penny-a-pound sugar tax announced in South Florida by Vice President Al Gore to clean contamination in the Everglades.

"This tax would be 75 percent of my income," said Kathy Warr, who owns 300 acres of sugar land in Moore Haven.

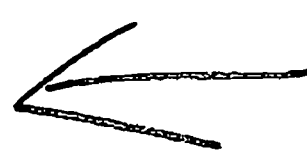
The first lady entered the hotel through the garage and didn't see the protesters.

She was introduced by Fowler, who told the crowd that women would play a vital part if the Democratic incumbent, Bill Clinton, is to be re-elected and if a Democratic majority can return to Congress.

The reception's chairwoman, Gwen Berlin, drew loud cheers and whistles when she reiterated that message. She said 54 million eligible women failed to participate in the 1994 elections that enabled the Republican Party to capture a majority in the U.S. House and Senate.

"Well, not this time, Newt!" she said, as if addressing House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Herald staff writer Ana Agle contributed to this report.

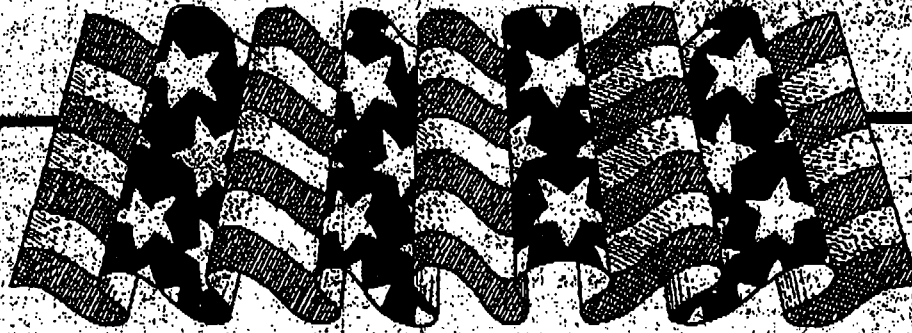


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NEW JERSEY

Earth Day mud flung at Christie Whitman

Governor's blasted from all sides

By Thomas Martello
Jailed Press writer

TRENTON — Gov. Christie Whitman was hit with Earth Day discord from different sides yesterday.

Inside the Statehouse, Democrats and environmentalists decried Whitman as a chief executive who says yes to business interests at the expense of the environment. The Republican governor also saw protesters holding "Protect Clean Water" signs while she did an Earth Day canoe trip in Burlington County.

Outside the Statehouse, about three dozen classic car enthusiasts who had motored to Trenton with their prized vehicles criticized Whitman's tougher auto emissions testing law. Several speakers said the tougher standards were akin to setting up an environmental police state in New Jersey.

Away from the Statehouse, Whitman defended her environmental record.

"Keeping our environment clean is critical to our state," the governor said in Pemberton Township as she took an Earth Day canoe trip along the Rancocas Creek. "It is a commitment that we have made and are going to continue to make."

Whitman said the public was misreading her environmental policies. She said there was a natural element of mistrust as she took steps to reduce the

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Gov. Christie Whitman

state bureaucracy by cutting staff and operations.

"I would be upset too if all I'd read was what those who are protesting had put out," Whitman said. "What we are doing is not going to weaken our environmental standards. It will weaken the bureaucracy as we know it."

Environmentalists last week launched a campaign to criticize Whitman's proposed changes to the state's pollution discharge regulations. They say the rules would allow industry to dump more cancer-causing chemicals into state waterways. Whitman says charges that the plans would harm the environment "are without substance."

On Earth Day, Democrats took aim, contending the governor's pro-business stance is also an anti-environment stance.

"What we've found out is that New Jersey is open for business at the expense of the environ-



Associated Press photo

State Department of Environmental Protection and Energy Commissioner Robert Shinn, lower left, leads Gov. Christie Whitman, lower right, down the Rancocas River in a canoe as protesters holding signs gather on a bridge overhead in Pemberton yesterday.

ment, and it's not working," said Assemblyman Bob Smith, D-Middlesex. "Suggesting that boosting the economy at the expense of environmental laws and regulations is an ill-conceived thought. It's a policy that has to change."

Whitman was also attacked by those who blasted her support of tougher emissions testing to conform with federal Clean Air Act regulations.

Classic car enthusiasts, some wearing "Dump Whitman" bumper stickers, took aim at the test, which would be tougher, but cars would be tested once every other year instead of annually.

The law passed last year, but Whitman says her administration will delay implementation until summer 1998 at the earliest. And the governor says

she'd like all older cars — from 1980 model years or before — exempted from the tougher standards.

That didn't stop the law's critics from suggesting that state officials would confiscate cars. That contention is hotly denied by administration officials who say critics are distorting the facts. Yesterday, these critics charged Whitman wants to delay implementation to avoid voter wrath in her 1997 re-election bid.

"We don't want to give up the fight," said Butch DiZuzio, leader of the Classic Vehicle Advocate Group. "We have the governor on the run. She has backed down. But if we let up the pressure, she's going to come back, big time."

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'V ads by Zimmer will target primary

By Thomas Turcol
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

In a bid to jump-start his U.S. Senate campaign, Republican Richard A. Zimmer will spend at least \$300,000 on television commercials, beginning this week, that depict him as tough on welfare and a staunch disciple of Gov. Whitman's.

The pair of 30-second commercials — one narrated by the highly popular Whitman — will be aired on cable television throughout New Jersey during the six weeks leading up to the June 4 primary. About two weeks before the primary, Zimmer will run the ads in the much more expensive Philadelphia television market.

Zimmer campaign officials insisted yesterday that the unusually early media purchase was aimed at getting voters to focus early on the differences between their candidate and the likely Democratic nominee, U.S. Rep. Robert G. Torricelli.

That election, however, is six months away, and television advertising for November traditionally begins on or around Labor Day. Thus, some believe that Zimmer, in fact, felt compelled to spend precious campaign money to reduce the chance of any surprises in his Republican primary fight.

"Zimmer is in for a much tougher primary fight than he's willing to admit," said Torricelli's campaign manager, David Blouffe.

Zimmer, a U.S. congressman from Hunterdon County, is a heavy favorite for the GOP nomination. But he is being challenged by two underfunded, though tenacious, rivals in State Sen. Richard LaRossa of Mercer County and Passaic County Freeholder Richard Duffalme, both of whom contend that he is not conservative enough for the party. No match for Zimmer's campaign war-chest, both plan to advertise over the radio and through the mails.

"He's trying to tell everybody that he's looking past us, but this shows that he knows he's in trouble," Duffalme said.

Said LaRossa campaign manager Jim O'Brien, "They're obviously worried about our campaign or they wouldn't be spending a dime."

In the commercials, which were shown to reporters yesterday, Zimmer tries to cash in on Whitman's popularity as well as to leave no doubt about his hard-line stand on welfare, an issue considered critical to likely Republican primary voters.

"Dick Zimmer is a fighter, a winner and a friend," declares Whitman in one commercial. She praises Zimmer as a congressman "who has kept his promise and voted against every single tax increase" and says his "fiscally sound conservative record has earned him the highest rating of the National Taxpayers Union."

In the other commercial, Zimmer comes down hard against welfare. "Like you, Dick Zimmer knows welfare doesn't work. It destroys initiative and has become a way of life for too many people." The commercial goes on to suggest the replacement of welfare with "workfare."

Even in the welfare spot, Zimmer tries to draw on the governor's popularity by calling himself "a Whitman Republican."

Larry Weitzner, Zimmer's campaign manager, said the commercials highlight two issues — welfare and taxes — "that show a clear contrast" between Zimmer and Torricelli. He said the ads were "general election-oriented, not primary-oriented." Zimmer's Republican challengers, Weitzner said, had yet to give his campaign "anything to respond to."

Zimmer's strategy, in fact, has been to ignore Duffalme and LaRossa while focusing entirely on Torricelli in anticipation of a tough battle this fall to replace Democrat Bill Bradley, who is not seeking a fourth term. Weitzner said the spring media purchase would give Zimmer a chance to boost his name recognition across

New Jersey at a time when political advertising is less expensive.

According to Weitzner, Zimmer has no plans to advertise over New York television, which serves the populous North Jersey counties, because Zimmer is better known there than in the southern part of the state.

Beaming his image and message across the state's television screens also could help Zimmer's fund-raising efforts, which have lagged behind Torricelli's. As of last week, Torricelli reported having \$3.8 million in the bank; Zimmer reported slightly less than \$2.1 million. The commercials, some analysts said, could attract contributions by giving his campaign a sense of momentum.

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Clinton, Kohl plan to visit Milwaukee

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The White House said Monday that German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has accepted President Clinton's invitation to visit Milwaukee on May 23.

Clinton and Kohl are to meet to discuss bilateral and regional issues.

The two meet regularly to exchange views on various issues, including the Middle East and the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"The president looks forward to introducing the chancellor to Milwaukee and its people," the announcement said.

David Johnson, a deputy White House press secretary, said details

of the visit had not been worked out. But he said it was "a reasonable presumption" that Clinton and Kohl would have lunch at one of Milwaukee's German restaurants.

Visiting Milwaukee was Clinton's idea, Johnson said.

"They like to get together in informal settings," he said, "and the president thought it would be good for them to enjoy getting to know a part of the country the president finds very interesting. And, coincidentally, it has a significant German immigrant population."

"It should be a great thing for Milwaukee," Mayor John Norquist said. "We will try to give them a wide variety of venues for whatever meetings they have."

Cooking/Dine with us, bitte, part 2 say Beertown's German eateries

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here since 1878," Lindenberg said. He bought it in 1972 from his father-in-law, John Ernst. Lindenberg's sons, John and Jim Lindenberg, now run the restaurant.

"The governor comes in here quite regularly. Mayor (Henry) Maier? He lived here. It was his favorite restaurant," the elder Lindenberg said.

Lots of movie stars and famous people have stopped in over the years, but he couldn't remember all of their names, he said.

OK, says Mader's management. We're not the oldest. But we do have several suits of armor and all kinds of carved wood. "It's almost like a museum," said manager Chris Lay.

Besides, Mader's has served many famous people over the years. It has experience with American presidents — George Bush, John F. Kennedy, Gerald Ford (who did not trip or topple at any point) — as well as movie stars such as Stefanie Powers, Robert Wagner, Bob Hope, and Laurel and Hardy.

Clinton and Kohl also can do a little shopping while they're here.

"We have a fascinating gift shop upstairs, filled with collectibles," Lay pointed out. Probably something there that first

daughter Chelsea might like, Mr. President.

Mader's served Bush and JFK? So did Karl Ratzsch's.

In fact, all of the big politicians and entertainers come to Ratzsch's, general manager Tom Androp said.

"We've had George Bush here a number of times for dinner," he said. "We have experience with many political figures dining here."

"The Rolling Stones have been here, the late Frank Zappa. We have pictures of Louis Armstrong dining in the restaurant," Androp said. Recent dignitaries have included Bert Bacharach, Willard Scott and Andy Rooney.

Still not impressed? "We've got Annette Funicello," Androp offered.

If the president's men still need convincing, they should note that Sales and Marketing Management Magazine repeatedly has put Karl Ratzsch's in the top 10 business dining establishments. "I assume that they'll be doing some very important business over lunch," Androp said.

What about the competition from Mader's or the John Ernst Cafe?

"I never heard of them," Androp quipped.

Both Kohl and Clinton, who have become good friends, are well-known for their impressive appetites. Kohl has even pub-

lished a cookbook, along with his wife, Hannelore, containing some of his favorite recipes. The book emphasizes such Teutonic taste delights as dumplings, sausage sauerkraut and beer.

Early in 1994, Kohl — his name is the German word for cabbage — visited Clinton in Washington and the two men dined together at Fionora's, a restaurant in Georgetown.

Luciano Mazzanti, a manager at Fionora's, has a little advice for the Milwaukee restaurateur who will host the pair: Expect a no-nonsense, extensive security checks, probably a Secret Service agent on the road — and in the kitchen.

Neither Clinton nor Kohl is what you would call a picky eater, Mazzanti said. They had fried calamari and rinsed it down with wine and sprouts. "They didn't pig out. They ordered a good bottle of wine. They toasted each other," he said.

"Let me put it this way. Chancellor Kohl has been one of our best customers since we opened in 1983," Mazzanti said.

Any insights about their dining preferences?

"Well, what kind of food? German food? Boy, you're gonna be put to the test." But not to worry. "You know, these two guys, they're just regular people. President Clinton came in here, and he shook everybody's hand."

Kohl/Chancellor, Clinton to visit city

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"They like to get together in informal settings," he said, "and the president thought it would be good for them to enjoy getting to know a part of the country the president finds very interesting. And, coincidentally, it has a significant German immigrant population."

According to the 1990 census, 40% of the city's residents claim some type of German ancestry. The Milwaukee meeting apparently was nailed down dur-

ing the talks of the Group of Seven industrial nations during the weekend in Moscow, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist said.

"It should be a great thing for Milwaukee," Norquist said. "We will try to give them a wide variety of venues for whatever meetings they have."

The agenda is expected to include a one-on-one session between the two leaders, a larger gathering with aides, and then a news conference and "a chance after their business is done to celebrate the connection between Germany and Milwaukee."

Johnson said the two leaders probably would travel separately to Milwaukee, with Kohl flying in from Bonn.

Norquist speculated that the meeting will take place in Milwaukee in part because of the prominent German-American community but also because Clinton is "very comfortable" with the city. In addition, Norquist said, Milwaukee has strong shipping ties through the North and Baltic seas, which about Germany.

Journal Sentinel reporter Mike Michol contributed to this report.

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Gemuettlichkeit on menu for Kohl visit

German chancellor coming to city for talks with Clinton on May 23

By FRANK A. AUROFER
of the Journal Sentinel staff

Washington — President Clinton will meet with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Milwaukee on May 23, the White House announced Monday.

Kohl accepted the invitation from Clinton to meet in Milwaukee for a discussion of regional and U.S.-German issues.

The White House announcement noted that Kohl and Clinton had met regularly "to exchange views on important European and re-

gional issues, including the Middle East, Bosnia and the future of NATO."

In addition, the announcement said, "the president looks forward to introducing the chancellor to Milwaukee and its people."

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AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
Helmut Kohl is known for his love of fine food and drink.

Beertown's German eateries say dine with us, bitte

By JAN UEBELIEN
of the Journal Sentinel staff

When it comes to entertaining a president and a German chancellor in Milwaukee, there are three ways to spell gemuettlichkeit: Ernst, Ratzsch and Mader.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who happens to be the co-author of a German cookbook, and President Clinton, who happens to like food an awful lot, will be in town May 23 to talk about regional and U.S.-German issues. Lunch at one of Milwaukee's famed German

eateries is likely.

The people who run three of the most famous German restaurants in Milwaukee had just one question for the White House: "Smoking or non-smoking?"

If elected, they'd serve with honor.

Ervin Lindenberg, who has been with the John Ernst Cafe for 39 years, said the cafe is the most German of Milwaukee's German restaurants.

"It is the oldest German restaurant in the city, been

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Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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Mineral Press

• At \$4.25 an hour, the federal minimum wage buys less today than the \$1 minimum wage of 1956. It's time to raise it

ADS 4/23/96
It's been more than 15 months since President Clinton first proposed a 90-cent an hour raise in the federal minimum wage, from \$4.25 to \$5.15 an hour. The proposal has been bottle-necked in both houses of Congress, recently pried loose by a potent mix of election-year politics and defections by Republicans in both houses.

While the initial reception to the wage hike was polite, neither Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., nor House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., was keen to give Clinton a victory on such a popular issue. A New York Times poll taken earlier this month said 84 percent of Americans support a minimum-wage increase.

A grain of salt is called for; a January poll by the Opinion Research Corporation said that 78 percent of Americans did not know what the minimum wage is.

But most people do understand the fact underlying the broad support for raising the wage floor: \$4.25 an hour is very low pay, and anyone who works at a minimum-wage job — about 3.6 million people — has a hard time making ends meet.

The official poverty level for a family of four is \$15,600. A minimum-wage job pays about \$8,500 a year. Most workers who earn the minimum wage or less are single, white women over 25 with school-age children.

Inflation has robbed the minimum wage of 50 cents in buying power since it was raised in 1990. By contrast, the 1956 minimum wage of \$1, adjusted for inflation, would equal \$5.13 an hour today. The buying power of today's minimum wage of \$4.25 an hour is at a 40-year low.

No one would get rich from the proposed raise. A family of four whose sole support earned the new \$5.15 an hour minimum would fall \$854 below the poverty line, even when tax breaks and food stamps are factored in.

There are reasons, supported by a wide margin of America's economists, to be concerned about meddling with the minimum wage. Many experts say that forcing businesses covered under the federal wage law to raise pay would cost jobs for those who can least afford it — unskilled and entry-level workers, particularly teen-agers seek-

ing their first jobs.

Indeed, America's work force shrank by nearly 500,000 jobs in the first two years after the minimum wage was raised in 1990.

But tying that to the minimum wage, and not to the persistent recession that the nation also was experiencing, would be simplistic. In all, the work force has gained 10 million jobs since 1990, which amounts to a net gain of 9.5 million jobs.

In fact, the economic truisms about rising minimum wages and shrinking job base seem to be fading. More recent economic projections suggest the overall economy would benefit by raising the minimum wage.

Perhaps sensing the public's mood on a minimum wage, moderate Republicans bolted the party leadership and appear ready to pass the increase. Dole expressed his displeasure at the GOP mavericks, who, he said, "blindsided" him on the issue. However, he did not resist the opportunity the issue gives him to play party politics.

Dole and Gingrich both say they will tie a vote on the wage increase to other provisions that traditional Democratic allies in organized labor oppose, such as allowing for flexible, part-time hours and limiting unions' ability to assess fees for political purposes.

But Dole is a realist; he concedes that the minimum wage is likely to go up, with or without his support. Political realism also should tell Dole, whose ratings fall at least 15 points behind President Clinton's, that it wouldn't hurt him to show some compassion for the working poor.

But there's more than political reality at issue here. Today's minimum wage buys less than at any time in the past 40 years. Even a 90-cent an hour raise won't lift many families out of poverty, but it would mean a real difference in the quality of their lives. It deserves support.

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WAGE RAISE

11 *Getting out of the way is the minimum Dole can do*

The all-but-certain Republican presidential nominee, Bob Dole, asserts that he can best demonstrate his leadership qualities not on the campaign trail, but by tending to business as Senate majority leader. Yet his stumbles in recent days — his attack on President Bill Clinton's judicial appointees (98 percent of whom Mr. Dole voted for) and related smear of the American Bar Association, his mismanagement of important legislation dealing with health care and immigration reform, his effort to have it both ways on such issues as China policy and abortion rights — raise questions not only about Sen. Dole's political acumen, but also about his sympathy with the real concerns of American voters.

On no issue is this more apparent — and on no issue has Sen. Dole seemed to miscalculate so badly — as in his perplexingly fierce opposition to a modest, overdue increase in the federal minimum wage. Opinion polls suggest that Americans overwhelmingly favor a boost in the minimum wage, which has been stuck at \$4.25 an hour since 1991. Moderate Republican senators have deserted their leader to join the Democratic minority in supporting legislation that would raise the wage to \$5.15 an hour.

Sen. Dole now concedes that such a hike appears inevitable this year, and even acknowledged this week that "you can't argue that anybody can make it on \$4.25

an hour." Yet his efforts to block a minimum-wage vote on the Senate floor last week caused him to postpone work on an immigration measure that also is popular with his caucus. That action, coupled with Senate approval of a health insurance bill that deleted several provisions Mr. Dole sought, have made the majority leader appear not only the captive of corporate lobbies and the scourge of low-wage workers, but also inept as a legislative tactician.

Even now, though, Sen. Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich say they want to tie a higher minimum wage to enactment of unrelated legislation — a regressive tax credit, relaxed restrictions on employers' use of part-time workers and of compensatory time rather than paid overtime. As White House economic adviser Laura D'Andrea Tyson suggested, they still appear to think they can stop a train that's left the station.

The purchasing power of the minimum wage is at its lowest point in nearly four decades. The proposed increase is just; credible economic evidence suggests it would not be the job-killer its critics allege. It deserves an immediate vote by Congress on its own merits, unencumbered by extraneous issues.

If Sen. Dole, who voted for the last minimum-wage boost, is not prepared to support this one, he at least should get out of the way. Further obstructionism would not look, well, presidential.

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Detroit Free Press

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ARMS TO BOSNIA

Clinton should be open about Iran-Muslim link

President Bill Clinton's claim to executive privilege to rebuff questions about his alleged winking at arms flowing to Bosnia's Muslims from Iran is tenuous at best.

Circumstances have changed considerably since the president publicly endorsed a Bosnian arms embargo, while reportedly telling Croatian officials he would pretend not to notice arms shipments through their country. All parties to the Bosnian war need to be honest with each other if there is to be any hope for peace. That includes straightforwardness between the president and Congress, as U.S. troops risk their lives trying to ease tensions among the combatants.

The president's critics seek to equate the Iran-Croatia-Bosnia arms shipments with the Iran-contra arms scandal during the Reagan administration. In the latter, though, administration officials were actively participating in weapons transfers, not just overlooking them.

It is not particularly admirable that

Mr. Clinton continued to support the arms embargo to Bosnia in public, while apparently letting rearmament occur by other means. It has created discomfort about how to trim current Iranian involvement in Bosnia. But creating diplomatic awkwardness is not the same as being criminal.

Mr. Clinton's desire to be all things to all people surfaces at the strangest times. In this case, it looks as if he really wanted to help the Bosnian Muslims get past their weapons shortage, even as he stood with European leaders in support of the arms embargo. As dubious a tactic as that may have been, it may have helped bring the parties to the peace table in Dayton.

Mr. Clinton has to be careful, though, not to let defensiveness trip him up now. He ought to flood Congress with whatever papers the White House has on the Iran-Croatia-Bosnia arms link. If he made a mistake, he and the country can deal with that. It will be much more difficult to deal with questions about whether he has something more sinister to hide.

The New York Times

4-23-96

Poll Suggests Ferraro Could Beat Giuliani in Race

By DAVID FIRESTONE

Geraldine A. Ferraro, the former Vice-Presidential candidate, is the only Democrat who would defeat Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani if the mayoral election were held today, according to a new poll.

The poll of 741 registered voters, conducted by Quinnipiac College earlier this month, shows that Ms. Ferraro would beat Mr. Giuliani 45 to 40 percent. By contrast, Mr. Giuliani would defeat four other Democrats who may be his challengers in 1997, including Ruth W. Messinger and Fernando Ferrer, the Borough Presidents of Manhattan and the Bronx.

Head to head against Ms. Messin-

ger, the Mayor would win 44 to 39, according to the poll, and against Mr. Ferrer, 43 to 39.

Ms. Ferraro, a former Congresswoman from Queens, has said that while many people are encouraging her to run for mayor, she has not yet decided whether to run for any office.

If she runs in a Democratic primary, the poll indicates, she would lead the field, receiving the votes of 28 percent of those surveyed. Ms. Messinger would be next with 17 percent, Mr. Ferrer would get 15 percent, Speaker Peter F. Vallone of the City Council would get 11 percent, and Councilman Sal F. Albanese would get 5 percent. Mr. Albanese is the only declared candidate in the race;

the two Borough Presidents are likely candidates, and Mr. Vallone has never formally expressed any interest in running.

Ms. Messinger said she was encouraged by the poll's determination that Mr. Giuliani would not do better than 44 percent against any candidate, which she said demonstrated his weakness. She said she was not concerned about Ms. Ferraro's strong showing because she does not expect the former Representative to run.

The poll, conducted from April 11 to 16, has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.6 percentage points.

The college is in Hamden, Conn.

EDITOR'S NOTE: One of a series of boxes looking at commercials run in the U.S. Senate campaign.

Candidate: Rep. Dick Zimmer, Republican.

Ad Firm: Stuart Stevens, Alexandria, Va.

Format: Two 30-second TV spots.

Ad 1

Title: ``Welfare.''

Where airing: New Jersey cable systems statewide and Philadelphia TV stations.

Text and image: Announcer saying, ``Like you, Dick Zimmer knows welfare doesn't work. It destroys initiative and has become a way of life for too many people. That's why Dick Zimmer believes workfare must replace welfare. Zimmer wants to make welfare recipients work for their benefits. And Zimmer believes it's simply wrong to pay welfare to convicted felons. Now, that's just good solid conservative common sense. And that's Dick Zimmer a Whitman Republican, who will fight for us in the United States Senate.

The announcer's voice comes over successive images of a poor family, Zimmer shaking hands, a jail door closing, and finally a picture of Zimmer and his wife Marfy at home.

Goal: To introduce Zimmer to statewide voters, and Republican voters before the June 4 primary as a no-nonsense welfare reformer who embraces the title of conservative and the backing of popular New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman (see below).

Ad 2

Title: ``Endorsement.''

Where airing: New Jersey cable systems statewide and Philadelphia TV stations.

Text and image: Gov. Christie Whitman on screen for most of the time saying, ``Dick Zimmer will make a great United States senator. As a congressman, Dick Zimmer has kept his promise and voted against every single tax increase. Every one. No wonder Dick Zimmer's fiscally sound conservative record has earned him the highest rating of the National Taxpayers Union. As our senator, Dick will fight to scrap our unfair tax code and replace it with one that promotes jobs and economic growth. Dick Zimmer is a fighter, a winner and a friend. I hope you will join me in voting for Dick Zimmer for United States senator.

Goal: To link Zimmer with the state's popular governor as a partner in tax reform with full-fledged conservative credentials.

Analysis of both ads:

Six weeks before the primary and 6½ months before the general election, Zimmer kicks off the television advertising season with a pair of 30-second spots that share two themes he wants to stress: ``conservative'' and ``Whitman.''

Both ads are feel-good pieces that avoid the negative, as well as any mention of his two Republican primary opponents or Democratic Senate contender Robert Torricelli.

In the first ad on welfare, Zimmer stresses his support for efforts gaining ground around the country to get people off long-term welfare and into jobs. Proponents say such legislation develops needed individual responsibility, but critics ask who will pay to train welfare recipients for jobs and provide child care for single mothers trying to join the work force.

In the second ad, Whitman gives her approval to Zimmer as an ally in tackling the always-unpopular tax system. Zimmer did not come out in favor of the 17 percent flat tax plan unveiled during the GOP primaries by magazine publisher Steve Forbes, but has said without specifics there are other tax programs to achieve the same aims.

APRIL 18, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SOSNIK AND KAREN HANCOX

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT

1996 PRESIDENTIAL

Poll

MARIST COLLEGE POLL

Their poll, conducted 4/9-4/11 among 783 registered voters nationwide, found Clinton-Gore leading Dole by 13 percent. A February Marist poll, taken before the primaries, found the President leading by only 44% to 38%. The survey measured President Clinton's job approval rating at 50 percent, up 5 percent from the February poll.

When asked for a reason for supporting candidates, 65% of Clinton backers supported him, while 24% were voting against Dole. Among Dole backers, 45% were voting for the Senator while 40% were voting against Clinton.

HEAD-TO-HEADS

Clinton	50%	Clinton	44%
Dole	37	Dole	32
Undecided	13	Perot	15
		Undecided	9

CANDIDATES

Bob Dole

Bob Dole appeared on Jim Lehrer's show last night and sounded a conciliatory tone. Referring to the President, Dole said, "I like him personally. We don't have any problem with each other... we have a different philosophy generally, and that's what the two-party system is all about." He stated a minimum wage increase "might be able to resolve that next week, maybe not." Before beginning the campaign in earnest, Dole said he wanted to "get things done."

STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / PRESIDENTIAL

Arkansas

Followers of Ross Perot have amended a federal lawsuit seeking to force the Secretary of State Sharon Priest to certify his Reform Party in Arkansas on civil rights grounds. The amended complaint asks a judge to order Priest to certify the Reform Party, to declare state election laws on forming a new political party unconstitutional and to allow the party to hold primaries or a convention to nominate candidates for local, state and federal offices. Alternatively, it asks that Priest be ordered to give organizers 30 days to gather enough signatures to be certified to field candidates in Arkansas. The initial suit came after Priest refused to certify the party after determining that supporters failed to turn in the required 21,505 signatures of registered voters last January.

Miscellaneous

A bipartisan group composed of various political and media luminaries and funded by the Pew Charitable Trust held a press conference today to announce the formation of The Free Talk for Straight TV Coalition. The group, represented by Senators Bradley and McCain, Charles Manatt, Frank Fahrenkopf (former chair of the RNC) and Paul Taylor (former reporter with the Washington Post), is calling for the TV networks to offer free prime-time air time to major Presidential candidates. The Coalition also ran a full-page ad in today's NY Times; a copy of the ad is attached.

MCI and Rock the Vote launched an online voter registration effort today. Singer Sheryl Crow, Senator Patrick Leahy, and Reps. William Luther and Rick White attended a Capitol Hill news conference to kick off the effort. People can access one of two internet sites to register; they simply fill out an on-screen form, and click 'Submit'. They will receive a completed form in the mail two weeks later, which they can sign and mail to the state election board. Voters registered on-line will also receive a letter a week prior to the election reminding them to vote. According to a 1994 Census estimate, 58 percent of the 25 million 18- to 24- year olds are not registered to vote.

STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / NON-PRESIDENTIAL Arkansas

Attorney General Winston Bryant (D) forgot the name of one of his opponents for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate during a forum. Jonesboro lawyer Bill Bristow attacked Bryant verbally and Bryant responded: "First of all, let me respond to the allegations by Bill Bridgforth." William Bridgforth is a Pine Bluff attorney. Bristow quickly said, "I'm sorry. It's Bill Bristow, it's not Bill Bridgforth. I hope by the time the campaign is over, you know who I am..."

California

Governor Pete Wilson's (R) plan to let 290,000 public school students use state money to transfer to private and other public schools was easily approved Wednesday by a state Assembly committee. The Education Committee voted 8-2 to send the bill, authored by Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle (R), to the Appropriations Committee. The bill would allow students attending elementary and high schools that have the lowest 5% scores in the state on standardized tests to transfer to a different public school or to a private school. Opponents say the plan, very similar to a voucher initiative rejected by voters in 1993, would give taxpayer funds to religious schools, support schools that can discriminate, and make bad schools worse by cutting funding and taking away motivated students. The bill is expected to move easily through the GOP-dominated Assembly, but is likely to run into trouble in the state Senate, which has a two-seat Democratic majority.

Americans overwhelmingly condemn the actions of two Riverside County sheriff's deputies caught on video beating illegal immigrants, according to the latest LA Times poll. A total of 71% of respondents criticized the beating as unjustified, including 56% who termed it "strongly unjustified." Overall, the poll showed that most people believe the deputies used excessive force in arresting the two immigrants. Nearly three-quarters of the respondents blamed either the sheriff's deputies or smugglers for the April 1 incident and only 12% of the respondents held the immigrants responsible for provoking the violence. The Times surveyed 1,374 people across the United States by telephone between April 13 - 16.

Delaware

Governor Carper is scheduled to sign legislation today raising the state's minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$4.65 an hour. This legislation is the first step in a two-step process to boost the minimum wage to \$5.00 by January 1, 1997.

Florida

State leaders are scrambling to figure out how to deal with the ruling yesterday by three federal judges that threw out Rep. Corrine Brown's district as unconstitutional. The Court said it was not turning back the clock on the gains made by African American voters. Yet it decided by a 2-1 margin that Brown's district, which is shaped like a horseshoe running from Orlando to Jacksonville, stretched the limits of Constitutional tolerance. The court left open how much of the map can be redrawn. The ruling throws the legislative session, which is supposed to end May 3, into disarray. The Republican leadership declared today that the ruling means that the governor loses his role in the process -- meaning he doesn't have veto power over any new legislative plans. The governor is developing his position on redistricting, although it's unlikely he will cede his veto power. A new plan is due May 22. The leadership of both houses want to deal with reapportionment after the legislative session, but it will be very hard to stop discussion of it. In the meantime the legislature will need to extend the qualifying period for candidates, which ends May 10. The primary is in September.

Georgia

The three-judge panel handling the redistricting issue said yesterday that qualifying for General Assembly seats will be postponed until early May. The judges plan to redraw 10-25 state House and Senate districts and will reveal the illegal districts in a formal ruling next Tuesday. Qualifying for other races, such as Congress and U.S. Senate, will be held next week as scheduled. State election officials have said each additional primary election would cost the state \$1.5 million and they hope that this issue will be resolved in time for the July 9 primary.

The annual "Freaknik" party is scheduled in Atlanta this weekend. What started, in the mid-1980's, as a low-key picnic in a city park, attended by a few hundred students from Atlanta's six historically black colleges, has now turned into a party that attracts hundreds of thousands of black college students from around the country. Atlanta residents are not especially happy to play host to thousands of these rowdy students which has caused some racial tensions. Atlanta is not welcoming Freaknik. Organizers have filed lawsuits over the city's insistence on insurance at various public parks. Mayor Campbell did not so much attempt to curtail Freaknik, as to distance himself and the city government from it. He has repeatedly said the city was "not in the party business." This has met some criticism from other members of the black community who are disappointed that Atlanta will open its arms to the world for the Olympics, but not for 200,000 black students. Campbell has been accused of using language that would never be used to welcome a Shriners convention. Originally six concerts were planned for this weekend, and now there are only two. The most controversial one was the attempt by promoter Steven Muhammad, an organizer for the Million Man March and a member of the Nation of Islam, to stage a concert at Grant Park. It was rumored that Louis Farrakhan would address students at the concert, but the city has revoked an initial permit since Muhammad did not get insurance coverage for the event. In addition, Black Entertainment Television and DNC plans for a voter registration drive during Freaknik have been canceled.

Idaho

State GOP Chairman Ron McMurray is accusing Democratic Senate challenger Walt Minnick of deceiving Idaho voters by proposing a ban on special interest campaign financing, while accepting special interest money. Minnick had previously proposed that he and GOP incumbent Larry Craig refuse to accept any money from political action committees. However, after Craig quickly dismissed his idea, Minnick again began accepting PAC money. Both candidates are running unopposed in the May 28 primary.

Illinois

The Rev. Jesse Jackson continued his "Illinois Freedom Ride" voter registration tour yesterday, addressing 12,000 union workers in Springfield, IL at one of the state capital's biggest rallies in years. "Let's combine our strengths," he said. "There will be a bigger Democratic Party. There will be a more inclusive Democratic Party."

Kentucky

According to a report released Monday, Larry Forgy (R) overspent on the state's \$1.8 million spending limit during his gubernatorial campaign. His campaign attorney said Forgy exceeded the limit by less than \$10,000 but the report from the Registry of Election Finance does not reflect a \$9,000 refund on media buys the campaign received.

An unresolved issue is whether the county GOP committees and third parties, who spent more than \$16,000 on GOTV efforts, should be charged to the Forgy campaign. The Kentucky Democratic party is considering filing a suit against the Republicans over this issue.

Louisiana

This Saturday's race for state party chair continues to get ugly. Jim Nickel's opponent, Linda Day, an employee of Attorney General Ieyoub, has the support of Congressmen Jefferson and Fields, who are actively working the phones to gather support for her. Insiders have said that it will be a very close race. Nickel has said if he loses he will go to work for Senator Breaux, and the two of them would become "National Democrats" and not stay involved in state politics. Regardless of the outcome, many believe this race will have affect on the fall elections.

Montana

A national group promoting a federal "right-to-work" measure will begin a broadcast media campaign today aimed at Senator Max Baucus (D), urging Montanans to call him and ask him to support the bill. The ads purchased by the National Right to Work Committee are intended to soften up Baucus during an election year. The committee is buying ads in as many as 22 states, targeting specific Senators for support of their initiative.

Nebraska

The Nebraska Republican Party is airing attack spots blaming Governor (and Senate candidate) Ben Nelson (D) for raising property taxes. Some Republicans in the state apparently have complained about the spots but the Nebraska GOP chairman is standing behind the ads, pointing to a GOPAC manual that encourages Republicans to hold firm in the face of such criticism. The manual says that "some Republican candidates make the mistake of worrying too much about what friends and neighbors and the so-called country club set might think if they go negative and get too aggressive. Democratic opponents are aware of this concern and often arrange to get League of Women Voters types to complain to the Republican candidate. ... 'I've always been a loyal Republican,' they invariably say, true or not, 'but this kind of negative campaigning is awful and all of my friends are turned off by it'...."

New Jersey

Congressman Bob Torricelli (D-9) reassigned his press secretary to legislative duties following a conflict in differentiating between campaign and official duties. The press secretary was reassigned after he faxed a negative newspaper article on Torricelli's Senate opponent to a Capitol Hill newspaper. The newspaper reported that Torricelli's press secretary may have violated election laws by contacting the paper in an attempt to tar Congressman Dick Zimmer (R-12).

Cecil Banks, a Newark attorney and Democrat, will announce April 25 that he will challenge four-term Congressman Donald Payne (D-10) in the June 4 Democratic primary. Party insiders believe Banks is counting on an endorsement by Mayor Sharpe James (D) to be able to mount a serious challenge to Payne. James and Payne split recently. The 10th Congressional District is heavily Democratic and majority African-American, and winning the Democratic nomination is considered tantamount to winning the general election.

New Mexico

The re-election campaign war chest of incumbent GOP Senator Pete Domenici stands at \$1.3 million with contributions from 13,121 people and zero debt, his organization reported in their quarterly filing report with the FEC. In a press statement released by the campaign, Domenici indicated that over 81% of the donors to his campaign have given \$50 or less.

New York

The Staten Island Advance reports that Representative Susan Molinari (R-13) and her husband, Representative Bill Paxon (R-27) are forming a leadership PAC to raise money for Republican Congressional candidates this year. The leadership PAC, which should be up and running in a couple of weeks, differs from traditional PACs, in that it can accept checks of up to \$5,000 per year from individuals and up to \$10,000 over a two year election cycle. Traditional PACs can only accept up to \$1,000 per year from individuals. The paper makes note that leadership PACs can become vehicles for congressional members to build a base of support for seeking leadership posts. Molinari and Paxon currently hold leadership posts. The paper further notes that the formation of this PAC comes at a time when polls are indicating that Democrats have a shot at taking back the House and when the AFL-CIO has committed to raising \$35 million in an effort to bolster Democrats' numbers in Congress.

North Carolina

Senator Jesse Helms has pulled one of his negative television ads and fired the top aide who produced it. The ad tried to link Harvey Gantt and Charlie Sanders to racial quotas and health benefits for homosexuals. The Sanders campaign was quick to take credit for the yanking of the Helms ad. Sanders has been airing a reply that says Helms' has used "mean-spirited and mudslinging tactics to win his past four elections."

Charlie Sanders also made public his 1995 tax returns and challenged both Helms and Gantt to do the same.

We have heard from Governor Hunt's office about how pleased they were over the Vice President's recent visit to Raleigh and Chapel Hill.

Oklahoma

Democratic State Party CEO Pat Hall, whose wife is a surviving victim of the Oklahoma City bombing, issued a press-release earlier this week criticizing Governor Frank Keating and the state's Congressional delegation of not championing the President's Anti-Terrorism legislation. Hall said, "I am ashamed that the governor and some of our Congressional delegation have been so callous as to put partisan politics over the needs of all Americans, especially those Oklahomans who have suffered so greatly from this criminal act." He told them it's time to stop foot dragging and pass the President's legislation.

Pennsylvania

Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan will visit Philadelphia Monday, April 22 to report on his recent 18 nation "World Friendship Tour." The tour's purpose was to spread the message of the Million Man March to Muslims around the world. It is unclear whether Farrakhan will meet with African American leaders of clergy while in Philadelphia.

Texas

Victor Morales, who has missed three FEC filing deadlines, says he has raised \$30,000 in the last three weeks or so. Sen. Phil Gramm reported having \$3.08 million on hand as of March 31.

Virginia

A Mason-Dixon poll of 831 registered voters has Sen. John Warner leading former OMB head Jim Miller 47% to 36%. The poll shows that Warner has more than a 20 point lead with women (53%-31%) while holding his own with men (41%-41%).

The same poll that will be released tomorrow, the President is behind Dole two points, but has shown improvement from last November's poll. (Margin of error +/- 3.5%)

<u>Head-to-Head</u>		<u>November Head-to-Head</u>	
Clinton	43%	Clinton	39%
Dole	45%	Dole	46%
Undecided	12%	Undecided	15%

Radio Attack Ads / Non-Presidential

Citizen Action and Sierra Club have launched attack radio spots against GOP congressmen, almost all freshmen, highlighting their votes to slow Medicare spending and roll back environmental protections. The Citizen Action ad campaign charges the members with voting five times to cut Medicare. The ad, which asks people in the members' districts to call a toll free number for information on how to lobby their representative, says: "think of it: a tax break for the wealthy paid for by cuts in Medicare and nursing home care." Citizen Action has targeted 18 Republicans, including freshmen Dick Chrysler (R-MI), Andrea Seastrand (R-CA) Mark Neumann (R-WI) and Rep. Jay Dickey (R-AR). The campaign is expected to last two weeks and cost \$240-\$330,000. The Sierra Club has targeted ten GOP freshmen, including Chrysler and Neumann, and veteran Democrat Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-TX). It will run most of its ads through April 22 (Earth Day).

Minimum Wage

Twenty moderate Republican Members of Congress went against Newt Gingrich and unveiled a bill proposing an increase in the minimum wage. Representatives Jack Quinn (R-NY) and Chris Shays (R-CT) sponsored the legislation which seeks to increase the minimum wage by \$1 over 15 months. Most of the Republican Members who attended the press conference are from Northeastern states -- six from New York -- where labor support is crucial in an election year, and where the AFL-CIO could target them for defeat. Some of the Republicans, like Freshman Bill Martini (R-NJ) face stiff challenges from Democrats in the fall. Martini said, "Labor would be making a big mistake to target me. They'd be losing a voice in the majority in Congress."

Inside Politics -- April 18, 1996

Gene Randall led off with a story about this year's front-loaded presidential nomination process, asking whether or not it was good for the GOP and the process in general. Haley Barbour, chair of the Republican National Committee, announced today the appointment of a task force of GOP party leaders to meet and discuss an overhaul of the primary process. He cited problems in this year's compressed schedule, which allowed only 32 states to have input in the nomination. Although he acknowledged that it would take some time for the RNC to come up with a solution, he declared "something needs to be done." He also said the decision needs to be bipartisan and should be accomplished through party rules. The appointment of the task force is the first of five steps in the process of evaluating the primary season, and Barbour assured Republicans that all states will have a say in the new plan before a final decision is made.

Candy Crowley addressed the direction of Senator Dole's campaign now that it appears that he has the nomination sewn up. His next task: finding the best way to beat the President. She speculated that he would try to accomplish that through his legislative agenda. She cited a health care bill that is expected to come up soon in the Senate, which would allow working people to keep their health insurance when they become sick or change jobs. She compared this small bill to the larger plan forwarded by the Administration two years ago, implying that this limited provision will have a greater likelihood of passing.

Crowley warned that although Dole may be able to control the agenda in the Senate, he may encounter difficulty in controlling the discussion, as he has recently in the debate over the proposed increase in the minimum wage. Republican Senator William Cohen from Maine acknowledged that Dole will have to take up the issue of the increase in the minimum wage, because it is already "out there," but should balance it with an issue that is historically important to the GOP, such as welfare reform.

Crowley pointed to the upcoming Senate agenda as evidence that Dole has already chosen that path, with a balanced budget welfare reform, entitlements, and anti-crime legislation expected to surface. Yesterday, in fact, the Senate passed an anti-terrorism provision, credit for which Utah Senator Orrin Hatch declared Dole "deserves." Crowley speculated that the "trickiest" issues for Dole, which she said he "couldn't ignore," would be Medicare and Medicaid, because the Clinton Administration has been successful in framing itself as the protectors of these benefits.

Randall reported that North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms' longtime media consultant Alex Cassalanos left the Helms campaign today. Randall also reported that the Helms campaign pulled a controversial ad about gay and lesbian hiring practices, but maintained that the two events had no relation.

Even with this shakeup in the Helms campaign, Randall reported that the key to the North Carolina Senate race may turn out to be money. At this point, Helms has more cash than either of his Democratic opponents, having raised more than \$1 million, with \$1.3 million dollars left on hand. In comparison, Democrat Harvey Gantt has raised nearly \$1 million, with \$1 million on hand, and Democrat Charlie Sanders has raised \$300,000, with \$130,000 left on hand.

In Texas, Randall reported, cash is no contest for Phil Gramm's opponents. After he dropped out of the presidential race in February, Gramm raised \$142,000, 82% of which came from PACs. He has spent nearly a half million dollars on his race so far, and has nearly \$3 million left on hand. In contrast, his opponent, Democrat Victor Morales, has raised only \$4,000, of which he has spent \$3,000.

Randall also reported that the Clinton/Gore campaign had \$16.5 million on hand at the end of March.

The report led into a story by Brooks Jackson about the indirect benefit Democrats derive from organized labor, which has left some union members "livid." Jackson said that the \$35 million ad campaign the AFL-CIO is using to blast its opponents on the minimum wage has left some of its members "howling." A CNN poll conducted last year reports that 1 in 4 union members identify themselves as Republicans. Several labor leaders testified at a House hearing today about the political process within the labor community, in which they argue it is hard to get refunds on their dues when they disagree with the union's political program. Jackson said that this "bitter feud" within unions is "likely to get more so."

Pat Buchanan was interviewed and asked about his "next political hat." Buchanan has recently declared that he is planning to go to the GOP convention as a Republican, and that he hopes to leave as a Republican. Although he is short of touting the party line at this point, he said he has no interest in damaging the Dole campaign. Buchanan has sent a letter to 140,000 of his supporters asking for their advice about the best way for him to advance his campaign, whether it be as a third-party candidate or by supporting the Dole campaign. However, Buchanan warned that his tacit support of Dole is no "blank check," and that the GOP needs to show him it is moving in a counter position to the Administration, and not following the President as it has on NAFTA, GATT, and Bosnia.

Buchanan admitted that he is torn about the course he will take next, but that if he sees the GOP take a "wrong turn," he will work to stand up for what his supporters believe. As an example, he cited New York Governor George Pataki's recent challenge to the GOP abortion plank, arguing that he believes the support is there within the party to fight for the right-to-life plank.

When asked what they GOP had in mind at this point for his speech at the convention, Buchanan joked "sunrise services," but maintained that as the second-place finisher, he deserved the respect of the party and a slot on the speaking program. He dismissed talk of his being named the vice presidential candidate, saying it was "not realistic." Buchanan said he hoped that Dole would select a conservative, traditionalist who would clearly differentiate the Republican ticket from the President. When asked about his loss in Arizona, Buchanan maintained that his poor showing there was due to absentee ballots, negative campaign ads run by Senator Dole, and \$4 million of ads run by Steve Forbes.

Bernard Kalb reported on a recent movement to provide free air time to candidates. A commission called Free T.V. for Straight Talk, which is made up of politicians, journalists and broadcasters, has proposed providing several minutes of prime-time air time to candidates during the last 9 weeks of the campaign. Their full-page ad, which ran in today's New York Times, argued that the media has contributed to making politics mean and nasty. Of the nine senators involved, Republican John McCain, an ardent Dole supporter, argued that the television networks have the responsibility to act in the public interest. Last week, Rupert Murdoch of Fox Broadcasting challenged his network opponents by declaring that on election eve, his network would devote one hour of prime time to final campaign swings by the presidential candidates. The networks have reviewed the plan offered by Free T.V. for Straight Talk. ABC disagrees with the plan, saying it does not have ample time to devote to such coverage. CBS has said it is "reviewing" the proposal, NBC is "considering" it, and CNN maintains that having already devoted 30 hours to debates and speeches, providing free network time is not a useful route for it to take.

TO ABC, CBS AND NBC:

WE NEED JUST A
FEW MINUTES OF
YOUR TIME.

Dear Network Executives:

Choosing a president is the most important political decision our nation makes. In order to choose wisely, citizens need to be armed with information about the candidates and their platforms.

- Television has a vital role to play in providing this information. It's our most powerful means of political communication. Unfortunately, political campaigns too often unfold on television as a depressing spectacle of 30 second attack ads and eight second sound bites. There isn't much room for substance.

Citizens feel cheated, grow cynical, tune out.

There's a better way. We call on the television networks to offer free prime time air time to the presidential candidates this fall for use in straightforward "talking head" presentations. No tricky images. No unseen narrators. No journalists. No surrogates. Just the candidates, making their best case to the biggest audience America assembles every night.

That's the way it's done in almost all the mature democracies of the world except ours. It may be no coincidence that they all have higher rates of voter turnout than we do.

We propose that during the last month of the campaign, the networks give anywhere from two to five "road blocked" — shown simultaneously on all network stations, PBS and interested cable stations. Fox Broadcasting has already announced it is ready to offer free time.

With the candidates appearing on alternating nights, these brief speeches could play out as a running debate. They, and not the sound bites, attack ads or photo ops, could drive campaign strategy, journalistic coverage and issue discussion.

These new nightly presentations, combined with the four traditional debates, would enable candidates to offer their ideas — directly and unfiltered — to tens of millions of citizens during the culminating month of the campaign.

They would also cause candidates to take clear responsibility for what they say. Any criticism of an opponent would come from candidates themselves. And the dialogue would be waged with words, which appeal to our powers of reason, rather than pictures, which often appeal to our emotions.

No other relatively small change offers so much promise of raising the level of campaign discourse.

The airwaves belong to the American people. They are made available to broadcasters, free of charge, as a public trust.

We call on you to exercise that trust and perform an invaluable public service this fall. We urge you to turn television into a place where our presidential campaign can be waged with civility, accountability and substance.

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Cardinals make veto point

An unprecedented letter from the nation's Catholic cardinals to President Clinton points up the long-term political risk of the president's veto of a ban on partial-birth abortions.

Even many pro-choicers are properly appalled by the procedure — in which all but the head of a late-term fetus is extracted, its skull punctured, its brains sucked out and its skull crushed.

The 13-page letter to Clinton, who in 1986 described himself as pro-life, was signed by all eight American cardinals. It is stern in tone and contains an implicit political threat.

"In the coming weeks and months, each of us, as well as our bishops' conference, will do all we can to educate people about partial-birth abortions," the cardinals wrote.

Moreover, "we will inform them that partial-birth abortions will continue because you chose to veto H.R. 1833."

Officials at the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference say

they can't recall another instance of the cardinals sending a letter to the White House on a specific piece of legislation.

In responding to their challenge, Clinton will not be allowed to use women's health as an excuse. (The ban included an exception for the mother's life, but not the nebulous health exception the president pushed.) "As you know and we know, an exception for health means abortion on demand," the cardinals charged.

America's 60 million Roman Catholics constitute the nation's largest religious group. A significant number do not agree with every nuance of the Church's position on abortion. But many do — and even more are appalled by this ghastly procedure.

In 1992, a plurality of Catholics voted for Clinton. Risking that support to appease the National Organization for Women may be the biggest mistake the president makes this year.

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Mother Jones Publishes Broad Expose of Tobacco Politics
Special Issue Reveals Industry's "Stealth" Tactics & Deep Ties to Republican Party

The tobacco industry is engaged in a massive, largely hidden strategy to turn back a rising tide of government regulations, lawsuits, tax increases, smoking restrictions, and increased public opposition, according to the new issue of *Mother Jones* magazine published today.

In one of its most wide-ranging investigative reports ever, *Mother Jones* assigned 11 reporters to spend three months uncovering the tobacco industry's tactics. The result is a 40-page special report entitled "Tobacco Strikes Back," featuring ten articles and a dozen sidebar stories.

"America's most lethal industry is finally on the verge of being brought under the law," charges *Mother Jones* Editor in Chief Jeffrey Klein. "But the tobacco industry has bought the sheriff. Or more precisely, it has secured Congress and is sponsoring the Presidential campaign of a longtime ally.

"The tobacco industry in the United States is engaged in a life and death political struggle for its future, and they are sparing no effort and no expense to win that fight. In city halls and statehouses, in Congress and in the courts, in regulatory agencies, and now in the Presidential campaign, everywhere you turn in American politics you find tobacco smoke. And where there's smoke, there's fire."

The scope of the tobacco industry's project is massive, says Klein, and the battle is being joined on every level -- from Washington, where tobacco lobbyists are ghost writing letters for governors to send to the Food and Drug Administration, to mom & pop grocery stores, which are being enlisted as front groups to fight excise taxes and restrictions on the sale of tobacco. The industry's strategy is multi-faceted:

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Win the presidency. As Sheila Kaplan reports in *Mother Jones*' lead story, presumptive Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole has a long history of providing political protection to the tobacco industry. Philip Morris and RJR Nabisco were the top two soft money contributors to the GOP in 1995, and tobacco lobbies are among Dole's largest contributors. Meanwhile, Dole is surrounded by advisors and allies who have close ties to the tobacco industry. If elected, Dole has pledged to fire FDA Commissioner David Kessler, tobacco's number one enemy.

Tobacco figures in leadership roles in the Dole campaign include Dole's former chief of staff, Roderick DeArment, who chairs Lawyers for Dole and is a partner in Covington & Burling, the tobacco industry's premier Washington law firm; fundraiser Tom Collamore, vice president of corporate affairs for Philip Morris; and Midwest strategist Tom Synhorst, a former grassroots organizer for R.J. Reynolds.

Buy influence with governors and state legislators. The tobacco industry is pouring generous contributions into the coffers of Republican governors and state legislators, part of tobacco's effort to overturn tough, local anti-smoking measures by "pre-empting" them with milder statewide measures.

At last November's Republican Governors Association meeting in Nashua, New Hampshire, tobacco lobbyists who control huge campaign contributions pointedly asked governors to protest the FDA's pending regulation of nicotine. Governors or their lieutenants from North Dakota, Kentucky, South Carolina, Connecticut, Montana, and Mississippi subsequently wrote letters of protest to the FDA. Copies of the letters obtained by *Mother Jones* show marked similarities, in some cases using virtually identical language and arguments. At least one of the letters was written by a tobacco lawyer.

Philip Morris CEO Geoffrey Bible chaired a record-breaking \$2.6 million fundraising dinner for the Republican Governors Association in Washington on February 5 of this year. Philip Morris underwrote the dinner at a cost of \$100,000.

Intimidate attorneys general. Covington & Burling has assembled a team of lawyers to travel around the country and confront attorneys general who are considering legal action to recover smoking-related health care costs. The team, which includes Covington partner Keith Teel and former Virginia Attorney General Andy Miller.

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At one meeting, an assistant attorney general told *Mother Jones*, "It was bare knuckles. Teel ran the meeting. He said, 'If you do this, you'll have more lawyers coming at you than you'd ever want.'" According to the source, Teel threatened to depose every Medicaid recipient in the state.

At a meeting with state attorneys in Boston, the legal team warned that "it would take scores and scores of state employees" to handle the legal discovery if Massachusetts went ahead with a suit, according to one of the state's lawyers.

Control the GOP Congress. As Peter Stone reports in *Mother Jones*, campaign contributions and a revolving door of operatives — working jointly for tobacco and for key GOP Congress members — have locked the industry and the top Republican leadership in a tight embrace.

One example: Majority Whip Tom DeLay's leadership PAC, ARMPAC, has contracted with Ramhurst Corp., a Winston-Salem firm affiliated with R.J. Reynolds, to hire Ramhurst's Karl Gallant as executive director. Ramhurst also employs David Arney, son of Majority Leader Dick Arney (R-Texas).

Create and fund phony grassroots front groups. As detailed by Ted Gup, R.J. Reynolds mounted an elaborate campaign to create a "grassroots" smokers rights movement to respond to the true grassroots anti-smoking movement.

RJR clearly had no illusions about the people it was recruiting. "We all realize that some of our activists are odd birds," says an internal RJR memo obtained by *Mother Jones*, "some with poor memories and the like, some with an imperfect understanding of what is feasible, some just loons."

Support anti-tax groups. As it became clear that tobacco support of smokers' rights groups undercut their effectiveness, the industry changed its focus and began supporting existing anti-tax groups and other natural allies.

"You didn't have to defend your position on tobacco because a tax is a tax is a tax to these guys," a former R.J. Reynolds field coordinator told *Mother Jones*. "They don't care what it is."

In Colorado in 1994, reports *Mother Jones*, the industry worked through a front group called Citizens Against Tax Abuse and Government Waste to defeat a referendum calling for a 50-cent cigarette tax.

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In Minnesota, a 1996 bill to impose mild statewide restrictions on tobacco while pre-empting tougher local ones was pulled from the floor of the state assembly after the Minnesota Coalition of Responsible Retailers was exposed as a front group for tobacco.

Orchestrate Phony Grassroots Campaigns against FDA and OSHA. With the Food and Drug Administration considering regulating nicotine as a drug, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration moving to ban smoking in the workplace, the tobacco industry moved into high gear.

A massive letter-writing campaign directed at the FDA produced nearly 700,000 pieces of mail during a six-month public comment period on the decision to regulate nicotine as a drug. The campaign was organized by Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, and The Tobacco Institute, *Mother Jones* reveals.

A similar letter-writing campaign staged to create the impression of an "anti-big government" citizens' uprising against the OSHA ban generated nearly 100,000 letters, the vast majority criticizing the ban. As a result, agency officials, who once expected to have a ban in place by the end of 1995, now say they can't predict when it might happen.

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In Our Opinion *Julie Rind*

Increase U.S. minimum wage

There's little doubt that many Democrats have political motives in pushing for a vote in Congress on increasing the minimum wage.

But the real value of the current national minimum wage of \$4.35 per hour is very low. A measure pending in Congress would raise it to \$5.15, but that would be a rather modest boost. An economy that has seen millions of new jobs added in the past few years while real wages for most laborers have stagnated or declined should provide the perfect context for a minimum wage boost.

With states and Congress looking to end patterns of welfare dependency, it's in the public interest to make entry-level jobs pay better. (From the perspective of getting people off welfare, an even better reform would be tying health care coverage to every full-time job. But prospects for doing that this century are dim.)

The minimum wage directly affects about 6 percent of the workers in the nation. This group, though, is not limited to high school students working to earn money for sneakers. A Bureau of Labor Statistics survey found that about 45 percent of the people working at the minimum wage were over 25 years old.

Raising the minimum wage might even have a ripple effect that helps out low-wage workers slightly above the minimum level.

The increase in the national minimum wage wouldn't have any big impact directly on New Jersey, because since 1992 New Jersey's minimum wage has been \$5.05 per hour. Even a small increase might be welcome by the state's low-wage workers, though, and the higher national minimum wage would eliminate the prospect of firms choosing to relocate from New Jersey because of another state's lower minimum wage. We urge GOP leaders in Congress to let a minimum wage increase come to a vote soon.

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Everybody but Bob

Almost everybody wants an increase in the minimum wage.

Eighty-four percent of Americans want it, according to a recent poll.

A majority of the Republican-controlled Senate wants it, according to a recent survey, and it also has growing support in the Republican-controlled House.

But Sen. Bob Dole doesn't want it. So that means that everybody who is anybody doesn't want it — and it's not going to happen.

There are two Bob Doles, the Senate Republican leader and the presumptive Republican presidential nominee. It is somewhat understandable that the Senate Republican leader opposes a hike in the minimum allowable pay from \$4.25 to \$5.15 an hour, although Dole has voted in the past in favor of a minimum wage hike. Business organizations have consistently opposed all hikes in the minimum wage, and congressional Republicans are known for their fealty to business.

But why would the Republican presidential nominee oppose a modest step favored by a large majority? He went so far as to remove a popular immigration bill from consideration rather than allow Democrats to attach to it a minimum wage hike. It cannot be good politics to make like a Scrooge in the off-season. Nor can it be good economics.

To say that paying workers \$5.15 an hour — a sum on which it is impossible to live in decent poverty — will rock the foundations of our economy is ridiculous. Studies that claim it will discourage employment have been challenged by newer reports that find small minimum wage hikes have virtually no effect on employment.

No, the only reason that Dole is fighting the minimum wage hike with all the tactical weapons at his disposal must be that he really believes it is bad for the country, bad for everyone, that money you get that way won't do you any good. In short, he is what his supporters claim he is — a man of principle.

That will be a chief theme of Dole's presidential campaign — that he stands on principle while President Clinton waffles. Often that is true. But before giving Dole the edge on that point, let's take a close look at what his principles are and what they lead him to do.

It is not enough to be true to one's convictions.

First, you must have convictions worth being true to.

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THE TIMES POLL

**71% Say Beating
of Immigrants
Was Unjustified**

By DUKE HELFAND
and STEPHANIE SIMON
TIMES STAFF WRITERS

Americans overwhelmingly condemn as "unjustified" the actions of two Riverside County sheriff's deputies caught on video beating illegal immigrants, a Los Angeles Times poll has found.

Indignation at the sheriff's deputies, shown yanking a woman by the hair and clubbing a cowering man on the back and shoulders, swept across all demographic groups. A total of 71% criticized the beating as unjustified, including 56% who termed it strongly unjustified.

Younger people, men and self-described conservatives were a bit more tolerant of the deputies' actions. But overall, the poll showed clearly that most people believe the deputies used excessive force in arresting the two immigrants who stayed by the pickup's cab while their fellow passengers jumped out the back and bolted into a tree nursery.

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human beings like that, especially if you are wearing a badge," said Horace Fisher, a retired data processing manager from Jacksonville, Fla. In post-poll interviews, he and others suggested that the officers let anger and adrenaline overpower their training. "If you wear a badge, you have to exhibit some kind of restraint," Fisher said.

In another striking finding, nearly three-quarters of survey respondents blamed either sheriff's deputies or smugglers for the April 11 incident, which started with law enforcement officers racing after a dilapidated pickup jammed with illegal immigrants and which ended 80 miles later in South El Monte.

Despite reports that the pickup's occupants threw beer cans at pursuing squad cars during the chase, only 12% of respondents held the immigrants responsible for provoking the violence. "Even though they were illegal, they were viewed as the victims," said Susan Pinkus, acting director of The Times Poll.

Echoing that view, Elizabeth Garner, 22, explained: "What the immigrants were doing wasn't right, but it didn't give the police a right to hurt [them]."

"There are no circumstances that called for that beating. There isn't any excuse," said Garner, a full-time homemaker from the Northern California town of Marina.

The Times surveyed 1,374 people across the United States by telephone April 13-16. About 80% had heard of the beating, and 40% said they had learned either a "great deal" or a "good amount" about the incident in the two weeks since the video first appeared on television screens worldwide. The poll, supervised by Pinkus, has a margin of sampling error of 3 percentage points in either direction.

Asked who was "most to blame" for the incident, more than one in three picked the deputies. Another 38% of respondents targeted the mysterious smugglers who promised to deliver a ragtag group of

hungry, weary immigrants to Los Angeles after they hiked over the border on foot.

Several immigrants have described their ordeal in detail, from the grueling two-day trek across the border to the jolting flight in the pickup—with sheriff's sirens wailing behind them, the camper shell flying off onto the freeway, and a wind so fierce it ripped the jacket off one passenger. But the immigrants have so far refused

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to identify either the truck driver or the smuggler, known in border slang as a "coyote."

The unknown driver took a heavy share of the blame in The Times poll. In follow-up interviews, respondents pointed out that the driver, not the immigrants huddled in the back of the pickup, made the fateful decision to flee Border Patrol officers in the first place, then led Riverside County deputies on a chase at speeds of up to 75 mph, allegedly sideswiping vehicles along the way in an unsuccessful effort to divert attention.

"I blame the coyote or whoever was driving the truck," said Los Angeles resident Arnold Gooze. "They are dealers in human flesh and human misery," added Gooze, an adjunct professor of management at Citrus College in Glendora. "They're taking advantage of these people to make a fast buck. They don't care if the immigrants live or die."

Dan Wilkinson, a Ventura attor-

How the Poll Was Conducted

The Times Poll contacted 1,374 adults nationwide by telephone April 13 through April 16. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation. Random-digit dialing techniques were used so that both listed and unlisted numbers could be contacted. The sample was weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age, education, region and party identification. The margin of sampling error for all adults is plus or minus 3 percentage points; for certain subgroups the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results can also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented.

ney, agreed: "It's strictly a money thing for these smugglers. The immigrants are looking for a better life."

Yet sympathy for the Mexican immigrants only extends so far, the Times poll showed.

More than half the respondents disagreed with the federal government's decision to let the immigrants remain in the United States for at least six months. The justification for that policy—the immigrants may be needed as witnesses for an investigation or trial—did not wash with a majority of people.

For example, although he did not blame the immigrants for the beating, Gooze called for them to be swiftly deported. "If the authorities wish to call them as witnesses, the authorities can pay for them to come back and testify," he said.

The poll found 37% who "disagreed strongly" with the government's policy. Another 16% said they "disagreed somewhat." A total of 40% expressed some degree of approval.

Hamp Byler, a 39-year-old agricultural pilot from the Texas town of Ballinger, lined up firmly in the deport-them-now camp. "They're illegal aliens. They ought to be sent back to Mexico," he said. "They come in, break the law and get to stay. That is the wrong message to send."

Byler, who lives just a few hours' drive north of the border, added: "We've got a lot of citizens who are starving and need help. We don't need to be helping illegals. . . . They illegally entered the country, broke our laws and they're going to get special treatment."

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San Francisco Chronicle

Philip Morris Called Wilson 'Pro-Tobacco'

'90 memo calls him a friend,
though he returned donations

By Sabin Russell
Chronicle Staff Writer

A newly leaked tobacco company memo written in 1990 raises new questions about Governor Pete Wilson's ties to cigarette companies and his contention that he refused tobacco industry money during his race for the state's top spot.

The three-paragraph memo, apparently written by Philip Morris' chief Washington lobbyist, referred to Wilson as "still pro-tobacco," even as the gubernatorial candidate was pledging to return industry campaign contributions.

While the April 24, 1990, memo indicates that Wilson had returned direct contributions from tobacco companies, it also suggests that he had a cordial relationship with Philip Morris and remained indebted to the nation's largest cigarette-maker for its fund-raising expertise.

Wilson had promised to return the money after his opponent, former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, had pledged not to accept cigarette-makers' money.

At the time, Wilson collected \$100,000 at a New York fund-raising dinner co-hosted by Philip Morris, the tobacco and foods giant. The memo is an internal discussion among company executives about Wilson's return of \$16,000 of those contributions.

Yesterday, Wilson press secretary Sean Walsh re-

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iterated that Wilson has never accepted contributions from the tobacco industry in any of his campaigns. He acknowledged, however, that Philip Morris was one of the "principal organizers" of the fund raiser.

According to the memo, Wilson made a personal call to Hamish Maxwell, then chairman and chief executive of Philip Morris, to explain why he was returning a campaign contribution:

"You will be pleased to know that Pete called Hamish to explain that he was doing this to protect Hamish as well as himself," the memo said. "You will also be pleased to know that Pete is still 'pro-tobacco.'"

"It's another brick in the wall of evidence that Pete Wilson is too chummy with Philip Morris," said Julia Carol, executive director of Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, a combative anti-smoking group in Berkeley, which provided copies of the memo to the press. She identified the author of the memo as James Dyer, former chief Washington, D.C., lobbyist for Philip Morris.

Carol's organization has twice sued the Wilson administration for cutting state financing of tobacco research and education programs paid for by California's 25-cent-a-pack tobacco tax. The Wilson budget diverts a portion of this set-aside to provide health

care to the poor, which opponents say violates state law. A state judge rejected the governor's defense twice, but Wilson is appealing the decisions.

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights has also blasted Wilson for appointing members of the tobacco industry to key posts. Wilson named Philip Morris vice-president Craig Fuller to manage his failed bid for the presidency, and he named Kim Belshe, a one-time tobacco industry spokeswoman, to run the state health department.

Walsh called the memo's release "outrageous and shameful," part of a "smear campaign by anti-smoking zealots who seek to impugn the record of a governor who has an exemplary record." He said Fuller had run George Bush's successful presidential campaign in 1988 and that there was no one better in the business.

Walsh said Wilson was the first governor to ban smoking inside state buildings, that he signed a comprehensive ban on smoking in most public places, and that he opposed Proposition 188, a Philip Morris-underwritten initiative that would have overturned the new law.

"The memo looks to me like that of a lobbyist trying to defend his backside," Walsh said.

Darlene Dennis, spokeswoman for Philip Morris Companies Inc. in New York, declined to comment on the memo or the company's relationship to Wilson.

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Riordan Upbeat in Assessing State of the City

By JEAN MERL
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Sounding themes reminiscent of his first campaign and foreshadowing the next, Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan on Tuesday delivered an upbeat, wide-ranging State of the City speech that painted Los Angeles as a metropolis that has turned the bend on the road to recovery.

The address, which elicited widely varying responses, also hinted the mayor has some strong—and controversial—medicine in the proposed city budget he will release Friday.

Riordan claimed progress on a number of fronts—including more jobs, more police and less crime. And he outlined new plans to further goals he has pushed since making his first run for the mayor's office in 1993—better public safety, improved neighborhoods and a friendlier, more efficient City Hall. He also talked at some length about public education, a field that lies outside his purview as mayor but long has held his interest as an influential entrepreneur and philanthropist.

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"Los Angeles has turned the corner. A spirit of renewal is in the air . . . it's sweeping our city," Riordan said. "But tough choices lie ahead if we are to reach our shared vision for our city."

He praised city employees but put them on notice that he will push for eliminating "services that the city has no business being involved in" and will seek to "scale back the size of government to reflect current economic realities," phrases that implied that jobs will be lost.

Riordan and his staff would not elaborate. "Stay tuned for Friday," one senior aide told reporters during a post-speech news conference.

But in his speech, the mayor detailed several new initiatives.

- Several steps to spur community revitalization, including expansion of the Los Angeles Neighborhoods Initiative and planning a Neighborhoods Convention to allow residents to share ideas and resources. On Tuesday, he also assigned Deputy Mayor Sharon Morris to oversee neighborhood development efforts.

- A promise to increase tourism by creating a "Hollywood renaissance" that would bring the deteriorated, crime-plagued sections of the area back to their former glory.

- Appointment of four civic leaders to oversee a community-wide review of city operations, including a series of workshops at local high schools so residents can give their views of city services. The panel, made up of former city commissioners, consists of retired Superior Court Judge Dana Henry; Connie Rice of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund; Rabbi Gary Greenebaum of the American Jewish Committee, and Steve Yalas of Northrop Corp.

- More city involvement in public education issues and expansion of a city-sponsored after-school program.

- Pledges to continue Police Department expansion, to add to the Fire Department's budget and to add library and other city services without raising taxes.

The speech was delivered in a garden-party setting on City Hall's south lawn with a color guard and a large banner boasting "Together We're the Best." But although the mayor received a standing ovation at the end, his speech evoked little emotional response and only a couple of outbursts of tepid applause from the audience of invited guests—

elected officials, business leaders, Riordan supporters and a host of active citizens (Riordan called them "angels") that he singled out for praise in his speech.

Nonetheless, once the Hollywood High School band had finished playing "Hooray for Hollywood" and the audience had drifted away from the tables laden with coffee and pastries, reaction poured in, strong and unequivocal.

"Excellent," said Councilman Joel Wachs, whom Riordan credited for spurring an interest in community involvement. "It

showed he has an honest understanding of where the city is and what its problems are. He identified most of the major issues."

Wachs, one of several candidates bested by Riordan for the city's top office three years ago, also liked the mayor's low-key, matter-of-fact tone. The mayor has worked hard, with mixed results, to overcome his generally wooden delivery.

"This was not a straight campaign speech . . . it may not have elicited a lot of response, but I think he wisely traded an electrifying speech with lots of fancy

phrases for a frank discussion of the issues," Wachs said.

Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, one of the council's most vocal critics of the mayor, didn't see it that way at all.

"Many of us are still looking for some articulation of a vision for the city," Ridley-Thomas said, dismissing the address as "a string of particulars" and saying Riordan "is quite inclined to cheerlead, but the question is, is he able to lead?"

Councilman Mike Feuer said he was disappointed in the mayor's "glaring omission" of any reference to race relations, a troubling and complicated issue in the nation's most diverse city.

State Sen. Tom Hayden (D-Santa Monica), who has all but declared his intention to challenge Riordan's reelection bid next year, also got his licks in. He called the speech a "classic case of boosterism" and complained that Riordan even took credit for the region's good weather while omitting any mention of issues Hayden would be sure to exploit, including the trouble-plagued subway system and "issues of corruption and conflicts of interest."

Another possible challenger, Rep. Howard Berman (D-Panorama City), could not be reached for comment.

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A coalition of public employee unions also responded to the part about tough budget choices and the reference to eliminating some city functions.

"In order for the city to maintain public confidence that it is solving problems in an effective manner, it must continue to invest in its public resources at a level which arrests deterioration and improves the quality of life," the Coalition of City Unions said in a written statement.

While the mayor spoke, a knot of Hollywood Hills dwellers stood nearby to protest the extension of the Metro Rail subway beneath their homes. They held their hand-lettered signs aloft during the entire 40-minute speech: "Hear us, Mayor Riordan, Stop Stonewalling," "Stop the MTA Gravy Train," "Save Runyon Canyon."

But the mayor's strongest political ally, Councilman Richard Alatorre, skipped Riordan's speech altogether. Although Alatorre said he had read it, he declined to comment until some of the cryptic allusions to the budget proposals are sketched out. As chairman of the council's Budget and Finance Committee, Alatorre will be a key player in shaping the fate of the mayor's fiscal proposals.

"I want to see the budget, and then I'll tell you," he said.

The Mayor's Main Points

Here are some highlights of Mayor Richard Riordan's third annual State of the City speech.

ACHIEVEMENTS CITED

- Partial overhaul of city's expensive and cumbersome development permit system, still to be completed.
- Addition of time-saving computers and other technology to the Police Department and many city offices.
- A role in creating 61,000 new jobs countywide.
- Start of a Community Development Bank to spur businesses in the poorest parts of town.
- Formation of the Los Angeles Neighborhoods Initiative and other groups aimed at community self-improvement.
- Persuading, with tax breaks and other incentives, entertainment company DreamWorks SKG to locate in the city; taking steps to extend the same incentives to others willing to come to town.
- Expansion of the police force; a drop in crime.
- Budgets that have added services without tax increases.

GOALS AND INITIATIVES

- Overhaul of city business tax structure.
- Steps to spur community revitalization, including expansion of the Los Angeles Neighborhoods Initiative, planning for a Neighborhoods Convention to enable residents to share ideas and resources, and naming Deputy Mayor Sharon Morris to oversee neighborhood development efforts.
- Appointment of four civic leaders to oversee a community review of city operations, including a series of workshops at high schools to hear from residents about their views of city services.
- More city involvement in public education issues and expansion of a city-sponsored after-school program.
- Continued Police Department expansion, addition of library and other services without raising taxes, and elimination of several as yet unspecified city programs deemed unnecessary or inappropriate.

Activists expect fight

Passing Civil Rights Initiative could unite state, supporters say

By Mark Katches
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A day after an anti-affirmative action measure qualified for the Nov. 5 ballot, supporters predicted a divisive campaign but asserted that passage of the proposal would help heal racial wounds in the state.

The California Civil Rights Initiative would end the current system of preferences in the government, campaign chairman Ward Connerly said at a news conference across the street from the state Capitol in Sacramento on Wednesday.

"It is an opportunity for the

people of California, for men and women of all races and national backgrounds, to come together and just say no to discrimination — just say no to preferences," he said.

Connerly, an African-American who is also a member of the University of California Board of Regents, faced harsh criticism in recent months as he led the regents' vote to end affirmative action in admissions to UC campuses.

On Wednesday he reiterated his commitment to broadening the fight.

"I believe that a preference to some based on their racial identity is a disadvantage to others for

the same reason," said Connerly, flanked by the initiative's co-authors.

Opponents of the measure disputed Connerly's claims.

"The measure is not going to bring anyone together," said Cynthia Anderson-Barker, president of the National Lawyers Guild. "Racial discrimination is rooted in our nation's history. It is programs like affirmative action that have helped bring diversity to groups like bar associations."

The National Lawyers Guild has joined with 14 other lawyer groups to form the Joint Bar Coalition specifically to battle the Civil Rights Initiative.

The coalition is planning a press conference at 11:30 a.m. today on the steps of the Criminal Courts Building in downtown Los Angeles. The group will also begin running ads in community newspapers today to rally opposition.

At the beginning of the year, the initiative seemed certain to fall short of the required signatures. But a strong push by Connerly and Gov. Pete Wilson helped jump start the petition drive.

The initiative was certified for the November ballot Tuesday when Secretary of State Bill Jones announced that 770,484 signatures collected were



Ward Connerly
Leads initiative campaign

deemed valid, pushing the initiative over the 762,553 limit.

Democrats have said they will try to use the issue of gender — less so than race — to turn women against the initiative.

This story was reported by Mark Katches in Sacramento and Sara Catania in Los Angeles.

Rep. Molinari forming PAC with husband

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Susan Molinari and husband Rep. Bill Paxon of Buffalo are forming a special political action committee (PAC) to raise money for Republican congressional candidates this year and help blunt an all-out Democratic attempt to recapture the House.

Peter Rantye, Ms. Molinari's top aide here, confirmed yesterday that the congressional power couple were going through the legal motions of setting up a "Leadership PAC" and hoped to have it up and running within the next few weeks.

Both Ms. Molinari and Paxon hold leadership posts, she as the vice chair of the House Republican Conference — the all-members caucus — and he as the chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee (RNCC), the House GOP's chief fund-raising arm.

Their leadership PAC would be at least the fifth of its kind established by House Republicans since they took over the House last year. Other have been set up by Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas and Commerce Committee Chairman Thomas Bliley of Virginia.

These kinds of PACs, however, are controversial because they can accept checks of up to \$5,000 a year from individuals, or \$10,000 over the two-year election cycle. The limit for individual contributions in conventional PACs is \$1,000 each for primaries and general elections.

It's another pocket in the poli-

ticians' fund-raising coat," said Josh Goldstein of the Center for Responsive Politics, a liberal campaign finance reform group.

In addition, said Goldstein, since their purpose is to funnel money into the campaigns of colleagues and potential colleagues, leadership PACs are viewed as promotional vehicles for members seeking to build support for seeking or holding party leadership positions.

Thus, Goldstein charged, these kind of PACs tend to buttress the argument that "influence buying" is the core principle of the current campaign finance system. "I think its pretty telling," he said. "After all, these are members of Congress who are setting these PACs, and they ought to know how the system works."

The formation of the Molinari-Paxon PAC comes at time when Democrats have been buoyed by national polls showing they have a chance of taking back the House, and by a commitment from national labor leaders to raise \$35 million for the recapture effort, largely from a special dues surcharge levied on union members.

The polls indicate that voters are leaning in favor of Democratic candidates — by a margin of 49 percent to 46 percent in one recent survey — because of Gingrich's unpopularity and the perception — false according to the Republicans — that that they want to cut Medicare.

But Republican campaign officials, including Paxon, say district-by-district analyses paint a different picture, one showing that Republicans could actually pick up 10 to 20 additional seats because of long-term demographic trends — such as voter registration — favorable to the GOP, especially in the South, and Democratic vulnerability on such issues as welfare reform and taxes.

For Ms. Molinari, dispensing largesse to other Republicans is nothing new. Of the \$480,000 she raised for her own campaign committee in 1994, she gave \$130,000 to fellow GOP candidates as part of the effort to end 50 years of Democratic control of the House.

So far in the current two-year election cycle, Ms. Molinari has raised \$330,000 and spent \$113,000. Her expenditures included a \$7,500 contribution to Paxon's RNCC. As of Dec. 31, she had \$217,825 in her campaign kitty.

Two Jersey congressmen buck GOP

By J. SCOTT ORR

Star-Ledger Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Two New Jersey House Republicans joined a dozen other party moderates yesterday in bucking the House leadership by endorsing a \$1 increase in the minimum wage.

Reps. William Martini (R-8th Dist.) and Robert Franks (R-7th Dist.) joined a group led by Rep. Christopher Shays (R-Conn.) in support of legislation that would raise the minimum wage by 50 cents shortly after enact-

ment and by another 50 cents one year after that.

"This proposal makes sense," Shays said during a morning Capitol Hill news conference. "Congress should seize this opportunity to help our most disadvantaged working Americans by adopting this increase," he said.

The move by the moderates comes a day after Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.), the likely Republican presidential candidate, said a bill to limit illegal immigration would not likely be considered in the

Senate because of controversy over a minimum wage provision included in it.

President Clinton and Democrats on Capitol Hill have endorsed a 90-cent increase in the hourly minimum wage, which currently is \$4.25 an hour. New Jersey has its own minimum wage of \$5.05 per hour.

The Senate voted twice last year on bills to increase the minimum wage, both of which failed in close votes.

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leaders, back minimum wage increase

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"Raising the minimum wage is not a partisan issue and that is why I am joining with several colleagues to show that there is support for this important legislation on our side of the aisle," Martini said.

He added that he has never been shy about opposing the House Republican leadership, despite election year claims to the contrary from the Democratic challenger in his Passaic County

district.

"I've demonstrated that of all the freshman I am number one, over a year and a half, in going against the leadership," said Martini, who faces a tough reelection bid against Democratic Paterson Mayor and Assemblyman William Pascrell. Pascrell has attempted to portray Martini as a lackey of House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.).

The minimum wage bill was immediately criticized yesterday by the National Federation of Independent Businesses, which said the proposed \$1 per hour increase in the minimum wage

would force small business owners to eliminate hundreds of thousands of jobs.

House Minority Leader Rep. Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.), meanwhile, criticized the GOP congressional leadership for blocking action on the minimum wage increase.

"Here is our message to the self-proclaimed champions of family values: wages are a family value. We're asking them to schedule an up or down vote on a minimum wage increase right away — this week, if possible," Gephardt said.

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GOP moderates push for vote on increasing the minimum wage

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Breaking ranks, moderate House Republicans yesterday called for an election-year increase in the minimum wage despite efforts by Sen. Bob Dole and other GOP leaders to prevent a vote.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey said through an aide that he had no plans to schedule the bill for the floor. But with Democrats also clamoring for a vote on a daily basis, other lawmakers and aides in the GOP leadership said the issue was certain to reach the floor of the House, and conceded the measure might have enough support to pass.

"All of us believe that people who work a 40-hour workweek ought to earn a wage they can live on," said Rep. Jack Quinn, R-N.Y., as he and 13 fellow Republicans unveiled their bill.

The proposal would provide for two separate increases of 50 cents an hour, one to take effect 90 days after the bill is signed by President Clinton, and the second boost a year later.

Clinton and congressional Democrats support a 90-cent-an-hour increase over two years in the current federal minimum of \$4.25 an hour.

Public opinion polls, including some taken for Republicans, show widespread support for raising the minimum wage, which was last increased April 1, 1991, from \$3.80 an hour.

Supporters of a hike say that when inflation is taken into account, the minimum wage will soon be at a 40-year low unless it is raised.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., cited studies at the news conference that he said showed the last increase in the minimum wage did not result in lost jobs, as opponents have charged. He also said more than 60 percent of minimum wage workers are women supporting families.

Republicans have thwarted all attempts by Democrats to force a vote in the House.

Although Dole supported the last minimum wage bill to pass Congress, the GOP presidential nominee-in-waiting has been maneuvering to avoid a vote in the Senate. On Tuesday, he pulled a major immigration bill off the Senate floor when Democrats sought to use it for votes on the minimum wage and Social Security.

The moderate Republicans potentially hold the balance of power in the House on this issue. The GOP has a majority of 236-196, with one independent and two vacancies.

And while Quinn said he expected the leadership to relent and schedule a vote, he referred to a little-used procedure in which a majority of the House could force a measure onto the floor in defiance of the leadership's wishes.

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TT GOP splinters on minimum wage hike

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Staff Writer

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Quinn, 7 others in GOP to file wage bill opposed by Dole

By DOUGLAS TURNER

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Jack Quinn and seven other House Republican moderates are introducing legislation today that can only aggravate problems their party's likely presidential candidate, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, is having on the minimum wage.

The bill that Quinn, R-Ham-burg; and Rep. Chris Shays, R-Conn., are proposing mirrors President Clinton's proposal and then sweetens it.

The Quinn-Shays bill would increase the minimum wage by \$1 over 15 months bringing it to \$5.25 an hour. Clinton and congressional Democrats proposed increasing it by 90 cents over two years.

Rep. Amory R. Houghton, Jr., R-Corning, is among the co-sponsors of the measure that Quinn and Shays proposed.

"People who work a 40-hour week ought to make a wage they can live on," said Quinn. Adoption of the measure could have a dramatic effect on Buffalo, where a high proportion of its citizens live at or below the poverty level.

Last month, Dole joined with 44 other Republicans to support a filibuster that would bar a Senate vote on the minimum wage. Dole said nothing about the bill at the time.

On Tuesday, Joyce Campbell, a Dole spokeswoman, said he opposes increasing the minimum wage. She said support for it might stem from the \$35 million the AFL-CIO has pledged to support Clinton and Democratic congressional candidates this year.

However, Dole's campaign manager, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato R.

N.Y., said an increase from the \$4.25 level is overdue, noting it hasn't been increased in seven years.

"Working men and women are having trouble making ends meet," D'Amato said. "Those who are taking minimum wage jobs, by and large, are doing so to get by."

D'Amato was one of eight Republican senators who deserted Dole on the March 28 vote. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said he will try again to pass the Clinton plan before Election Day.

Polls indicate that more than 70 percent of Americans approve of Clinton's proposal.

Even so, House GOP leaders indicated Tuesday they will work hard to keep the legislation off the floor.

Quinn's bill is "unlikely to come to a vote," said John Czwartacki, spokesman for Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Republican Caucus.

Whether the Quinn bill ever gets a floor vote or not, Quinn's bucking of the Republican establishment on minimum wage could go a long way in securing for him labor support in a very difficult election year.

Most Republicans, backed by business organizations, claim a wage hike will prompt employers to trim payrolls.

Quinn said, "There is very little evidence to prove job loss by raising the minimum wage. When New Jersey increased its state minimum to \$5.05 a few years ago, employment in fast food restaurants ... actually increased markedly."

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SOSNIK AND KAREN HANCOX

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT

**1996 PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATES**

Pat Buchanan

Buchanan held a press conference today to discourage the renewal of MFN status to China and beat back questions that he was withdrawing from the Presidential race. Buchanan said a story in today's Washington Times predicting his withdrawal was "grossly exaggerated and is false." He also left the door open for an independent run: "We are simply going to go to the Republican Party convention as a Republican and we hope to leave it as a Republican." He added he has not taken the steps a candidate would have to take at this time to launch a third party run. Next week, he will send out 140,000 letters to contributors soliciting their views on a third party run.

During the press conference, Buchanan called China "a noxious, neighborhood bully" and urged Congress not to renew MFN status during the press conference.

Buchanan has agreed to pay a \$20,000 civil fine to the FEC for improper contributions to his '92 campaign.

Bob Dole

Dole told reporters today the Senate Foreign Relations and Intelligence committees will investigate the shipment of arms from Iran to Bosnian Muslims. Dole said, had the Administration agreed to lift the arms embargo as he favored, "we probably could have avoided sending troops" to Bosnia.

Reform Party

Ohio's Secretary of State has found no basis for allegations of wrongdoing in the Reform Party's petition drive, and may certify their petitions as early as Friday. Ross Perot will appear on CBS's *Meet the Press* on Sunday morning.

Miscellaneous

Following a speech at the Center for Strategic & International Studies this morning, Speaker Gingrich said "given the total absence of presidential leadership it's very hard to see at this stage what's going to happen." Gingrich said he supports renewal of MFN but "I wish the President would show more explicit leadership in trying to educate the country as to why it's important."

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Haley Barbour and Don Fowler both testified today before the Senate Rules Committee on pending campaign finance legislation. Barbour called the soft money ban in the McCain-Feingold bill "bad politics," while Fowler endorsed the bill. Barbour said skeptics "argue that any kind of nonfederal money financial activity is merely backdoor support for our presidential nominee...this argument is preposterous." Fowler, however, acknowledged that soft money often supports federal campaigns.

STATE-BY-STATE / NON-PRESIDENTIAL

Alaska

The state House passed a bill that would bar same-sex marriages in Alaska. The bill specifies that the only legal marriage in Alaska is between a man and woman. Current state law does not specify the sex participants in a marriage, although same-sex marriages are not recognized in the state. The state Senate passed the bill early last month. The bill is scheduled to reach the Governor's desk in the next several days. Governor Tony Knowles (D) has not taken a position on the marriage ban.

Supporters of limiting congressional terms have put the issue on Alaska's election ballot this November. The proposal will ask voters if they want the Alaska legislature to press Congress for a constitutional convention on term limits. If two-thirds of the state legislature calls for it, Congress would have to hold the convention to consider the issue of limiting U.S. Senators to two six-year terms and House members to three two-year terms. Twenty-three states have approved term limits, but the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that only a constitutional amendment can limit terms for U.S. Senators and House members.

Arizona

The nation's largest teachers union plans to spend \$1.5 million to start charter schools unrestricted by traditional rules in Phoenix and four other cities. The NEA announced it will start charter schools over the next five years in San Diego, California; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Atlanta, Georgia; and Oahu, Hawaii, as well as Phoenix. Charter schools are independent public schools, often designed by teachers and parents, that operate without many of the constraints imposed by local school districts. There are an estimated 270 charter schools educating 60,000 students in more than 20 states, including 49 schools serving 6,000 students in Arizona.

California

The California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) was cleared Tuesday for the November ballot. The proposal would ban race and gender-based considerations in hiring, contracting and admissions to all state agencies, including California State University. The University of California's Board of Regents approved similar rules last summer for the semi-autonomous, nine-campus UC system. CCRI collected more than 1.1 million signatures on petitions in an attempt to qualify the initiative.

Colorado

Yesterday, we reported the campaign financial reports of the GOP Senate candidates for the seat of retiring Senator Hank Brown (R). On the Democratic side of the Senate race, frontrunner Tom Strickland's campaign has raised \$222,000 -- about 90% of the money was from individual contributions. The Strickland campaign FEC report also indicated that 82% of the donors were from Colorado. Strickland's primary opponents, former University of Law school dean Gene Nichol, Denver City Councilwoman Ramona Martinez, state Senator Phil Weissman and Denver businessman Phil Perington had not filed their quarterly campaign financial statements with the Secretary of State's office.

Florida

Governor Chiles asked black Floridians yesterday to support the embattled state law being used to sue cigarette manufacturers. This move came after several black lawmakers, usually aligned with the governor, failed to back his efforts in this lawsuit. Chiles' unveiled a newspaper ad that will appear in black newspapers in Miami, Jacksonville, Tampa and Orlando enumerating the evils of tobacco on blacks. Nearly 50,000 blacks die from tobacco-related illnesses each year, according to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control, and smoking is higher among blacks compared with whites and Hispanics.

In an non-partisan election yesterday, the Mayor of Orlando, Glenda Hood (R) easily won another four-year term in an election that only attracted 12.6% voter turnout. Hood's closet rival, Steve Villard (an unknown Democrat), received only 1,623 votes compared to her 7,475 votes. Low voter turnout is blamed on confusion about a change in the election date. This was the first city-wide vote to be held in April.

Georgia

The three-judge federal panel dealing with the redistricting case took more testimony from legislators today. The judges have promised to rule quickly and could do one of three things: keep the current legislative districts, drawn in 1992; impose new districts drawn by the Legislature last year; or come up with a plan of their own. Tuesday's hearings opened this case up further and now covers 23 state legislative seats instead of 11. Candidates are eager to have some type of ruling with the July primary getting closer and the filing deadline still unclear.

Illinois

Jesse Jackson is in the midst of a statewide bus tour to promote voter registration and education and to bring people into the Rainbow Coalition/Operation PUSH Action Network. Jackson plans to make similar swings through other states this summer. He is going to towns and cities with targeted state legislative races and many of the places do not have large African American populations.

Louisiana

It looks as if Jim Nickel, the current executive director of the Democratic Party, has enough votes to win election Saturday as the next chairman. Sources say he has more than 100 votes out of the 200 or so of voting members. But they also say the election could be very close. His opponent, Linda Day, who works for Attorney General Richard Ieyoub, is waging an aggressive campaign backed by Reps. Fields and Jefferson. This contest is being seen as a battle between the forces of Ieyoub and Mary Landrieu, both declared Senate candidates. A close, divisive race could make it ever harder to achieve unity in the fall. If Day wins, long-time DNC committeeperson Mary Lou Winters would lose her slot at the DNC.

Maryland

House Speaker Pro-Tem Elijah E. Cummings (D) won the April 15 special election to fill the 7th Congressional District seat for the remainder of the unexpired term of Kweisi Mfume. Cummings defeated Republican Kenneth Konder -- a three-time loser to Mfume -- by a more than 5-1 margin. The two will face off again in the November 5 general election to represent the district for another two years. The Vice President has placed a congratulatory call to Cummings.

Massachusetts

A Boston Globe poll conducted April 8-9 surveyed 403 registered voters find Senator John Kerry (D) leading Governor Bill Weld (R) 45% to 40%. The poll also shows a significant gender gap in the Senate race. While 50% of women prefer Senator Kerry, 34% prefer Weld with 14% undecided. Among male voters, 40% prefer Kerry, 44% Weld and 16% are undecided. We reported the presidential race results from this same poll April 11. The poll shows the President leading Dole 59%-28%. The gender gap is stronger in the presidential race -- the poll shows that 62% of women prefer the President compared with 22% for Dole and 16% undecided. Among men, 55% prefer the President, 35% Dole and 10 are undecided.

Michigan

Colleen House, ex-wife of Governor John Engler (R), told the Detroit Free Press in a telephone interview yesterday that any bitterness she felt about the breakup of their marriage passed "long ago." During her 1986 divorce from Engler, her complaint accused her then-husband of possibly engaging in a "relationship with a member of the opposite sex." A clip is attached.

Mississippi

Attorney General Mike Moore (D) asked the state Supreme Court yesterday to keep the governor out of his tobacco lawsuit. Moore said that Governor Fordice (R) has no legal right to get the state's lawsuit against cigarette makers and distributors halted. Fordice said he controls Medicaid funds and never agreed to the lawsuit filed in 1994. He asked the Supreme Court to order Moore to drop the suit.

Moore, however, said he sued on behalf of the state and did not have to consult with the governor. He contends that Fordice did not object to the lawsuit until many months later and has yet to attempt to intervene in the case in Jackson County Chancery Court.

New Hampshire

Numerous Democrats and Republicans are jockeying to run for the 1st Congressional District seat which will be left open as Representative Zeliff runs for Governor. Manchester Mayor Raymond Wieczorek (R) announced he will run for the seat. Wieczorek is noted for his ability to attract Democratic voters in city elections. In his announcement, he voluntarily insisted on taking the New Hampshire "tax pledge" to not vote for broadbase income or sales taxes. Wieczorek will likely face State Representative Vivian Clark, State Senator Thomas Colantouno and John E. Sununu (son of the former Governor) in the Republican primary. No Democrats have announced for the seat, but Democratic Party Chair Joe Keefe and State Senator Burt Cohen are considering running.

New Jersey

Governor Whitman was asked April 16 whether or not she would participate in the fight to prevent the GOP platform from including a ban on abortion during the San Diego convention. Whitman, frustrated by the question, said, "I'm very hopeful...that the issue will be settled before then." She also said that she is addressing the issues quietly and is working with various people behind the scenes to avoid a public fight.

New Mexico

New Mexico's gaming tribes want a federal judge to approve their casinos at the end of April without a trial. This is the latest in the case between U.S. Attorney John Kelly and the New Mexico gaming tribes. The gaming tribes conclude that their gambling compacts with the state of New Mexico are valid due to the rulings of the state Supreme Court. Nine gambling tribes are suing to determine the validity of gambling compacts signed by Governor Gary Johnson (R) and 14 tribes. A ruling is expected on April 29. Attached are clips from the Vice President's trip to Albuquerque yesterday.

New York

Governor Pataki's spokesperson expounded on the Governor's assertion that he will fight to keep the abortion plank out the GOP platform. He said that the Governor "does not believe that government should be telling people what they can and can't do... The Governor believes that taking this tack will in fact bring harmony to the party by taking away litmus tests."

North Carolina

Charlie Sanders released two new ads yesterday responding to Gantt's and Helms' negative attacks. Gantt's ad hits Charlie Sanders for directing the Glaxo PAC to give almost \$20,000 to Jesse Helms' 1990 campaign. Gantt also called on Sanders to explain to the voters of North Carolina why he contributed to Helms. Sanders' ad responding to Gantt's claims have co-workers of Sanders saying: "Harvey Gantt is not telling the truth. I worked at Glaxo with Charlie Sanders and I know Charlie never gave a penny to Jesse Helms. It was the employees who contributed to Helms' campaign. As health care professionals we know Gantt's proposals would cripple research for new medicine and lower quality health care for all Americans. And Gantt's plan would cost North Carolina thousands of jobs. Harvey Gantt ought to be ashamed for running such a dirty campaign." In response to Helms, Sanders' ad says, "Helms is at it again....he knows I support voluntary school prayer. And as a doctor, I took an oath to heal the sick. No American should be denied medical care. Discrimination in any form is wrong...particularly for those who are ill and need our help. But Jesse Helms is trying to divide us..using fear for political gain. Jesse Helms must be replaced and I believe I'm the one to do it."

Oklahoma

Attorney General Drew Edmondson (D) met yesterday with Mississippi Attorney General Moore (D) and members of his staff to discuss the lawsuit issues. Oklahoma is considering the possibility of filing their own multi-million dollar lawsuit against the tobacco industry to recover federal and state money spent to treat smoking-related illnesses. Edmondson is keeping an open mind on the issue but is looking toward the possibility of joining in the lawsuits.

Texas

Senate Nominee Victor Morales will meet with party leaders in San Antonio on Saturday, his first such meeting. It has been hard to arrange and he has been hard to reach since he has no staff. He's been answering the barrage of phone calls in the order he's received the messages. Sen. Bob Kerrey has loaned Morales his press secretary, Greg Weiner, who worked in Sen. Krueger's press office during his Senate campaign against Kay Bailey Hutchison. Weiner is apparently already with Morales. Morales has sent signals that he wants to work with the Democratic establishment. A Houston Chronicle editorial praised the President's veto of the late-term abortion bill: "Compassion wins out over cynical politics." The editorial is attached.

Vermont

Lt. Governor Barbara Snelling (R) is talking and walking through the hospital following extensive brain surgery April 15 to repair damage from an aneurysm she suffered over the weekend. A spokesman for the hospital said that her recovery is remarkable considering 95% of such aneurysms prove fatal. They also said that her condition will remain critical for several weeks.

Wisconsin

Governor Tommy Thompson (R) has written a book touting Wisconsin's accomplishments during his administration. The book, titled "Power to the People: An American State at Work" is due out in the fall.

Hispanic Report

Negative portrayals of Hispanics on television have declined, but Latinos are still under-represented and stereotyped, according to a study released by the National Council of La Raza, a group that represents more than 100 Hispanic community organizations. The survey is a follow-up to a check of programs aired by ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX during the 1992-1993 season that found Hispanics with a minuscule and largely unflattering presence on entertainment shows. Latino characters committing crimes on television declined from 16% in 1992-1993 to 6% in 1994-1995. The percentage of Latinos shown criminals on "reality-based" programs such as "COPS" and "America's Most Wanted," also dropped from 45% to 16% according to the survey. The survey was conducted by the Center for Media & Public Affairs.

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The Senate today passed a resolution that extends the Whitewater hearings. Senator D'Amato announced that he had achieved a bi-partisan agreement that will continue the hearings until June 14. He said that he is eager to finish the hearings as the political season is "fast approaching." Senator Dodd said that the Senate's work must be done quickly and then be put out of the way.

Senator Dole has organized two separate committees to look into accusations that top White House officials gave tacit authorization to an operation that oversaw the shipping of arms from Iran to Bosnia. The committees will examine what role was played by the White House in the operation and whether or not the White House had any prior knowledge. The White House has said that it will cooperate fully with the investigation.

The President was shown on his trip to Japan. Inside Politics speculates that the trip is in part being taken to bolster the President's image as a statesman and as a world figure. In response, Ambassador Mondale stressed that the trip is very important and that the issues being discussed by the President are very important and non political in nature. But, commentators charged that the President's visit to a Chrysler showroom does have a hint of politics aimed at Michigan voters.

As China's Most Favored Nation trading status is coming up for renewal, the MFN is becoming a campaign issue. Dole has said that he supports the renewal, but Buchanan says that he is opposed.

Buchanan is beginning to look like he might end his campaign. It is looking less and less likely that he will pursue a third party run, and he has said that he will enter the convention as a Republican and hopes to leave as one.

The "gender gap" is expected to play an even more important role in the this year's election than it did in '92. Currently 62% of women favor the President and 35% favor Dole. The huge 27% margin is attributed to a connection that the President has with women on key issues. His approach of looking at the issues on a more personal and passionate level appeals to women voters. The President's Women's Outreach program has been very successful in gaining the support of women from all demographic groups. Dole has not made that kind of personal or passionate connection, and Inside Politics speculates that he must do so if he is to gain any more support from women. Dole is seen as representing the ideas of the Republican majority in the House and Senate, and many women are frightened by the image of Congress.

Several Senate races were highlighted as being of particular interest or importance. The noted races are:

Massachusetts -- between Weld and Kerry; Weld seemed to win a recent debate, but Kerry has the apparent slight edge right now.

North Carolina -- Democratic primary between Harvey Gantt and Charlie Sanders; Gantt has been beaten by Helms in the past and seems to have a slight advantage right now, but Sanders' campaign is well financed. Helms and other Republicans are hoping for Gantt to win because they feel he would be easier for them to defeat.

Minnesota -- race between Wellstone and likely Republican nominee Boschwitz; Wellstone faces a tough challenge from Boschwitz, and this race is seen as a test for a very liberal Democrat.

South Dakota -- between Sen. Pressler and Rep. Johnson; Pressler has recently closed a wide gap as the close race heads into November.

Virginia -- in the general election contest between John Warner (R) and Mark Warner (D) John Warner is expected to divide the Republicans and allow Mark Warner to win with protest votes against John Warner.

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Clinton Displaying Character as Election Approaches

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By PAUL R. WIECK
For the Journal

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is displaying a lot of what the pollsters are calling "character" in the way he's running the country in the fourth year of his presidency, the year he must put it all on the line as a candidate for a second term in the White House.

By "character," the pollsters say the public means a strong, decisive hand at the helm.

This suggests the voters aren't in a mood to quibble over the details but they do want a president who'll govern with a strong hand as long as they sense he is being fair about it.

This week, Clinton was especially strong on the abortion issue.

Clinton was elected as a pro-choice president, a position that's in line with the majority view in this country, and he didn't hesitate to stand up and be counted this week when he vetoed a bill that would have

banned what is called partial birth abortions near the end of a pregnancy.

It's to Clinton's credit that he didn't hesitate to take a strong stand in a year when he's up for re-election and might be expected to avoid some of the controversy that comes his way. But current polls suggest his strong stance is pushing his numbers steadily upward.

It's an unusual show of moral courage in an election year when it's clear his stand on the controversial abortion issue has alienated much of the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic church which claims about a quarter of our people as adherents.

But Clinton knows a big percentage of the country's Roman Catholics have their own views on abortion that don't necessarily follow church teachings on every point.

Still, it's a show of strength, of what the pollsters are calling character, for the man in the White House to stand up and be counted on issues that are divisive in an election year. Abortion is divisive, especially for our

Catholics and what we call the Christian Right, a largely Protestant coalition that is fighting abortion.

Clinton is also supporting a new eight-year experiment with a line item veto approved by Congress.

It's one of those good government ideas that's been knocking around for years. The line item veto is about the details of the budget and its the details that are the devil's favorite playground.

It's an extraordinary transfer of power from the legislative branch to the White House, perhaps the beginning of an era of good feeling between the two branches of government as they work together to find ways to cut a relatively small segment of the budget that goes by the name "discretionary" spending.

That means the huge entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare plus the interest on the national debt aren't subject to a line item veto.

Only 34 percent of the federal budget is

made up of discretionary spending and half of that is for military spending, an area where Clinton may be loath to cut given the demands made on this country to play a lead role in keeping the peace throughout the world.

If you also exclude defense, you're down to \$275 billion a year, a healthy sum but not that much if you consider the many demands the people of this country make on their government for services of every nature.

One big thing going for Clinton is the sense there's no overriding reason to oppose him unless you're part of the pro-life movement or another group on the far right.

On foreign policy, Clinton has been judicious.

That's another way of saying he hasn't allowed this country to get bogged down in a foreign war like Vietnam or Korea but has insisted other nations help out if peace keeping forces are needed.

Promoters of the line item veto claim it will be a real money saver for the taxpayers, a line that sounds good to taxpayers who, this month, are finding out the tax hike passed by a Republican Congress and signed by Clinton is going to cost them a lot more than they expected.

Why did a Congress controlled by Republicans give a White House occupied by a Democrat this added power?

The easy answer is the Democrats don't have much to lose.

Over the last 60 years, they've enacted their social agenda into law, starting with Social Security and welfare in 1936 and running through the Medicare and Medicaid programs in 1963.

These programs are exempt from a line item veto and it is possible a judicious chief executive willing to turn his aides loose on the \$275 billion in discretionary spending in the budget produced on Capitol Hill will be able to find a billion or two to trim.

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JO MANNIES ON POLITICS

Is Bob Dole Too Liberal For You? Welcome To The Taxpayer's Party

WHEN IT COMES to Pat Buchanan, the Republican Party thinks the message — not the man — attracts a sizable following among religious conservatives.

The U.S. Taxpayer's Party is banking that both message and man are needed.

Saturday night, the party drew several hundred people to its rally at the Viking Conference Center in Sunset Hills. The aim was to kick off the U.S. Taxpayer's Party's petition drive to get on the Missouri ballot in November.

The magnet was Howard Phillips, the party's founder who knows Buchanan well from their days as aides to President Richard M. Nixon. The Taxpayer's Party wants Buchanan to bolt the GOP and be its own presidential nominee.

Not surprisingly, Buchanan backers — many of them Republicans — made up the bulk of Saturday's audience. Some, including a man dressed in a glittering Uncle Sam outfit, had been at Buchanan's rally Thursday night in Kirkwood. Many, including Mariellen Metzger of St. Peters, had been delegates earlier Saturday at the GOP congressional conventions.

Close to a dozen Republican candidates stood up and introduced themselves to the audience.

The message from the podium by Phillips and others in two hours of speeches was clearly aimed at undercutting the GOP and encouraging disaffected Republicans and religious conservatives to choose a new home.

The Taxpayer's Party concerns itself with a lot more than taxes. The party wants to abolish the Internal Revenue Service and the income tax.

It wants to get rid of the Federal Reserve banking system and go back to "money by weight," Phillips said. It wants to scuttle most federal agencies, saying the government has usurped many duties unconstitutionally.

The party is anti-abortion. Beyond that, it has a strong religious character and focus. Many of Saturday's speakers, including Phillips, tied their views to Scripture.

The party's preamble, circulated Saturday, centers on allegiance to God. It says, in part: "The U.S. Constitution established a republic under God, rather than a democracy. In a republic government by Constitutional law rooted in Biblical law, all life, liberty and property are safe because law rules."

Among the Buchanan forces here, President Bill Clinton is considered the Great Satan. They use even harsher comparisons. They dislike his views and often call him immoral.

Saturday night, however, Phillips and his cohorts didn't treat Majority Leader Bob Dole much better.

John A. Stormer, a local Taxpayer's Party activist,

told people in the crowd they shouldn't worry about whether an independent-party effort would allow the re-election of President Bill Clinton.

That's because, he said, "moderate" Republican presidents — from Eisenhower to Bush — have caused "greater damage . . . than any of the far-out liberals have done," Stormer said.

He cited Eisenhower's decision to create the old Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which later Congresses divided into other departments. Then there was Nixon's recognition of China, disliked by religious conservatives for its abortion policies, and the rise in the federal debt under Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

As for Dole, Stormer said, he helped get many of those bad Republican plans through Congress.

If Dole gets elected, "the Republican revolution will end," Stormer said. "I can't support that man, no matter how bad the other evil is."

Phillips said his party can win this November, if people quit assuming that it will lose. "In God's providence, anything can be done," he said.

Phillips noted that his party needs to get on the ballot in at least 30 states, including Missouri, if it is to have a chance. It needs Buchanan's followers to circulate the petitions and collect the signatures needed to get on those ballots.

In Missouri, the party has until Aug. 5 to submit 10,000 signatures of registered voters to get on the ballot for the general election Nov. 5. In Illinois, the party needs 25,000 signatures, which must be collected between May 7 and Aug. 5.

John W. Brunner, Buchanan's director of operations in Missouri, said Tuesday he's not surprised at the draft-Buchanan movement, although he has tried to discourage such activities. He said the matter has arisen in other states as well.

"We discussed this matter at a Buchanan meeting in Washington two or three weeks ago," he said. The leaders decided to do nothing, because of the possibility that Buchanan might leave the GOP.

"I don't think that's going to happen. I think he's going to be treated well in San Diego" at the Republican National Convention and will stick with the GOP, Brunner said.

Buchanan backers collecting signatures for the Taxpayer's Party are simply trying to "keep their options open," as Brunner sees it.

"When you have somebody like Pat, he really gets the juices going," Brunner said. That passion, he added, is hard for any party to control.

The Taxpayer's Party will be an ardent suitor to the end. It has scheduled its national convention in San Diego, the GOP's own choice.

The Taxpayer's Party convention begins Aug. 15, the day the Republican convention ends.



VETO RIGHT

Compassion wins out over cynical politics

President Clinton showed political courage in an election year by vetoing a misguided bill that unconstitutionally would have made it a crime for doctors to perform so-called "partial birth" late-term abortions.

Despite all the heated rhetoric that will come as a result — and has come for years on the abortion issue ad nauseam — it is still a medical decision that could save some women's lives. And Congress has no business meddling in medical decisions.

And, no, arguing that preserving a woman's right of access to a procedure that could save her life is not at all the same thing as arguing for such abortions to be performed casually.

As Dr. Warren Hern, author of a textbook

on abortion procedures, correctly told the Philadelphia Inquirer, such methods are "almost always performed for the most tragic reasons of severe fetal anomaly, genetic disorder or immediate risk to the woman's life. They are not performed for frivolous reasons."

Equally correct was Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, who said Clinton chose, "compassion and concern for families facing medical tragedies over the cynical, election-year ploy of the politicians advancing this legislation."

Those statements are all that need be said, though no doubt much more will be heard.

Bitterness is in the past, Engler's ex-wife says

BY DAWSON BELL
Free Press Lansing Staff

Cross off one potential obstacle to the unofficial and unacknowledged bid by Gov. John Engler for the Republican vice presidential nomination — a vindictive ex-spouse.

Colleen House, Engler's wife from 1975-1987, said in a telephone interview Tuesday that any bitterness she felt about the dissolution of their marriage passed "long ago."

House, a former state representa-

tive who lives and works in Washington, D.C., but is a registered voter in Bay City, said she has nothing bad to say about Michigan's governor.

"I've voted for him every time he's been on the ballot," she said.

In 1986, House accused her husband of possibly engaging in a "relationship with a member of the opposite sex" in her complaint for divorce, and later wrote a memoir about her experiences with him in political life.

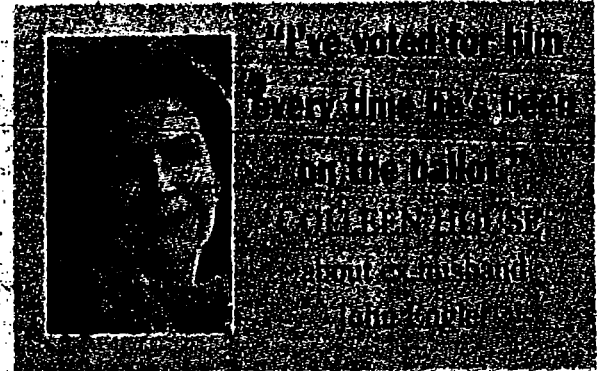
She was a Republican candidate for

governor in 1986, and ran as GOP candidate Bill Lucas' running mate in the general election after losing in the primary.

She said Tuesday the memoir was more a tale of "a lonely woman trying to run for governor on a few thousand dollars" than a political expose. And it will never be published, she said.

"I burned the manuscript. I decided it was something that no one wanted to

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Engler has
political
support of
his ex-wife

There's no longer
bitterness, she says

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read," House said.

The allegations in her divorce, she said, were made "in the heat of the battle."

She said she doesn't know if Engler was unfaithful: "That's a question that only John can answer. But does it matter to me now? Of course not."

Any lingering bitterness was resolved during the period in 1988 and 1989 in which she and her ex-husband received an annulment of their marriage from the Catholic church, she said.

House said she initiated the annulment as a "gift to John... and to allow both of us to get beyond" the pain caused by their breakup.

Engler, who remarried in 1990 and became the father of triplets in 1994, has declined to discuss his first marriage, or other aspects of his private life.

Dan Pero, the governor's former campaign manager, said Tuesday: "My understanding is that the relationship between the two of them is fine. They spent a lot of time together... and a divorce is always difficult."

After leaving Michigan, House worked for several years in the U.S. Department of Commerce under President George Bush. She now works for an international program that exports Republican ideas around the world.

House, who has not remarried, said she is "very proud" of her ex-husband. However, contact between them is infrequent, House said.

"John is a very private person and I respect that privacy," she said.

"I think in a way he is trying to show his loyalty to me by not talking about it."

House said she also has no interest in reliving the past with the media in 1996. After she was contacted last month by a Free Press reporter with questions on Engler's past, she notified the governor's office and changed her unlisted home phone number.

But she is sure about one thing.

Engler "would make an excellent vice president," she said.

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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
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Attached is the radio script and the newsclip for the spot currently running in Western Kentucky.

The buy is a targeted one week buy on eleven stations. It began on Monday, April 15th and will end on Friday, April 19th.

Please give me a call if you need further information.

Kim

"
Double-Talk"

David - the "atmosphere" is a take off from the Academy Awards - turns very serious at ends. - Kim

Jack: Ladies & Gentlemen. We're here for the annual Slick Politician Awards. The category - Best Double Talk by a politician. Let's go back stage to Liz.

Liz: [whispering] They're announcing the winner now. Let's listen in.

Male#1: The 1996 Award for Best Double ~ Talk by a politician goes to [drumroll] Congressman Ed Whitfield [cymbals].

Liz: Jack, after voting AGAINST the minimum wage, Ed Whitfield actually said . . . quote . . .

Male#2: "I'm not sure I'm against raising the minimum wage. I'm probably leaning against it, but I haven't really decided that completely . . . yet."

Liz: [giggling] Whitfield doubletalk: He's for it AND against it. [giggling]

Jack: [Very Serious] It's nothing to laugh about. Ed Whitfield's taking dead aim on working people. He voted AGAINST minimum wage and to RAISE taxes on working families. . . . And don't forget last year . . . Whitfield voted to slash medicare and study the sale of Lake Barkley.

V.O: Paid For By Kentucky Democratic Party, Clay Patrick, Treasurer

NRSC Ad
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"The following is a paid commercial announcement.

"Liberal Paul Wellstone voted to raise our taxes then spent billions more on welfare. He was wrong. While working families are having a tough time making ends meet here in Minnesota, Paul Wellstone's back in Washington voting to raise our taxes and spend billions more on welfare. While our taxes increased by more than \$3800 dollars a family, welfare spending increased by billions (cash machine sound). That's an outrage. Higher taxes, more welfare, that's not Minnesota, but it is Paul Wellstone.

Soon the Senate will vote to reform welfare, and the people of Minnesota support it. But not Paul Wellstone. In fact he's already voted repeatedly against welfare. He just refuses to ask welfare recipients to work. Call liberal Paul Wellstone. Tell him he was wrong to raise our taxes, then spend billions more on welfare. Tell him to vote for welfare, not welfare.

Paid for by the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

The DSCC shared this script w/us. Ads are currently running against Wellstone, Harkin, + Baucus. Scripts are similar in each market. We think the ad went up yesterday.

GOP criticizes Democrats' spending for commercials

BY CHAD CARLTON

HERALD-LEADER FRANKFORT BUREAU

FRANKFORT — The state Democratic Party spent more than \$345,000 in the last three months touting President Clinton in television commercials.

The Democratic National Committee is funneling money through the state party to pay for the ads.

The national party has been running commercials in several states to promote Clinton's programs and criticize his expected fall rival, Republican Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

The expenditures, revealed on the party's latest spending reports, don't count against federal campaign spending limits because they aren't being bought by Clinton's re-election committee.

State Democratic Party Chairman Bob Babbage said the ads aren't campaign commercials for Clinton. "The commercials are designed to reinforce the Democratic message and successes," he said.

But Cathy Bell, executive director for the state Republican Party, offered a one-word response: "Bull."

The Republican National Committee hasn't funneled money to the state party for ads, she said. The main reason: Republicans haven't formally nominated Dole.

The Democratic Party spent \$548,554 in the first quarter of 1996 compared with \$98,562 by the Republican Party, according to spending reports filed with the state Registry of Election Finance.

Here's a rundown of fund raising by some candidates in U.S. Senate and House races:

U.S. Senate — Former Democratic Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear held his own in fund raising with Republican U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell in the last three months.

But McConnell has \$2.4 million in his war chest compared with Beshear's \$335,000.

McConnell raised \$508,000 in the first quarter, Beshear raised \$409,000.

The registry hasn't received a spending report from former U.S. Rep. Tom Barlow, an underdog in the Democratic primary with Beshear.

6th District — Democratic U.S. Rep. Scotty Baesler holds a commanding cash lead over his three would-be Republican rivals in the Central Kentucky race.

Baesler has \$101,000 on hand. He raised \$32,000 in the first quarter — most of it from political action committees or PACs, a funding source he spurned in previous races.

The Republicans didn't get any PAC money.

State Rep. Ernest Fletcher, a Lexington doctor, leads the Republican field in funds with \$13,900 on hand. He raised \$25,000 in the first quarter despite spending most of his time in the General Assembly.

Garrard County Attorney Mark Metcalf has \$3,700 in the bank. He collected \$18,500 in contributions.

Former Lexington Vice Mayor Ann Ross spent more than she took in. She has \$642 in the bank and owes more than \$7,600.

Other races — Republican U.S. Rep. Ron Lewis holds a 4-to-1 money advantage over former Senate Majority Leader Joe Wright in the 2nd Congressional District race in Western Kentucky.

Wright, D-Harmed, has \$51,000 while Lewis, R-Stephensburg, has \$191,000.

In Louisville's 3rd District, Republican state Rep. Anne Northup has raised more than Democratic U.S. Rep. Mike Ward.

Northup has \$204,000 compared with Ward's \$171,000. Most of the \$83,000 raised by Ward in the first quarter came from PACs.

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The Sacramento Bee

Affirmative-action foes make ballot

Fierce campaign battle expected

By Brad Hayward
Bee Capitol Bureau

A controversial measure that would end government affirmative-action programs in California has qualified for the November ballot, Secretary of State Bill Jones announced late Tuesday, setting the stage for a major fall campaign battle.

The self-titled California Civil Rights Initiative needed 693,230 valid signatures of registered voters to be certified for the ballot, and tallies from 57 of the state's 58 counties showed that the measure collected 770,484 such signatures, Jones reported.

Backed by Gov. Pete Wilson and Sacramento businessman and University of California Regent Ward Connerly, the measure already has sparked a volatile national debate over the merits of affirmative action. Backers in February submitted to election officials around the state an estimated 1.1 million signatures in support of the measure.

"I am thrilled that we have made it. It shows the massive outpouring of support that there is for this

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Ballot: Measure called 'extremist'

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initiative in the public," said Connerly, who led the fight on the UC Board of Regents to end affirmative-action programs within the UC system.

Opponents, which include a range of civil rights groups and leading Democrats in the state, were not surprised by the measure's qualification for the ballot. But they vowed an aggressive campaign against it.

Pat Ewing, campaign director for the "No On CCRI" campaign, called the initiative "deceptive" because, she contended, it attacks preferences that don't exist for women and ethnic minorities but guts equal-rights laws for women and threatens their livelihoods.

"This is the beginning of the end of CCRI. It's an extremist measure in the tradition of Pat Buchanan," Ewing said.

The measure, by academically Glynn Custred and Thomas Wood, seeks to amend the state Constitution to include a ban on race and gender preferences in government hiring, contracting and education programs.

A statewide Field Poll released last month showed the measure, if voted on at the time of the survey, would have passed 57 percent to 33 percent, based on responses survey participants gave after being read the measure.

But people on both sides of the issue said Tuesday that they still anticipate a hard-fought battle.

"This will be a long campaign, one in which the opponents will try to mischaracterize the intent of CCRI," Wilson said in a prepared statement. "However, in the end, I truly believe that the public will see through the false claims currently being stated by the opponents of fundamental fairness."

Felix de la Torre, state policy analyst for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said opponents will have to mount a two-pronged campaign to sway public opinion.

"First, we have to reach the people who are going to be impacted and convince them it's in their benefit to contribute to the campaign," he said. "Second, we have to go into a heavy voter-education phase and set the record straight on affirmative action. We've allowed other people to define affirmative action in ways that are misleading."

Both political parties are also gearing up for the battle, with Republicans anticipating that the measure will have a significant influence on who turns out to vote in November and how they vote in a range of races.

"Obviously, with the issue polling as well as it does, the California Republican Party is going to continue to remind voters that it is the Democratic Party that continues to stand up for special preferences based on race," said Todd Harris, spokesman for the California GOP.

But Julie Buckner, spokeswoman for the California Coordinated Campaign, an organization supporting Democrats in national, state and local races, said the measure won't become the "wedge issue" that Republicans hope for.

"California voters will decide this presidential election on the issues on which Bill Clinton has been a leader — the economy, jobs, investing in education, protecting the environment," Buckner said. "Affirmative action is absolutely lower on the list of priorities."

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Working class targeted by pay measure

Backers hope minimum wage plan will bring out low-income voters

BY HALLYE JORDAN
Mercury News Sacramento Bureau

SACRAMENTO — While Republicans expect an anti-affirmative action initiative will draw conservative voters to the polls in November, Democrats hope to mobilize the working class with a measure to hike the state's minimum wage law.

The proposed initiative — a controversial measure long sought by labor and other groups representing the working poor — would mark the first minimum wage increase in eight years. It would raise the current wage of \$4.25 in two steps: to \$5 on March 1, 1997, and to \$5.75 on March 1, 1998.

"We hope this will encourage low-income people to register and to vote," said Tom Rankin, a legislative lobbyist for the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

"The thing about this measure, too, is it really makes the differences between the parties clear — and hopefully, it will make a distinction between the parties on terms of where they stand on basic issues," said Rankin, who is expected to be elected as the federation's president in July.

Submitting petitions

Labor groups and other sup-

porters of increasing the minimum pay have formed the Livable Wage Coalition to gather 476,000 valid signatures to qualify the measure for the November ballot.

The group began submitting more than 770,000 signatures to county registrars on Tuesday — the same day the secretary of state announced the so-called California Civil Rights Initiative, banning affirmative action in state schools, contracting and hiring — had qualified for the November ballot.

Opponents warn that increases in minimum wages will hurt small businesses and restaurants, which may then have to cut the number of employees.

"What appears at first blush to increase the purchasing power of Californians is in fact a hit on small employers," said Tupper Hull, a political consultant who has been hired by the California Restaurant Association to look into mounting an opposition campaign. "The minimum wage is a starting wage, not a living wage. If you wanted to support families on it, you'd have to raise it to \$17 an hour."

Few deny the political undertones of the proposed wage increase or anti-affirmative action

San Jose Mercury News



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John Henning of the California Labor Federation delivers approximately 53,000 petitions for a bal-

lot initiative to raise the California minimum wage to San Francisco registrar Jermaine Wong.

Initiatives:

Pointing fingers

While Democrats have staked out their support of affirmative action programs, Republicans have helped fund the initiative to repeal them. And supporters of the minimum wage increase also have made the issue political: They blame the five members of the Industrial Wage Commission — all appointed by Republican Gov. Pete Wilson — for failing to raise the rate since 1988, when it increased from

\$3.35 to \$4.25 an hour.

Not only did the Republican-appointed commission, authorized to set minimum wages, hours and working standards, stall on rate increases, but Assembly Republicans also have blocked since last June a bill by Sen. Hilda Solis, D-Los Angeles, that is identical to the proposed initiative.

Illustrates differences

Democrats at the state convention in Los Angeles said the initiative is a perfect measure to

illustrate the differences in the parties.

"They say we ought to eliminate the prevailing wage. They say people who work more than eight hours a day don't deserve being paid overtime," said Assembly Democratic Leader Richard Katz. "We say they're wrong and, in fact . . . we think the minimum wage ought to be increased so working men and women have a chance to get out of poverty, lead a decent life . . . and not just (be) the people who work at the country club."

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TALKING TO THE BIG MAN



AARON WILSON/JOURNAL

Justine Sanchez, a fifth-grader at Marie M. Hughes Elementary School, gets "five" from Vice President Al Gore on Tuesday after she described what she liked about the Drug Abuse Resistance and Education program. Sanchez was one of about 200 young DARE graduates who attended a town hall meeting.

Kids Get Vice President's Ear

Gore Uses Quick Visit To Ask City Youth About Gangs, Drugs

BY JOHN ROBERTSON
Journal Staff Writer

Vice President Al Gore quizzed Albuquerque youth about gangs, drugs and violence Tuesday while also touring President Clinton's anti-crime agenda in Congress.

"Our communities and our nation will be torn apart unless we are successful in fighting the battle against gangs and drugs," Gore told about 400 people invited to a brief outdoor event at the Barel

Community Center in southwest Albuquerque.

Gore was in Albuquerque for about five hours, spending about 45 minutes on stage at the Barel event — his lone public appearance — and then heading off to private fund-raising events for the Democratic National Committee.

With a backdrop of students and Albuquerque Police Department officers, Gore's comments in Barel sometimes took a political turn. But he got some poignant answers when he asked elementary and middle school students in the audience why their peers join gangs.

"Because they think it's cool, and they don't have anything else to do," one girl said.

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"Because they have problems with their families, and they think if they join a gang, they'll all have friends," said another.

One youth turned the tables, asking Gore why he thinks youth gangs and violence have become a growing problem.

"The breakdown of families has left a lot of young people with an empty place inside of them," Gore said.

"Secondly, I think the flood of violence on TV and the movies has had a big role in this epidemic of violence.

"I think drugs have a lot to do with the extra violence, too," he said.

One youth asked, "Was there a lot of drugs and violence when you were our age?"

"Not nearly," the vice president said.

The Barelaz event showcased the Albuquerque Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance and Education program, called DARE, for elementary and middle school students.

The approximately 200 youths attending the Barelaz event, many wearing white DARE T-shirts, were graduates of the program.

Taught by APD officers in the schools, DARE teaches kids how to deal with such things as peer pressure to take drugs and join gangs, said APD Sgt. Brent Johnson.

About 20,000 Albuquerque students so far have been involved in the program, he said.

Gore called the DARE program a "success story" the rest of the country can learn from.

"I know I can always look up to Officer Lucero," one girl said, referring to an APD officer she has come to know. "He'll help me with the problems I have and to stay off gangs and drugs."

Gore took a dozen or so questions from the youths, some of them involving happier subjects than crime.

He was asked what the vice president does, whether he likes the job, how much he makes and what he's doing to protect whales.

Gore answered affably but quickly returned the discussion to the Clinton administration's efforts to help communities combat crime.

Gore touted the community polic-

ing provisions of the president's 1994 anti-crime bill, which he said has added about 33,000 police officers to on-the-street, neighborhood policing efforts nationwide.

Mayor Martin Chavez, who joined Gore on the Barelaz stage, said the legislation so far has resulted in 28 new officers being added to Albuquerque's community-policing effort.

Community-based policing relies in part on neighborhood residents keeping officers stationed in their areas informed of crime problems.

Deputy Police Chief Debbie Kuidis said it's "made a difference" in Albuquerque.

"I don't have just 830 partners; I have over 400,000," Kuidis said.

Gore charged that Republican congressional leaders want to cut back federal money for programs like community policing.

"This program should not be taken for granted," he said.

He said there is a "battle in Congress where the speaker and other leaders are trying to cut the money for these programs."

Participation in the Barelaz event was by invitation, handled by the mayor's office.

Community leaders rounded out the crowd, along with a contingent of Democrat politicians, including Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M.; former Gov. Bruce King and his wife, Alice; City Council President Steve Gallegos; and state Reps. James G. Taylor and Richard "Ray" Sanchez.

After the Barelaz event, Gore attended a private reception at the home of Ed Romero, a former Bernalillo County Democratic chairman and a major fund-raising figure in Democratic presidential campaigns.

Then Gore was off to a \$1,000-a-person fund-raising dinner for the Democratic National Committee at the Sheraton Uptown hotel.

State Democratic Party Chairman Earl Potter said he expected about 500 people to attend the dinner.

The party hoped to net about \$250,000 from the fund-raising events during Gore's stop, Potter said.

Potter said most of the money would go to the Democratic National Committee but that some of it would come back to the state party organization.

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The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson hasn't lost his touch.

Speaking to an overflow crowd at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, he asked how many students were dependent on loans or scholarships. "About 85 percent of the audience stood," said State Democratic chairman Gary J. LaPaille.

Jackson then asked how many were registered to vote. Many weren't. To protect their financial aid from Republican cutbacks, Jackson urged students to become voters. Jackson's deputy registrars signed up more than 300 new voters.

Jackson, 54, president of the national Rainbow Coalition, is making a bus tour across Illinois this week in support of the 1996 Democratic ticket. The civil rights leader, who often has clashed with the regular Democratic organization, has joined ranks with former adversaries. His goal is to help Rep. Richard J. Durbin (D-Springfield) win Paul Simon's U.S. Senate seat this fall and to aid Democratic efforts to recapture the General Assembly.

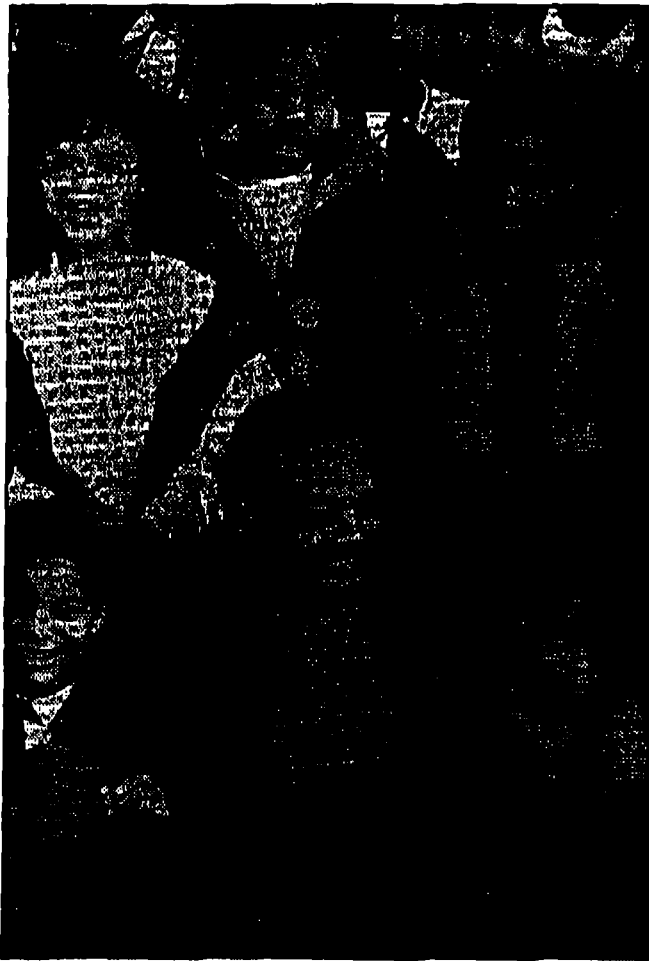
"There is so much focus on the city of Chicago that we often get a distorted view of Illinois politics and government. Out of sight, out of mind. But City Hall isn't the be-all and end-all," Jackson noted.

Jackson reached out to House Minority Leader Michael J. Madigan (D-Chicago) and Senate Minority Leader Emil Jones Jr. (D-Chicago). Madigan recently shared the stage with Jackson at Operation PUSH. Jones, who lost to Jackson's son Jesse Jr. in the 2nd Congressional District special election, took part in the Monday kickoff of Jackson's tour. Madigan and Jones will join Jackson Wednesday at a labor rally on the Capitol steps.

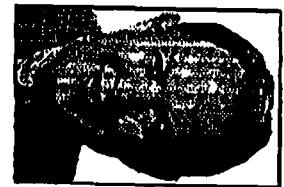
Even though Jackson's Illinois base is in Chicago, he has a statewide constituency. He received 484,233 votes (32.26 percent) in the 1988 presidential primary. Most of his votes were from Chicago. But Jackson carried Bloom, Thornton and Calumet townships over Simon and Michael Dukakis. He ran even with Simon in Bremen township. He ran ahead of Dukakis in Madison and Sangamon counties and came close to Simon in St. Clair County.

Jackson noted that Democrats lost the Illinois House by 4,163 votes in six 1994 targeted races. In his bus tour, Jackson has stumped on behalf of Democratic House candidates in targeted south suburban and Downstate districts. He will campaign actively for Durbin and targeted legislative candidates.

In Mount Vernon on Monday night, more than 450 people crowded into the Jefferson County courthouse for Jackson's speech. Jackson signed up 17 new voters. Freshman Rep. John O. Jones (R-Mount Vernon), who carried Jefferson County by 22 votes out of more than 14,000 and won his seat by 764 votes, is among Madigan's prime targets for defeat in



THE REV. JESSE JACKSON POSES WITH CHILDREN IN DECATUR MONDAY BEFORE SETTING OFF ON HIS BUS TOUR ACROSS THE STATE.



■ The Rev. Jesse Jackson has begun a bus tour throughout Illinois to show his support for the Democratic ticket and to register voters for the November election.

By Steve Neal

November. Democrat Joe Bob Pierce is seeking to oust Jones.

Jackson got a rousing ovation at the courthouse. Jefferson County Democratic Chairman Richard England said Jackson's visit boosted local Democratic hopes.

"He was extremely well-received. I would love to get Rev. Jackson back into Jefferson County this fall," England said.

Jackson's Illinois Freedom Bus tour is significant. With his son's recent election to Congress, Rev. Jackson is making a long-term investment in the Illinois Democratic Party. From Cairo to Rockford, he will be campaigning for Democratic candidates. By reaching out to former political foes and signing up new voters, Jackson could make the difference in the balance for the Illinois House.

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Brown fund announced

State Democratic leaders have announced the endowment of the Ron Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor the late Cabinet secretary.

At a memorial service at the University of Illinois at Chicago on Friday, Gary LaPaille, state Democratic Party chairman, announced a \$10,000 endowment that will provide annual \$500 scholarships to undergraduate political science majors at UIC beginning in fall 1996.

"It's our hope that some of the students coming through this program can go on to be national party chairmen or future commerce secretaries in the true tradition of our good friend Ron Brown," LaPaille said.

Scholarship winners also will work for one semester with the state Democratic Party to learn about political organization.

Commerce Secretary Brown, former chairman of the national Democratic Party, died April 3 in a plane crash during a trade mission in Croatia along with 34 others.

LaPaille said Brown had strong ties to Chicago and was here often for Democratic events. When Mayor Richard Daley won his primary election in 1989, Brown was with him as national Democratic Party leader.

Several Democratic leaders attended the Friday service, including Cook County Board Chairman John Stroger, former national Democratic chairman David Wilhelm and state Sen. Emil Jones of Chicago.

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Rev. Jackson kicks off voter registration tour

by Chinta Strausberg

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson is kicking off his four-day Rainbow Action Network Illinois Freedom Bus Tour today. It's aimed at educating people as to why they should register and vote as well



Jackson

as why the political equation must be changed in the General Assembly.

Jackson told the *Chicago Defender* the four-day, 11-city event will kick off at 6:30 a.m. at Operation PUSH with a bus leaving at 7:15 a.m. outside of 930 E. 50th St. It will be joined by other buses along the way.

Later on the tour, Jackson is scheduled to hold a press conference at 8 a.m. at the Cathedral of Joy Baptist Church, 19100 S. Kedzie, Flossmoor, Ill., where he'll be joined by Illinois Democratic Party Chairman Gary LaPaille, Democratic U.S. Senate nominee Dick Durbin, Minority Leader Emil Jones, House Minority Leader Miko Madigan, U.S. Reps. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-2) and Bobby Rush (D-1) and others.

Jackson is hoping to whet the appetites of voters by launching a voter registration/ education drive while talking about the need for a livable wage, health care and increasing school funding versus building more prisons.

"We expect to regain the Illinois Senate and House in 1996," Jackson said, vowing to target key districts.

From Flossmoor, the Jackson entourage will be going to Champaign-Urbana, where he's expected to hold a student rally along with University of Illinois Chancellor Michael Aikens. The bus tour then goes to Decatur for a labor rally at the Ulrick Center and then the Jefferson County Courthouse in Mount Vernon.

On Tuesday, the tour heads to Cairo High School for a leadership breakfast meeting where Jackson will be met by the Rev. Charles Koen. That will be followed by a visit to the Joliet Correctional Center (a super-max prison).

The tour will go on to Carbondale at Southern Illinois University, East St. Louis for another student rally, on to Collinsville, then Springfield for a labor rally; on to Joliet, and back to Chicago Wednesday.

"Back in the 1960s, we had to march, walk, beg and plead and even sacrifice a couple of our children. It's been a long time since we've done that; so, here we go again," State Rep. Mary Flowers (D-21), who attended PUSH Saturday, said of the bus tour.

"Our freedom has not been free, and it's not free today. We must connect with the rest of the state of Illinois in a unified fight to regain the state house, Congress and retain the White House."

Jesse Jackson Inspires E. St. Louis Students To Register

By Margaret Gillerman
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

Jesse Jackson told students in East St. Louis Tuesday they could change the world through their vote. Many of the teen-agers in the audience then took the first step in practicing what he preached: They registered to vote.

"Young America, I'm counting on you," Jackson called to the several hundred students who crowded into the bleachers in the gymnasium at East St. Louis Senior High School. "You can make America a better place."

Jackson stopped at the high school Tuesday as part of his four-day statewide Freedom Tour, the first of several such tours he plans to lead this year to register voters.

Later Tuesday, Jackson's voice boomed through the sanctuary at the Mount Zion Baptist Church in East St. Louis, where a crowd gathered to hear his message of political activism. They also heard gospel songs.

Jackson urged the nearly 100 people there to join his multiracial Rainbow Coalition of labor, church, women and students — and to

defeat Republicans in November.

At the church, he called House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., "hostile pharaohs" for opposing a proposal to raise the minimum wage. He said they made in 12 days what the minimum wage worker earned in one year.

"We intend to regain the state Senate and the state House," he said, as people in the audience shouted "Amen" in response to his words. "We intend to regain the U.S. Congress, elect [U.S. Rep. Richard] Durbin senator from this state. We intend to maintain Clinton."

Jackson rolled into East St. Louis midway through a statewide bus tour to register and educate voters and build a political network of people around the state. He hopes the Rainbow/Operation PUSH Action Network will link activists and bring about big Democratic victories this fall in Illinois and nationally.

In a statement explaining the tour, Jackson said voter apathy had enabled Republicans to take control. Jackson said, for example, "We lost the Illinois House, we lost six seats, by a

margin of 4,000 votes."

At the high school gymnasium, Jackson said every high school senior should graduate with a "diploma in one hand . . . and a voter card in the other."

He led the students in his trademark chant: "I am somebody."

He also told his audience to study hard. "We got the power in our own minds," he said.

Later, as speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. played in the background, Jackson sent volunteers into the crowd to register new voters.

Natalie Woods, 18, was wide-eyed after the speech. "Oh, I can't wait to vote," she said.

After registering, Tasha Smith, 17, exclaimed, "This is inspirational!"

Jackson urged high school students to enlist in his national "Reclaim Our Youth Crusade," which asks students to pledge "against drugs, guns and violence" and "to push for moral and academic excellence." He told them to "choose hope over dope . . . life over death."



Ted Dargatz/Post-Dispatch

Jesse Jackson is flanked by Anthony Walker and Teja Jackson Tuesday at East St. Louis Senior High School, where he urged young people to vote.

The gender gap shows in Senate contest

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By Michael Grunwald
GLOBE STAFF

It is 1996, not 1990. He faces Sen. John F. Kerry, not John R. Silber. And Gov. William F. Weld suddenly finds himself on the wrong side of the gender gap.

In early polls of their Senate race, Weld holds a slim edge among men, but Kerry has a solid lead

among women.

It is a bit of a role reversal for Weld, a Republican who supports abortion rights and has been an advocate for victims of domestic violence and breast cancer. In his gubernatorial race six years ago, women carried him to victory over the tough-talking Silber.

Weld says he expects working women who pay taxes and fear crime

to help him narrow the gender gap against Kerry, but he may face an uphill climb.

Nationwide, women tend to be more liberal than men, and more likely to vote for Democrats. Surveys show women care more about issues like health care and education, which Kerry focuses on; men focus more on issues like taxes and deficits, which Weld focuses on. A Globe/

WBZ poll last week revealed similar trends in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts in 1990 was an exception to the partisan gender gap that emerged during the Reagan years. With Silber fulminating about welfare, Weld seemed liberal by comparison. Now Weld spouts tough conservative rhetoric of his own, campaigning on three key issues: GAP, Page 8

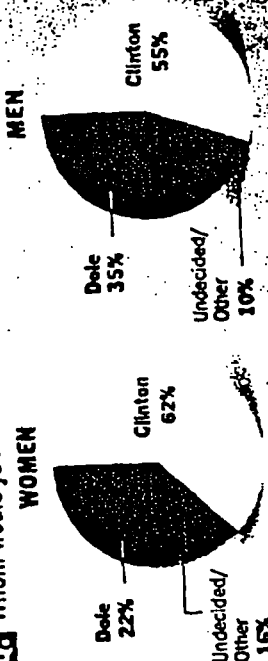
The gender gap

A poll conducted April 8-9 by KRC/Communications Research of 403 likely Massachusetts voters with a sampling error of ± 5 percentage points.

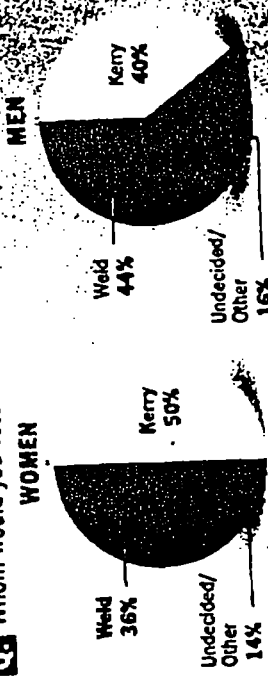
Q: What do you think is the biggest issue facing the US today?

	WOMEN	MEN
Health care	17%	5%
Federal budget deficit	6%	14%
Jobs/economy	20%	29%
Poverty/welfare	8%	2%

Q: Whom would you vote for in the presidential election?



Q: Whom would you vote for in the Senate election?



NOTE: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Men, women differ on Senate preference

■ GAP

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crime, welfare and taxes.

Many Massachusetts women agree with Weld on those issues; for example, about 60 percent support the death penalty. However, those issues clearly play better with men than with women, and so does the Republican Party.

"Weld is trying to appeal to angry construction workers," said Lynda Lumi, owner of a Beacon Hill hair salon. "A lot of my male customers like what he's saying, but it turns me off. I'm a Democrat, like Kerry."

Kerry held a narrow lead in the Globe/WBZ poll conducted by KRC Communications Research Inc., favored by 45 percent of all respondents versus 40 percent for Weld, but the data revealed a sizable gender gap. Kerry enjoyed an advantage among women — 50 percent support compared with Weld's 26 percent — while Weld drew 44 percent of male respondents' support, and Kerry received 40 percent.

At the same time, 62 percent of Massachusetts women surveyed supported President Clinton, and 22 percent backed Republican Sen. Bob Dole. Fifty-five percent of the male respondents supported Clinton, 35 percent Dole. Another survey found that 44 percent of the state's women are Democrats and 10 percent Re-

'There's a big gender gap in American politics ... This is no different in Massachusetts than it is anywhere else.'

ELIZABETH SHERMAN
Political analyst

publicans, compared to a 25 percent-16 percent split among men.

In other words, Weld does far better than Dole and the Republican Party among male and female voters in Massachusetts. But the overall gender gap is one reason he trails Kerry.

"There's a big gender gap in American politics, and that's what's going on here," said Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. "This is no different in Massachusetts than it is anywhere else."

Across the nation, women are less likely than men to favor the

Contract With America, most of which Weld supports. They are far more negative toward House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whom Weld has called his "ideological soulmate." And they are much less likely to join the Republican Party.

The gap is partisan, but it also reflects the differences men and women have on specific policies. For instance, in the Globe poll, 17 percent of the women voters rated health care the biggest issue facing America, versus 5 percent of the male voters.

On the other hand, 14 percent of the men picked the federal budget deficit, versus 6 percent of the women. Kerry has focused on health care; Weld has highlighted his support for a balanced budget.

Overall, when voters compared Kerry's stated priorities (the economy, health care, education) to Weld's (crime, welfare, taxes), many more women preferred Kerry's. Male and female voters differed by about the same margin when asked about party affiliations, the Weld-Kerry race, and the Clinton-Dole matchup.

Weld has tried to emphasize his support for women's issues in recent months, praising Hillary Rodham Clinton on a national radio show and defending a rape crisis counselor who was hauled into court.

But his aides also point out that not all women are liberal Democrats. If Weld could win his 1990 election by attracting women appalled by Silber, they say, he can win this one by attracting women appalled by welfare and crime.

"I'm a regular Democrat, but I'm voting for Weld," said Paula Holmes of Dorchester, a supermarket cashier. "He's right about welfare. It's not fair that these people get checks for doing nothing. We need the death penalty, too. And enough of these children having children, having children."

Holmes did have one complaint with Weld: He "lost his cool a little" during last Monday's debate. Many other women interviewed — though not all of them — had similar complaints about his confrontational tactics.

Sherman, the UMass analyst, said she turned off her radio because Weld was so shrill. Lumi, the salon owner, said she walked out of her room because Weld was so rude. Men — though not all men — did not seem to mind his combative debating style.

"During the debate, Weld reminded a lot of women of that boyfriend they couldn't stand in college," said political commentator Gail Leftwich. "But the election is a long time from now. I think women and men are going to end up voting for the guy they agree with on the issues."

In fact, polls suggest the debate did not sway many voters. So while the Mars-Venus reactions to Weld's feistiness suggest a contrast in attitudes toward political conflict and may suggest strategies for the next six debates, they do not seem to contribute to the Kerry-Weld gender gap.

Still, many observers expect Weld to simmer down over the next seven months in an effort to appeal to women — ideologically, by toning down his conservative rhetoric, and stylistically, by lowering his decibel level.

Weld is a laid-back guy, and he is unlikely to forget how Silber's nasty attack on Natalie Jacobson, a mild-mannered Boston TV anchorwoman, helped Weld's cause in 1990.

"This time, Weld was John Silber, and I don't think that played well with women," said Ralph Whitehead, a political science professor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. "Next time, he may be Natalie Jacobson."

Chiles urges blacks to join tobacco fight

□ The governor wants blacks to support a state law being used to sue cigarette manufacturers.

By John Kennedy

TALLAHASSEE BUREAU

TALLAHASSEE — Under mounting political pressure, Gov. Lawton Chiles asked black Floridians on Tuesday to support an embattled state law being used to sue cigarette manufacturers.

Several black lawmakers and health professionals joined the governor, noting that blacks die from smoking-related illnesses at a higher rate than whites.

"While cancer knows no color, the tobacco giants see the green of billions of dollars when they look at the minority community," the governor said.

The cigarette industry, however, has close ties to the 18-member Legislative Black Caucus, and some lawmakers already have split with Chiles on the tobacco issue.

One of the Capitol's most prominent black lobbyists, Art Collins, represents the Tobacco Institute and is well-connected to many caucus members — all of whom, like Chiles, are Democrats.

The caucus' shaky support has left Chiles vulnerable to legislative efforts to abolish the 1994 law that strengthens the state's hand in its \$1.4 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

The state wants to recover money it claims to have spent during a five-year period treating thousands of Medicaid patients with smoking-related illnesses.

Even as Chiles labors to preserve the 1994 law, which strips tobacco companies of many traditional defenses in lawsuits for damages, the industry is putting intense pressure on lawmakers of all ethnic backgrounds to wipe it out.

Chiles expects another push by the Senate to override his veto of a bill that repealed the 1994 law. He narrowly beat back such an attempt last month.

"This is kind of a chess game right now," said Mallory Horne, the governor's chief negotiator on the tobacco law.

For his part, Chiles unveiled a \$7,000 anti-smoking advertising campaign targeted at black-oriented newspapers in major Florida cities, including Orlando.

"Tobacco is the enemy," said Orlando Rep. Alzo Reddick, who appeared with Chiles on Tuesday. "It is not the Confederates or the Ku Klux Klan. I haven't seen anything about [the] Ku Klux Klan killing any African-American in the past year. We can very easily document the mortality rate in terms of African-Americans who smoke."

The ads will be financed by anti-smoking organizations and attorneys representing the state in the tobacco lawsuit.

The call for black support is the latest strategy by Chiles. A day earlier, he flew to Orlando and several other Florida cities rallying support for his tobacco stance.

Chiles has endorsed a compromise measure aimed at blunting the concerns of other industries that fear they also could be sued over health-related costs of their products. But that bill looks endangered, increasing the likelihood that lawmakers will try to abolish the 1994 law outright in the next few weeks.

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St. Louis school desegregation program awaits action

Judge's decision will affect thousands of students.

By DIANA AITCHISON
St. Louis Correspondent

ST. LOUIS — After all the testimony, all the charts and all the number crunching, the fate of the St. Louis school desegregation program rests with a federal judge.

For weeks U.S. District Judge George F. Gunn listened to the opinions of 20 experts from throughout the nation. Two dozen attorneys defended both sides of the \$1.4 billion education issue.

Professors from Harvard and Washington universities, experts from Maryland, Cleveland and Chicago, and independent consultants from all corners participated in a final battle over the 14-year-old desegregation program.

"In terms of comprehension," said St. Louis School Superintendent David J.

Mahan, "it was an almost exhaustive amount of information and one of the longest hearings I've ever attended."

The outcome of the case will affect thousands of transfer and magnet school students. Almost 14,000 students travel from the city to county schools, 1,200 students transfer from county to city schools, and 12,000 students in the city attend special magnet schools.

The desegregation program has come under fire recently. Both white and black residents have criticized money spent on city-county transfer programs and special magnet schools, which attract white suburban students to black-area city schools. Critics say the money would be better spent improving all city schools.

The Kansas City desegregation case is being handled separately by U.S. District Judge Russell G. Clark, but the outcome of the St. Louis case could influence issues in the Kansas City decision.

The St. Louis desegregation hearing was

summoned by Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon, who said he thinks that the current desegregation system has met its objectives and has "succeeded in wiping out what was a dual school system."

Attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People defended the program. They argued that parts of the desegregation program had not been completed and should not be judged until finished.

Throughout the hearing, St. Louis educators and attorneys for the defendants tried to keep the focus on the effect on the students.

"If ended," Mahan said, "it would have a very chaotic impact."

In his recommendation, Nixon suggested that if the desegregation program were dismantled, students would remain in their current schools. For example, a ninth-grade student would remain in the same high school through 12th grade. The same would go for middle- and grade-school

pupils.

"In that transitional period," Nixon said, "with the money saved, you could divide it over a three-year period and take that to build facilities in the city."

Parkway School District, the largest county district affected by desegregation, might have to lay off up to 200 teachers if the desegregation program were dismantled.

At the close of the hearing last month, Gunn said he would write a memo outlining what he thought were significant issues. Attorneys will then file responses. Gunn could take up to six months to make his decision.

One option that Gunn could explore would be to appoint a special master to offer suggestions to resolve the issue. Nixon opposes that idea.

"Nobody understands this case more than the parties involved," Nixon said. "To bring a new player on the field would take months. Solomon is not going to waltz

into this case and make this decision easy. We have provided clear legal and factual framework."

Some highlights of the hearing:

■ Defending the city-county transfer program, the St. Louis school superintendent testified that to end the program would crowd classrooms and further racially isolate children in the public schools.

■ If desegregation were dismantled, \$228 million would be needed to rejuvenate and build 14 school buildings for transfer students returning to city schools. To raise the cash, one expert suggested a 68-cent city property tax increase.

■ A retired schoolteacher testified that there are inequities between resources available to all-black city schools and magnet schools.

■ A researcher from Johns Hopkins University analyzed test scores in St. Louis public schools and said students were not achieving their full potential.

From Enterprise Zones, More Hope Than Progress

By Tim Poor and Genaro C. Armas
Post-Dispatch Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON

Fifteen months after winning a \$2.95 million federal grant, St. Louisans are just beginning, literally, to sow the first seeds of the urban renewal it promises.

This week, 12 neighborhood groups began planting trees, shrubs and perennials to beautify eyesores that dot the city's economically depressed areas. The results will be visible almost immediately — something that can't be said for most other projects in President Bill Clinton's "enterprise community" program.

Republicans, including Missouri Sen. Christopher S. Bond and Rep. James Talent, say Clinton's approach is bogged down in bureaucracy and governed by politics rather than need. The critics want to shift emphasis

toward tax credits and other incentives for private action.

Administration officials and some urban experts counsel patience. Private incentives are important but not sufficient, they contend. Federal money for job training, more police officers and projects like "urban greening" will pay off in time, they say.

Old North St. Louis

Gloria Bratkowski has heard it all before — the big plans to lure businesses, build housing and create jobs. So far, none of it has made much difference in her Old North St. Louis neighborhood, just north of downtown, where she has lived for 20 years. She's watched people move out and absen-

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Sam Leone/Post-Dispatch

Gloria Bratkowski stands in a vacant lot that will become part of an "urban greening" project promoted by the administration of President Bill Clinton. The lot is in the Old North St. Louis neighborhood, just north of downtown.

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tee landlords abandon buildings, despite government initiatives to help.

But the disappointments haven't kept her neighborhood group from participating in the urban greening project. Soon, they'll be planting in two vacant lots on St. Louis Avenue.

Bratkowski is the first to admit that trees and flowers are a tiny step toward fixing the problems.

But it's not an inconsequential step: Her neighborhood association has been cleaning and planting on a smaller scale for 15 years. The plantings improve morale for residents, help attract new residents and bring neighbors together for the work, she said. The efforts have inspired many to keep up their own property.

"Eventually, you have a cumulative effect," she said. "It shows there are good things that can happen here."

City officials say the \$165,000 urban greening program is further along than any other St. Louis project under the White House initiative, which was announced in December 1994. Six cities got \$100 million each for empowerment zones. Ninety-five others — including St. Louis, East St. Louis and Springfield, Ill. — got grants of \$2.95 million each.

St. Louis' money didn't actually start flowing until this January. City officials said it took a year to satisfy federal requirements and more time to funnel the money through state officials.

The money will finance 16 projects within St. Louis' "enterprise community" — an area bounded by Fairground Park and Hyde Park on the north, and by the McKinley Fox neighborhood and St. Louis University on the south. Funding also will go to a job training site in Wellston.

Most of the projects won't begin until summer at the earliest. Plans call for crime prevention, computers that will help residents find jobs and loans for small businesses.

'Talk, Talk, Talk, Talk'

Taxpayers won't be able to judge the success of enterprise zones fully for another 10 years, says Howard Glaser, a deputy assistant secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which oversees the program. Among the promising signs he cites is Wellston, where the old Wagner electrical plant is being refurbished as a job-training center.

But even that project is already four years old and won't be finished for months. That frustrates Wellston Mayor Robert Powell. "I guess everything takes a lot of time," he said.

Wellston shows how good intentions can amount to little. Missouri, under then-Gov. Christopher Bond, designated the depressed community as an "enterprise zone" in 1982.

Fourteen years later, not much has happened. Powell blames local political infighting and lack of commitment from government officials who had announced the designation with much fanfare.

"It was just talk, talk, talk, talk," he said.

Bond Proposes HUBZones

The godfather of empowerment zones was Jack Kemp, secretary of housing and urban development under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. After the Los Angeles riots in 1992, Kemp pushed the zones as part of a federal urban renewal policy. Congress approved just before the 1992 election, but Bush vetoed the bill the day after he lost.

Clinton revived the idea and is planning a second round of zone designations later this year. "The general consensus is that empowerment zones are working, possibly better than we thought they would," HUD's Glaser said.

But, as in St. Louis, there is no hard evidence yet to prove the administration's claims, say observers like Dick Cowden, executive director of the American Association of Enterprise Zones. The association is a nonpartisan group of state and city economic development officials.

Cowden says zones need years to attract businesses and re-establish community roots. "We don't expect overnight results, and neither should anyone else."

Bond says the main problem with the zones is that they are selected by politics rather than need. He wants to replace them with "Historically-Underutilized Business" zones, or HUBZones.

Like the current program, HUBZones would offer perks for small businesses, such as tax credits and an inside track on winning federal contracts. But HUBZones would be chosen by objective criteria, including poverty and unemployment rates.

Last month, Rep. Talent introduced another proposal with Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla. They want to designate the 100 poorest communities as "renewal communities" and give them tax breaks and looser zoning. Parents who live in the communities could get financial aid to send their children to private schools.

"The project removes obstacles and returns government to its rightful role: Supporting institutions that make individual and community achievement possible," Talent said. "In the end, improving these neighborhoods is a function of what's in people's hearts."

What's in their wallets is just as important, says Richard Baron, a developer who has worked in distressed parts of St. Louis and other cities.

"The reality of it is you have to have resources invested in these areas to bring these areas back," Baron said.

"You can't get new investment strictly by giving companies various kinds of tax incentives," because tax breaks won't offset the high costs of city development, such as cleaning up abandoned industrial sites.

What would really make a difference, he said, is large amounts of federal dollars, perhaps redirected from highway departments. But that's more than either the Clinton administration or Congress has been willing to do.

"We're talking about the need for tens of millions of dollars of investment the city doesn't have," Baron said.

Given that, the \$2,500 spent on each St. Louis neighborhood's greening project isn't much. But that hasn't dimmed participants' enthusiasm.

"It's all about building community," said Michael Adrio, executive director of Gateway to Gardening, a nonprofit group that is supervising the plantings along with the city's Operation Brightside. "It does work, it just takes time."

Gloria Bratkowski and her neighbors will be out on St. Louis Avenue soon, fixing up the vacant lots. She likes aspects of both parties' enterprise zone approaches. She's hoping someday something will come of the big federal plans for jobs, business, and housing.

But for now, she'll be content to plant some flowers, putting something pretty in a place where, before, there was nothing.

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Clay Rejects Award From Black Colleges Lawmaker Assails Group For Honoring Thurmond

By Tim Poor

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WASHINGTON

REP. BILL CLAY WAS all set to get an award this week for his work on behalf of historically black colleges and universities — until he found out Sen. Strom Thurmond was getting the honor, too.

Clay, D-St. Louis, promptly dropped out of the luncheon program of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. In a blistering letter to the organization Tuesday, Clay said he was "compelled by integrity and principle" to reject its offer.

"I would not want my presence at the congressional luncheon to diminish the significance of the award you will bestow on Sen. Strom Thurmond, a great crusader for civil rights, racial justice, economic parity and equal educational opportunity," Clay wrote sarcastically.

The association is a Washington-based group that lobbies in support of historically black colleges, whose presidents serve on its board of directors. Roy Watson, a spokesman for the group, said Tuesday that it would have no immediate comment.

Thurmond, 93, was a symbol of segregation earlier in his career but in recent years he has backed away from his previous positions. He supported renewal of the Voting Rights Act and the Martin Luther King holiday while maintaining his traditionally conservative stance on most issues.

John DeCrosta, a spokesman for Thurmond, R-S.C., said he had sponsored legislation designating "Historically Black Colleges and University Week" each year for the last 11 years and had promoted scholarships and federal funding for the institutions.

"The senator is proud of the work he has done on behalf of historically black colleges and universities," DeCrosta said Tuesday. "He has been a booster of these schools. . . . He would be proud to share the stage with anyone else the organization is recognizing."

Not so Clay.

A spokeswoman said the association wrote to Clay weeks ago saying it intended to honor him for his years of work on the House education committee, not mentioning Thurmond. Clay found out about his co-awardee this week when he and other members of the congressional black caucus got a letter inviting them to the lunch Thursday.

"He said no, no, no, no," the spokeswoman said, adding that Thurmond had "fought against equal educational opportunity for everybody. We don't understand why the award is being presented to him. He has stood against everything that Mr. Clay has fought for," she said.

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Voinovich says he would work to defeat Celeste

By VINDU P. GOEL

PLAIN DEALER REPORTER

If former Gov. Richard F. Celeste tries to make a political comeback, he will have to tangle with current Gov. George V. Voinovich first.

Traveling in India, where Celeste once served in the U.S. Embassy, Voinovich, a Republican, said that he would aggressively help anyone opposing Celeste, a Democrat.

"I would help whoever the Republican candidate is raise issues that I think are relevant," Voinovich said.

Voinovich said he would share the political intelligence he has gathered on Celeste, including an insider's perspective on the problems he inherited from the Celeste administration when he took over in 1991.

For example, Voinovich said, he knows about serious problems in the operation of the state's minority business enterprise program under Celeste.

Voinovich said his administration found numerous examples of mismanagement by the Celeste administration, and he won't hes-

itate to disseminate the information if Celeste decides to seek office again.

Celeste, who could not be reached for comment, is raising money from key donors to study the possibility of running for a statewide office in 1998 — presumably governor.

Voinovich has said Celeste made a big mistake shortly before leaving office by commuting the death sentences of eight convicted killers to life imprisonment.

In addition, Voinovich has criticized Celeste's trade missions as being "caravans," with no real business conducted.

Voinovich, who by law cannot serve past 1998, repeated yesterday his intention to run for a U.S. Senate seat in 1998.

"I will be largely campaigning for myself," Voinovich said.

But he said he would help Ohio Secretary of State Bob Taft in his expected bid for governor.

"I think we have built a very good record," Voinovich said. "Hopefully, Mr. Taft will build on that and carry forward."

The party rules

How much do new gift guidelines permit delegates to accept for convention-related celebrations?

By Juliet Eilperin

As the corporate sponsors for this summer's political conventions grope their way through a maze of new gift rules, many seem to agree that Congress has sent a message: Party on, politicians.

But even the House ethics committee's recent ruling, which emphasized that the vast majority of convention-related celebrations are exempt from the gift ban, has failed to reassure all lobbyists.

In interviews last week, several said their companies' attorneys were poring over the guidelines, issued March 29, to determine whether their planned soirees pass muster.

The Senate ethics committee has been debating how to apply the gift rules to the two August party conventions; it is expected to issue guidelines after senators return from April recess.

"The House language is perplexing at best," said Greg Ward, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange's senior vice president for government relations, adding that he was still seeking legal clarification on the issue.

"Everyone's being extremely conservative. Before anyone dives in, they want to make damn sure they're complying with the letter of the law."

Under the House ethics panel's letter, members can accept meals, lodging, transportation, entertainment tickets and nominal gifts from the national party, convention, state, local and campaign committees. They also can attend widely attended functions and receptions.

Outside of widely attended or fund-raising events, however, they cannot accept these invitations from lobbyists and others who fail to qualify as a relative or personal friend.

To many observers, this means the party is on.

In large part, the game will be to secure corporate money. Both conventions' arrangement committees are limited to spending \$12 million in federal funds, though they can raise an unlimited amount from local companies.

In the case of the Democratic convention in Chicago, for example, only companies with a presence inside a nine-county radius of the city can contribute.

Businesses with offices, facilities, franchises, or licensed dealers in San Diego County, along with San Diego County residents, can donate funds to the GOP host committee.

Chicago '96 spokeswoman Julie Thompson said the House guidelines will not restrict interested companies from funding the festivities.

"They seem very flexible and quite magnanimous in their scope," Thompson said. "I'd be hard-pressed to find anything that doesn't fall under these categories."

Though most of the convention's festivities are formally sponsored by the host committees and state delegations, companies often foot the bill. In fact, they often have to pay for the privilege of underwriting events.

In the case of the Democratic convention in Chicago, according to Thompson, companies donating \$100,000 qualify to be vice chairs and get "first dibs on any hosting opportunities."

Such events range from the 56 delegation parties on Sunday, Aug. 25, to a media party on the Navy Pier for 25,000 people.

Vice chairs also can put samples of their products into gift bags and pay for the party honoring the convention's 7,000 volunteers.

They can even buy, at cost, red and blue convention banners, complete with company logo, to adorn Chicago's lampposts this summer.

Contributors of the \$100,000 variety to the San Diego Host Committee, according to the group's literature, also receive several perks.

These include recognition from the presidential and vice presidential nominee; two tickets to each convention hall session; a first-class hotel room; an unspecified gift from the committee and an invitation to a range of events, such as Chairman Gerald Parsky's and Gov. Pete Wilson's (R-Calif.) receptions.

Companies that donate \$250,000 receive an understandably more elaborate package. In addition to the first arrangement, this offer includes a host committee sky box; the chance to sponsor a state delegation; opportunities for product promotion; a podium photo; customized tours of local attractions like the San Diego Zoo and an array of other privileges.

Corporations already are helping the Re-

publicans organize several gatherings, according to sources, including events at the Del Mar Country Club and the San Diego Yacht Club.

One party in Balboa Park honoring Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott of Mississippi and financed by companies, including Ford and Glaxo Wellcome, even has a name: "Have a Lott of Fun."

Traditionally, industries with interests in legislation have sponsored lavish convention parties. Several groups predicted that this year's conventions would be no different.

US West press secretary Nanci Bernstein said the Baby Bell was exploring sponsorship, along with 20 to 30 other telecommunications companies, of an evening reception at the GOP convention.

"It would be a huge event," she said, explaining why it would qualify under the rules.

Some lobbyists, however, said they were still concerned about whether they could fete members without restrictions.

Ward said his group was still "confused" about how to proceed. The group is already a vice chair of the Chicago convention, but has not yet determined which events it will sponsor.

Even AT&T, another established sponsor, is debating how to participate in the conventions. In many ways AT&T is more intimately connected with the 1996 presidential campaign than other corporations.

According to federal government affairs senior vice president Gerry Lowrie, the telecommunications giant is providing phone service for both conventions, as well as Sen. Bob Dole's and President Bill Clinton's presidential campaigns.

"That's why we have a little more of a presence at conventions," Lowrie said, adding that the company's fiscal generosity stems from a desire to showcase itself "as a service provider."

AT&T, which threw a "Beat the Leader" golf tournament for then-House Republican Leader Bob Michel of Illinois in 1992, has already reserved golf courses in Chicago and San Diego on the Monday of each convention. But the company has not decided if it will go through with the events.

Even if its attorneys decide that giving members greens fees complies with the law, as the House ethics committee has indicated, AT&T still may decide to cancel the parties.

"Clearly, we won't have the same climate we've had in the past," Lowrie said. "Our test is not just the legal test, but the red-face test."

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SOSNIK AND KAREN HANCOX

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT

1996 PRESIDENTIAL

Poll

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

Their poll, conducted 4/9-4/10 among 857 registered voters, found you with a significant lead over Dole in both a two-way and three-way race. You may note that only 27% of those surveyed believe the US economic conditions are excellent/good, compared to 72% who believe they are fair/poor. A majority (54%), however, blamed the GOP Congress for the state of the economy while 31% blamed you.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Clinton	57%	Clinton	49%
Dole	40	Dole	35
		Perot	15

JOB APPROVAL

App/Disapp

Clinton	54%/40%
Dole	52%/33%
Gingrich	33%/55%
Congress	35%/57%

CANDIDATES

Bob Dole

Dole campaigned in Pennsylvania today, and used April 15 to take advantage of voters' anxieties over taxes. Dole described the tax-filing deadline as the day Americans "go down and give everything they've got left to the government." He also said taxes were higher because "Bill Clinton passed the largest tax increase in the history of America." Senator Dole attacked your character, asking "Who do you trust?" and predicted, "If something happened along the route and you had to leave your children with Bob Dole or Bill Clinton, I think you'd probably leave them with Bob Dole." Dole met earlier today with PA Governor Ridge, former Attorney General Dick Thornburg, and about a dozen small business owners at a local soda shop.

Dole broke through his campaign fundraising limit during a three-state (Iowa, Texas & Tennessee) sweep this weekend. However, it is not illegal to raise money above the limit -- it is only illegal if he spends above the legal limit.

Dole's campaign announced the appointment of two Washington lobbyists to direct campaign and convention activities. Paul Manafort was named Dole's convention manager and Rick Davis was named deputy convention manager. Mary Matalin withdrew on Friday as a volunteer adviser to Dole, citing all the concerns about her marriage to James Carville.

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Miscellaneous

The Supreme Court heard arguments today on ways soft money is spent in elections. The case surrounds a complaint that then-Representative Tim Wirth's 1986 campaign lodged against the CO Republican party for running ads attacking Wirth. At the time the ads were run, neither the Democrats or the GOP had selected a nominee for the Senate race; the GOP claimed their ads were an independent party expenditure and did not support a specific candidate, therefore were not subject to spending limits.

STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / PRESIDENTIAL

Alaska

Alaska Democrats turned out in very high numbers for the caucuses held on Saturday, April 13. Each district caucus reported an above average turnout, with 20 people turning out in Barrow, the northern most voting city in the United States. State Democrats were pleased that the Clinton/Gore campaign chose to have a presence in Alaska.

State Democrats showed unanimous support for your re-election bid with 100% of the participating delegates committing to Clinton/Gore. Approximately 500 Democrats participated in 38 of 40 district caucuses. Two of the district caucuses will be held at a later date to be determined. In Anchorage, where nearly 50% of the voters reside, former Governor Bill Sheffield (D) spoke on your behalf to caucuses-goers. In Fairbanks, the next largest voting block, state Party Chairman David Guttenberg addressed caucuses-goers. The delegates chosen at these caucuses will go to the state convention in mid-May, where delegates to the national convention are chosen. Everyone at the state convention will be a committed Clinton delegate.

As you may remember, the GOP party in Alaska held its precinct caucuses in January. Pat Buchanan captured the top spot, with Steve Forbes coming in a close second. The GOP caucus results were as follows:

Buchanan	33%
Forbes	31%
Dole	17%
Keyes	10%
Gramm	9%

Arizona

A poll released last Friday shows the President and Bob Dole in a statistical dead heat. The Phoenix-based Behavior Research Center poll interviewed 708 adults, including 534 registered voters statewide. The poll was conducted earlier this month. The poll found:

	<u>04/96</u>	<u>11/95</u>
Clinton	39%	45%
Dole	41%	43%
Undecided	20%	-

The poll also found that the President's job performance ratings have improved in the state since January, when 31% of respondents in a poll taken after the State of the Union gave a favorable rating. The latest poll found:

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>
Clinton	37%	31%

Iowa

A Des Moines Register survey of 629 likely general election voters conducted March 30-April 3 is summarized below.

GENERAL ELECTION MATCH-UPS		CLINTON LIKELY RE-ELECTED?	
Clinton	53%	Clinton	50% Yes 67%
Dole	36%	Dole	32% No 23%
		Perot	11%

JOB APPROVAL

Clinton	61% app/32% disapp
Dole	49% app/40% disapp
Hillary Rodham Clinton	56% app/35% disapp

AMERICA IS....

Going in the right direction	39%
Seriously off on the wrong track	48%

There is a sizeable gender gap in your lead over Dole -- you hold a 59%-30% lead among women but only a 47%-42% lead among men. You also run strong among Catholic voters (59% support), voters with family incomes under \$30,000 (59%), union households (69%), blue collar workers (58%) and abortion rights supporters (53%). You even hold a 49%-40% lead over voters who identify themselves as "fundamentalist" or "born again" Christians. You win the support of 92% of the state's Democrats while Dole is backed by 78% of the state's Republicans. Among the 48% of Iowa voters who believe the country is "seriously off on the wrong track," Dole leads 48%-39%.

There is a 20 point gender gap in the First Lady's approval rating. She wins 67% approval from Iowa women but only 47% approval from Iowa men. As reported above, 67% of Iowa voters believe you are likely to win re-election. That percentage stood at just 20% in the Register's January, 1995 poll.

Dole campaigned in Des Moines on Saturday. The approximately 300 people who showed up at a campaign rally was less than half the number organizers touted when they announced the event and the crowd was reportedly quite subdued, possibly due to the poll's front page treatment in that morning's Register. (Attached.)

Discussing his performance in the Iowa caucuses earlier this year, Dole said that "I sort of limped out of Iowa, but I won." He blamed his poor showing in the Register poll on "the Forbes onslaught," saying "it's going to take awhile to recover." He said the poll doesn't "bother me a bit. We're 206 days away from November 5, 1996. I've found in my lifetime that nothing worthwhile comes easy." He added that "I've been coming to Iowa for a long, long time. I know how to find Iowa after the caucuses."

Dole was joined at the event by Governor Terry Branstad (R-IA), Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Larry Pressler (R-SD) and Reps. Greg Ganske (R-IA) and Jim Ross Lightfoot (R).

Missouri

The Missouri GOP held its congressional district conventions on Saturday. Dole picked up 14 delegates to the national convention, Pat Buchanan won 11 and Alan Keyes won 2. Buchanan's strength was not a surprise, as he won the most votes at last month's GOP precinct caucuses where the delegates to the C.D. conventions were selected. Phyllis Schlafly was elected as a Buchanan delegate. The remaining nine Missouri GOP delegates will be selected at the state convention on May 18.

Ohio

More results from the Cincinnati Enquirer's poll of 860 adults conducted March 18-27 are summarized below.

IS THE COUNTRY...

On the right track?	44%
Headed in the wrong direction?	50%

HOW WILL YOUR FAMILY'S FINANCES BE NEXT YEAR?

Same	57%
Better	27%
Worse	16%

Republicans and Independents are more likely to believe the country is on the wrong track (56% and 54%, respectively) than Democrats (45%).

Pennsylvania

A Philadelphia Daily News editorial today endorses Clinton-Gore in the Democratic primary and Bob Dole in the Republican primary. A Philadelphia Inquirer column advocates a Democratic Presidential strategy of discussing issues and linking Senator Dole with Newt Gingrich and House extremists. Both are attached.

STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / NON-PRESIDENTIAL

Arkansas

The Democratic primary race for Arkansas' 1st congressional district remains a two-on-one game. Tom Donaldson (D) and Kirby Smith (D) continue to criticize Marion Berry (D) for declining offers for a three-way debate. Smith has said some harsh words towards Berry stating that Barry, "...must have a stand on the issues to articulate a message. [He]...must have a position to articulate [his] vision. Marion hasn't got either." Berry's campaign manager said they are trying to work with the others to make some joint appearances, but their schedule is booked through May 21. Secretary Glickman is scheduled to attend a fundraiser for Marion Berry on April 19.

Attorney General Winston Bryant (D) is being criticized by his Senate primary opponents. Sandy McMath (D) has hit Bryant for not pursuing a suit to recover the state's smoking-related costs from tobacco companies. Bill Bristow, another primary opponent, has cited a \$1,500 campaign contribution to Bryant from a tobacco company, and said he (Bristow) had signed a pledge not to take money from out of state PACs or lobbyists. Bristow challenged Bryant, and the others running, to sign such a pledge.

Georgia

The redistricting battle continues to be an issue with state legislative districts in the state. Specifically, 11 districts are at the heart of this fight over how to draw racially fair districts. The April 22-26 qualifying period will likely have to be delayed at least two weeks for legislative candidates. If qualifying is postponed any longer than that, the July 9 primary also will have to be delayed. A three-judge federal panel in Augusta will study maps and listen to arguments tomorrow in seeking to quickly decide district boundaries for this year's races.

At a Saturday town-hall meeting in Smyrna, Speaker Gingrich predicted that a proposed constitutional amendment making it tougher to pass tax increases won't pass the House. He said, "I doubt we'll win it, but it does set a benchmark for the fall campaign. Which is more important, the family budget or the federal budget?" About 150 people turned out to discuss tax-related issues with Gingrich and U.S. Senator Paul Coverdale (R).

Iowa

The above-mentioned Des Moines Register poll reports that Senator Tom Harkin (D) holds wide leads over the three Republicans running to challenge him. The Republicans running are GOP frontrunner Rep. Jim Ross Lightfoot, state Rep. Steve Grubbs and state Senator Maggie Tinsman. The results are summarized below.

GENERAL ELECTION

Harkin	58%	Harkin	62%	Harkin	65%
Lightfoot	32%	Grubbs	21%	Tinsman	19%

JOB APPROVAL

Harkin	63% app/25% disapp
Lightfoot	44% app/22% disapp

At the Dole rally on Saturday, both Dole and Branstad referred to Lightfoot as "the next United States Senator from Iowa." Given that Lightfoot is involved in a three-way primary -- in which he is considered the clear favorite -- the congressman, an early Dole supporter, may try to spin this as an endorsement. Branstad's spokesperson, for his part, said the Governor was just being friendly and was not taking sides.

Louisiana

A new chairperson for the Democratic State Party will be elected this Saturday. It is likely that Jim Nickel will win but Linda Day, former President of the Louisiana Education Association, has said she will run for the position. She now works in Attorney General Ieyoub's office. This is another example of the split in the party between the Landrieu and Ieyoub camps. Linda Day says that the party needs more representation of women and minorities.

Nebraska

More results from the Omaha World Herald poll (610 Nebraskans questioned March 29-April 1) we reported on last week.
JOB APPROVAL

Senator Jim Exon (D) 60% app/23% disapp
Senator Bob Kerrey (D) 59% app/31% disapp

SUPPORT CASINO GAMBLING IN NEBRASKA?

Yes 61%
No 36%

Expanding gambling in the state is a hot topic because of the popularity of casinos in western Iowa among Nebraskans, with many feeling that the state is missing out on a potentially large revenue source. Two petition drives are currently underway to put initiatives to expand gambling in the state on the November ballot.

New York

Governor George Pataki (R) has said that he will help lead the fight to remove the pro-life plank from the party platform during the Republican Convention in August. His advisers say that considering the Governor's personal views as well as the results of confidential polling, Pataki could leave San Diego with a "heightened national stature" and a "reputation as one of the country's leading moderates."

North Carolina

The Vice President is traveling in Raleigh today with Governor Hunt. They will tour the Community School for Persons Under Six, a child care center that relies on the Governor's Smart Start program. They will visit classrooms and read stories to 4 and 5 year olds, after which, they'll hold a roundtable discussion with community members about the success of this program. The Vice President will also hold a private session in Chapel Hill with a panel of collegiate journalists from Triangle universities and then will have a meet and greet with political supporters.

Harvey Gantt has finally put up television ads in North Carolina for his primary race against Charlie Sanders. Gantt's first ad is part biographical and part slap against Sanders. A narrator says how Gantt "started with nothing but the values his parents taught him. Education was Harvey Gantt's road to a better future. That is why he will fight for a tax deduction for college tuition. And Head Start for every child who needs it. He knows how hard it is to make ends meet. So he will take on the drug companies for price gouging, save billions by closing corporate loopholes so we protect Medicare for our families." Gantt's attack on drug companies is really a jab at Sanders, a former CEO of a major pharmaceutical company.

Pennsylvania

Newt Gingrich was in Pittsburgh April 12 attending a fundraiser for Congressman Phil English (R-21). Gingrich predicted that Pennsylvania will be a battleground state in the fall and that GOP ads depicting your veto of GOP tax cuts will help Dole. He also said that his favorites for Vice Presidential picks are Governor Engler, Governor Voinovich, Colin Powell, and California Attorney General Dan Lungren.

Texas

In protest to your "Partial-Birth" veto, Jose Kenard, a member of the Texas Democratic Party Executive Committee, resigned his post on Saturday. Kenard also resigned as chair of the Mexican-American Caucus. It was reported that he sent you a letter that stated, "in good conscience" he could not continue in his elected positions in the Democratic Party. And that he will ask other Democrats to withhold their support of you, whether by "active criticism" or by not voting for you in 1996.

Vermont

Lt. Governor Barbara Snelling (R) remains in critical, but stable condition following a cerebral hemorrhage April 13. Doctors have told her family members that her situation is not hopeless, and that if she remains stable over the next couple of days, her chances for recovery will significantly increase.

Virginia

The first and most important round of the Virginia Caucuses, which took place Saturday, held few surprises, although Lyndon LaRouche broke threshold for a delegate in the 2nd Congressional District. Overall, you won 1084 delegates for the district conventions; Uncommitted, 22; and LaRouche, 51. In the 2nd CD, LaRouche supporters were able to elect 44 delegates out of 229 for the district convention, which means they technically have enough (15%) to elect one of the three delegates to the Democratic National Convention. His strong areas were Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Hampton and Loudon County.

Yet, as in Louisiana, the Virginia Party will abide by Chairman Fowler's ruling that LaRouche is not a legitimate candidate and cannot receive delegates to the Convention. LaRouche is expected to file suit. For reasons relating to the party rules that tie the Presidential delegates with state candidate delegates, the party could not invalidate LaRouche delegates at the local caucuses without invalidating those same delegates for Senate candidate Nancy Spanaus. Spanaus, a LaRouche person, was deemed a legitimate candidate.

Mark Warner clinched his nomination for the U.S. Senate over Leslie Byrne Saturday, but Byrne is going to fight this race out to the finish. She filed a formal protest with the party and the Justice Department on Friday arguing that the caucuses' rules were rigged against her. She says they violate the principle of "one man, one vote." (See attached complaint)

Saturday's caucuses comprised 31 of 61 locality and two-thirds of the delegates selected. The caucuses finish tonight. At this point there is little danger from LaRouche, since only Loudon County, with 26 pre-filed LaRouche delegates, suggest a little threat. However, it is possible that uncommitted delegates will reach threshold if turnout falls and Warner's people fail to attend the caucuses now that the nomination is clinched. Byrne split her delegates between Clinton/Gore and Uncommitted.

Campaign Finance. In the first story, Brooks Jackson focused on the Supreme Court hearing a campaign finance reform case today. The case dates to Tim Wirth's 1986 Senate campaign, in which the state party purchased radio ads attacking Wirth's record on issues without specifically advocating his defeat and was ultimately found to have exceeded the party's permissible spending limit in that race. The RNC is arguing in this case that ads like the one used against Wirth -- which Jackson pointed out are similar to the RNC's current ad accusing you of vetoing tax relief and the DNC's ad attacking Dole -- should not count against the party's spending limit on behalf of a candidate. It is also arguing that the party spending limits should be struck down anyway because they violate the Constitution. Solicitor General Drew Days defended the limits as necessary to guard against political corruption, a contention that drew a skeptical response from Justice Scalia. The story noted that while the Democrats complained about the spending in the Wirth race, they are now running similar ads attacking Dole.

Bob Dole. Dole campaigned in Pennsylvania today, naturally making taxes the issue of the day. He said that the taxes people will have to pay today are "higher because the President passed the highest tax increase in the history of America." Candy Crowley noted that trips like these will be few and far between now that he is close to running out of spending authority.

The Economy. Bill Schneider reported on results from a national CNN poll, conducted April 9-10, questioning voters about the economy. "Looking backward," as he put it, voters do believe the economy has gotten better during your Administration by a 47%-32% margin. You hold a 58-point lead among those voters who believe it has gotten better. However, "looking forward," 15% say they believe the economy is "getting better" while twice that figure believe it is "getting worse." Schneider cited the "surprising" showing that you run no worse than even with Dole among those who believe the economy is worsening.

By a 52%-42% margin, voters believe economic problems are more pressing than moral problems. You hold a 62%-35% lead over Dole among those most concerned with economic problems while Dole holds a 49%-47% lead among those most concerned with social problems.

Schneider said Dole is not getting mileage out of voters stress about the economy. The reason, he said, is that in what he called a "real departure from history," the public blames the GOP in Congress for the state of the economy more than it blames you by a 54%-31% margin. Also surprising, he said, was the finding that among those who believe the economy is in poor shape, you hold a 68%-22% lead.

Jack Kemp. Kemp was interviewed by Judy Woodruff. Asked if the proposed constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote to raise taxes is a "gimmick," Kemp replied that "it's not a gimmick any more than the President going to Houston and saying 'whoops, I raised your taxes too much.'" Asked whether the amendment would hem in future congresses too much, Kemp said the danger was small because the amendment does not apply during wartime or crises. He said the amendment was valuable because it "ought to be tougher to raise taxes than to cut them and right now it's easy to raise them" and that the amendment would force attempts to raise taxes "out into the open."

Newt Gingrich. The next story focused on Gingrich's image problems, following him during his fundraising swing for House incumbents last week. He was shown saying the GOP has endured "five months of negative advertising by the other side -- systematically factually inaccurate advertising." The story noted that after orchestrating the GOP's victory in the House elections in 1994, he was thrust into the limelight, with Dole often acting as his sidekick and with you even praising his leadership abilities at the joint forum the two of you attended in New Hampshire. Now, however, he is very unpopular -- the story noted that he has a 33% approval/55% disapproval ratio in the most recent CNN poll. Gingrich blames the "constant Democratic attacks," especially the accusations that the GOP planned to cut Medicare, for his fall. The story said that his being outmaneuvered by the White House during the budget negotiations and his being blamed for the government shutdowns were the culprits. Now, the story concluded, he is trying to lower his profile and calls himself Dole's "junior partner," but he still has marquee value among the GOP faithful on the road.

Steve Forbes. Forbes hosted "Saturday Night Live" this weekend. During his monologue, he said he gets frustrated "just like any average Joe" when "I lock my car inside my helicopter." He also said the winter has been tough on him. The cold weather froze "the moat around my home, making it easier for marauders to cross."

Clinton's Campaign Has a Head Start in California

By Susan Yoachum
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While President Clinton continues to publicly decry the notion of campaigning "so early" in an election year, his strategic gurus have named two of the Democrats' best and brightest to direct his California quest.

Former Assemblyman Tom Umberg, D-Orange County (and no, that's not a misprint), will be the state director for the Clinton-Gore '96 California re-election campaign. Veteran California political consultant Bill Carrick will strategize with the campaign as a senior adviser.

While serving as state director, Umberg will handle campaign management and political outreach. Carrick, a savvy veteran of state and national politics who is well-known for his success in helping elect former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein to the U.S. Senate in 1992 and again in 1994, will guide the overall strategy and message for Clinton's California campaign.

Umberg, now a corporate attorney in Orange County, is probably best known statewide as the Democrat who did not defeat Republican Dan Lungren for attorney general in 1994.

Beyond that claim to fame, Umberg is probably most remembered for a widely denounced television ad that practically accused Lungren of killing 12-year-old Polly Klaas, who was abducted more than two years ago from her home in Petaluma and subsequently slain.

Richie Ross, the political consultant who dreamed up Umberg's ad (which featured the young girl's grandfather, Joe Klaas), later described the controversial commercial as the last resort in a campaign that would either die quietly or go

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dential race in California is Clinton's to lose. The president already has a hefty double-digit lead in the polls, and even some conservative analysts have concluded that Clinton has a virtual lock on California, which used to vote almost exclusively for Republicans in presidential races.

For example, political analyst and former Republican consultant Kevin Phillips — not your typical Bill Clinton fan — published a devastating article earlier this month in "The American Political Report." His analysis concludes that GOP standard bearer Bob Dole is in serious trouble in nearly every big state except Texas.

According to Phillips' calculations, Dole will probably lose to Bill Clinton in California, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as well as the supposed battleground Midwestern states of Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

Right now, Clinton is even expected to win Florida, a state with a large voting bloc closer in age to Republican rival Bob Dole. Florida is considered to be a place where Republicans normally have an advantage and where Dole needs to win if he is to wrest the presidency from Clinton.

"These are the numbers that should chill GOP strategists," writes Phillips. "Take the results in Ohio, which — like California — used to be one of the big states Republicans could carry even in close losing races (like 1980). It still has a relatively potent GOP state machine, and its governor (Republican George Voinovich) was one of the earliest Dole boosters — and it's neither subtropical nor laid-back. Yet Clinton leads by 19 points (in the latest Ohio Poll)."

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Dubroff's last plane flight.

In the press release, the governor praised the young girl, whose Cessna crashed while she was trying to set an unofficial world record to become the youngest pilot to fly across the United States and back.

The 7-year-old girl "embodied the spirit of California," Wilson said in his statement.

Even some Republicans were surprised that the governor was compelled to put his mark on a California child's tragic death in Cheyenne, Wyo. "Political grandstanding" was the term one used to describe Wilson's rapid response.

The governor's office was not available for comment.

Picking Up a Win

As Chronicle political writer Kenneth J. Garcia reports, the same politicians who are never shy about jumping onto a winner's bandwagon have found themselves fighting for a spot in the back of Victor Morales' pickup truck.

Morales, the Texas high school teacher who scored a huge upset in winning the state's Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate this week, had been shunned by party officials who backed another candidate in the primary bid to run against GOP Senator Phil Gramm in November.

But Morales, who drove more than 70,000 miles around the Lone Star State in his family's pickup to address voters, found himself with all sorts of new friends and financial backers after stunning party officials with his win over veteran

Congressman John Bryant.

"This man is for real," boasted Senator Bob Kerrey, who, as chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, announced that the party will be providing the political neophyte with money and logistical help against Gramm.

Kerrey and Senator John Breaux of Louisiana flew to Houston this week to announce their support for Morales, who is on leave from his job as a high school civics teacher in Mesquite, Texas.

If Morales were to further defy the odds by defeating Gramm, he'd have one tough commute on his hands. As it turns out, the reason he clocked so many miles on his pickup is that Morales is afraid

to fly. Maybe he can borrow John Madden's bus in the off-season after the Super Bowl for those long treks to Washington.

"He's the type of candidate that public relations firms dream about," Breaux gushed. "He's natural and he's real."

What a concept.

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Umberg gets post in Clinton effort

POLITICS: The former assemblyman will lead the California re-election campaign.

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The Orange County Register

Former Orange County Assemblyman Tom Umberg will lead the California re-election campaign of President Clinton and Vice President Gore, deputy national campaign Manager Ann Lewis announced Thursday from Washington.

Umberg, a former federal prosecutor who served in the Legislature from 1990 to 1994, said he'll take a leave of absence beginning May 1 from his Irvine law firm, Morrison & Foerster. He has practiced general litigation, environmental and land-use law since losing as the Democratic nominee for state attorney general in 1994.

"It's a unique opportunity, particularly for someone who comes from Orange County, to stand tall for the president," said Umberg.

Umberg was named state director of a team that includes veteran campaign consultant Bill Carrick of Los Angeles as senior adviser. Carrick ran California Sen. Dianne Feinstein's 1992 campaign.

County Democratic Party Chairman Jim Toledano said Umberg will boost visibility of the 400,000 Orange County Democrats.

Umberg got the good news around the same time he was notified that he's being promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He'll now hold the same rank as his wife, Robin, also a reservist.

"That's probably bigger news in the Umberg household," he said. "Now I won't have to salute her."

Umberg news: Reaction mixed

Former county legislator Tom Umberg, named Thursday to command President Clinton's statewide re-election effort, brings energy and dedication to the job, say Democrats — and a history of losing, say Republicans.

The appointment also promises enhanced visibility for county Democrats, an often overlooked political force next to the county's dominate Republican party.

"Tom's an interesting choice," Democratic political consultant Harvey Englander said. "He certainly has the energy and the smarts."

Clinton won California in 1992 by 15 percent. Current statewide polls show Clinton leading presumed GOP nominee Sen. Bob Dole in California by 19 points. The state's 54 electoral votes make up 20 percent of what's needed to win.

California Republican Party Executive Director John Peschong said Umberg, a novice at campaign management, is a cu-

in 1994. He lost Orange County, pulling 32 percent of the vote to Lungren's 62 percent. There are 220,000 more Republican voters than Democrats.

Hispanic activist Art Montez of Santa Ana, a longtime Umberg critic, called the choice "alist."

"He's just another pretty face to represent the developers and special interests of Orange County," Montez said.

But Democratic activist Reuben Martinez, Umberg's Assembly campaign treasurer, said Umberg is the perfect choice.

"He'll bring everyone into the campaign by being the hardest worker and the most dedicated," Martinez said.

County Democratic Party Chairman Jim Toledano said Umberg is the first local Democrat to be placed in a presidential-campaign leadership post, acknowledging the county's unique position.

The county remains pivotal for its ability to make or break Republican success statewide. Republicans traditionally have

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Hillary Clinton urges women to hope for future

BY MELODY PETERSEN

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SAN FRANCISCO — Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived Friday to speak about women making history. Instead, she spoke of extending her husband's presidency into history.

And her audience — 2,600 mostly well-heeled Democratic women — loved it.

Specifically, she talked of the need to nurture children, bolster public education and raise the minimum wage.

But she also spoke repeatedly of the need for hope and optimism. And she urged those who seem disenchanted with politicians and government to believe in them again.

"All we are told is what is wrong," said Clinton, whose part in the Whitewater case continues to make headlines. "All we are told is the negative. ... There's no reason for Americans to be in a bad mood about their future."

"Let's take these blessings; let's take this hope and this optimism and inject it into the political process."

Clinton, dressed in black, arrived at the fund-raising luncheon for Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer after attending the funeral for Adam Darling in Santa Cruz. Darling, an aide to Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, died with Brown and 34 others in last week's plane crash in Croatia.

"There's a lot of work to be done," Clinton said. "But as I stood in the church in Santa Cruz today, eulogizing that 29-year-old man ... I knew I was in the presence of the real American spirit. And that's what we all must keep alive."

Recent polls show President Clinton leading the presumed Republican nominee, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, because of his strong

support among women — numbers prompting more attention to these voters.

"If there is one thing I'd hope each of you would do, it is to talk with neighbors and friends and say it does make a difference," Hillary Clinton urged.

The administration's attention to women also showed when Boxer introduced her. She thanked the president "for standing with the women of America" two days earlier when he vetoed a bill banning a type of late-term abortion.

The audience, which often interrupted Hillary Clinton with applause, paid \$135 each for a lunch of grilled chicken salad, dinner rolls and fruit tart at the Moscone Center. Boxer's fund-raisers said tickets sold out even before invitations to the 15th annual "Women Making History" luncheon were sent, helping the senator raise \$300,000.

It was Hillary Clinton's second appearance in two months in this Democratic haven. In February, she appeared at Glide Memorial Methodist Church to speak about "spiritual renewal" and to tout her book, "It Takes a Village."

Her approval ratings have dropped because of lingering questions about her role in the Whitewater land deal, the White House travel-office firings and the mysterious reappearance of documents long sought by investigators. Friday, none of that mattered.

"We're brainwashed to think there's a lot of evil there that just isn't there," said Virginia Szabo, 83, who drove from Cambria to hear Clinton. "She is so inspirational. She speaks for all ages."

"Her message was well-thought out and it gave us hope," said Szabo's daughter, Barbara Kerr. "We need hope."

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First lady swaps book tour for campaign trail

By Ilana DeBare
Bee Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Bye-bye, book tour.

Hello, campaign tour.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton played to enthusiastic crowds in the Bay Area on Friday for the second time in two months.

But while her last swing through California focused on the child-rearing philosophy behind her best-selling book, "It Takes a Village," this one seemed to mark the launch of a more traditional re-election drive.

Clinton stopped briefly in Santa Cruz to deliver a eulogy at the funeral service for Adam Darling, a 29-year-old Commerce Department aide who died in the Croatia plane crash that also took the life of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown.

Then she spoke to a cheering, mostly female crowd of 2,600 people who attended a fund-raising luncheon in San Francisco's convention center for Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer. The luncheon raised \$300,000 for Boxer's campaign treasury.

"As we move toward the 21st century, it is no longer enough just to talk about family values — we have to act in ways that value families," Clinton told the crowd.

"If we get the word out about what this president and this senator have stood for, there will not be any mistake about who the 'pro-family' party is in the November election."

Clinton laid out a number of broad themes that she and President Clinton are likely to repeat as they campaign for his re-election.

She painted her husband as a defender of families through his support for the Family and Medical Leave Act and programs such as Head Start. She painted him as a defender of educational opportunity through his Americorps national service program.

She talked up the president's support for an increase in the minimum wage and the Earned Income Tax Credit as a way to ease families' economic insecurity.

And she credited him with fighting crime by signing bills that banned assault weapons and limited handguns, and that increased the number of police on the streets.

"There is a lot of cheap talk about being tough on crime, but it is this president and your senators who led the battle ... against crime," she said.

But she managed to completely avoid any mention of two of California's most controversial issues



Hillary Rodham Clinton pays tribute to Commerce Department aide Adam Darling at a funeral in Santa Cruz on Friday. Darling was killed in the Croatia plane crash that also claimed the life of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown.

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— affirmative action and immigration.

While introducing the first lady to the crowd, however, Boxer issued a strong denunciation of the California Civil Rights Initiative, the upcoming anti-affirmative action ballot measure backed by Gov. Pete Wilson.

"I call it the 'uncivil rights initiative,' which was intended to start a gender war," Boxer said. "I ask every woman in this state, and every man who cares about a woman, to fight this ballot measure."

After the San Francisco event, Hillary Clinton flew to San Diego for a second fund-raiser for Boxer

Today she will attend the state Democratic Party convention in Los Angeles.

But before the two women left Friday, they added a personal touch to the gathering by bringing an infant up onto the stage. Hillary Clinton's brother, Tony Rodham, married Boxer's daughter Nicole in 1994. The baby was a sign that politics can create not only strange bedfellows — but also cribfellows.

"I have a problem with the first lady — we are both in love with the same guy," Boxer confided to the audience. "He's bright, he's energetic, he's handsome. It's my 9-month-old grandson, Zach, and Hillary's nephew."

Campaigning and campaigners

LOS ANGELES - The 1996 presidential nomination season has ended early. That leaves a lot of people, especially political writers and consultants, temporarily unemployed. Some are probably permanently disoriented.

Nothing much is going to happen from now until Labor Day, the traditional kickoff of the general election campaign. Perhaps a few of the new taskless chattering class can get excited by Sen. Robert Dole's selection of a vice presidential running mate or the rhetoric of the parties' conventions in August, or the shadow-dancing of real or potential third-party candidates.

Darn, no one is out there yelling bad names or dropping dark hints about the character or numerous other failings of opponents. What do we do with ourselves if President Clinton and Dole stick to government, quite a different thing than campaign politics, for the next few months?

We could use all the space and time liberated in newspapers and on television to talk about (even think about) campaigning rather than campaigning. The system is broke, and this is the time to try to fix it - or think about fixing it.

POLITICS HAS been taken away from people. It is a business now, not the civic activity that was talked about in school. For candidates, it is a career rather than temporary public service. Craftily edited television commercials have eliminated the spontaneity of the old days. Political consulting firms, really advertising agencies specializing in campaigns, have privatized this new business, discouraging the participation of ordinary citizens. They have employees to handle what volunteers once did. Concerned or enthusiastic volunteers are just a pain in their bottom line.

We, the people, as we once

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Richard Reeves

called ourselves, have been reduced to nothing more than an audience to be warmed up and seduced - or raped.

This year could be our last chance for a while to take on these guys. News expands to fill

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the time or space available. Happily, some of that emancipated time is being filled by voices, small and large, saying let's do something about this.

In a recent Wall Street Journal, two former national party chairmen, Charles Manatt, a Democrat, and Frank Fahrenkopf, a Republican - men who know where the bodies and old videotapes are buried - offered an interesting plan to give presidential candidates free television time. Please remember this: Wherever it comes from, the money in presidential campaigns ends up in the pockets of television station owners and political consultants.

In Texas, Professor James Fishkin has come up with an ingenious plan for the use of television town meetings of randomly selected representative voters

- age, race, religion, education, neighborhood and all that - who seem capable of telling big shots what's on their minds and to hear those biggies tell what they would or would not do about such concerns.

In New York, the Ladies' Home Journal and the League of Women Voters are jointly trying to figure out how to raise the political interest and participation of women turned off by decades of mostly male blah-blah-blah.

A new book titled "Taking Control: Politics in the Information Age," by Morley Winograd, a vice president of AT&T, and Dudley Bufla, a lawyer and Democratic activist, asserts that the current system is already dead, and the only question now is who will devise the next system. You, me or somebody else - maybe "them," whoever they are.

"ANY ATTEMPT to limit the choices voters have to make in the political arena will be undermined by the astonishing new variety of information sources," conclude Winograd and Bufla. "For this very reason, the current method of presidential selection is doomed. The 1996 primary rules shortened the campaign season and made it more difficult for everyone - except the residents of New Hampshire and Iowa - to acquire the information needed before voting."

Winograd and Bufla want a single national primary in which any and all candidates would run. The top two finishers would then face off against each other in the general election.

You don't like that? Then you better do something about it, because the system is going to change - and this looks like the time and place. If you don't do it, someone else will.

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Democratic State Convention Vows Unity, Victory in November

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Attempting to rebound from their worst election drubbing in decades, California Democrats gathered in Los Angeles on Friday for an election year state convention designed to energize party workers behind President Clinton's reelection campaign.

On the same day, chosen to coincide with income tax time, California Republicans began airing their first anti-Clinton television ad.

By any measure, California's 54 electoral votes are crucial to Clinton's prospects in the fall against the Republicans' presumptive nominee, Kansas Sen. Bob Dole. Democratic strategists believe that Clinton must carry California to collect the 270 electoral votes needed to win in November.

Going into the annual meeting of the California Democratic Party, Acting Chairman Art Torres predicted victory on Nov. 5.

"We're very excited," said Torres, a former state legislator from Los Angeles who took over party leadership when former Chairman Bill Press resigned in February to take a broadcasting job in Washington.

Torres was expected to be formally elected today to the chairmanship for the balance of Press' term ending next year.

Torres' confidence appears to be bol-

stered by state opinion polls that have given Clinton leads over Dole of up to 20 points this spring. However, that margin is expected to narrow considerably after Dole is officially nominated at the Republican National Convention in San Diego in August and the campaign really begins.

The California Republican Party took an early shot at Clinton this weekend by running a television ad in selected congressional districts attacking the president for vetoing GOP-sponsored tax cut legislation.

The ad, timed for Monday's deadline for filing income tax returns, features a husband and wife deploring the size of their tax bill.

"Anything we didn't deduct?" she asks.

"What about the \$1,000 tax credit for the two kids?" he asks.

"Clinton vetoed that," the wife responds. "Between the two of us, what I make goes just to support the government."

State Republican Chairman John Herrington said in a statement, "Bill Clinton campaigned in 1992 on a middle-class tax cut. He broke that promise in 1993, 1994, a few times in 1995 and several times again in 1996."

California Democrats have aired television commercials from time to time this spring extolling the president's record since his election in 1992, when the Democratic ticket carried California for the first time in 28 years.

The Democrats' election feast of 1992, which included two U.S. senators, turned to virtual famine in 1994 when the GOP scored a sweeping victory in the state elections.

"The party got a real reality check in 1994," said Torres.

Previous Democratic conventions have often been bloody battlegrounds as factions battled over divisive issues such as the Vietnam War and the ideological purity of party positions on a variety of liberal issues.

But nothing forges party unity like defeat, such as in 1994, when Republicans won the governorship and most other statewide offices, won a numerical majority in the state Assembly for the first time in 25 years and came close to upsetting Democrats' control of the state Senate.

This weekend's meeting is designed to put a happy face on the Democratic Party in California.

"This is about Clinton's success," said Bob Mulholland, state party campaign advisor.

Reminded that control of the state Legislature and the 52-member California delegation to the U.S. House are also at stake this year, Mulholland said, "If Clinton's boat rises, all boats rise."

Thus, the 1,500 or so official delegates are expected to give routine approval to a state party platform that essentially echoes the Clinton-Gore agenda.

Guests and other political functionaries at the meeting will swell total attendance to an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 for the three-day convention at the Westin Bonaventure hotel, Mulholland said.

Unannounced, president keeping foot in doo

BY JANE FULLERTON
Democrat-Gazette Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The political ads are running. The campaign staff is growing. But don't look for any formal announcement that President Clinton is a candidate for re-election.

At this late stage in the game, that's not likely to happen.

"I don't know that that is necessary," said Ann Lewis, the Clinton campaign's deputy manager.

Instead, Clinton and his advisers have opted for a more presidential approach to the business of re-election politics. Rather than jetting around the country making campaign appearances, the incumbent is trying to stay above the partisan fray as long as he can by making his political points with White House events and presidential pronouncements.

But that doesn't mean the election isn't on his mind. For instance:

- When Clinton vetoed a late-

term abortion ban last week during a White House ceremony featuring women who had undergone the procedure, he was reaching out to female voters, a group considered essential to his re-election chances.

- When Clinton announced proposals last week during a Rose Garden event to make pension plans safer and available to more workers, he was reaching out to the middle class, another key constituency group.

- When Clinton travels to South Korea, Japan and Russia this week, he will be underscoring his foreign policy credentials in a way only a sitting president can, by meeting with foreign leaders to highlight his policy positions.

So, while Clinton may not formally announce his candidacy, it's clear he's already running.

"I think we're moving right on track," Lewis said. "We're very pleased."

The Republican primary

process has left Clinton's apparent Republican opponent in the fall match-up, Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, nearly out of cash. Dole has already spent almost all of the \$37 million each candidate is allowed under federal election law to spend before the party conventions in August.

Clinton, on the other hand, faced no primary opposition and ran only one ad during the primary elections. His campaign can still spend about \$23 million before the Democratic convention.

The first political advertisements specifically targeting Dole began running two weeks ago. The 30-second commercial was created by the Clinton-Gore advertising team, but paid for by the Democratic National Committee.

The DNC has spent more than \$15 million since last August on television ads promoting Clinton and criticizing Republicans. But the latest spot is the first to take

particular aim at Dole.

Although Lewis declined to specify where the current DNC ad is running, it is reportedly on the air in states that likely will be battlegrounds in the fall campaign, including California, Florida and Connecticut as well as several Midwestern states.

She added, however, that more Clinton-Gore ads will air later this spring.

In response, the Republican National Committee last week began airing its own commercials attacking Clinton and congressional Democrats. The \$1.5 million ad campaign is running in 22 states.

Since Dole is nearing his primary campaign spending limit, he will have to rely on the RNC for such ads until the Republican convention in August.

Besides running the TV commercials, the Clinton campaign is increasing its staff. Most of the approximately 120 full-time staff

members are headquartered at the campaign's Washington office. Another 100 work part time.

But the campaign is also beginning to add staff elsewhere. Last week, for instance, it announced a campaign director for the crucial state of California.

"We're building the structure of the campaign," Lewis said. "We're putting the basics in place."

But much remains to be done. Clinton, for instance, has yet to name a national campaign chairman.

While Lewis said the campaign could continue growing right up until Election Day on Nov. 5, she expects the basic structure to be complete in time for the Democratic National Convention, Aug. 26-29 in Chicago.

While most of the campaign is being coordinated from the Washington office, several key functions are being handled in Little Rock.

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Lewis said. Much of the campaign's correspondence department as well as the office that ensures compliance with federal election laws is in the Little Rock office at 410 W. Third St.

With nearly six months until the election, Clinton continues to hold a comfortable lead over Dole in most polls.

In a USA Today/CNN Gallup poll released Friday, Clinton led Dole by 57-40 percent. That 17-point lead was up from a 12-point lead in March.

But such a lead is not insurmountable. In April 1992, President Bush enjoyed a 16-point lead over Clinton, but went on to lose the election.

It's a lesson that Clinton's aides are keenly aware of.

"I'd a lot rather be in this position than the reverse," Lewis said. "But all of us understand that polling can be transitory. The only poll that matters is the one taken on Election Day."

Unlike 1994, when Democratic candidates shied from their unpopular president, Clinton has been making campaign appearances and raising money for numerous candidates. He will continue to do so as his schedule permits, Lewis said.

In addition, Hillary Rodham Clinton will be playing an active role in the campaign. She traveled to California on Friday and Saturday to appear at that state's Democratic convention.

Despite her recent troubles related to Whitewater and the White House travel office firings, she remains a popular draw on the campaign trail, Lewis said.

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Abortion bill veto called 'gift from God'

BY LARRY AULT
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President Clinton's veto of a bill banning a rarely used technique to end pregnancies in their late stages was "a gift from God," Republican presidential candidate Alan Keyes said Saturday night in Little Rock.

Keyes criticized the veto but indicated that it exposes Clinton as a political opportunist. "Clinton thinks that what is right is something that is going to help him," he said. He suggested the decision would haunt Clinton through the November election.

Keyes' comments came during a dinner speech to the state convention of Arkansas Right to Life, the state's largest organization opposing abortion, at the Little Rock Hilton.

Keyes said Clinton's veto ensures that abortion will remain a debated issue until the November

elections and will force Americans to face the truth about abortion.

Abortion opponents say the "partial-birth" abortions are gruesome because they are done after the fetus is pulled by the legs from the birth canal.



Alan Keyes

Clinton said the procedure is a "potentially lifesaving, certainly health-saving measure" for "a

small but extremely vulnerable group of women and families in this country, just a few hundred a year."

Opponents of the bill argued that it would unconstitutionally restrict access to abortion, banning procedures that might be needed to ensure the health of

some women.

Earlier in the day, a group of political candidates supporting Arkansas Right to Life joined in forums at the convention, held at the St. Vincent Health Education Center.

The organization did not take any votes on resolutions, but conducted workshops and reviewed ways to lobby the Arkansas Legislature.

Among the speakers were Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee and congressional candidates, including Warren Dupwe and Kirby Smith of Jonesboro, Bill Powell of North Little Rock, Ken Coon of El Paso, Don Melton of Conway, Jim Klote and

Bud Cummins, both of Little Rock.

In his emotional anti-abortion speech, Keyes also said that he is opposed to the government imposing religious beliefs on people because of the diversity of beliefs in the nation.

Even though his anti-abortion beliefs have their origin in religion, he said, Americans do not have the right to impose their religious beliefs on other citizens through legislation.

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees separation of church and state and prohibits excessive entanglement of the state in an organized religion, he said.

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Democratic caucuses draw crowd of concerned voters statewide

BY MATTHEW BOWERS
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Caucus, shmaucus — Victoria Epps was interested in one thing Saturday: doing all she could to make sure President Clinton gets re-elected.

That's what brought her, at age 67, on the first glorious spring day of the year, indoors to the fellowship hall of Great Bridge Presbyterian Church in Chesapeake. It was the first political caucus for the lifelong Democrat, the initial step for party members to choose the delegates who eventually will choose the Democratic candidates for president and senator.

"I just want to be here to make a difference," said Epps, who left her business, Doll's House of Beauty in Portsmouth, to cast her vote for delegates for Clinton and U.S. Senate hopeful Mark R. Warner.

"When I leave here, I'm going back to work," Epps said. "That's how important I think it is."

Democrats in cities and counties across Virginia gathered at noon Saturday, giving up a perfect gardening or beachcombing day to participate in the political process at about its most basic level. Most were party leaders and regulars for whom the pages of complex, arcane caucus rules are like the air they breathe.

For many, though, it was their first foray into politics beyond the voting booth. Starting more than half a year before the fall elections, the first-timers encountered democracy at its least-slick level:

The church fellowship hall with a hand-lettered pink sign designating a wall timepiece as the "Official Clock" for the caucus.

A toddler carrying a stuffed-toy platypus in a Norfolk elementary-school gym lined with safety posters, gurgling loudly with joy while the adults nearby discussed voting credentials and delegate slates.

People in shorts plopping down

"I just want to be here to make a difference."

Victoria Epps

Democratic Party headquarters to fill out their ballots.

Victoria Beales put down roots in Norfolk after having her son and buying a house. That brought her to her first caucus, at Suburban Park Elementary School, to cast a ballot for Lyndon LaRouche delegates.

"If you don't make a statement or a stand, you can't really complain about anything," the 29-year-old Beales said. "It's best to have your voice heard."

She nodded to her 15-month-old son, Ceilleon, who was munching a snack before the caucus opened. "The decisions I make today will affect him in the future," she said.

In Virginia Beach, William J. and Ann Reid Tatman had been listen-

ing to their eighth-grade daughter talk about her government class and participatory democracy.

"We just decided to be more active," Ann Reid Tatman said.

"It was time to be more involved," her husband agreed.

She works in college administration; he's a therapist. Both are concerned about government funding. Both voted Saturday for delegates for Clinton and Mark Warner.

"I work in mental health, and I'm always telling people to get involved, get active," William Tatman said.

"And we've got children in school. So we need to model behavior for them."

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MAHONING VALLEY

Clinton OKs cargo hub grant

■ County Commissioner David Engler met with White House officials on the topic Thursday.

By GEORGE DENNEY
and BOB JACKSON
VINDICATOR STAFF WRITERS

President Clinton says a \$824,000 grant to fund studies for the proposed air cargo port at Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport is part of his commitment to helping

build economic development in the Valley.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and David Hinson, a Federal Aviation Administration official, were to announce approval of the grant this afternoon during a telephone hookup with Mahoning Valley officials at the airport.

The Western Reserve Port Authority applied for the grant to do three studies: an expansion of the airport master plan to include an air cargo hub; an environmental assessment; and economic impact

analysis for the project.

In a written statement, Clinton said the grant is "the next step in fulfilling my commitment to work in partnership with the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport to build a new cargo port."

He said the cargo facility will help bring jobs to the area and "help restructure the entire economy of the local region."

Clinton noted that the studies will be completed this fall.

In Washington, County Commissioner David Engler went to

Washington and met with White House officials on the topic Thursday, said Michael Morley, co-chairman of the Western Reserve Port Authority committee working on the cargo hub project.

The grant will pay for completion of air cargo hub studies, which are needed to apply for construction dollars, Morley said.

"We also asked that the three studies which are normally done consecutively be done concurrently to move the project ahead more quickly," Morley said.

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◆ YOUNG INVENTORS

Students from around the state are honored for their ingenuity at the 1996 Invent Iowa! convention.

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Dole seeking post-caucus consensus

Kansas senator faces tough battle in Iowa

GOP activists say Dole's visit to Iowa on Saturday was one of his best.

By **DAVID YEPSEN**
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

West Des Moines, Ia. — Bob Dole came to Iowa Saturday to patch things up after the caucus battles and to pick his November fight with President Clinton.

The Kansas senator, who now has enough delegates to become the Republican presidential nominee, spent time Saturday courting those who supported other GOP contenders in the February caucuses. He

also unloaded a forceful attack on the Democratic president.

"I know how to find Iowa after the caucuses," he joked. "People asked, 'Why are you going to Iowa? That's over.' I said, 'It's not over for me.'"

Wooing 74 Percent

On Feb. 12, Dole won the caucuses with only 26 percent of the caucus vote. His first task Saturday was to woo the 74 percent of the GOP activists who supported others.

"I know many people in Iowa were for me but many were for other candidates. . . . I'm here to say Steve Forbes supports Bob Dole, Phil Gramm and Lamar Alexander support Bob Dole. They under-

stand that our enemy isn't one another," he said.

Dole attended a party fundraiser and spoke to a rally of about 300 people at the Hy-Vee Conference Center in West Des Moines. After courting his one-time adversaries, Dole delivered a pointed critique of Clinton and charted his own vision.

Several GOP leaders in attendance said it was one of Dole's better performances in Iowa. Dole said:

• Clinton campaigned in 1992 for a balanced budget, support for ethanol and tax cuts but has not delivered. "It may be necessary to

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HILL NEIBERGALL/THE REGISTER

Sen. Bob Dole and wife, Elizabeth, greet GOP activists at a rally Saturday at the Hy-Vee Conference Center in West Des Moines.

Dole trying to build up GOP support in Iowa

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elect me to keep the promises he made in 1992."

• The "Clinton crunch of higher taxes" is hurting Americans. "After promising you a tax cut in the state of Iowa — a middle-class tax cut — he raised taxes \$265 billion, the largest tax increase in the history of America. Keep that in mind if you haven't filed your tax returns."

"We've always believed in tax cuts for families with children, working families. I've talked about it. Phil Gramm talked about it. Lamar talked about it. Steve Forbes talked about it. Pat Buchanan talked about it. We all agree on this issue: Why not give some of the money back?"

"I think Mr. Forbes had a message in Iowa and across America. We need a flatter and a fairer and a simpler system. We're going to have a flatter, fairer and simpler system in a Dole administration."

• Noting Clinton's change of position on some issues, Dole said "I will not eat every day at the Waffle House."

• "My vision continues to make it possible for more of our children and people out of work and others who want to work to find jobs, with lower interest rates and lower taxes and less regulation."

"My vision is to balance the budget in America for the first time in a generation. My vision is to downsize this big, big government of ours. Government does a lot of good things but it could be smaller. If it's smaller, we can save you money. We could eliminate the Department of Education and never miss it."

"My vision is reconnecting the government with the values we have in Iowa and Kansas and all across America, like honesty and decency and reliability and self-reliance."

Clinton has defended his record, saying that he has made progress in cutting the deficit in half but that the GOP tax cuts would benefit the well-to-do.



“There's a very big gender gap. Republicans certainly need to be worried about it if they are going to take the White House back.”

— Mary Louise Smith
former GOP official

Dole faces an uphill contest in Iowa. The latest Iowa Poll, published Saturday, shows Clinton with a 17-point lead. Clinton is favored by 53 percent, Dole by 36 percent and 11 percent were unsure, according to the survey of likely general election voters.

Dole told Republicans Saturday not to be discouraged. "It didn't bother me a bit. We're 206 days away from November 5, 1996. We know it's not going to be easy. I've found in my lifetime that nothing worthwhile is ever easy."

He said his poor showing now is the result of the many attack ads run by his caucus opponents, especially Forbes, during the caucuses.

"My positive ratings went down about 30 points and my negatives

went up about 25 points with all of the Forbes onslaught," Dole said. "It's going to take a while to recover. People in Iowa probably have some reservations. They've seen all these spots and it's only been since Feb. 12."

He predicted "we'll be back in 60 days, those numbers will be very close together."

State GOP Chairman Brian Kennedy said while Dole trails Clinton badly, Clinton is only at 53 percent and that is a weak position for any incumbent seeking re-election.

Difficult Time

Still, Dole and the Iowa GOP have their work cut out for them. Iowa has backed the Democrat in the last two presidential elections and President Clinton has courted Iowa since taking office.

Mary Louise Smith, the former head of the Republican National Committee, said Saturday Dole will have a difficult time in Iowa. She noted that Clinton leads Dole among women by a 2-to-1 margin.

"There's a very big gender gap. Republicans certainly need to be worried about it if they are going to take the White House back. The good thing is that it's early. Things can change dramatically between now and November. They've got time to recoup," she said.

Smith said Dole "is going to have to come back farther to the middle on child care and perhaps on the abortion issue" to attract the votes of women.

Dole gets it from both sides of the abortion issue. During the primaries, social conservatives accused him of being soft on the abortion issue. But on Saturday, the National Abortion Rights Action League called a press conference to accuse Dole of using the abortion issue to his advantage in his 1974 re-election race in Kansas.

Smith said: "I don't expect he's going to change, but he's going to have to moderate a little bit. He has to look at issues like school vouchers and things like that and moderate his position a little or else he's going to



Gov. Terry Branstad, above left, Rep. Jim Ross Lightfoot, second from right, and Sen. Charles Grassley, right, attended the rally on Saturday. Below, Dole talks to supporters after the rally.

get so identified with the far right that he can't win. What I think is creating his gender gap is his move to the extreme right. You can't change your colors but you can soften it a little."

Also at Saturday's rally, Gov. Terry Branstad repeated his support for U.S. Rep. Jim Ross Lightfoot in the 1996 GOP Senate primary and snubbed the other two challengers. One of Lightfoot's opponents, state Rep. Steve Grubbs, a leader of Dole's caucus campaign, said he was boycotting the event because Dole and Branstad were supporting Lightfoot. The third candidate in the race, state Sen. Maggie Tinsman, was campaigning at the event but left after Branstad referred to Lightfoot as "the next United States senator from Iowa."



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Clinton sprints past Dole

President's approval rating is second-highest ever

DOLE AND CLINTON

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POLL

■ President Clinton holds a double-digit lead over U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole among likely Iowa voters, a new Iowa Poll says.

If the election for president were held today, whom would you vote for?*

Bill Clinton	53%
Bob Dole	36%
Unsure/ Other	11%

Do you think it's likely Clinton will be re-elected this year?*

Yes	67%
No	23%
Unsure	10%

*Based on interviews with 629 likely general election voters.
**Based on interviews with 809 Iowa adults.

THE REGISTER

By THOMAS A. FOGARTY
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

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As U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole brings his presidential campaign back to Iowa today, a new Iowa Poll shows him trailing President Clinton by 17 percentage points among likely general election voters.

Adding insult to injury, 67 percent of Iowa adults now say they expect Clinton to be re-elected this year. That compares to just 20 percent who, 15 months ago, told Iowa Poll interviewers they expected Clinton to win re-election.

Dole is returning to Iowa nine weeks after his narrow victory in the state's Republican precinct

caucuses. His quarry as he campaigns in West Des Moines today are the seven Iowa electoral votes that will be awarded on the basis of general election voting next November. Clinton won Iowa in his 1992 race against George Bush.

Tough Campaign

Dole's relatively weak numbers in the new Iowa Poll suggest that he may still be suffering in Iowa from the battering he withstood in the GOP caucus campaign, most notably from publisher Steve Forbes and commentator Pat Buchanan.

After Iowa, the Dole campaign went on to lose in New Hampshire, Delaware and Arizona before regaining its feet with a win in the South Carolina primary. The Kansas lawmaker now has a sufficient number

of delegates to assure his nomination this summer at the GOP national convention in San Diego.

The Iowa Poll, which was completed last week, shows Clinton, unchallenged for the Democratic nomination, leading Dole 53 percent to 36 percent among likely general election voters. Another 6 percent say they'll vote for someone else Nov. 5, and 5 percent say they're unsure whom to support.

Women Support Clinton

The Clinton-Dole race, according to the Iowa Poll, is marked by a pronounced gender gap. Among Iowa women who say they're likely to vote, Clinton leads 59 percent to 30 percent, or about 2-to-1. But

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Clinton sprints past Dole in poll of likely voters

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among Iowa men who plan to go to the polls the race narrows — Clinton, 47 percent; Dole, 42 percent.

In addition to female voters, Clinton is running strong among groups who are viewed as elements of the traditional Democratic coalition — those with family incomes less than \$30,000 (59 percent), Catholics (59 percent), union households (69 percent), blue-collar workers (68 percent) and those who tend to believe abortion should remain legal (63 percent.).

Clinton even wins 49 percent support from likely voters who say they're fundamentalist Christians or born again in a spiritual sense. Dole wins 40 percent support from that group.

Clinton also does better than Dole in retaining support within his own party. The poll shows Clinton drawing support from 92 percent of Democrats, while Dole is winning favor from 78 percent of Republicans.

Abortion Issue

In fact, Clinton shows no glaring weaknesses in the poll with the exception — not surprisingly — of those likely voters who say abortion should be illegal. Among that group it's Dole over Clinton, 56 percent to 32 percent.

If Texas billionaire Ross Perot decides to run for president again this year, his entry into the race wouldn't dramatically affect things, the poll says. In a hypothetical three-way race, likely voters break out this way: Clinton, 50 percent; Dole, 32 percent; Perot 11 percent; unsure 7 percent.

DOLE APPEARANCE

Sen. Bob Dole is scheduled to appear at a rally at 10:30 a.m. today at the HyVee Conference Center, 5820 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines. The event is free and open to the public.

The Iowa Poll, conducted March 30-April 3, asked the following:

I'm going to read you a list of elected officials. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that person is doing in office. Bill Clinton, 33rd president. Bob Dole as U.S. Senate majority leader.

If the election for president were held today, whom would you vote for: Bill Clinton for the Democrats or Bob Dole for the Republicans?

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hillary Rodham Clinton is handling her role as first lady?

Looking at the country overall, do you think things are generally going in the right direction, or have they gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Regardless of how you plan to vote, do you think it is likely or not likely that President Clinton will be re-elected?

If the election for president were held today and the candidates were Bill Clinton for the Democrats, Bob Dole for the Republicans, and Ross Perot as an independent or third-party candidate, whom would you vote for?

And what are the chances you will vote in the general election for president and United States senator next November? Would you say you are very likely, fairly likely, just somewhat likely or not that likely? (Results attributed to likely voters reflect responses of those who say they are "very likely" to vote.)

Is your opinion on abortion closer to those who believe that abortion should be legal, or closer to those who believe abortion should not be legal?

The Iowa Poll, directed by Sharon Plimmer, is based on interviews with 600 Iowans age 18 or older, including 629 who say they are very likely to vote in the November general election. Interviewers contacted households with randomly selected telephone numbers. Percentages based on the full sample of adult Iowans may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points. Percentages based on likely November voters may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points. Republishing the copyrighted Iowa Poll without credit to The Des Moines Register is prohibited.

Viewed another way, the poll suggests that Perot would not draw big numbers in Iowa, and the support he could muster would come about equally from each of the two major candidates. When all Iowans — as opposed to just likely November voters — rate the performance of the two major candidates, Clinton again comes out ahead.

In rating the job Dole does as majority leader, 49 percent of Iowans say they approve, and 40 percent say they disapprove. Clinton, however, wins approval for his handling of the presidency from 61 percent of Iowans. Thirty-two percent say they disapprove.

Clinton's new approval rating is his second-best in the seven times the Iowa Poll has asked the question since his inauguration in January 1993. His highest rating came in February 1994, when 64 percent expressed approval for his job performance.

Country's Direction

In an apparent contradiction that could work to Dole's advantage as the campaign progresses, the poll finds Iowans aren't particularly pleased with the direction of the country despite the strong showing for the incumbent president.

Just 39 percent of adult Iowans say they believe the country is moving generally in the right direction, while 48 percent say things are seriously off on the wrong track.

Among those Iowans who view the country moving in a bad direction and who plan to vote in November, Dole leads Clinton, 48 percent to 39 percent.

Hillary Clinton gains approval of most Iowans

Most Iowans approve of the way Hillary Rodham Clinton is handling her role as first lady, but perceptions of women and men differ widely, the Iowa Poll shows.

Overall, 56 percent of Iowans say they approve of the way Hillary Clinton is handling the job of first lady, and 36 percent disapprove, the poll found.

Among Iowa women, Hillary Clinton wins approval from 67 percent. Among men, just 47 percent approve, the poll found.

The gender gap in Hillary Clinton's popularity rating isn't new. But the 20-point difference between the rating given by men and women in the poll is greater than the 12-point difference between the sexes found by an Iowa Poll in January 1995.

In the 1995 poll, 54 percent of Iowans overall favored Clinton's handling of her role as first lady, and 40 percent disapproved.

In a May 1993 Iowa Poll, Clinton won approval from 70 percent of Iowans. Her rate of disapproval was just 19 percent in the 1993 poll.

— Thomas A. Fogarty

Short Takes

■ Marlon Brando apologized to Jewish leaders privately Friday for saying Hollywood is run by Jews who perpetuate ethnic stereotypes in movies. The rabbis then held a news conference, which Brando did not attend.



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Harkin rates strongly with likely voters

By THOMAS A. FOGARTY
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

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Democrat Tom Harkin is asking Iowa voters this year for a six-year extension on his U.S. Senate seat, and a new Iowa Poll shows that he is entering the 1996 campaign season in fine political shape.

According to the Iowa Poll, a scientific survey of public opinion sponsored by the Des Moines Sunday Register, Harkin holds strong leads among likely November voters over each of his potential Republican rivals. He also wins a fairly respectable popularity rating in the new poll.

Harkin has no challenger for the Democratic nomination as he seeks a third term in the U.S. Senate. On the Republican side, U.S. Rep. Jim Ross Lightfoot of Shenandoah, state Sen. Maggie Tinsman of Bettendorf and state Rep. Steve Grubbs of Davenport are competing for the GOP nomination to oppose Harkin in the Nov. 5 general election.

According to the poll, Lightfoot, among the Republicans, runs the strongest race against Harkin. But even he does not make it close. Among likely November voters, Harkin leads Lightfoot, 58 percent to 32 percent, the poll says. The other

RACE FOR SENATE

Democrat Tom Harkin, in his bid for election to a third term in the U.S. Senate, holds solid leads among likely November voters against each of his potential Republican challengers, the Iowa Poll found.

*If the election were held today,
for whom would you vote?*

Tom Harkin — 58%

Jim Ross
Lightfoot — 32%

Unsure — 10%

Tom Harkin — 62%

Maggie Tinsman — 21%

Unsure — 17%

Tom Harkin — 65%

Steve Grubbs — 19%

Unsure — 16%

Based on interviews with
629 likely general election voters.

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Iowa Poll finds Harkin faring well with likely voters

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10 percent are unsure.

In the hypothetical matchup, Harkin leads among almost every significant group of voters, but the poll numbers do include a few relative bright spots for Lightfoot.

According to the poll, about one-third of likely November voters identify themselves as Republicans. Among that group, Lightfoot leads Harkin, 69 percent to 22 percent, the poll says. Among Iowans who tend to think abortion should be illegal, it's Lightfoot, 48 percent; Harkin, 42 percent.

Also, Lightfoot and Harkin are running about even among likely voters in the 3rd Congressional District, the broad swath of southern and central Iowa that Lightfoot now

represents in the U.S. House. Lightfoot also runs close to Harkin among voters who live in small towns or rural areas, where the poll shows the race this way: Harkin, 50 percent; Lightfoot, 42 percent.

In terms of general popularity with Iowans, Harkin scores better than Lightfoot. According to the poll, 63 percent of Iowans say they approve of the job Harkin is doing in the Senate. Twenty-five percent oppose Harkin's job performance and the rest are undecided.

Statewide, 44 percent approve the way Lightfoot handles the job of Iowa congressman, and 22 percent disapprove. About one-third of Iowans — 34 percent — don't know enough about Lightfoot to offer an opinion about his job performance.

In Lightfoot's 3rd Congressional District, he fares better in the poll's



Harkin



Lightfoot



Grubbs



Tinsman

popularity rating than he does statewide. Among present constituents, Lightfoot wins approval from 56 percent and disapproval from 26 percent. The rest are unsure.

In a general election matchup with Tinsman, the poll says, Harkin leads 62 percent to 21 percent. According to the poll, Tinsman wins support from 24 percent of men who say

they are likely to vote. She wins support from just 19 percent of women who say they are likely to vote. Among Republicans who are likely to vote in November, Tinsman leads Harkin, 49 percent to 29 percent.

Against Grubbs, Harkin leads 65 percent to 19 percent. Harkin's lead over Grubbs narrows to 53 percent-29 percent among likely Iowa

voters who tend to think abortion should be illegal.

Among Republicans who are likely to vote in November, Grubbs leads Harkin, 46 percent to 30 percent.

The Iowa Poll, conducted March 30-April 3, asked the following:

I'm going to read you a list of elected officials. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that person is doing in office. Tom Harkin as U.S. senator, Jim Ross Lightfoot as member of Congress.

If the election for United States Senate were held today and the following candidates were running, whom would you vote for?

Tom Harkin for the Democrats or Jim Ross Lightfoot for the Republicans?

Tom Harkin for the Democrats or Maggie Tinsman for the Republicans?

Tom Harkin for the Democrats or Steve Grubbs for the Republicans?

In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican or independent?

And what are the chances you will vote in the general election for president and United States senator next November? Would you say you are very likely, fairly likely, just somewhat likely or not likely? (Results attributed to likely voters; feel responses of those who say they are "likely" to vote.)

Is your opinion on abortion closer to those who believe that abortion should be legal, or closer to those who believe abortion should not be legal?

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Daily Briefing NATION

Police say sniper left neo-Nazi notes behind

Jackson, Miss. (AP) — A white supremacist who sprayed a shopping center in a largely black neighborhood with random gunfire left neo-Nazi notes behind, leading police to conclude Saturday that racial hatred sparked the deadly shooting.

Larry Wayne Shoemaker, 53, was found dead inside the abandoned restaurant where he had fired dozens of shots — killing one person and wounding 10 oth-

told authorities that Dr. Ezequiel Cartaya was responsible for setting fire to her house in March 1995.

Cartaya, 37, was killed Friday after opening a package bomb on an 11-year-old neighbor had carried in from the front step. Cartaya's two children and the 11-year-old boy were injured in the blast.

Dr. Cartaya, a neonatologist, was questioned by police but was not considered a suspect, Lt. Joe Bush said Saturday.

Michael Cartaya, 13, and his sister, Nicole, 9, were in good con-

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Democrats get the jump on Republican TV ads

One of the hallmarks of the 1992 Clinton presidential campaign was a rapid-fire response to criticism.

If what happened in Ohio last week is any indication, the counterattack machinery already is well-oiled heading into this year's campaign.

Last week, the Ohio Republican Party called a press conference to unveil a television ad campaign bashing Clinton for vetoing a GOP budget plan last year that included a \$500-per-child tax credit.

But before the event even started, the Ohio Democratic Party had faxed reporters a response to the Republicans' assertions.

And just to make sure the message got through, an official from Democratic headquarters stood on the sidewalk outside GOP offices and



Taking a closer look

gave reporters heading into the press conference a four-page handout on the Democratic position.

— Darrel Rowland

Youngstown happy to go nameless on penitentiary

Word association: —
"Penitentiary"

The people of Youngstown don't want to fill in the blank with "Youngstown."

So they were relieved last week when the administration of Gov. George V. Voinovich decided to leave

out Youngstown when naming the \$60 million, 750-bed prison complex to be opened in Youngstown a year from now.

Joe Andrews, a spokesman for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, said no decision has been made on the name, but it won't be the "Youngstown Penitentiary."

State Rep. Robert F. Hagan, D-Youngstown, said he was delighted. "The good name of 'Youngstown' should not be attached to the term 'penitentiary,' and now we have word that it will not be," Hagan said.

— Lee Leonard

Database to shed light on political donations

Anyone trying to take a closer look at who gives money to Ohio political candidates will soon have

some assistance.

The Citizens Policy Center at Dover is working with the Center for Responsive Politics and the Kiplinger program at the Ohio State University School of Journalism to group donations by special-interest sector.

Laura Yeomans of Citizen Action said last week that a report will be available early this summer on how statewide and legislative candidates and legislative caucuses fared with finance, labor, energy, business, health and other groups.

She said a seminar will be held, perhaps in July, at OSU to help reporters use the computerized database.

— Lee Leonard

VIRGINIA PILOT

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Mark Warner: Democrats' nominee for U.S. Senate

BY WARREN FISKE
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — Businessman Mark R. Warner apparently clinched the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate on Saturday, trouncing two opponents at a series of local political caucuses held across the state.

Warner, an Alexandria cellular-phone magnate whose personal wealth is estimated in excess of \$100 million, won more than four of every five delegates who were chosen to make the nomination at the Democratic state convention in June.

As of 11:30 p.m., the state party reported these delegate totals: Warner, 1,889; former U.S. Rep. Leslie L. Byrne of Fairfax, 281; and Nancy B. Spannaus of Lovettsville, a Lyndon LaRouche supporter, 62. Twenty-one uncommitted delegates were also elected.

Warner needed 1,751 delegates



Warner, a multimillionaire and former state party chairman, trounced his two opponents.

to clinch the nomination.

About two-thirds of the 3,500 delegates to the state convention were chosen at the local caucuses on Saturday, and the rest will be chosen Monday night.

Republicans will decide their nomination in a June 11 primary. Three-term incumbent John W. Warner is facing a stiff challenge from James C. Miller III, a former federal budget director under President Reagan from 1985 to 1988.

Mark Warner would not declare victory Saturday night. But, he said, "I feel very good and gratified by what's happened today." "What we've seen all across the commonwealth is Democrats uniting behind our campaign."

Warner, 41, is a former state party chairman with close ties to Democratic activists across the

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state. He has been campaigning for more than a year, pledging support for education and early intervention programs for disadvantaged youths, and billing himself as a youthful leader who understands the technological challenges of the future. Warner already has funneled more than \$500,000 of his fortune into his campaign.

Warner carried — often by overwhelming numbers — all localities that held caucuses Saturday except for rural Radford and Montgomery County, which went to Byrne.

In South Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach held their caucuses Saturday. Warner won 382 delegates in the four cities, Spannaus won 36 and Byrne won 6. Suffolk meets Monday.

Byrne, 49, was hoping to make a strong showing in Northern Virginia, but unofficial results showed her having lost to Warner there by 4-to-1.

She entered the race in December, billing herself as an unapologetic liberal and making appeals to labor unions, women and African-Americans.

The former one-term congresswoman said her campaign had filed a complaint with the U.S. Justice Department to protest a change earlier this week in the party's ballot system. She said the changes were one reason for the lopsided results.

"It's not surprising that when people have been shut out of the process that you have this kind of result," Byrne said.

"This is a very strange process that has been made even stranger by this. We are considering a civil suit."

Byrne said some delegates who registered for the caucuses as her supporters showed up on Saturday's ballots as Warner supporters.

Warner's campaign declined to comment on Byrne's allegations, referring all questions to the state party.

"I believe the system has been fair," said state Democratic Chairwoman Sue Wrenn.

"I don't know what she's talking about, as far as changes on the ballot."

Spannaus is an almost perennial candidate for statewide office. Outside of the LaRouche organization, there appeared to be little support for her.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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A Lot of Folks for
Byrne
U.S. Senate

Memorandum

Date: April 12, 1990
To: Sue Wynn, Chair
Democratic Party of Virginia
CC: Justice Department
From: Leslie Byrne Campaign
RE: Formal Caucus Protest

Please be advised that we are filing a formal protest regarding the following matters, we are engaging legal counsel, and we are forwarding this memorandum to the Justice Department.

One Ballot v. Multiple Ballots

Many localities are utilizing different ballots for different presidential preferences. This action bars voters from supporting individual delegates because a voter receives a ballot only for the delegates pledged to whomever they support at the presidential level.

The Virginia Democratic Party Plan, the Virginia Delegate Selection & Affirmative Action Plans, or the 1990 Call to Convention - all of which have been voted on and approved by the Virginia Democratic Party's Central Committee - call for one ballot. The only document mentioning the use of multiple ballots is a "how-to-run-a-caucus training guide" done by Democratic Party staff and sent to local party chairs. This manual was never adopted as an official document.

Slate Voting

Several localities have rejected or segregated slates provided by the Byrne campaign because of differing presidential preferences. This prevents Byrne supporters from voting for delegates pledged to her and forces her supporters to dilute their vote because they can't vote for individual delegates pledged to another presidential preference.

Section 14.5 "Slates" of the Virginia Democratic Party Plan - "In any convention or caucus, any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for delegates to any convention. However, no slate may receive preferential treatment or a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot, nor may any slate be publicly identified on the ballot or otherwise as the 'official slate.' A committee calling a convention or caucus may allow voting by slate, but participants must also be permitted to vote for individual delegate candidates. All individuals and slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on the a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process."

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Page Two**Party Plan - Section 18.8 - Participation in Caucuses**

Close to a dozen pre-filed Byrne delegates have been arbitrarily rejected because they were not registered to vote in the proper locality. Most had just recently moved into the area and are now properly registered prior to the Democratic Caucus. The Party Plan states that "Each person participating in a caucus must provide written certification that he or she: ... b) Is a registered voter within the jurisdiction for which the caucus is held;"

Acceptance of Facsimile Pre-Filing Forms

One hour before the deadline for pre-filing delegates on Monday, April 8 we were informed that faxed copies of delegate pre-filing forms were being accepted. Virtually every plan or document we have on file calls for "an original signature" on the pre-filing forms.

Gingrich: Targeting tax-cut veto will aid Dole

By James O'Toole
Politics Editor, Post-Gazette 4/13

U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich sees the seeds of a rebound for Bob Dole and his party in a new round of commercials attacking President Clinton for blocking Republican tax cuts.

Appearing at a Duquesne Club fund-raiser yesterday for Rep. Phil English, R-Erie, Gingrich predicted that despite current poll numbers,



Robin Rombach/Post-Gazette

House Speaker Newt Gingrich addresses reporters before a fund-raiser at the Duquesne Club for Rep. Phil English, left.

SEE **GINGRICH**, PAGE B-2

Gingrich backs Dole tack on tax veto

GINGRICH FROM PAGE B-1

Dole, the Republican presidential candidate, will make Pennsylvania a true battleground in November.

"I saw, very ironically, today that in the USA Today-CNN poll, Clinton's lead over Dole is exactly the same as Bush's lead over Clinton four years ago [on] the same day," Gingrich said, as he cautioned against drawing conclusions from early polls.

The Georgian appeared at the \$250-a-person event for English as part of a three-day campaign swing that was to take him to seven states. Since the Republicans took over Congress two years ago, Gingrich

has helped raise more than \$52 million, including more than \$6 million for House Republicans such as English.

The Erie freshman, who won his seat by a 51-49 percent margin, is unopposed in the April 23 primary. His Democratic challenger, Ronald Dinicola of Erie, also is unopposed in the primary. English is one of the Republican House members targeted by the national Democratic Party — labor unions have been unusually active in working for his defeat.

But, Gingrich said, "As people look at Phil English's record and realize that Phil English voted to increase Medicare spending, that he voted for welfare reform, that he

voted to cut their taxes, that's a big difference from a liberal Democrat."

During a brief news conference, Gingrich also said that the GOP is fortunate in its array of potential vice presidential candidates.

"There are lots of good running mates; certainly Gov. [John] Engler of Michigan and Gov. [George] Voinovich of Ohio are in the front running. I'd have to say Attorney General [Dan] Lungren of California would be very attractive," he said. "A lot of people would still like to draft Colin Powell."

The New York Times News Service contributed to this report.

Gingrich has list of possible vice presidents

By The Tribune-Review A4, 4/13

Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole may still be wading through names of potential vice presidents, but Newt Gingrich's list has only four.

Gingrich, in Pittsburgh Friday for a fund-raiser, said Michigan Gov. John Engler, Ohio Gov. George Voinovich, retired Gen. Colin Powell or California Attorney General Dan Lungren would all make strong running mates for Dole.

"There are a lot of good running mates," the U.S. House speaker said before a \$250-a-plate dinner for U.S. Rep. Phil English, an Erie Republican. "Certainly Gov. Engler of Michigan and Gov.

Voinovich of Ohio are in the front running. I'd have to say Attorney General Lungren of California would be very attractive. Of course a lot of people would still like to draft Colin Powell."

But Gingrich said Dole's decision won't be known until the Republican National Convention in August.

Gingrich, a Georgia congressman, spent three days campaigning for Republicans seeking re-election in the fall. English was first elected to the House in 1994, taking the seat previously held by Gov. Tom Ridge. He faces no primary election opponent. A private cocktail party at the Duquesne Club, Downtown, drew about 70 supporters.

Gingrich said he is not concerned about polls showing Dole

trailing President Clinton. One poll shows Clinton's lead over Dole is identical to George Bush's lead over Clinton in April 1992, he said.

Gingrich, the outspoken politician who masterminded the GOP's Contract With America, said he has deliberately kept a low profile for the last few months.

"I did 'Murphy Brown' and 'Larry King Live' during campaign season and I think we're doing Jay Leno later this month, so I can hardly be accused of hiding," Gingrich said.

"But it seemed to be there was a period there where you had to focus on the presidential nominating process and it was a good time for guys like me to re-book and plan and go back to Georgia and represent my folks."

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In Our Opinion

Nail the vampires high up on ballot

Turnout for Pennsylvania's primaries is expected to be pitiful a week from tomorrow, mostly because President Clinton has a lock on a win at the top on the Democratic side and Sen. Bob Dole, the majority leader from Kansas, is expected to waltz to victory among the Republicans.

So most voters, who tend to get more excited by who will get the White House than by who will be Pennsylvania's next auditor general or treasurer, are expected to stay away from the polls in droves, figuring there's nothing at risk or to be decided up-



high.

Don't believe it. Especially on the Republican side, it matters.

Just in case people come crawling out of the woodwork to vote for Pat Buchanan, it's important that there be a strong showing for Dole.

Dole and Buchanan are among the five names on the GOP presidential ballot; the others are Steve Forbes, Richard Lugar and Alan Keyes. Forbes and Lugar have dropped out.

Keyes is an anti-abortion zealot who has excited only the most narrowly fervid.

But Buchanan rings a louder bell with those who hate and are afraid of people who aren't like them. And he is continuing to angle for leverage at the party's national convention. Much as was said of one of Queen Victoria's

early prime ministers, Buchanan is so opposed to positive change that if he had been present at the Creation, he would have prayed, "Dear Lord, let us not disturb the chaos."

The reactionary Buchanan has taken a firm stand for most kinds of bigotry and fear of foreigners, as if somehow this weren't a nation of people who except for Native Americans are at least descended from folks who came from someplace else.

Buchanan's supporters may not have their pitchforks as sharp as some weeks ago, but remember it's the people who are against things who are most likely to turn out. And Buchanan's people seem to be seriously "agin" an America that doesn't believe and lives just like them, preferably with

twin beds like Timmy's parents on "Lassie."

Meanwhile, over on the Democratic side, Clinton faces a challenge from Lyndon LaRouche, a lunatic-fringe conspiracy theorist. Yes, Lyndon, we are out to get you; we're sure you kind of noticed that this sentence boldly has CIA and KGB in it.

So it's important that Democrats vote for Bill Clinton and Republicans for Bob Dole, if for no other reason than to make a statement. The stealth candidates for base instincts should not be allowed to seem more attractive than they genuinely are in the state that political strategist James Carville once described as Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, with Alabama in-between. ■

Farnon in the 177th

Youthful enthusiasm is a rare commodity in an era of political cynicism and alienation. For that reason, 23-year-old Anthony Farnon is a breath of fresh air. Farnon, who has 1½ years to go on a degree in education, says he plans to teach for the same reason he's running for the Democratic nomination for state representative in the 177th District: He wants to help people.

A Northeast Catholic High graduate, Farnon says education reform (but not vouchers) would be his top priority, along with getting state government to

stop ignoring urban neighborhoods. "This is the worst time in the history of the world to be a big city," he says.

But there's hope if more young, bright, caring folks enter politics.

For that reason, Anthony Farnon is our choice for the Democratic nomination in the 177th House District to run against six-term incumbent Rep. John Taylor. Taylor is unopposed for the GOP nomination.

Farnon's Democratic primary opponent, James Flanagan, didn't respond to inquiries about his candidacy. ■

4/15 Philadelphia Inquirer

DAVID SHRIBMAN

The Democratic strategy: Talk about the issues, and let Dole pose with Gingrich

PITTSBURGH — Everything's off rhythm in this presidential race. Nobody's campaigning here in Pennsylvania, usually one of the toughest primaries in the country. Nobody's squabbling in the Republican Party, arguably one of the most strained alliances in modern political history.

The silence here is a symbol of the difficulty both parties face in what the White House calls "the big desert" between the end of the contested primaries last month and the beginning of the political conventions a full 18 weeks from now. There's still going to be a primary on April 23, but it prompts the ultimate question: What if they held an election and nobody came? (The proper report is: Who would know?)

But the oddest thing about this very odd period is that while the Republicans have settled upon their nominee, the Democrats haven't settled upon a strategy for taking him on.

As a result, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas is getting a far easier time from the Democrats right now than he got from the Republicans only a month or so ago. Malcolm S. Forbes Jr. and Patrick J. Buchanan had plenty to say about Dole, and almost none of it was good. The Democrats produced one negative ad targeting Dole, but overall Bill Clinton, the Clinton cabinet, the Clinton campaign, even the Clinton allies on Capitol Hill (and there are more and more of them) have

Right now the Democrats are avoiding an offensive on Dole, saying that they first must make a case for their man.

virtually nothing to say about Dole.

And that is beginning to worry some Democrats. "The longer they put off the engagement, the likelier it's going to be an even race," says Democratic Rep. Martin T. Meehan of Massachusetts. "It's almost as if they haven't figured out how to go after him."

The truth is, they've decided not to go after him, at least for now. The Clinton White House and the Dole campaign agree on one fundamental thought: It's great for Dole to stay in Washington and campaign from the well of the Senate.

Dole likes that because the Senate — more than Kansas, more even than his Watergate condo — is his home. He's comfortable there; he controls the climate; he governs the flow of activity. He's seldom surprised, seldom thrown off balance. The Democrats are happy to have Dole there because it places him smack in the middle of

Congress and all its problems, surrounded by all those discredited blowhards.

Dole now must stand there at the front mahogany desk, trying to make order out of an institution that prides itself on defying order. But Clinton is free to fly around — to Oklahoma City last week, to Russia next — dealing with problems slier than the latest point of order from Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia or the latest subpoena from Sen. Alfonse D'Amato of New York.

The advantage for the Democrats is it gives Clinton a lift at the very time that he's completed the transition from insurgent to incumbent. It also maximizes the possibility that their rival will be photographed actually consulting with House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, who is not exactly a matinee idol these days.

"The Democrats are remaining quiet because they're trying to rebuild Bill Clinton," says Frank I. Luntz, the GOP pollster. "I give them credit for being disciplined. When they attack, they attack viciously. When they defend, they defend heartily. They're holding back right now."

They're also talking issues, issues, issues, a peculiar tactic from a party whose leader loves issues for the questions they pose but not always for the answers they demand. The issues for the moment are the minimum wage (they want to raise it) and the Senate health-care plan (they want to enact it).

"People want elected officials to govern right now," says Douglas B. Sosnick, the White House political director. "They'll put up with an election sometime, but now they want people to do their jobs."

There is more at work here than the Democrats' dedication to good government. The more the campaign stresses issues, the less it emphasizes (dreaded word, but inevitable) character. A New York Times/CBS News Poll early this spring gives Dole an advantage over Clinton in an important question: Who shares the moral values most Americans try to live by?

Right now the Democrats are avoiding an offensive on Dole, saying that they first must make a case for their man. "People want to hear why we should be president," says James Carville, the sometime Clinton adviser. "George Bush tried the strategy of saying that his opponent should not be president, and it didn't work. We have to continue to raise doubts about Dole but we have to make our own case."

Ordinarily the fourth year of a presidency is tragically late to do that. But the crazy fact may be that the public has a clearer idea of Bob Dole, who has lost the presidency for decades, than of Bill Clinton, who has held it for 39 months.

David Shribman, based at the Boston Globe, won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for best reporting.

APRIL 11, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SOSNIK AND KAREN HANCOX

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT

**1996 PRESIDENTIAL
Poll**

An Omaha World-Herald poll of 610 Nebraskans conducted March 29-April 1 is summarized below.

General Election Match-Ups

DOLE	53%	DOLE	45%
CLINTON	42%	CLINTON	36%
		PEROT	15%

Job Approval

44% app/53% disapp

CANDIDATES

Bob Dole

Waving a booklet for the IRS's 1040EZ form, Dole criticized your tax policy during a speech in Hershey, PA. "Raising taxes is not the way to balance the budget. It will not be my way to balance the budget," Dole said at the dinner last night. He also said the Administration's economic policies were responsible for "more than one million jobs" lost and "\$111 billion out of wages and salaries." He promised he would be responsive to businesspeople and rhetorically asked: "What about a pro-business President?... We need to make it easier, not more difficult, for businessmen and businesswomen." Dole characterized your veto of the partial birth bill as "extremist."

Dole also attacked your appointment of judges and promised, "When I'm President of the United States, I'm going to find conservative judges." Dole will publish a piece in the April 29 issue of Insight describing the role of appointing judges as "one of the most critical responsibilities of any President" and discussing the many ways in which federal judges touch ordinary citizens. From Dole's article: "If we give President Clinton the opportunity to make just one more appointment to the Supreme Court, we could end up with the most liberal court since the Warren Court."

Senator Arlen Specter and Senator Rick Santorum joined Dole during his visit. Dole will visit Pittsburgh and Philadelphia April 15, where he is expected to emphasize economic issues and focus on the tax-filing deadline.

At a Memphis fundraiser today, Dole urged tax filers to consider the "\$265 billion tax increase given to you courtesy of Bill Clinton, who now acts like a Republican, talks like a Republican, not the liberal Democrat that he is." He has also started a new refrain in his campaign speech: "We know we can do better." Dole will be campaigning in Texas and Iowa over the next three days.

Lowell Weicker

Weicker has said he would not make an independent bid for President because he wants to spend more time with his family. The Boston Globe reports that his announcement poses a setback for the third party movement which prefers a competition in the process of selecting a presidential nominee for the Reform Party. The article is attached.

Reform Party

Perot addressed a 1,000 person audience at the University of Texas last night, but did not take any questions.

Miscellaneous

The Detroit Free Press ran a story discussing Michigan Governor Engler's recent statement urging you not to veto the partial birth bill. The Free Press pointed out Engler has not previously been vocally anti-choice, and is now politicizing the issue to appeal to the Dole campaign.

STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / NON-PRESIDENTIAL Arkansas

Congresswoman Blanche Lambert Lincoln lent her name to a Washington D.C. fundraiser for candidate Marion Berry, who is running for the Democratic nomination to replace Lincoln. This, however, was not an endorsement, Lincoln said, and she has said she's visited with all other Democratic candidates and is willing to introduce them to people in Washington. But she stopped short of saying she'd be willing to let her name be used in a similar fundraiser for other candidates. Berry faces off with Tom Donaldson in the May 21 Democratic primary.

California

The Assembly Judiciary Committee yesterday approved a bill to end affirmative action in public employment or education. The bill would repeal dozens of affirmative action programs designed to help women and minorities get a share of state jobs, promotions, contracts, state university admissions, and public school jobs. Any public or college official who violates the bill could face criminal penalties of up to one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine. The bill would allow a persons' economic circumstances and demonstrations of overcoming obstacles to be considered for job and college applicants. Opponents said the bill did nothing to eliminate discrimination that affirmative action programs are designed to help alleviate.

The National Black Chamber of Commerce is leading a summit this weekend in Woodland Hills, where a coalition of minority and women business organization will lay down a battle plan against the federal and state legislation in ending affirmative action. The group opposes the California Civil Rights Initiative and the federal Dole-Canady bill, which would eliminate gender and racial preferences in government contracts and hiring.

Colorado

House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R) was in Colorado yesterday, stumping for Rep. Joel Hefley (R) and aiming some verbal barbs at you. Gingrich was the speaker at the \$150-a-plate dinner for Hefley, who represents Colorado's 5th Congressional district. Gingrich in his speech to the crowd, said, he was delighted you had signed the line-item veto bill, but added it was unfortunate you had vetoed the measure to balance the federal budget. (See attached clip.)

Rep. John Kasich (R), chairman of the House Budget committee, was in Colorado yesterday to stump for GOP Senate candidate Wayne Allard and to appear at several GOP party functions. (See attached clip.)

Idaho

Another national group yesterday launched an advertising campaign against conservative members of Congress, including Rep. Helen Chenoweth, for their votes on health care spending for the elderly. Citizen Action, working through the Idaho Citizen's Network, began airing a 30-second television ad in Boise, accusing Rep. Chenoweth of voting for legislation it said cut support for Medicare to finance tax breaks for the rich. Chenoweth has also been the target of a television ad campaign sponsored by organized labor, who has attacked Chenoweth for votes against working families.

Iowa

Ralph Nader addressed students at the University of Iowa yesterday. He spent most of the speech addressing corporate America's influence on the country and the government and said that both political parties are in the pocket of big business. Much of his attack focused on his opposition to NAFTA and GATT. (Of GATT, he said "the whole agreement is an architecture of big business.") Nader also assailed the Administration for not supporting Senator Harkin's proposal to ban the import of materials produced by brutalized child labor. He did not discuss his presidential bid.

Nebraska

A Scottsbluff Star-Herald poll of 822 registered voters conducted April 4-9 shows Governor Ben Nelson (D) comfortably leading both of his Senate race rivals, though by narrower margins than the Omaha World-Herald poll we reported earlier in the week. His GOP opponents are businessman Chuck Hagel and Attorney General Don Stenberg.

	<u>Star-Herald</u>	<u>World-Herald</u>
Nelson	51%	59%
Hagel	34%	35%
Nelson	51%	64%
Stenberg	32%	27%

Nelson enjoys a 56% favorable/13% unfavorable favorability ratio.

North Carolina

The North Carolina Democratic Party has received final clearance from the U.S. Justice Department to open its May 7 primary election to the state's 381,000 unaffiliated voters. The party's executive committee voted last September to open the Democratic primary elections to voters registered as unaffiliated with a political party, which is about 9.8 percent of the electorate. Because North Carolina falls under the provisions of the Voting Rights Act, the plan was reviewed by the Justice Department.

Oklahoma

Speaker Gingrich was greeted by several hundred protesters during a campaign fundraiser for Congressman J.C. Watts in Oklahoma. The protesters, mostly Watts' opponent Ed Crocker supporters, carried signs protesting the Republican Contract with America, which Watts supported. This protest made the local news, and allowed Crocker to publicly state that Watts' record is on public display, and that "he's a rubber stamp for his Republican leaders." Gingrich helped raise an estimated \$125,000 during this fundraiser.

Oregon

According to a new favorable/unfavorable ratings poll, you and Governor John Kitzhaber (D) continue to receive high favorable ratings. The poll tested GOP Senate candidates, Gordon Smith and Lou Mabon, former President of the Oregon Citizens Alliance. The poll conducted for the Oregonian surveyed 600 voters statewide. The poll was conducted by Davis & Hibblitts, Inc. between March 22 - 23. The poll found:

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>
Clinton	53%	14%	32%
Dole	40%	21%	36%
Buchanan	21%	18%	55%
Perot	29%	23%	46%

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>
Kitzhaber	62%	19%	12%
Mabon (GOP Senate)	9%	13%	41%
Gordon Smith	41%	19%	34%
Wyden	49%	18%	26%

Tennessee

Rep. Jimmy Quillen (R-01) announced his retirement after 34 years in the House of Representatives because of his wife's poor health. This should be a safe Republican seat, although it could be a competitive race if there is a divisive primary battle among Republican candidates. Johnson City businessman David Davis had declared his candidacy before Quillen's announcement. State Rep. Ralph Cole may run, possibly as Quillen's hand-picked successor, but was not ready to announce yesterday.

An ugly fight is developing in Memphis between Rep. Harold Ford, who is retiring, and Mayor W.W. Herenton. Ford is trying to pass his seat on to his son, Harold Jr., who is expected to announce his candidacy soon. Herenton is supporting Ricky Williams, a local housing official. He is also said to be trying to recruit State Rep. Lois DeBerry, Speaker Pro Tem, who would be a very strong candidate. Herenton and Ford have started a war of words. Herenton called Ford "out of control."

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Citizen Action is planning to hand out 10,000 mock baseball cards of Congressman Jon Fox (R-13) declaring that he is "Lobbyists' Designated Hitter for the D.C. Newts." The cards had been scheduled for distribution at the April 9 opening game of the Philadelphia Phillies, but the game was rescheduled. The card says that Fox was named to the Special Interests All Star Team for his "consistent play in voting for lobbyists instead of his constituents." The card also describes Fox's votes to cut Medicare in order to fund tax breaks for the wealthy and to eliminate heating assistance for the elderly.

Washington

Gubernatorial candidate Nita Reinhardt (D) has received the endorsements of the Washington Federation of Teachers and the United Food and Commercial Workers. Reinhardt is competing in the September 17 primary against Democratic challengers, former Rep. Jay Inslee, Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, and King County Executive Gary Locke.

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Note: The show was brief today due to the breaking news regarding the plane crash in Wyoming.

Late-term Abortion Veto. Speculated that your veto on the issue could be tenuous in such battleground states at Illinois, Ohio and Michigan where anti-choice groups are prevalent. They showed the following results of a recent poll of Catholics voters:

	<u>All Catholics</u>	<u>Practicing Catholics</u>
Clinton	53%	49%
Dole	44%	49%

Dole was shown in Memphis saying that you were with the "extreme fringe" on this issues and had made a big mistake with this veto. Bill Schneider noted that such Republican Governors as Christie Whitman and Bill Weld support abortion rights and that with abortion being the wedge issue that it is among Republicans, the issue may be more of a problem for them than it is for you.

Ann Lewis and Helen Alvare of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops were guests to discuss the veto. Lewis said the bill you vetoed asked doctors to disregard the health of women, and by vetoing the bill, you took the stand to protect women's health. Alvare, on the other hand, said that there is no medical relevance to killing a child who is four-fifths out of the womb, and it would not endanger the woman any further to allow the child to be born and die naturally. Alvare also said, that during your announcement yesterday, you were surrounded by women who had previously testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that they had not had the late-term abortion procedure.

CNN/Gallup Poll. A new poll shows your job approval/disapproval at 54%-40%, Dole's at 52%-33% and Gingrich's at 33%-55%. The poll shows you ahead of Bob Dole by 17 points in a general election scenario:

	<u>Now</u>	<u>Mar 15-17</u>
Clinton	57%	54%
Dole	40%	42%

The poll also shows that voters trust you over Republicans to handle a range of issues:

<u>Issues</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>GOP</u>
Deficit	42%	42%
Health Care	56%	34%
Welfare	50%	37%
Taxes	44%	41%

Mary Matalin. Wisconsin GOP Chair, David Ovitz, remarked about Mary Matalin joining the Dole campaign, "Are they ----- nuts?...didn't anyone take notes in 1992?" He questioned further why they would have to contend with a "Mrs. Carville" on the campaign.

Weicker declines to enter '96 field in independent presidential bid

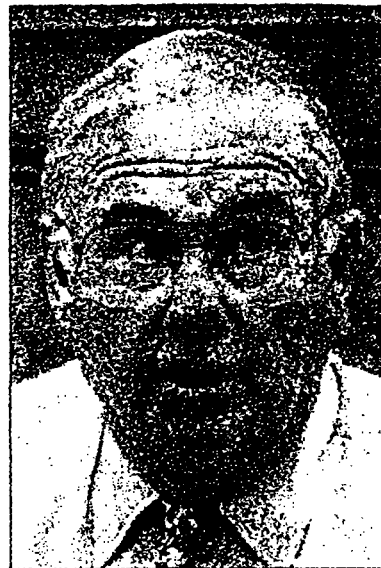
By Peter S. Canellos
GLOBE STAFF

Former Connecticut governor Lowell P. Weicker, who has weighed running for president as an independent, possibly even seeking the nomination of Ross Perot's Reform Party, said yesterday he would not join the 1996 field.

Weicker's statement was a setback for the third-party political movement, which hopes to attract a number of nonaligned candidates to seek the Reform Party nomination. Competition for the nomination would draw attention to the party and establish it as a legitimate alternative, members said.

Without Weicker, the party is left with few alternatives besides Perot himself, who has said he'll run if a significant challenger to President Clinton and Sen. Bob Dole doesn't emerge this spring. GOP insurgent Patrick J. Buchanan is weighing an independent effort, but not necessarily through the Reform Party. And other independents, such as Ralph Nader, are already aligned with fringe parties.

"My view is there should be competition in the process," said Nicholas Sabatine of Wind Gap, Pa., chairman of the Patriot Party, a moderate



LOWELL WEICKER
Wants to spend time with family

party that recently merged with the Reform Party. "The majority involved in this party want to look at a lot of candidates."

Sabatine had hoped that Weicker and B. Thomas Golisano of New York, a payroll processor, would form a ticket to run in the Reform Party.

Neither Weicker nor Golisano, who met two weeks ago to discuss a run, returned messages yesterday.

But Weicker told the States News Service that he wanted to spend more time with his seven children and six grandchildren.

"What it comes down to is, I like having control of my own life," said Weicker, who is 64. "For 30 years, everybody else has controlled it ... Now I really like the idea that I can turn my energies toward the needs of what is a very large family."

Sources close to Weicker said that longtime aides were disappointed that he decided against a presidential run, and tried to change his mind. Last month, his former chief of staff, Thomas D'Amore, predicted that if Weicker saw an opportunity to join the race, he would.

But Weicker, who served three terms in the Senate as a Republican and one term as an independently elected governor, stressed that his decision was based on personal factors. He said he would have welcomed a chance to champion such causes as aid to children, AIDS research and universal health care.

"I still am really roiled inside about how this nation has turned away from the frailest elements of society," he said. "It's a total disgrace. I would have liked to have taken the field once more for those who are forgotten."

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TO: (See Below)

FROM: PFRICK

SUBJECT: POLLING UPDATE

Polling Update

April 11, 1996

DEMOCRATS LEAD GOP IN TWO NEW POLLS

With the 104th Congress now entering its final six months, two recent polls reveal that Americans are showing a strong preference for Democrats for Congress. The Pew poll, taken on March 31, reported that 49% of Americans prefer Democrats for Congress, compared to 44% who prefer Republicans. The April 1 CBS/New York Times poll echoed these findings, with Democrats leading 44-39. The Pew poll also demonstrated that by a 47-26 margin, Americans would prefer President Clinton to take the lead in solving the nation's problems, rather than Republican congressional leaders.

These latest poll results add to the growing body of evidence that Americans are rejecting Republicans and their extreme agenda in favor of the more mainstream approach of President Clinton and Democrats.

AMERICANS CHOOSE DEMOCRATS FOR CONGRESS

Q. If the elections for Congress were held today, would you choose the Republican or Democratic candidate?

Pew Poll (3/31): Dem-49%, GOP-44%

CBS/New York Times Poll (4/1): Dem-44%, GOP-39%

Democrats gained ground or remained even with Republicans in 42 of 45 categories tested by the Pew Poll, including every geographical region in the nation and every age group. Here are the Pew Poll standings for a few key groups:

KEY GROUPS CHOOSE DEMOCRATS FOR CONGRESS

Q. If the elections for Congress were held today, would you choose the Republican or Democratic candidate?

WOMEN: Dem-55%, GOP-40%

SENIORS: Dem-57%, GOP-36%

SMALL CITY/TOWN RESIDENTS: Dem-50%, GOP-45%

INDEPENDENTS: Dem-43%, GOP-41%

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TO: HANCOX_K

Dole whips up GOP, vows he'll take Pa.

By Peter J. Shelly

Post-Gazette Harrisburg Correspondent

HERSHEY, Pa. — Defying polls that show him trailing President Clinton in Pennsylvania, Bob Dole promised last night to make the state a battlefield in the fall election.

"It's going to be a tough fight. It'll take a lot of hard work. We're going to win it," said the Senate majority leader, who has sewn up the GOP nomination.

Dole addressed 850 people at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center for a \$200-a-plate dinner of Pennsylvanians for Effective Government, a pro-business political action committee based in Harrisburg.

Dole, escorted by Gov. Ridge and U.S. Sens. Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum, lashed out at Clinton on a host of issues and repeated the Republican mantra of less government.

He took a shot at the "liberal media" and repeatedly told the crowd "America can do better."

The state holds its presidential primary election April 23, but the race for the nomination is over. The Kansan has locked up the nomination with a string of primary victories.

The attention last night was on the fall, specifically what Dole can do to win the state and whom he should pick for his running mate.

Plenty of pols were willing to offer advice.

"He needs to run a good campaign with a good message. He can win this state," Santorum said.

Specter said Dole needed to stress his background — a boy of modest means from Russell, Kan., goes to college, fights in World War II and recovers from devastating battle injury that cost him the use of his right arm.

Specter also hails from Russell.

Dole has his work cut out for him in Pennsylvania. He trails Clinton badly, with or without independent Ross Perot in the mix, according to a recent poll of 800 voters conducted by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and KDKA-TV.

"Pennsylvania is going to be a very important state come November," Dole said. "I know what the polls show today. Polls don't mean a thing today. In November, they'll mean something, and we consider this to be a battleground."

Dole criticized Clinton for blocking welfare reforms passed by the GOP-controlled Congress and promised to continue to push for turning back to the states the administration of most welfare programs.

He also praised Ridge for trying to revamp the state's welfare system, changes that the state House rejected two weeks ago.

Dole won a round of applause when he plugged Ridge's package of education reforms, dubbed Kids II, that includes charter schools and a tuition voucher program. The state House also has killed that plan.

He addressed criticism that he lacks vision.

"I'm asked a lot about, 'Well, what's Bob Dole's vision for America?' Well, it's not hard for me, but it is for some of these liberals in the media. They want some touchy-feely thing, you know, that you can't get hold of. They want to spend more money — that's vision."

"Well, I'm more basic. I'm old-fashioned. I want to make America better. I want people to find jobs. I want to help those with disabilities. This is all part of my vision for a better America."

Rocky Mountain News, April 11, 1996



Bob Jackson/Associated Press

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., right, in Colorado Springs with Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo.

Vote GOP, cut tax, Gingrich says

By Katie Kerwin 4/11/96, 6A

Rocky Mountain News Political Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS — House Speaker Newt Gingrich has a message for all you tax procrastinators who have the IRS on your mind: vote Republican this fall and trim your tax bill.

Gingrich came to Colorado Wednesday to help raise money for Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., who faces competition both from a Republican and a Democrat this year.

But the Republican leader also came to stir support for Bob Dole, who even Gingrich admitted is short on charisma.

"This is not about who gives a better speech," said Gingrich. "You're either for Bob Dole or you're for electing Bill Clinton." He urged the 800 conservatives attending the luncheon at Colorado Springs' Sheraton Hotel to get

fired up. They must actively help re-elect Hefley, put a Republican in Colorado's open U.S. Senate seat and propel Dole into the presidency, he said.

"If Dole were president, instead of Clinton, people would have lower taxes April 15. They'd have lower interest rates. . . . They'd have welfare reform," he said. "There's a huge difference. We represent trusting American people to run their local government. Clinton and the Democrats represent building a big bureaucracy in Washington."

The House speaker drew his biggest laughs when he ridiculed the media for missing his logic and speared Boulder college professors for secular, politically correct values that don't jibe with the Declaration of Independence.

"There are two visions of America in conflict," Gingrich said.

The speaker has been touring the country visiting scores of House districts to keep his Republican revolution going. He was supposed to headline a Hefley dinner earlier this year, but the East Coast Blizzard of '96 stopped him.

"You gave me a nervous breakdown that first time," Hefley said.

Supporters weren't too miffed. Many got two meals for the price of one. If they had signed up for the earlier fund-raiser, they did not have to pay again.

Hefley spokeswoman Leigh Lamera said about 1,200 people contributed to both events. The campaign grossed about \$160,000, but expenses were high.

Within the Republican Party, Hefley faces a challenge from lobbyist and former state lawmaker Bill Hughes. Democrat Michael Robinson of Castle Rock also is trying to unseat him.

The Denver Post, April 11, 1996

GOP stumps for its own

Gingrich, Kasich throw support to two candidates in Colo.

By Fred Brown
and Jeffrey A. Roberts
Denver Post Staff Writers

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Two leaders of the Republican revolution in Congress campaigned in Colorado yesterday, endorsing candidates and warning fellow Republicans not to be swayed by conservative-sounding messages from Ross Perot or Bill Clinton.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, appearing in Colorado Springs on behalf of U.S. Rep. Joel Hefley, told about 800 people at a hotel ballroom that all the Republicans need in order to complete their "Contract With America" is Kansas Sen. Bob Dole in the White House.

And U.S. Rep. John Kasich of Ohio, speaking at a news conference in Denver, endorsed fellow congressman Wayne Allard as the best of the U.S. Senate candidates to succeed retiring Republican Hank Brown.

Allard, a three-term congressman from Loveland, has been criticized by GOP opponent Gale Norton for overstating his role in developing the Republicans' Contract With America manifesto.

But Kasich, chairman of the House Budget Committee, said Allard has been a key player on contract issues and a loyal soldier in the battle for the Republican balanced-budget plan.

Gingrich, in a 35-minute partisan pep talk, reminded his audience that politics "is a team sport. . . . You need to decide which team you want to give your support to."

Hefley, he said, "is a terrific member of the team."

Gingrich's message of party unity urged Republicans not to be lured away by Texas billionaire Ross Perot, whose 1992 presidential campaign was widely regarded as a detriment to the re-election of then-President George Bush. Polls showed that many of Perot's voters were people who otherwise would have voted Republican.

Gingrich listed growing numbers of

Republican officeholders at various levels of government. "There are zero in the Perot party," he said.

"So I would say to every Perot voter in the country, if you want a reform party, you've got one. It's called the Republican Party."

The Democrats, Gingrich said, will always come down on the side of big government, believing that power should be centered in Washington "rather than in Colorado Springs."

The Clinton administration's economic ideas have led to higher interest rates and higher gasoline prices, he said, and they have failed to preserve American values and civilization.

Clinton and the unions and trial lawyers that support him will try to hide the vast philosophical gulf between their ideas and what the Republicans are trying to accomplish, Gingrich said.

"They're all going to try to pretend they're like us. But they're not. They represent a different world, a different future, and a different way of leading America."

Kasich, known as Gingrich's "right hand on budget matters," praised Allard's work on and support of the Republican budget.

"What I will suggest is that without Wayne, we wouldn't have been successful in putting this document together," Kasich said. " . . . Whenever anybody started getting nervous, about blinking in terms of getting this job done, Wayne was there to stiffen their spines."

But Kasich said he doesn't expect a budget agreement before the November election.

"Change is tough. Standing on principle is tough," he said. "That's why, a lot of times, people don't do it. But we're a different breed, and we intend to stand on principle. And guess what? If we lose, that's life."

Kasich said he still expects victory for the GOP proposal in the long run because "at the end of the day, people

will make good choices."

He also predicted the Republicans will pick up additional seats in Congress this fall, including the seat being vacated by Denver Democrat Pat Schroeder.

World-Herald

For Whom Would You Vote?

Two-Way Race	WESTERN
Bob Dole, Republican	53% 45%
Bill Clinton, Democrat	42% 47%
Neither	3% 5%
Don't Know	2% 3%
Three-Way Race	
Bob Dole, Republican	45% 41%
Bill Clinton, Democrat	36% 39%
Ross Perot, Independent	15% 17%
Neither	2% 2%
Don't Know	2% 2%

Source: The Gallup Organization
Statistical margin of error:
For Nebraska = 4 percentage points.
For Iowa = 5 percentage points.

W-H Poll: Dole Had Lead Over Clinton in Nebraska

BY C. DAVID KOTOK
CONDUCTED BY GALLUP WORLD-HERALD

Sen. Bob Dole, the all-but-certain Republican presidential nominee, held a significant lead over President Clinton among Nebraskans surveyed for The World-Herald Poll, while the two ran about even among western Iowans.

On topics of religion, taxes and what they considered to be the high-priority national issues, the Iowans and Nebraskans responded similarly to the survey conducted by the Gallup Organization of Princeton, N.J., from March 29 through April 1.

But on the question of presidential preference, the Missouri River became a dividing line.

Among the 610 Nebraskans questioned, Dole held an 11 percentage-point lead over Clinton. Among the 401 Iowans from 29 western Iowa counties — where registered Republicans outnumber registered Democrats by nearly 50,000 — Clinton held a statistically insignificant advantage of 2 percentage points.

When possible third-party candidate Ross Perot was thrown into the mix, the results marginally changed, with Perot drawing more support from Dole than Clinton in Nebraska and more from Clinton in Iowa.

In both states, the results were predictable, political officials said.

Nebraska is considered safe for Dole. Please turn to Page 7, Col. 1

W-H Poll: Dole Led Clinton In Nebraska

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in the general election. The larger question is whether he can run strongly enough to boost the state Republican ticket.

"Over the last 50 years, Nebraska has voted more Republican in presidential elections than any other state," wrote Michael Barone and Grant Ujifusa in "The Almanac of American Politics."

In Iowa, however, Clinton won in 1992, and Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis won in 1988.

Brian Kennedy, the Iowa Republican chairman, and Mike Peterson, the Democratic chairman, said the poll results from the most Republican part of Iowa confirm that Clinton is ahead in the state.

That could change by fall, Kennedy said.

Dole will be in Des Moines Saturday for one of his first campaign appearances since wrapping up the GOP nomination last month.

By Nebraska historical standards, Dole's advantage over Clinton in the poll is unusually narrow. In the last five presidential races, George Bush's 18-point margin over Clinton was the closest and Ronald Reagan's 42-point landslide against Democrat Walter Mondale was the largest.

The Republican presidential candidates have not provided long enough coattails to carry Nebraska Republican Senate candidates to victory in recent years. Nebraska Democrats have won the last three times that a Senate seat was up in a presidential election year.

"There may be some Bob Dole coattails," said Andy Abboud, executive director of the Nebraska Republican Party. "But I think each party's nominee is smart enough to know that the presidential candidates won't be a big factor in winning the Senate seat."

Deb Hardin Quirk, chairman of the Nebraska Democratic Party, said she senses that Clinton's standing among Nebraskans has improved. "I don't think he will be a drag" on the state Democratic ticket, Ms. Quirk said.

A majority of Nebraskans surveyed (53 percent) said they disapproved of Clinton's job performance. Although the disapproval rate had not changed from a 1994 poll, Clinton's approval percentage increased from 37 percent two years ago to 44 percent in the most recent poll.

Nebraska does not allocate its five electoral votes strictly on a winner-take-all basis, as do Iowa and most other states. In Nebraska, a candidate receives an electoral vote for each of the three congressional districts he carries and two electoral votes for winning the state in the popular vote.

Dole led in all three Nebraska congressional districts in The World-Herald Poll. The slimmest margin was 4 percentage points in the 1st Congressional District.

As with many national results, a significant difference emerged based on gender. In Nebraska, Dole held the support of 59 percent of the men and 48 percent of the women. In Iowa, 54 percent of the men backed Dole and 54 percent of the women supported Clinton.

Although Iowa has only seven electoral votes of the 270 needed to win the presidency, it is seen as a somewhat important battleground in the fall. Indications of that are Dole's Des Moines appearance this weekend and current advertising efforts by both parties.

Iowa's electoral clout may be small change, said Mack Shelley, an Iowa State University political scientist, "but the Clinton strategists may see adding up the spare change as the way to buy their way back into the White House."

In addition, Shelley said, Iowa seems to enjoy a special attraction for presidential candidates.

Peterson said Dole's early return to Iowa demonstrates how much he was damaged by the attacks on him by fellow Republicans during the Iowa caucus campaign.

Clinton's job-approval rating among the western Iowans surveyed was 48 percent positive and 46 percent negative.

Identical questions were asked of the Nebraskans and western Iowans:

"Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the overall job performance of President Bill Clinton."

Suppose the 1996 presidential election between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole were being held today. Who would you be more likely to vote for, Clinton, the Democrat, or Dole, the Republican?

Now suppose that the 1996 presidential election included Bill Clinton as the Democratic candidate, Bob Dole as the Republican candidate and Ross Perot as the Independent candidate. Would you vote for Bill Clinton, the Democrat; Bob Dole, the Republican; or Perot, the Independent?

Those who initially said they were undecided were asked whether they leaned toward any one of the candidates.

Omaha World Herald

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ELIZABETH DOLE TREATED TO WARM HOMECOMING

* Salisbury native stumps for her husband

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BY JENA HEATH
STAFF WRITER

* DOLE

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SALISBURY — Salisbury's favorite daughter took the stage in her hometown Tuesday, flanked not by former teachers and old school chums, but by U.S. Sens. Jesse Helms and Lauch Faircloth.

It was clear that Elizabeth Hanford Dole was not there for an afternoon of reminiscing.

She was there to sell her husband as the antidote to President Clinton and as the symbol of a World War II-era America steeped in patriotism, God and family. The message played well with the overwhelmingly white, middle-age and adoring crowd.

"The next election, I believe, is about the character of our country as we move into the next century," she said, wearing a small microphone and moving among tables decorated with "We Love Bob and Liddy" place mats and silver elephants bearing Bob Dole bumper stickers.

About 2,000 people snapped up the free tickets to the welcome home celebration at Catawba Col-

lege. Gary's Bar-B-Q of China Grove served up the buffet lunch. Gray-haired ladies, in crisp bright skirts and sweaters draped around their shoulders, brought home-baked cookies, cakes and brownies.

She was Liddy to them, and always would be, many said.

But a 30-minute stump speech, which ranged from welfare and education reform to crime to a promise to freeze funding for the United Nations, cast her without question as Elizabeth Dole, savvy campaigner and Washington insider.

"We're an election away from a balanced budget," she promised the crowd, denouncing Clinton and his "veto pen" and promising a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget.

As majority leader, Bob Dole has been unable to push the amendment out of the Senate, but his wife's line brought the crowd to its feet.

"You need to elect Bob Dole president to carry out Bill Clinton's broken promises," she said.

Looking tan and rested, Dole introduced his wife, the woman he said "will be the greatest first lady in America's history."

"You may not know how much I depend on her and how much she means to me," he said.

Dole sketched images of Russell, Kansas, where he grew up, and Salisbury, where his wife was born and reared, as places "where neighbors care about each other. Both are communities where people pitch in to make a difference."

Introducing Bob Dole, Helms promised that the November election would be a "referendum on character" that Dole would win.

"He was willing to lay down his life for his country and he almost did,"



Sen. Lauch Faircloth, Bob and Elizabeth Dole find an enthusiastic crowd in Salisbury. Faircloth said Dole 'was demonstrating courage when Bill Clinton couldn't spell it.'

STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT SHARPE

Helms said, a reference to Dole's injuries in World War II.

The picture of Dole as the son of a farmer, war hero and veteran congressman was central to each speaker's remarks. Faircloth, however, saved a few quips for Clinton.

Dole "was demonstrating courage when Bill Clinton couldn't spell it," he said. "I am not even real sure he can now."

Later, he described the Clintons as a "couple that couldn't buy 200 acres of poor Arkansas land without a national fiasco."

State House Majority Leader Leo Daughtry, a Smithfield Republican, U.S. Rep. David Funderburk, a Buies Creek Republican, and U.S. Rep. Howard Coble, a Greensboro Republican, also shared the stage with the Doles.

Daughtry, the state's Dole for President chairman, promised that Republican victories in North Carolina — including a Republican Council of State sweep — would echo Dole's nationwide victory come November.

"This is Dole country," Daughtry

said. "This is North Carolina."

Not everyone was convinced. Salisbury native Ray Coley, 67, said he is "watching and waiting" to see how far Dole goes to appease the party's right.

"If he supports the far right, I may back out," Coley said. "I don't want any of those religious nuts taking over."

Coley described himself as a Republican who opposes efforts to ban abortion and regulate tobacco.

Many in the crowd, however, sported Dole stickers on their lapels and said they were firmly behind the certain Republican presidential nominee.

Others said they would entertain a second Dole presidential candidacy.

"I think she is very capable, very qualified, the smartest lady I know," said Libby Eppley, 61, who graduated from Boyden High School — now Salisbury High — two years before Mrs. Dole.

"Maybe we can get her to run in four years," she said laughing, and "do this all over again."

Charlotte

Observer (NC)

4-10-96

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April Recess Media Campaign Targeting Members
April 5th 1996 (j:afl-ciolapsum)

State/ Market	Member	TV % of District		Reach	Frequency	Persons 25-64 GRPS	Cost	Times Targeted
ARKANSAS								
Little Rock	Dickey (R-AR-04)	60.8%	TV	85.3%	5.9	500	\$27,185	4
CALIFORNIA								
Santa Barbara	Seastrand (R-CA-22)	100.0%	TV	81.4%	6.1	500	\$30,065	3
CONNECTICUT								
Bridgeport	Franks (R-CT-05)	42.7%		47.7%	3.2	150	\$7,380	2
Waterbury	Shays (R-CT-04)		RADIO	36.0%	3.4	150	\$8,220	0
ILLINOIS								
Chicago	Flanagan (R-IL-05) Weller (R-IL-11)	100.0% 100.0%	RADIO	37.7%	4.0	150	\$36,855	3
INDIANA								
Evansville	Hostettler (R-IN-08)	35.4%	TV	84.6%	6.2	500	\$23,310	3
IOWA								
Des Moines	Ganske (R-IA-04)	35.1%	TV	90.0%	5.6	500	\$35,035	4
KANSAS								
Wichita	Tiahrt (R-KS-04)	87.6%	TV	86.3%	5.8	500	\$33,765	0
KENTUCKY								
Paducah-Cape Girardeau	Whitfield (R-KY-01)	32.9%	TV	80.9%	6.2	500	\$13,175	5
MARYLAND								
Baltimore	Ehrlich (R-MD-02)	100.0%	RADIO	42.5%	3.5	150	\$20,695	1
MAINE								
Portland	Longley (R-ME-01)	90.9%	TV	66.7%	7.5	500	\$51,910	2
MASSACHUSETTS								
Boston	Blute (R-MA-03)	52.8%	RADIO	49.6%	3.5	150	\$40,320	1
MICHIGAN								
Lansing	Chrysler (R-MI-08)	28.4%	TV	87.1%	6.0	500	\$29,365	5
MISSISSIPPI								
Jackson	Montgomery (D-MS-03)	29.8%	TV	82.6%	6.1	500	\$16,370	0
NEBRASKA								
Omaha	Christensen (R-NE-02)	99.8%	TV	81.1%	6.1	500	\$29,250	0
NEW YORK								
Syracuse	Walsh (R-NY-25) Boehler (R-NY-23)	87.2% 33.1%	TV	81.0%	6.2	500	\$32,175	0
NORTH CAROLINA								
Raleigh-Durham	Heineman (R-NC-04)	100.0%	TV	88.3%	6.0	500	\$64,315	5

State/ Market	Member	TV % of District				Persons 25+ GRPS	2nd Qtr. Est. Cost	Times Targeted
NEVADA								
Las Vegas	Ensign (R-NV-01)	100.0%	TV	78.9%	6.4	500	\$64,125	4
OHIO								
Cincinnati	Chabot (R-OH-01)	99.0%	TV	81.8%	6.1	500	\$63,255	1
Charleston-Huntington	Creamens (R-OH-06)	51.9%	TV	84.2%	5.9	500	\$35,450	5
Cleveland	Hoke (R-OH-10)	100.0%	RADIO	43.5%	3.6	150	\$15,864	5
	La Tourette (R-OH-19)	100.0%						
OREGON								
Portland	Bunn (R-OR-05)	98.0%		81.8%	6.1	500	\$64,300	5
TEXAS (On Hold until next week)								
Dallas	Geren (D-TX-12)	99.7%	Radio			150		0
Austin	Laughlin (R-TX-14)	29.8%	TV			500		2
Victoria	Laughlin (R-TX-14)	5.0%	TV			400		2
WASHINGTON								
Seattle-Tacoma	White (R-WA-01)	100.0%	TV	82.7%	6.1	500	\$114,125	4
	Tate (R-WA-09)	100.0%						
WISCONSIN								
Milwaukee	Neumann (R-WI-01)	56.2%	TV	86.3%	5.8	500	\$57,300	4

Gross Broadcast TV & Radio Total Cost:

\$913,809

Client Broadcast TV & Radio Total Cost:

\$858,980

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TV :30
"1991"
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FINAL RECORDED VERSION

VIDEO

Average guy sitting in his kitchen, speaking to camera.

CG move:
1991: \$4.25 an hour

Graph: minimum wage vs. Corporate profits.

Hard-at-work shots.
CG move:
1996: Still \$4.25 an hour

Back to kitchen table.

Cut to Capitol Dome, working family.
Add CG: Call Reps. Funderburk and Heineman
1-800-number
Raise the minimum wage.

AUDIO

BACK IN 1991, THE MINIMUM WAGE WAS
FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS
AN HOUR.

SINCE THEN, CORPORATE PROFITS AND
EXECUTIVE SALARIES HAVE SOARED.

BUT WORKING FAMILIES HAVE LOST
GROUND.

AND THE MINIMUM WAGE IS STILL JUST
FOUR TWENTY-FIVE AN HOUR.

OUR CONGRESSMAN
(CONGRESSWOMAN/CONGRESSMEN)
VOTED TO BLOCK A MINIMUM WAGE
INCREASE... AFTER HE (SHE/THEY) VOTED
TO CUT MEDICARE AND CUT COLLEGE
LOANS, ALL TO GIVE A TAX BREAK TO THE
RICH.

LET'S TELL CONGRESSMAN XXXXX - RAISE
THE MINIMUM WAGE...

AND START VOTING FOR AMERICA'S
WORKING FAMILIES.

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Radio :60

"1991"

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FINAL RECORDED VERSION

ANNCR: Back in 1991, the minimum wage was four dollars and twenty-five cents an hour. Since then, corporate profits have soared, and executive salaries have skyrocketed. But working families have lost ground.

And the minimum wage...? Still just four twenty-five an hour. Who can raise a family on less than nine thousand dollars a year?

Truth is, our Congressman (Congresswoman/Congressmen) actually voted to block a minimum wage increase. That's after he (she/they) voted to cut Medicare and cut college loans – all to give a big tax break to corporations and the rich.

It's time we started raising incomes for working people again. Congress can start now by increasing the minimum wage.

Call 1-800-765-4440. Let's tell Congressmen Flanagan and Weller – raise the minimum wage. 1-800-765-4440. Tell Congressmen Flanagan and Weller to start voting for America's working families. Now that would be a change.

A message from the working men and women of the AFL-CIO.

Here's a Report Card to tell you
how your representative is
doing on issues that matter
to working families...

**More than a year has passed
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Congressional Report Card

Congressman: Fred Heineman

ISSUE

GRADE

Narrowing The Wage Gap

Congressman Heineman voted against considering an increase in the minimum wage — the one step the Congress could take immediately to narrow the wage gap between the rich and the rest of us. H.R. 3136 (3/28/96)

F

Standing Up for Families and Seniors

Congressman Heineman voted to slash Medicare and Medicaid — the two programs seniors and disabled workers depend on — causing the average senior's health care costs to increase by \$500 per year and allowing states to require adult children to pay for their parents' nursing home care. H.R. 2425 (10/19/95) and H.R. 2491 (10/26/95)

F

Providing Educational Opportunities

While Congressman Heineman opposed a plan containing more than \$4 billion in cuts in elementary, secondary, and vocational education programs, he supported a proposal to cut student loans by \$10 billion. H.R. 2127 (8/4/95) and H.R. 2491 (10/26/95)

C

Protecting Our Safety On The Job

Congressman Heineman opposed a plan to end inspection of many worksites by slashing funds for enforcement of safety and health on the job. Yet, he supported a proposal to cut the overall budget of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration by an additional \$3.5 million. H.R. 2127 (8/4/95) and H.R. 1158 (3/15/95)

D

Protecting Your Rights as Workers

Congressman Heineman voted for the so-called "TEAM Act," which allows employers to control who represents employees in discussions about wages, hours and other working conditions. H.R. 743 (9/27/95)

F

Putting the Right Balance in the Budget

Fair Spending. Congressman Heineman followed Newt Gingrich's lead and voted for drastic cuts in programs that working families need for health care, decent schools, safe streets and safety on the job, when there was a fairer, compromise alternative plan.

Fair Taxes. Congressman Heineman voted for a tax plan that gives \$245 billion in tax breaks to primarily upper-income people and corporations. It gives \$8,500 to someone earning \$350,000 a year, while the average working family would get a \$31 break and poor families would actually pay more.

President Clinton vetoed the package. H.R. 2491 (10/26/95)

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Call 1-800-96AFLCIO

Tell your member of Congress to start supporting working families!

APRIL 12, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SOSNIK AND KAREN HANCOX

SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT

STATE-BY-STATE REPORT / PRESIDENTIAL

Massachusetts

A Boston Globe poll conducted April 8-9 surveyed 403 likely voters: (margin of error 5%)

	<u>2-Way</u>	<u>Fav/Unfav</u>
Clinton	59%	61%/28%
Dole	28%	35%/50%

Missouri

Missouri Democrats elected 49 of their 93 national convention delegates at congressional district conventions yesterday. All of the delegates support Clinton-Gore -- they declared their support for the ticket at local caucuses held March 7.

Pat Buchanan made his first campaign appearance since the California primary in a St. Louis suburb yesterday. He said he was making the trip to thank his supporters for his unexpected victory in the state GOP county caucuses last month and to encourage them to give him a strong showing at the GOP congressional district conventions this Saturday in order to give him more clout in San Diego. (Most of Missouri's national delegates will be selected at this weekend's C.D. conventions.) Buchanan told the cheering group to "bring the pitchforks, we're going all the way to San Diego."

Buchanan emphasized his desire to work within the GOP but added, "if they're taking a left turn, we're going straight ahead." He also said that "I know the battle for the nomination has been won, but we will stand up and say, "This party must stand up for the right to life or it will not be our party" and that "we don't want this party to be a conscientious objector" in the cultural war for the soul of America.

Nebraska

A Mason-Dixon poll of 822 registered voters conducted April 4-9 is summarized below. The results are similar to an Omaha World-Herald poll we reported yesterday.

GENERAL ELECTION MATCH-UPS				PERSONAL FAVORABILITY	
Dole	49%	Dole	45%	Dole	40% fav/31% unfav
Clinton	38%	Clinton	36%	Clinton	33% fav/44% unfav
		Perot	07%	Perot	14% fav/66% unfav

Ohio

Ross Perot's Reform Party has reportedly acquired the necessary remaining signatures to field a presidential candidate on the November ballot in Ohio. Due to invalidated signatures the Party had been 624 signatures short, but state election officials say the Party has submitted more than 1,000 valid additional signatures.

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Alabama

Attorney General Jeff Sessions (R), a potential candidate for the U.S. Senate, has been attacked by state GOP leaders. The attacks include charges of his being a "lyin' lawyer" to being a professional politician instead of a prosecutor. Some are upset at Sessions for his breaking his commitment to voters by running for another office so soon after being elected AG.

On the first day of Democratic qualifying, the party adopted a "fairness pledge," requiring candidates to provide the party with proof of their claims before they run negative ads.

Florida

The Vice President's visit to Boca Raton attracted sugar farmers and agricultural workers protesting the Administration's proposed one-cent tax on Florida-grown sugar to help finance an Everglades cleanup. Articles are attached from the visit.

Georgia

Former Representative Ben Jones, who previously represented the 4th District, has said he will not run for election in the newly redrawn district in a crowded field of candidates that includes Representative Cynthia McKinney. Jones has said he is supporting attorney Comer Yates in the primary election.

Illinois

Speaker Gingrich raised money for freshman Rep. Michael Flanagan (R) yesterday, netting approximately \$50,000 for Flanagan's campaign. He called Flanagan "the most important member in the House from Chicago" and said the freshman is in a position to get things done for the city, pointing to Flanagan's success, after years of failed efforts, to get \$250 million in funding to protect Chicago's lakefront from erosion. Flanagan returned the compliment, saying "the speaker has always given me and other urban Republicans an open door and a sympathetic ear toward the unique situations encountered in large cities." Gingrich's visit brought out approximately 100 demonstrators from the AFL-CIO, the Chicago Federation of Labor and Illinois Public Action. On this fundraising swing through the midwest, Gingrich also stopped in Rochester, MN and raised about \$50,000 for freshman Rep. Gil Gutknecht (R).

Kentucky

Speaker Newt Gingrich will spend time tonight shaking hands at a \$500-a-couple fundraiser in eastern Jefferson County for Representative Ron Lewis. Lewis has been a strong backer of Gingrich, voting in line with GOP House leaders more than any other member of Kentucky's congressional delegation. After the fundraiser, Gingrich will travel to a poor, mostly Democratic, neighborhood for an appearance to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Portland's Neighborhood House, which is not a likely place to find support for the GOP's Contract with America or the so-called Republican Revolution.

A poll for freshman Representative Mike Ward (D), conducted by Media Strategies & Research April 1-3, surveyed 400 voters showed Ward trouncing state Rep. Anne Northup (R).

Congressman Mike Ward (D)	63%
State Rep. Anne Northup (R)	28%
Undecided	9%

(margin of error +/- 4.9%)

Louisiana

The Vice President's trip to New Orleans has received positive press. His hour and a half visit to the B.W. Cooper housing project allowed him to promote your efforts being made with crime-fighting programs. He said progress has been made with the establishment of COPS and funding for an additional 100,000 police officers nationally, but more must be done. An article from the trip is attached.

New Hampshire

Former WMUR news director Jack Heath (R) announced today that he will seek the 1st Congressional District seat being vacated by Congressman Bill Zeliff (R) who is running for Governor. New Hampshire Board of Education Chair Ovide Lamontagne (R) has also announced that he will run for Governor. Lamontagne challenged Zeliff for the 1st CD in 1992 and took 35% of the vote to Zeliff's 50%.

North Carolina

Senator Jesse Helms is running TV ads characterizing his Democratic opponents Harvey Gantt and Charlie Sanders as "identical liberal twins." Helms is attacking them "for supporting racial preferences and homosexual rights." In the ad an announcer says, "Liberal Charlie Sanders supports racial preferences in hiring, like Harvey Gantt does. Extending health insurance to homosexual partners? Liberals Sanders and Gantt say yes." Sanders' campaign has said Helms' assertions that Sanders is against school prayer allegations are "an out-and-out lie." The Gantt campaign issued a statement that denied Gantt favors any racial preferences and "that he has never addressed the issue of extending health benefits to homosexuals." Gantt further said, "just when you thought it was safe to write about the new Jesse Helms, he's back. Haven't you missed his lies and distortions?"

Tennessee

Dole told a Memphis audience that he hoped Tennessee would return to the Republican fold in the presidential election. He said that people are looking for strong leadership. On his selection of a vice president, he said he was in no rush to make what will be his "most important decision..[which] could determine whether I win or lose this year."

Texas

Dole took his new stump speech on the road to Dallas yesterday hitting on themes of his presidency: lower taxes, less spending, less regulation on businesses and welfare reform. Press reports gave his speech mixed reviews, noting that Dole was choppy, frequently looking down at his notes before his refrain of "we can do better." He told the audience to remember the \$265 billion tax increase even though the President "now acts like a Republican, talks like a Republican." Dole made another plea to Ross Perot not to run for President and instead help defeat you. He has two fundraisers that are expected to net \$1 million.

Virginia

Totals released yesterday by the state Democratic party showed that 4,130 Mark Warner supporters had filed to run for delegate and 1,123 Leslie Byrne backers had signed up. A total of 1,751 delegate votes is needed to win the nomination, which means Byrne would have to count on defections or absences to win because she has not filed enough delegates to claim the nomination.

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Gore's Visit Stirs Protest of Florida's One-Cent Sugar Tax

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) Vice President Al Gore's South Florida swing attracted a throng of sugar farmers and agricultural workers protesting the Clinton administration's proposed one-cent tax on Florida-grown sugar to help finance an Everglades cleanup.

The orderly, but loud protest on a grassy clearing lasted for 2½ hours at the entrance of Boca Grove Plantation, where Gore attended a private fund-raiser .

Although the nearly 1,000 strong crowd dispersed before Gore's motorcade exited Florida's Turnpike at 7 p.m., protesters said they again wanted to remind the public they were already paying \$320 million toward an Everglades cleanup.

"Our purpose is to have our voices heard so people know we're paying our fair share," said Gorge Dominicis, a vice-president at Flo-Sun, one of the region's two top sugar producers.

Shortly after the rally began at 3:30 p.m., a plane appeared overhead, toting a banner with a message from a group that supports the tax, the Save Our Everglades Committee.

"Save the Everglades: Stop Corporate Welfare," it read, referring to federal subsidies sugar farmers have long received.

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HE PASSES THE TEST: Gore greets Customs K-9 officer Bob King while Duke, the drug-hunting dog, sticks close to his boss.

Miami airport drug seizures up, delays down

■ FUTURE OF GLADES TAX, 7B

By **TOM FIEDLER**
Herald Political Editor

After passing a sniff test by Duke the drug-hunting dog, Vice President Al Gore praised federal agents at Miami International Airport on Thursday for dramatically increasing drug seizures while cutting passenger hassles.

The vice president cited reforms at the airport — the nation's second-busiest in passenger traffic and first in illegal drug traffic — as a major success story in the administration's "reinventing government" program.

"Throughout the federal government there are a lot of good people trapped in a bad system," Gore told a gathering of agents, airline executives and county politicians. "And when you free

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Drug busts up, de ays down at Miami airport

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them up from bureaucratic nonsense, they will reward you with high-quality service that works better and costs less."

To most passengers, those reforms are evident only in travelers' ability to pass through U.S. Customs and immigration checks with little delay, he said. But to a few carrying narcotics or trying to sneak into the country, those changes mean a higher risk of being caught.

Gore said he remembered a year ago when delays in clearing Customs were so long that fist-fights among angry passengers erupted. The wait is now about 45 minutes, according to South Florida Customs chief Lynn Gordon, while drug and contraband seizures and arrests are way up.

"Here in Miami, the 'better way' is summed up pretty simply: Let the good guys through faster and stop the bad guys dead in their tracks," Gore said.

The changes were proposed by Miami-based Customs agents less than a year ago and quickly embraced by the White House as one of 200 so-called "research laboratories" where radically different policies could be tested.

With that designation, Miami agents were freed from existing bureaucratic constraints and encouraged to restructure themselves. The goal was to eliminate the hit-and-miss tedium of sorting through most passengers' bags without allowing more smuggling.

Working with airlines, inspectors and new technology, the new system is nearly invisible to most passengers, said agent Thomas Roland. Yet it is highly effective in targeting the one in 100 who might be trying to sneak drugs, cash or goods into the United States.

"Speeding the law-abiding person through makes sense because it leaves us that much more time to look at the violator," Rowland told Gore.

The vice president got a brief look at some recent seizures. The haul included suitcases containing several bricks of cocaine, a sack of heroin, hundreds of Rohypnol tablets.

were much more likely to have slipped through undetected. With the changes, she said heroin seizures from passengers are up 51 percent and cocaine seizures up 31 percent.

One of Customs' drug-sniffing dogs, a black Lab named Duke, also demonstrated its talent to Gore by quickly picking a cocaine-filled suitcase out of a line of bags and immediately sitting on its haunches, signaling the find to its handler.

The demonstration was not far from reality. Only hours before Gore's arrival, other dogs had found two suitcases containing nearly 80 pounds of cocaine worth about \$10 million on the street.

And since Monday, Customs port director Jeff Ahern said dogs have found nearly \$1 million in cash that smugglers were attempting to send out of the United States. The cash was likely intended to pay for the drug makers' overhead, Ahern said, including bribes and pay to smugglers.

The key has been to stop checking all passengers in favor of identifying the few likely to be smugglers. That process began the moment passengers check in at the airport where their flight begins and their names are relayed by computer to U.S. law enforcement agencies.

Within minutes of takeoff, Roland said, any passenger, seeing a warrant or with a criminal record has been identified. When that passenger reaches Miami, he or she is apt to be approached and questioned by a "rover" — a plain-clothes Customs agent trained to observe suspicious behavior — or followed through baggage checks where a dog will sniff them and their bags.

Before the bags appear in the claim area, other dogs also sniff them. Suspected "swallowers" — smugglers who ingest drugs in plastic bags or hide them in body cavities — are taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital to be checked, he said; 80 percent are caught with drugs.

Roland said the system is far more effective than the previous practice of assigning uniformed agents to "sort through every

Gore: GOP softening toward Glades tax

By **CYRIL T. ZANESKI**
Herald Staff Writer

A secret soft spot for the environment among conservative Republicans in Congress might help pass a controversial tax for the Everglades before the fall election, Vice President Al Gore said Thursday.

And House Speaker Newt Gingrich just might turn out to be a friend of the Glades, Gore said during an interview at Miami International Airport.

"Over the years, he has harbored a secret affection for the environment," Gore said of Gingrich.

The Clinton administration is proposing a penny-a-pound tax on Florida sugar that would raise \$245 million for Everglades restoration in the next seven years. Politically powerful sugar companies bitterly oppose the proposal.

National polls showing strong support for envi-

ronmental protection might help convince many conservative members of Congress to favor passing the proposed tax along, Gore said.

"This is by far the most anti-environmental Congress in 220 years of American history," he said. "No other Congress comes remotely close."

But attitudes toward environmental protection are softening as the election nears, Gore said.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the presumed Republican presidential nominee, expressed support for Glades restoration during a helicopter tour of the area last week. He also helped include \$200 million for the massive project in the Farm Bill.

But Dole does not support the sugar tax, and he has favored a controversial proposal that would eliminate Environmental Protection Agency's power to override permits that allow the destruction of wetlands.

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Agriculture official to visit Southern

Capitol news bureau

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman will join U.S. Rep. Cleo Fields in Baton Rouge for a series of activities, including a town meeting at the Southern University School of Nursing auditorium.

During the 5 p.m. Sunday meeting, Glickman will address various agricultural issues, including the Farm Bill and rural community and economic development opportunities through the Department of Agriculture. The meeting is open to the public.

"I cannot ignore the needs of our areas and the various concerns of my constituents that can be addressed through joint efforts with the Department of Agriculture," Fields said.

Also on Sunday, Fields, D-Baton Rouge, and Glickman will visit the Matthew Moore cattle farm in Zachary, the LSU Pennington Biomedical Research Center and the Small Farm Research Center at Southern University.

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THE TIMES-PICAYUNE

For cop, picture is worth 1,000 words

By **LESLIE WILLIAMS**
Staff writer

During his 17 years with the New Orleans Police Department, Lt. Edwin Compass III has met and been photographed with a lot of celebrities, including actor Danny Glover and basketball legend Michael Jordan.

But it's a picture of Al Gore that occupies what Compass' wife, Franchester, calls the "top-middle, prominent position" on the family's game room "wall of fame."

In September 1992, Compass, then a sergeant, met Gore, then a vice presidential candidate, and they were photographed together at Osborne Elementary School in eastern New Orleans. Gore had come to observe and praise the Police Department's Athletic League program, which was providing students with nonviolent conflict resolution classes and anti-drug programs. As the officer in charge of the league, Compass had several opportunities to chat with Gore and the two became mutual admirers.

His parting words to Gore were, "I hope you are vice president and I am a lieutenant the next time we meet."

On Thursday morning, his wish came true.

Gore came to New Orleans to observe and praise another program managed by Compass: the community policing program, which is credited with a dramatic reduction in public housing development crime.

"We both made the grade," Gore said, as he shook hands with a beaming Compass, commander of community policing.

Compass, 37, remained at Gore's side throughout the visit.

"It was one of the best days of my life," he said. "It was a tremendous honor."

And it was just as exciting for the Compass children — Tiffany, 14; Edwin IV, 11; and Candis, 9 — who watched the whole occasion from the wings with their mother.

"He always wanted to come back (to community policing) because he felt this approach could solve the problem," said Franchester Compass, as she angled in on the vice president with her Instamatic. With luck, she got a good shot of her husband with his important friend, a sure bet for a prominent place on the family wall of fame.

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Gore tours N.O. complex, touting Demo crime plan

By JAMES VARNEY
Staff writer

In a combination campaign stop and pat on the back for New Orleans police, Vice President Al Gore toured the B.W. Cooper housing complex Thursday to see firsthand how local community policing has helped reduce violence in the inner city.

Gore received a warm welcome from B.W. Cooper residents and Democratic city and state politicians as he stepped from his

limo into the bright sunshine of a Cooper courtyard.

"This is an ongoing success story," he said, his voice amplified by several microphones strategically dangling from porches.

"Have you noticed a difference in crime?" he asked several residents who had been positioned on their stoops by a White House advance team.

The residents said they had, and vocally affirmed their support for the Community Oriented

Police Squad launched last year by Superintendent Richard Pennington with the enthusiastic backing of the Clinton administration and an infusion of federal cash.

In B.W. Cooper, the COPS team has been instrumental in slicing murders from 13 in 1994 to 2 in 1995, and an overall reduction in crime of 45 percent, according to statistics released by Mayor Marc Morial.

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Vice President Al Gore talks about crime Thursday at Florence Chester Elementary School in New Orleans while students and Lt. Eddie Compass III listen. STAFF PHOTO BY G. ANDREW BOYO

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Vice President Al Gore shook a few more hands before boarding his plane to leave the Belle Chasse Naval Air Station Thursday. The group of 27 Naval Junior ROTC cadets was visiting from West Ouachita High School in Monroe.

STAFF PHOTO BY SUSAN POAG

Gore: Visit to N.O. part of campaign for La. in '96

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"This place used to be like a jailhouse," said Louise Davis, a B.W. Cooper resident for 22 years. "But now we can come out, and children can play outside."

"That's good, that's good," Gore replied. "Y'all are doing something right, then."

Gore and Pennington strolled through the courtyard, shaking hands with residents and Morial, as well as Democratic Congressmen Cleo Fields and William Jefferson.

There was nothing subtle about the politics in play. Democratic strategists have targeted Louisiana as one of the ticket's best hopes in the South this fall, and both President Clinton and Gore are expected to return to the state before the November elections.

Later, as Gore visited Florence Chester Elementary School, scores of laughing, waving students pressed against classroom windows as the knot of politicians, police and press filed into the school's small gym.

"We're beginning to see a dramatic change in the direction of crime statistics," Gore said, crediting the administration's crime

bill of 1993 that was designed to put up to 100,000 more police officers on the street, and Clinton's backing of the assault weapons ban that Congress recently voted to repeal.

"The majority of the work is still ahead, but we ought to take a moment to recognize this approach is beginning to work," Gore said.

The Republican National Committee issued a press release Thursday afternoon ripping the policies Gore touted. The RNC cited General Accounting Office figures that show 60 percent of the communities eligible for new police officers under the Clinton proposal did not apply for them because of unfunded mandates.

Turning to a phalanx of 35 students on the stage behind him, Gore asked if any had ever been jolted out of sleep by gunfire. All but one of the children raised their hands. When the vice president asked how many counted a cop as a friend, nine hands went up.

Before COPS was implemented, Gore's last question would have drawn a blank, several participants said. Not only have the children and other residents of B.W. Cooper made friends with officers, the officers

have become more reliable and respected, speakers said.

"It used to be if I called about an armed robbery on Sunday, the officer would come on Monday," the Rev. Earl Barconey said. "Now, you call them at 12 and they're here at 12:02, they come on foot and by car."

Lt. Eddie Compass III, commander of the COPS unit, said police rely on unorthodox tactics to win the hearts and minds of residents. At the beginning, officers couldn't understand why children were so fond of the drug dealers, but the mystery unraveled when the cops discovered the dealers bought the kids ice cream, Compass said.

Gore laughed, and, on a parting note, vowed to take such stories back to Washington.

"When I get to the White House tomorrow morning, I'm going to tell the president I saw with my own eyes and heard with my own ears a success story here in New Orleans," he said.

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Gore tours N.O. project, school, touts community policing effort

By JOE GYAN JR.
New Orleans bureau

NEW ORLEANS — Nearly every small hand in the room shot up Thursday when Vice President Al Gore asked several dozen young New Orleans grade schoolers if they had ever been awakened at night by the sound of gunfire.

But 10-year-old Jamal Barconey, a fifth-grader at Florence Chester Elementary School on the fringe of the B.W. Cooper housing project, said he and his classmates are sleeping better at night since federally funded community policing came to the project early last year.

"I think the crime rate in our city is beginning to slow down," Barconey said. "That's great because we don't want to wake up at night thinking we're going to get shot."

Gore visited the housing project and the school to tout what he called "a success story" — community policing in four of the Crescent City's 10 housing projects — and to push for future fund-

ing for the Clinton administration's crime bill.

B.W. Cooper was the site of 13 murders in 1994, before the advent of community policing, said Lt. Eddie Compass III, commander of the New Orleans Police Department's community policing squad. In 1995, he said, only two people were murdered in the project.

Overall crime at B.W. Cooper dropped 45 percent last year, Compass said.

In the B.W. Cooper, Desire and Florida housing projects, where community policing began in all three in February 1995, murders plunged a combined 74 percent last year, he said.

Community policing, which involves assigning officers on foot to particular areas, was introduced to the C.J. Peete project three weeks ago.

"Community policing programs in our housing developments have improved the quality of life in these neighborhoods," Mayor Marc Morial said. "We are going to continue to expand com-

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Associated Press photo
Vice President Al Gore greets unidentified residents Thursday at the B.W. Cooper Public Housing Developments in New Orleans.

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munity policing throughout all neighborhoods in New Orleans.

B.W. Cooper volunteer Gloria Harrison told Gore the project can't do without community policing.

"We need them. We just love 'em," she said. "We have taken over the project from the criminals. The criminals are afraid of us now."

Compass said community policing has torn down the "adversarial relationship" between project residents and police.

Officer Chris Abbott said children in the projects "look up to" community policemen because many of the children come from single-parent families. The officers, he said, perform "a lot of fathering."

Gore began his visit by walking through B.W. Cooper and talking to residents on their front porches. The vice president was accompanied by Morial, Police Chief Richard Pennington, and U.S. Reps. William Jefferson, D-New Orleans, and Cleo Fields, D-Baton Rouge.

"This is an unfolding success story," Gore said upon his arrival at the project. "I want to learn more about it."

Residents told the vice president they no longer fear sitting on their porch steps at night, or letting their children play during the day, thanks to the increased police presence.

"That's what I like to hear," he said.

Later, Gore told an audience of first-, second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-graders at Florence Chester that the

crime bill has put 35,000 extra police officers on the streets across the country.

The crime bill's goal is to put a total of 100,000 additional police officers on the streets, he said.

But in written statements Thursday, Republican U.S. Reps. Bob Livingston of Metairie and Billy Tauzin of Chackbay blasted President Clinton's crime-fighting initiative passed in 1994.

"Bill Clinton's crime-fighting program involves midnight basketball and interpretive dance programs," Livingston said. "I believe crime fighting is about building more prisons, making criminals serve their entire sentence and giving communities more tools to protect their citizens."

Tauzin said Americans are "sick and tired of being afraid in their own neighborhoods."

"Midnight basketball and arts and crafts classes aren't going to do the job," he said.

"The only way to keep our streets and families safe is to get tough on crime and keep dangerous criminals behind bars."

Gore said community policing at B.W. Cooper and sites across the nation is making a difference in the war on crime.

"The results speak for themselves. We're beginning to turn the corner," he said. "We still have way too much crime. It is totally unacceptable. We have a long way to go."

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Labor pursues 'lost' votes

AFL-CIO wants House back in Demos' hands

By JOEL CONNELLY
FI NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT

Organized labor has launched an unprecedented nationwide effort aimed at helping Democrats regain control of the House of Representatives, and Washington state is a major target.

The AFL-CIO also wants to help itself by propelling such issues as job security, a higher minimum wage and worker retraining to the top of the nation's political agenda.

The \$35 million AFL-CIO effort involves not only TV spots, but putting trained organizers in each congressional district marked for Stern



A major goal is to reach union households that voted Republican in 1994.

"We should stop presuming things about our members and start talking to them," said Andy Stern, soon to be elected president of the fast-growing Service Employees International Union. He is to succeed John Sweeney, who was recently elected president of the AFL-CIO. Stern was in Seattle yesterday to meet with local union leaders.

The AFL-CIO campaign is directed at 75 U.S. House districts across the country. Three of Washington's Republican freshmen — Jack Metcalf, Randy Tate and Rick White — appear to be on the unions' target list.

"Washington is probably ranked in the top five states as far as congressional races in 1996," said Rick Bender, president of the Washington State Labor Council.

An estimated 40 percent of union members who voted in 1994 backed Republicans. They helped elect Metcalf, Tate, White and 70 other GOP House freshmen, defying organized labor's scattershot efforts to keep them in the Democratic fold.

The AFL-CIO wants these voters back — and it wants to topple the conservative Congress that has moved to change 60 years of social programs backed by organized labor.

What the AFL-CIO is up against could be seen in 1994 as union members at such workplaces as Anacortes refineries and the Georgia-Pacific mill in Bellingham provided tip-offs to the Republican tidal wave that swept across America.

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Labor: Switch to GOP side dismayed union leaders

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Ted Perry, a Bellingham labor activist passing out Democratic leaflets in Bellingham, watched as congressional candidate Metcalf picked up a warm endorsement from a worker.

"The guy had a lunch bucket under his arm," said Perry, "and he marched past us, went up to Jack and said: 'I like your stand on guns and abortion, but I know you'll vote for the striker replacement bill. I'm going to vote for you.'"

Accompanied by leaders of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, Democratic House nominee Harriett Spanel worked refinery gates at Anacortes just before the election. She was peppered with hostile queries about her support for the assault weapons ban.

Union leaders were surprised at such scenes, and dismayed when they studied post-election surveys.

"Our members have become disconnected with the idea that electoral politics has anything to do with getting a job or receiving a decent wage," Stern said.

Since 1994, labor leaders have taken heed. A large banner reading "Take Back the Agenda" was hung above the podium at a breakfast staged Wednesday by Washington

Citizens Action, a group heavily influenced by labor that plans its own voter identification program.

"I think the gun issue was a real problem in '94. We need, and have been trying, to educate our members on those issues that really affect their lives. We need to get back to what's important — job security, health care and a good decent retirement," said Linda Lanham, political director with the Aerospace Machinists Lodge 751, which represents Boeing workers.

Last December, Tate and White figured in a \$1 million AFL-CIO ad campaign, in 55 House districts, that criticized budget cuts in Medicare, education and student loans.

A \$900,000 TV and radio campaign was launched this week in 30 districts across the country. Tate, White and 28 of their colleagues are taken to task for voting against a raise in the minimum wage, which now is \$4.25.

Tate described the December ad campaign as "despicable." White has until recently laughed off the AFL-CIO ads, saying the spots were ineffective in reaching his 1st District constituents.

White now concedes, however, that the unions' campaign may be contributing to high disapproval ratings received by the GOP Congress in national opinion polls.

"There's no way in the world I can raise enough money to counter these things," White said Wednesday. He estimates that unions have already spent \$350,000 advertising in the Seattle market.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich used a Colorado speech this week to criticize unions for supporting Democrats, saying it was unfair to Republican workers who pay union dues.

"It's totally un-American. I can't imagine why this practice is allowed," he said. The GOP leadership is reportedly preparing to target unions' political activity when the House takes up campaign finance reform later this month.

Several GOP union members in Washington have contacted Republican state headquarters to ask how to keep their money from being used in the AFL-CIO campaign. The labor federation is levying a surtax on each of its 78 unions. The tax equals about 15 cents a month for each worker in the affiliate unions.

"I don't like it when they take my money and give it to something I disagree with. . . . Why don't they come and ask me first?" asked Kurt Meek, a route driver with Gal's Bakery.

But AFL-CIO spokesman David Saltz said unions are simply sticking up for their workers' interests on major issues.

"The purpose of our ads is to inform our

members and the public how Congress is performing on the important issue of raising the minimum wage," he said. "Our effort is not about electing or defeating people. We are just doing what our members asked us to, which is provide a strong voice for working families on issues that most affect their lives."

Republicans effectively focused on several so-called "wedge" issues to bring over labor voters in '94. Gun control was a major example. Abortion was another with Catholic and socially conservative union households.

Seeking to counter such efforts in 1996, "We're going to be going door-to-door and talking to our own people, something we have not done," said Ross Reider, organizer with the Snohomish County Labor Council.

Unions did not help their own cause in 1994. The state's labor leaders stumbled in efforts to make an early endorsement and rally union resources around a single opponent to GOP Sen. Slade Gorton.

Late in the campaign, a labor-backed group called Jobs with Justice brought a crowd of chanting demonstrators to the front of Gorton's home. The senator's press aide, anticipating a boorish and self-defeating event, called reporters to urge that they cover the protest.

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Freeze ends; money chase heats up

3 candidates for governor free of law's restriction

By MICHAEL PAULSON
PI CAPITOL BUREAU

OLYMPIA — For the last several days, Dale Foreman, Nita Rinehart and Pam Roach have been doing something that was illegal for four months: raising money.

They couldn't under provisions of a law that insulates legislators and other state officials from campaign contributions for a period of time related to the legislative session.

The freeze, which began Dec. 8 and ended April 7, has paid off for Republican attorney Jim Waldo, who, after a frenzy of fund-raising last month, now has more contributions than anyone else seeking the office of governor. Gov. Mike Lowry, a Democrat, is not seeking re-election.

"The last month has been great," said Waldo, who held 21 fund raisers last month. "A lot of

people didn't want to give during the legislative session because they had issues in Olympia and they were concerned about not offending people.

Former U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, also was able to take advantage of the freeze to become the best-funded Democrat of the moment.

"We won't know if the freeze had any long-term impact until the next fund-raising period, but it was incredibly frustrating to have everybody raising money when I couldn't," Rinehart said yesterday. "People would come up to me and give me checks, and I'd have to give them

right back."

The freeze ended Sunday, and Rinehart immediately began calling potential donors. She raised \$15,000 in a week, she said.

"It's like the dam has broken," Rinehart said.

On Monday Roach sent out a fund-raising appeal to sportsmen and another set of invitations to a fund-raiser scheduled last night.

"It's a tough race, and everybody's scrambling," Roach said.

Fund-raising dominates this phase of the

Gubernatorial fund-raising and spending

CANDIDATE	PARTY	HOMETOWN	RAISED	SPENT
Jim Waldo	Republican	Vashon Island	\$352,564	\$171,587
Dale Foreman	Republican	Wenatchee	\$304,650	\$188,639
Norm Maleng	Republican	Seattle	\$293,057	\$242,227
Ellen Craswell	Republican	Poulsbo	\$226,677	\$221,534
Jay Inslee	Democrat	Bainbridge Island	\$138,209	\$50,590
Pam Roach	Republican	Auburn	\$102,299	\$76,729
Nita Rinehart	Democrat	Seattle	\$91,306	\$63,228
Norm Rice	Democrat	Seattle	\$88,603	\$13,322
Gary Locke	Democrat	Seattle	\$39,740	\$4,918
Bob Tharp*	Republican	Vancouver	\$11,952	\$11,921
Nona Brazier	Republican	Maple Valley	\$10,676	\$794
Bryan Zetien*	Democrat	Seattle	\$0	\$0

NOTE: Figures are through March 31.

SOURCE: Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, gubernatorial campaigns.

*Tharp and Zetien had not filed forms by the April 11 deadline.

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Campaign: Limits on contributions now in effect

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campaign, when few voters are paying attention to a primary that is still five months away. The candidates are spending their time speaking at various events — many counties will be holding party conventions this weekend — and raising money for use later to buy television and radio advertising or direct mail.

Raising money is particularly difficult this year because this is the first year in which a governor's race has been subjected to contribution limits. Candidates can accept no more than \$1,100 from any person or company for the primary election, and another \$1,100 for the general election.

This is also the first year in which the campaign finance reform measure, passed in 1992, has imposed a freeze on fund raising by candidates for governor who are already state officials. The session freeze ended April 7.

Candidates this week were required to file forms with the state Public Disclosure Commission describing their fund-raising activity through March 31.

The reports show that Seattle Mayor Norm

Rice had a particularly strong start to his campaign, raising \$88,603 during the first month. Not surprisingly, many of his contributions came from Seattle residents, there were numerous donors who work for city government, and the Alhadeff family was particularly generous. Rice also reported contributions from author Tom Robbins, actor Tom Skerritt, University of Washington sociologist Pepper Schwartz and KOMO-TV CEO Patrick Scott.

King County Executive Gary Locke, another Democratic candidate for governor, had a slower start to his campaign. But Locke's campaign says he raised \$44,000 in the first 10 days of April — in fact, campaign staff included those figures on their March report to make the numbers look higher.

Among his contributors are Mariners CEO Jim Ellis — who also gave a little money to Rice — and baseball stadium board members William Gerberding and Charles Gibbs. Locke also got money from important figures on the Seattle arts scene, including Seattle Opera General Director Speight Jenkins, Seattle Art Museum board President Faye Sarkowsky and Paramount Theater owner Ida Cole.

Locke is about to embark on his first campaign swing around the state, which should help him.

"I think we're doing great, because that is money that has come in on its own — we haven't been actively fund raising," said Locke's campaign consultant, Dia Hujar.

Inslee, who represented central Washington in Congress and in the state Legislature, is raising much of his money from beyond King County as he tries to win the nomination with support from northwest, southwest, central and Eastern Washington. Among his contributions was one from former U.S. Rep. Maria Cantwell of Mountlake Terrace.

On the Republican side, only Waldo has been able to pass Foreman in fund raising, although King County Prosecuting Attorney Norm Maleng has come close. One question that remains to be answered is whether Foreman will continue to exhibit the same fund-raising prowess he displayed before the legislative session, or whether now that he is a lame duck legislator he will find it more difficult to raise money than it was when he was House Majority Leader.

Wilson Plan Calls for Dismantling Bureaucracy

■ Government:

Three-year proposal would privatize many services and overhaul dozens of state offices. Aides call it a work in progress.

By DAVE LESHER
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO—Taking up the cause of angry taxpayers, Gov. Pete Wilson on Thursday attacked the state government he has headed for five years by vowing to dismantle huge chunks of public bureaucracy in order to rejuvenate a coagulated system and improve performance.

"You work hard for your paycheck," Wilson said in a statement. "When the state taxes it to finance government programs, you deserve the best possible value for your dollar. . . . That is not the government we have today."

Wilson timed his release of a plan to overhaul the state machinery for the week when taxes are on the minds of many Californians racing to beat the upcoming filing deadline. The unveiling was also orchestrated throughout the executive branch as state officials convened a meeting to brief reporters on the governor's three-year plan.

Their summary of a 67-page internal review that was initiated last September cited dozens of ideas for eliminating or consolidating state offices, transferring operations to private control and dropping at least 4,000 of the 38,000 regulations in state rule books.

But even with the announcement, officials still described their review as a work in progress that will take the remaining three years of Wilson's term to complete. With many key details left to be decided, the governor described even his largest proposal—privatizing the state's \$7.3-billion workers' compensation insurance fund—as an idea that is still being explored.

Throughout Sacramento, officials and interest groups were scrambling to learn details of the targets Wilson had identified for change. Many are certain to generate questions. Others have already sparked strong opposition.

Local officials and state engineers said Thursday, for example, that they have questions about the governor's plan to transfer authority for billions of dollars in trans-

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portation planning to local governments.

Other ideas listed by the governor have been considered or proposed before, such as a plan to have private companies build and operate state prisons.

Overall, Wilson officials said they have not estimated how many of the state's 276,000 workers would be affected by their plan or how much money it might save taxpayers.

"We are able to quantify it in some areas, not in others," Wilson told reporters after outlining his plan in a luncheon speech to the Sacramento Rotary Club.

Wilson officials were also unclear about how much of their plan requires legislative change.

They expect to initiate some changes immediately—without legislative approval—such as a contract with private driving schools to administer the state's motor vehicle test for first-time drivers. Other imminent changes involve the hiring of private companies to collect fines for the Department of Consumer Affairs, service loans for the Department of Housing and Community Development and store microfiche files for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Still, Wilson is seeking substantial new legislation to change laws that prohibit many of the changes he has proposed. Most important, Wilson hopes voters will eventually approve a constitutional amendment to roll back Civil Service laws that were adopted to protect state employees from political influence.

In his speech Thursday, the governor acknowledged that "the battle lines are already being drawn" over the legislation he needs.

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Unions have staged informational pickets at state offices throughout California. Thursday, the California State Employees Assn. also said it hopes to join other labor groups to finance a \$1-million public education campaign to combat the governor's message over the next few years.

In the Legislature, the prospects for Wilson's success are unclear. So far, Democrats have responded to the governor's ideas cautiously—unwilling to dismiss the popular notion of shrinking state government but at the same time warning that privatization is not a cure-all.

Thursday, Democratic leaders seasoned their comments with charges that Wilson is on a personal mission to improve his sagging public image.

"There seems to be somewhat of an effort underway to re-create the governor as a more right-wing governor than his record would indicate," said Assembly Democratic Leader Richard Katz (D-Sydney). "It's illegal immigration, affirmative action and the buzz words like 'privatization' that all fit into that."

Katz said he has not seen details of the plan Wilson released Thursday. But he questioned the idea of privatizing the state's workers' compensation insurance fund because it appears to be performing well. And he opposes other suggestions, like the idea of privatizing driver testing.

Senate Democratic Leader Bill Lockyer (D-Hayward) also refrained from a final judgment until he sees details of the governor's plan. "But based on my initial impressions and past experience, my reaction is one of skepticism," he said in a statement.

"The question I want answered is, specifically, where are the savings in privatizing?" Lockyer said. "The private sector, unlike the government, requires a built-in profit margin. I don't see how you do that and still save money unless you cut people's wages or eliminate their health care, which are things I won't support."

The chances for Wilson's success may depend largely on the results of the November election, in which the governor's Republican Party is seeking to retain its narrow control of the state Assembly and to take over the Senate from Democrats. Most political observers believe the Assembly is up for grabs in the election and Democrats are favored to keep control of the Senate.

In upcoming months, Wilson will be campaigning for his plan at public events throughout the state.

The governor also plans to make his case that government should be limited to four primary functions: safety, education, welfare and public infrastructure, such as roads and the environment.

The task force report that Wilson released Thursday said it expects that many government functions can be performed 20% to 40% cheaper by private companies. It also downplayed the impact on state jobs, contending that studies of other government cutbacks indicate a minimal loss of jobs.

Governor's Efficiency Plan

Gov. Pete Wilson's proposal to improve state government's efficiency involves a combination of privatizing, consolidating and abolishing various departments and programs. Here are some details:

- Privatize the \$7.3-billion workers' compensation insurance fund.
- Transfer to private or nonprofit management one of the state's four taxpayer-financed law schools.
- Sell state-owned Santa Monica beachfront lots.
- Contract out the administration of tests for various state licenses, such as real estate licenses and Department of Motor Vehicles driving tests for first-time license applicants.
- Privatize collection of fines owed to the state's 33 licensing boards and commissions.
- Privatize all or part of the state's telephone system.
- Privatize various data processing and microfilm functions of the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Contract out maintenance and repair of state vehicles and privatize state travel management.
- Privatize roadside maintenance now done by Caltrans.
- Consolidate the state's 400 Caltrans maintenance yards.
- Transfer management of up to 54 state-sponsored agricultural fairs, ending hundreds of gubernatorial appointments.
- Eliminate 4,000 state regulations and significantly modify 1,700 others that affect business, such as requirements that upholstered furniture and bedding be sanitized before being sold to consumers.
- Eliminate the Department of Boating and Waterways and transfer some of its functions to other departments.
- Eliminate the Office of the Public Advisor at the California Energy Commission.
- Consolidate the Department of Banking and the Department of Savings and Loan.
- Consolidate the State Board of Equalization, the Franchise Tax Board and tax functions of the Employment Development Department into a new Department of Revenue.
- Consolidate occupational licensing functions.
- Consolidate various personnel functions at the State Personnel Board and the Department of Personnel Administration.
- Combine the Integrated Waste Management Board and Department of Toxic Substances Control into a new Department of Waste Control.
- Eliminate licensing of yacht brokers, regulation of trading stamp companies and rating of thermal windows.
- Consolidate the state's 43 separate financing authorities.
- Sell 135 surplus acres at Agnews State Developmental Center in San Jose.
- Sell a Sacramento site containing 187 condominiums.
- Transfer billions of dollars in transportation planning and project construction to local government.
- Streamline the state's procurement process.

Source: Governor's office

Clinton campaign focusing on women

By Alison Mitchell
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ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's decision to dramatize his veto of a bill banning a type of late-term abortion with tearful testimony from women who had undergone the procedure represented a calculation by the White House that it needed to put a human face on a potentially damaging issue.

But the careful choreography of the veto Wednesday showed something more: the attention the Clinton administration is paying to women, who it believes could very well decide the outcome of the presidential election.

Democrats say women may be the "angry white men" of this election cycle. Recent polls show President Clinton is leading the presumed Republican nominee, Senate majority leader Bob Dole of Kansas, precisely because of strong support among women.

The most recent New York Times/CBS News Poll, for example, showed that while men split 45 percent to 45 percent between Clinton and Dole, women favor Clinton 52 percent to 34 percent.

"This is a very wide gender gap, and if it is this wide by November there isn't a way in the world that Bob Dole can win," said Curtis Gans, the director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, a nonpartisan group that studies voting patterns.

In June, the Clinton administration set up an Office of Women's Initiatives and Outreach to help keep the White House focused on how issues affect women, to send presidential appointees across the country to address groups of women and to tell women about how their government can serve them.

The office is headed by Betsy Myers, whose sister Dee Dee Myers

is Clinton's former press secretary.

A similar, more overtly political effort is under way at the Clinton-Gore campaign headquarters, where Stephenie Foster is director of women's outreach. Officials there meet every month with a women's kitchen cabinet of advisers and hold weekly strategy sessions with women in the administration.

The Democrats also are planning a major push in 10 states to encourage women who are occasional voters to go to the polls this year. The effort is in partnership with Emily's List, a fund-raising organization that backs Democratic female candidates who favor abortion rights.

In the process, the White House has tried to frame campaign issues in ways that will appeal to women. For example, much of the White House's emphasis on children's issues — television violence, teenage smoking, school uniforms — is designed to appeal to mothers.

Abortion can be a particularly

tricky issue, however, even as it energizes the single-issue voter on both sides of the debate and produces get-out-the-vote troops.

A New York Times/CBS News Poll taken this month found that 37 percent of those surveyed said abortion should be available for those who want it; 41 percent said abortion should be available but under stricter limits, and 21 percent thought abortion should not be permitted.

The abortion procedure that Congress voted to outlaw is performed only at 20 weeks of gestation. Its opponents describe the procedure as a gruesome "partial-birth" abortion in which the fetus is partly extracted feet first and its brain is drained through a suction tube to allow the head to pass through the birth canal.

Opponents of the ban argue that the procedure is safer for women than other methods of performing abortions relatively late in pregnancy.

Abortion ban veto may hold risk at polls for Clinton

By Michael Kranish
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON - The harsh criticism from Roman Catholic Church leaders this week of President Clinton's veto of a bill banning a type of late-term abortion highlights the problem the president may have holding onto Catholic voters, who helped elect him in 1992.

While Clinton and the leadership of the Catholic Church have long been at odds over abortion, Catholic leaders said yesterday that Clinton's support for certain abortions in the last trimester of pregnancy cast the debate in a new light. As a result, Catholic leaders said they hoped it may awaken voters who may have thought early abortions were the issue.

"This is going to stun people into a new awareness," said Helen Alvare, a spokeswoman on abortion matters for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Many people have heard President Clinton's veto of a bill banning a type of late-term abortion highlights the problem the president may have holding onto Catholic voters, who helped elect him in 1992."

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had supported the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994, he added: "I think Catholics have been drifting to the Republican Party not because of social issues but because of long-term economic issues."

Indeed, many Catholics support abortion rights, and some prominent Catholic politicians have prospered even though they are at odds with church leaders over the issue. For example, Democrats Sen. Edward

M. Kennedy and Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy 2d of Brighton support abortion rights and get elected in Massachusetts, a state where Cardinal Law regularly denounces abortion and 49 percent of the population is Catholic.

But Clinton's veto raised the issue in a different way, Catholic leaders said. They noted that Rep. Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island, who also favors abortion rights, joined 71

other House Democrats in voting for the ban on late-term abortions. Rep. Kennedy felt late-term abortions were too "extreme," spokesman Larry Berman said.

Still, it is an open question how important abortion will be in the 1996 election, even among Catholics. Many of the same Catholic leaders who condemned Clinton's veto have castigated Republican efforts to cut welfare benefits and curtail immi-

gration, among other proposals. A White House spokesman, Michael McCurry, was asked yesterday whether Clinton was concerned that the strong criticism by Catholic leaders would imperil his reelection chances. He replied: "I don't know that any of us here at the White House believe that any particular religious group in America votes monolithically. ... there's ample evidence, in fact, to suggest they don't."

Clinton defended his veto by saying the procedure, called by opponents a "partial-birth abortion," was a "rarely used procedure" that was not justified when the life or health of the mother was at stake.

Clinton aides are convinced that voters have already made up their minds when it comes to Clinton and the abortion issue and that the veto won't make much difference. Some aides feel Clinton's stand helps him with women because it highlights his unwavering commitment to abortion rights.

Publicly, however, White House officials said Clinton's only concern was the mother's health, and they insisted the matter was not political.

But Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston, who chairs the Catholic bishops' pro-life committee, was one of many Catholic leaders who used especially tough language in condemning Clinton's action. "I denounce it. ... it is an unconditional support for abortion."

Catholics, who make up 23 percent of the US population, provided a crucial margin of victory for Clinton in 1992. Republicans won the Catholic vote in the 1980 and 1984 election and narrowly lost it in 1988. In 1992, Clinton got 42 percent of the Catholic vote, compared with 37 percent for George Bush and 22 percent for Ross Perot, according to exit polls.

The Catholic vote is considered a swing factor in the 1996 election, particularly in key Midwestern states. A modest loss of Catholic

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Buchanan Vows Here To Fight For GOP Soul

At Rally, He Thanks Missouri For Caucus Win

By Jo Mannies

Post-Dispatch Political Correspondent

Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan says he's conceding the nomination to Bob Dole, but not the broader fight for "the heart and soul of the Republican Party."

"Bring your pitchforks, we're going all the way to San Diego," Buchanan declared Thursday night to a cheering crowd that packed the 800-seat auditorium at Kirkwood High School.

At the GOP's national convention in August, he promised, he will press his case for strong party positions against abortion, the Department of Education, various international trade agreements and lifetime appointments of judges.

Buchanan said he makes no apology

for his declaration four years ago that "There is a cultural war going on for the soul of America." That's still true, he said. "We don't want this party to be a conscientious objector."

For example, he said, "We let the judges dispel God, the Bible... from our public schools." The result has been a deterioration in achievement and behavior, he said.

Buchanan emphasized his desire to work within the Republican Party but added, "If they're taking a left turn, we're going straight ahead."

The rally marked Buchanan's first major appearance in two weeks, and appeared to be the kickoff of his shift in campaign focus to party policy from pur-

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Buchanan

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suit of the presidency.

Buchanan said he came here to show his gratitude as his unexpected victory at the Missouri GOP caucuses last month. He called on his supporters to give him a strong showing at the state party's congressional conventions Saturday and thus help him have clout at the national convention. Most of Missouri's Republican national convention delegates will be chosen Saturday.

"We've got to stand for something, we've got to fight for something, we've got to believe in something," Buchanan said, igniting one of many standing ovations.

Buchanan's message was just what Michael Shannon of Fenton had hoped for. "We're fed up, we've had it," said Shannon, 52, a retired St. Louis firefighter. "We gave birth to the government, the government did

not give birth to us. And the government is now a naughty child."

Some in the crowd shouted "amen" when Buchanan blasted Washington leaders for allowing the working people to be "sold out by NAFTA and GATT." He said such trade agreements had contributed to the decline in wages and the decline in the standard of living for the nation's middle-class.

The hourlong rally included patriotic and religious songs and speeches. Some of the speakers were teenagers. Tres LoPiccolo, 15, of west St. Louis County, read letters from fellow teens praising Buchanan for his religious and anti-abortion views.

Phyllis Schlafly of Alton, prominent conservative and head of the Eagle Forum, compared Buchanan to William Wallace, the Scotsman whose fight for his country's freedom was recounted in the Oscar-winning movie "Braveheart."

Like Wallace, Buchanan "exposed the cowardice of all the other people who should have been fighting the battles," Schlafly said.

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Missouri Democrats Pick Delegates

State Party Members Get Formal Chance To Back Clinton's Re-Election

By Fred W. Lindecke
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Missouri Democrats Thursday night selected 53 percent of the delegates they will send to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago to nominate President Bill Clinton for re-election.

Party members who had been selected at local caucuses March 7 gathered at nine congressional district meetings throughout Missouri and elected 49 of the 93 delegates who will be in the Missouri delegation at the convention Aug. 26.

The remainder of the Missouri delegation will be picked at the Democratic State Convention May 4 in Columbia.

The congressional district meet-

ings were mostly quiet, orderly affairs since there were only a few uncommitted delegates and supporters of Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. to oppose Clinton. The voting primarily rewarded loyal Democratic workers with the honor of attending the Democratic National Convention.

This was in contrast to what is expected Saturday when similar Republican congressional district meetings will be held.

Backers of TV commentator Pat Buchanan won the local GOP caucuses on March 9, beating supporters of Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, 413-325. They are planning to make a contest out of their congressional district meetings even though Dole already has won the Republican presidential nomination.

Third District Democrats zipped through election of six delegates and one alternate at the campaign headquarters of House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt at 7435 Watson Road.

LaRouche was nominated, but since there was only one LaRouche delegate and one LaRouche alternate, he did not qualify to elect a convention delegate.

In a pep talk to the meeting, Gephardt said "the worst day of my life was when I had to hand Newt the gavel" after the 1994 Republican victory and Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., became House speaker.

"I've been waiting every day for January, 1997, when he has to hand it back to me," Gephardt said.

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Truth in advertising? Tough call in presidential ads

■ **GOP television announcements hit President Clinton's budget veto, but Democrats are crying foul.**

By David Rowland
Dispatch Staff Writer

Almost seven months until the general election and early political ads already have credibility gaps.

Just who is twisting or telling the truth, of course, depends on who is asked.

The latest massive coros just in time for the income tax filing deadline Monday.

Republicans have launched television ads in Ohio and 21 other states attacking

President Clinton for vetoing a budget bill last year that included a \$500-per-child tax credit.

The GOP ad follows a negative Democratic ad against presumptive Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole, plus ads by the AFL-CIO in selected congressional districts targeting GOP representatives.

Robert T. Bennett, chairman of the Ohio Republican Party, called the Democratic spots "false advertising at its worst."

David Leland, chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party, said the new Republican ads are part of the GOP's "disinformation campaign."

Ohio Republicans have spent \$230,000 to air the new ads in the districts of four congressmen targeted by Democrats: Frank A. Creamer of Portsmouth, Bob Ney of Belleire, Martin R. Holtz of Cleveland and Steven C. LaTourette of Painesville.

The ads, which won't be seen on Columbus TV, depict a young husband and wife at the kitchen table talking about how much they owe the government in taxes.

"What about the \$1,000 tax credit for the two kids?" the husband asks.

"Clinton vetoed that," the wife replies.

She later laments, "You know, if we could just keep more, we could do more for our kids, our church, our community."

The 30-second spot concludes with the words: "Clinton vetoed family tax cuts."

In fact, under the vetoed GOP package, this fictionalized couple would have been eligible only for a \$125 per-child credit on their 1996 federal tax return. The full \$500 credit wouldn't have kicked in until 1998 taxes are figured next year.

Leland said the fictional couple should realize that middle class tax cuts would be law today if Republicans would approve the

budget Clinton introduced at the beginning of the year.

The Democratic chief said Clinton clearly did not veto the GOP budget in December because it contained the tax credits, but because Republicans wanted to give tax breaks to the rich at the expense of the elderly, the young, education and the environment.

"I think it's desperation politics on the part of the Republican Party," Leland said. "They'll say or do anything to make up for the overwhelming lead Bill Clinton has in Ohio."

Bennett said the GOP ads, which will run through the tax-filing deadline, were developed to counter the Democratic paid media efforts.

"We think it's timely to remind the public that there are some taxes that they're paying this year that they would not have to

pay if the budget that was passed by Congress and vetoed by Clinton had, in fact, been signed by Clinton."

Bennett predicted Dole and Clinton will be in Ohio so much during the campaign that residents will think they are running for governor.

Bennett said he has written a letter to Dole recommending he pick Ohio Gov. George V. Voinovich as his running mate since retired Gen. Colin Powell seems determined to sit this one out.

"George Voinovich brings some unique qualities to the ticket that I don't think the other governors do," Bennett said.

While Rep. John R. Kasich, R-Westerville, "is certainly qualified and should be on the list," Bennett said he doesn't think Dole will pick a fellow member of Congress to be his vice presidential nominee.

GOP marks tax time with attack on Clinton

• AFL-CIO counters with ads about minimum wage

BY WILLIAM HERSHEY *AP*
London Journal Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON: It's only April, but the Democrats, Republicans and some of their pals already are faxing, fuming and taking to the air waves with sharp attacks aimed at influencing the November elections.

Ohio is at the heart of it all, so to speak.

It's one of 22 states where Republican television ads attack President Clinton as more or less the taxer-in-chief, just in time for Monday's federal income tax filing deadline.

The Ohio Republican Party is sponsoring ads that applaud U.S. Reps. Martin Hoke, R-Lakewood, Steve LaTourette, R-Madison, Frank Cremeans, R-Gallipolis and Bob Ney, R-St. Clairsville for supporting the Republican version of a tax cut that Clinton vetoed.

Ohio Democratic Chairman David Leland faxed out a blast, contending that Republicans refused to go along with the president's kind of tax cut and also wanted to

cut Medicare, Medicaid and probably hot water for showers, although Leland didn't mention the latter.

The Democrats' friends in the AFL-CIO, meanwhile, have launched broadcast ads of their own in 31 congressional districts, including several in Ohio. The ads blast Republicans who voted against raising the minimum wage. In Ohio, Hoke, LaTourette and Steve Chabot, R-Cincinnati, are singled out, an AFL-CIO spokesman said.

Ohio is not hog heaven, at least according to the watchdog group Citizens Against Government Waste. The Washington-based group this week released a list of each state's pork-barrel spending per resident. Ohio ranked 47th, at \$2.22 a resident, more than a few dollars short of the \$56.44 per resident of highest-on-the-federal-hog Hawaii.

A spokesman for the group defined pork-barrel spending as federal money that is appropriated outside normal budgetary procedures. This usually means money that is silently slipped into spending bills with no warning and that often isn't subject to committee hearings.

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Clinton unveils proposal to simplify pension plans

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WASHINGTON — Responding to economic anxiety in this election year, President Clinton unveiled a set of proposals Thursday to make private pensions for workers more available and secure.

One of his proposals would encourage small businesses to offer employees a new, simplified 401(k) pension plan. Another would make it easier for employees to transfer their pension savings from job to job; this will not require congressional approval and will be done by executive authority.

A third would expand incentives for workers to open Individual Retirement Accounts. Still others would stiffen regulatory safeguards against misuse of pension funds.

The political tailoring of Clinton's package was obvious from the way he presented it in the White House Rose Garden on a brilliant spring morning. First he defended his economic record, then acknowledged that despite his achievements, many people still feel "uncertain about their future."

"That is what we're here to do today, to try to respond to that challenge. . . . With the Retirement

Highlights of Clinton's plan:

► Allowing workers to make \$5,000 tax-free contribution to a retirement plan annually. An employer can either contribute 3 percent of the salary or 1 percent plus a match of up to 5 percent of the salary.

► Increasing IRA tax deductible income limits from \$35,000 to \$70,000 for individuals and from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for couples.

► Making IRAs and 401(k)

plans fully portable, so workers can roll over retirement plans with their former employer into plans offered by their new company.

► Cutting in half the vesting period, typically 10 years.

► Working to eliminate corporate raiding of pension plans, and making retirement earnings more secure.

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Savings and Security Act," Mr. Clinton said, "we can help to make retirement something Americans can look forward to, not dread."

But the outlook for Mr. Clinton's proposals is clouded by politics.

The Republican Congress has ignored his ideas for expanding IRAs since Mr. Clinton first sounded them in late 1994.

Similarly, the GOP Congress passed its own pension-simplification proposals last fall along with its balanced-budget plan, and Mr. Clinton vetoed it.

"The fact is that these 'new' reforms are nothing more than repackaged Republican ideas," said Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee.

"If the president is really serious about pension relief, he would have signed the Balanced Budget Act of 1995," Mr. Dole said.

Despite such partisan friction, the president asked Congress to "join with us" in passing his proposals before November's elections. "I do not believe there is a partisan issue here. This is something we can and should do for America, and we ought to do it now."

Reform Party gets needed signatures

■ Petitions were circulated so the Perot party can field candidates for president and vice president.

By Darrel Rowland
Dispatch Statehouse Reporter

It appears Ross Perot's new political party finally has enough signatures to put a presidential candidate on the Ohio ballot in November.

However, former Perot supporters want a statewide probe of alleged irregularities in the Perot organization's petition drive before Secretary of State Bob Taft officially certifies the Reform Party in Ohio.

In recent weeks, the Reform Party circulated petition forms to obtain the 624 additional valid signatures needed to meet the state minimum of 88,463. In Franklin and Cuyahoga counties alone, more than 1,000 valid signatures were found, elections officials said yesterday.

"We always knew we would make it," said Sandra Reckseit of Worthington, the party's field coordinator for Ohio and Indiana. "It's because of all the hard work from the people all over the state."

The party's nominee is expected to be tabbed at a late-summer electronic convention.

Earlier this year, an independent examination of Reform Party petition forms by ex-Perot backers led to the invalidation of more than 700 signatures, and criminal investigations in Franklin and Montgomery counties.

Investigators found some signatures were faked and others were not witnessed by the person who signed as the petition circulator, as required by Ohio law.

But the former Perot enthusiasts were rebuffed last month when they asked Taft's office to conduct an expanded probe because they failed to cite specific instances of alleged wrongdoing.

On Wednesday, the group again

asked for further investigation, citing two signatures — one from Cuyahoga County, one from Mahoning County.

Taft has agreed to examine those two signatures.

In a letter to Taft, Anne Saucier of Upper Arlington and Deborah Taylor of Youngstown, wrote, "While criminal prosecutions are pending, it would seem premature for our public authorities to certify any petitions, particularly those circulated by the people presently subject to criminal prosecution."

Saucier is secretary and Taylor chairwoman of the Perot organization United We Stand America-Ohio. Perot supporters contend the two women have been deposed from those posts.

The letter notes that two circulators whose petition forms are under investigation in Franklin and Montgomery counties also circulated forms in other counties.

Saucier and Taylor said the two circulators helped set up the statewide petition effort and "very likely helped establish the pattern of signing for other circulators."

Reckseit said the former Perot backers "should find something better to do" than trying to poke holes in the petition drive.

Several signers who have been contacted by the dissident group say they feel they have been harassed, she said.

"We did our best to make sure everything was squeaky clean," Reckseit said.

The Reform Party filed a petition with more than 50,000 names in November, but so many signatures were invalidated that it fell 2,438 short of the 88,463 minimum, which would have enabled the party to field candidates in the March primary.

However, party workers found hundreds of signatures had been improperly invalidated by county elections boards, which brought the party within 624 of the minimum.

The party had until Aug. 22 to get the signatures, which would qualify the reformers for a presidential and vice presidential candidate on the general election ballot.

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Gunderson urged to run for Congress

**Business, agricultural
leaders say the 16-year
congressman is needed**

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Washington — Saying that Rep. Steve Gunderson is indispensable to Wisconsin's agricultural interests, a group of state farm and agribusiness leaders on Tuesday urged the 16-year congressman to run for re-election.

"Given the success of the 1996 farm bill and the opportunity for Steve to become chairman of the Agriculture Committee, it would be a real loss for Wisconsin if Steve does not reconsider running," said Everett Herness, a retired member of the board of directors of Land O'Lakes Inc. "The circumstances have changed dramatically and Wisconsin cannot afford to take a pass on this unprecedented opportunity."

Gunderson (R-Wis.) announced at the beginning of his 1994 campaign that, if re-elected, he would step down at the end of 1996. Republicans subsequently took control of Congress, and Gunderson is now



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third in seniority on the House Agriculture Committee.

Gunderson hinted last month that he might run again if there is a groundswell of support and if the current leading Republican candidate, Jim Harsdorf, gets out of the race. Gunderson's office did not return telephone calls Tuesday.

The farm leaders held news conferences in La Crosse and Eau Claire to urge Gunderson to reverse his retirement plans. Those backing Gunderson are "a good representative group of ag leaders throughout the district and throughout the state," said Tim Koxlien, a telecommunications executive and former Gunderson aide who is coordinating the draft movement.

Koxlien said the group of 40 to 50 individuals includes Rod Nilsestuen, president and chief executive officer of the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives; Dan Poulson, president of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation; Don Haldeman, former president of the farm bureau and now president of Rural Insurance of Wisconsin; Tom Lyon, chief executive officer of Cooperative Resources International; and Jim Eichstadt, general manager of Farmers Union Milk Marketing Cooperative.

Koxlien said Gunderson had "no involvement whatsoever" in the draft movement.

Harsdorf, a former state legislator, reiterated Tuesday that he has no intention of backing out of the race.