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CLINTON: Resumes journey to the center by calling on the GOP to meet him at the political middle on budget issues. GOP says, great, show us your plan. (#1)	SENATORIAL DISCOURTESY At this point, Bob Dole leads the pack for the GOP nomination. Phil Gramm has the money to make a fight
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FREE WILLIE | pres. It's not much better |
 As he runs to become S.F.'s | for sitting governors: |
 next mayor, CA Speaker Emeritus | Before Clinton, the last |
 Brown (D) find himself in some | one to win was FDR. |
 controversy over "questionable | FRUITLESS: Since JFK won |
 tax deductions." (#16) | in '60, 26 senators have |
 | tried and failed for the |
 PHONE SEX IS SAFE SEX | brass ring; only 2 reached |
 In the Mel Reynolds trial, | the finals -- Goldwater & |
 defense atty claims the IL Rep. | McGovern -- and both were |
 only engaged in phone sex w/a | wiped out in landslides. |
 minor, not real sex. (#13) |

===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"Moi?"

-- WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry,
 asked if he was involved in WH damage control, W. TIMES, 7/25

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According to the USA TODAY/CNN poll, the older you are the more you think Bob Dole is "too old" to run for president. 42% of those 65 and older said Dole is "too old," compared to 40% of those 50-64, 32% of those 30-49, and 29% of those 18-29.

===== WHITE HOUSE '96 =====

*1 CLINTON: CALLS GOP BUDGET A FISCAL "TRAIN WRECK"

"Opening a two-week effort to raise pressures on congressional adversaries who largely have been ignoring him," Pres. Clinton "hinted broadly" that Republicans risk a veto and a gov't-stopping fiscal "train wreck" this fall unless they start working with him on a compromise spending plan. Clinton "prodded" the GOP leadership to join him in what he described as the "political middle" on education, job training, Medicare and welfare (Richter, L.A. TIMES, 7/25). Clinton: "I invite senators and members of Congress from both parties to join with me in balancing the budget while protecting our common ground. ... If they refuse, I must continue to act alone if necessary to protect the common ground." WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry said Clinton, "adopting the language" of George Bush, thinks he "has a kinder, gentler way to balance the budget and the Republicans won't even give a listen" (W. POST, 7/25). N.Y. TIMES' Mitchell: "Clinton extended to the budget debate his recent theme of finding common ground that was laid out in a series of speeches on civic responsibility, religion in schools and in support of affirmative action programs." Clinton made his comments at the WH before a gathering of representatives from Boys Nation. Years ago Clinton himself visited the WH as a Boys Nation rep., where he shook hands with JFK. WH officials said the speech "would be followed with three or four budget-related events a week" over the next two to three weeks (7/25). CBS' Rather: "Clinton opened a new counter-offensive today against the Republican agenda for the federal budget" (7/24). CNN's Dobbs: "Clinton ... trying to elbow his way back into the budget debate, again threatening to use his veto, but today making perhaps his broadest veto threat yet." CNN's Blitzer: "Clinton's aides say he wants to send a powerful signal to the Republicans: 'You want a budget, you better start negotiating with the White House now. Don't wait 'til the end of the fiscal year in September when it's too late.'

... He's going to be talking in the coming days and week about one subject ... 'Budget, budget, budget'" ("Moneyline," 7/24).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MEDICARE! Today marks the 30th anniversary of Medicare and during an address marking the event, Clinton "plans to speak out" against the GOP's proposed reforms (7/25). Speaker Newt Gingrich, on how the WH will celebrate Medicare's anniversary: "They plan a week of cheap shots and nostalgia, where they will not talk honestly. ... They'll just stand around and celebrate and then attack us" ("Moneyline," 7/24).

A TRAIN WRECK ONLY GOMEZ ADDAMS WOULD LOVE: House Budget Chair John Kasich (R-OH): "If the President wants to disagree with our blueprint only on the margin, then we won't have a problem. ... If the President wants to dismantle and destroy our program, and risk the future for the next generation ... I will be in favor of closing this government down and taking the debate to the American people" ("Moneyline," CNN, 7/24). Rep. Bob Franks (R-NJ): "I'm glad to see the President recognizes how important it is that we balance the federal budget. It's too bad he has no plan to get us there" (L.A. TIMES, 7/25). Rep. Bob Walker (R-PA): "The President can play 'I-am-relevant politics' all he wants. But until he backs up his words with some real proposals, not many are going to take him seriously" (N.Y. TIMES, 7/25). RNC Chair Haley Barbour: "Instead of all this rhetoric and all these veto threats, Bill Clinton ought to sit down and propose a budget that really does eliminate the deficit. ... Republicans cannot compromise with a phantom plan" (AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 7/25).

*2 ALEXANDER: AIN'T NO PLACE HE'D RATHER BE

Saying he will "take nothing for granted" in his home state while campaigning in IA and NH, Lamar Alexander plans to "upgrade" his efforts in TN by putting county-by-county support teams in place. Alexander announced that Gov. Don Sundquist (R) will head the effort and work with TN's GOP congressmen to secure support. Sundquist: "No one will work harder than I will [to secure an Alexander nomination]." TN Dem Chair Will Cheek, on the announcement: "I guess Gov. Sundquist thinks the governor's job is just not important enough to hold his full attention. He must have a lot of spare time on his hands" (Goad, Nashville TENNESSEAN, 7/25). Other TN co-chairs are the entire GOP delegation in DC -- Sens. Fred Thompson and Bill Frist, Reps. Jimmy Quillen (R-01), John Duncan (R-02), Zach Wamp (R-03), Van Hilleary (R-04) and Ed Bryant (R-07) -- state Senate GOP Leader Ben Atchley and state House GOP Leader H.E. Bittle. Sundquist also announced his support to change TN's delegate selection rules to winner-take-all. Alexander: "It strikes me that if it's good enough for Texas, it's good enough for Tennessee. I would hate to compete under rules that were more onerous than, say, Senator Gramm would in Texas" (Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 7/25).

'94 REALLY MESSED WITH HIS MESSAGE: NATIONAL JOURNAL's Barnes profiles Alexander: The "long-shot" Alexander is "running as a Washington 'outsider' and who wants to turn federal programs over to state and local authorities, or ideally, to community associations and families. ... Alexander could have a strong appeal to a restless electorate that remains skeptical of Washington." However, there's a "potential problem": "[Prior] to

his formal declaration of candidacy, Alexander ... had been honing his anti-Washington stance. ... While he was on the summer speech circuit, he promoted the idea of a part-time Congress as a way to rein in Washington, which he summed up with the slogan, Cut their pay and send them home! ... But then the GOP won control of Congress and Alexander's anti-Washington tune fell flat, in the view of many Republican pols." GOP pollster Ed Goeas: "His message died on election day. ... We're at phase 2, which is, we now have control of the central parts of government, and what are we doing to bring about more effective government? It's like Lamar's one step behind the parade." Rep. Mike Castle (R-DE), who is an "admirer of Lamar," but thinks that his candidacy "has been stalled" by the GOP's recent electoral fortunes: "This business of running against Washington and particularly Congress when Congress has become Republican has not been helpful for him. There is this view that Congress is doing something, so you can't just say we should go home, because it is working." Still, Alexander "remains skeptical about how much change the new order in Washington will bring us unless a Republican is in the White House." He predicts "a Republican-led Congress 'is going to get bogged down' or, worse, coopted." Alexander: "I think our greatest danger now that we have captured Washington is that it will capture us" (7/22 issue).

*3 SPECTER: HITS RIVALS FOR COURTING THE RIGHT WING

Arlen Specter, in a meeting with editors of the ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, "criticized" his GOP opponents "for pandering to the party's right wing." Specter was in Atlanta to speak to the Nat'l Assn of County Officials (NACO) convention. Acknowledging that Bob Dole is the front-runner, Specter said the race is "wide open" because the other candidates are speaking only to the party's right wing, adding that Dole "is playing too much to Ralph Reed." Specter was "particularly critical" of Pete Wilson, saying Wilson is using the affirmative action issue "as a political bludgeon." He called the chances "excellent" that Newt Gingrich would join the field, should Dole "stumble before December 15." Dick Lugar also spoke to the NACO convention's 5,000 delegates while Wilson and Alexander addressed the group via satellite (Lacetti/Sherman, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 7/25).

FOR YOUR RECORDS: Specter's FEC filing for the 2nd quarter of '95 contained an error on its summary page (see HOTLINE 7/18). The campaign mistakenly put \$698,611, the total it raised for the quarter, in the space marked "year-to-date." The campaign has raised \$1,750,918 this year; its 7th place position does not change.

*4 GRAMM: MEET WENDY LEE GRAMM, A CAMPAIGN ASSET

INSIGHT's Crabtree profiles Wendy Lee Gramm, a "portrait of calm amid the frenzy at the Phil Gramm for President campaign headquarters." When asked "tough questions" about racism and sexism, Gramm emphasizes that, as a Korean-American woman, she has never experienced "significant discrimination." At 50, Wendy Gramm is "vibrant and healthy with a ready smile and rapid banter." Holding a Ph.D in economics from Northwestern and

sitting on the boards of various financial institutions, she is a "strong and highly educated woman" who still manages to "soften her often-abrasive husband." Despite her solid policy credentials (Ronald Reagan once called her his "favorite economist"), Gramm said she is "comfortable in a supportive, rather than managing role in policy making, and that she has no qualms about setting aside her own career to assist in her husband's campaign and, ultimately, in his role as chief executive" (8/7 issue). Gramm is currently roller-blading across the state of MD.

*5 LUGAR: GINGRICH GIVES HIM PROPS DURING INDIANA VISIT

Following a visit to IA, Newt Gingrich stopped off in IN, offering his vision for the future of America and his thoughts on the current crop of GOP presidential hopefuls. Of Dick Lugar, Gingrich said, "I don't think anyone, anywhere in America, should take too lightly the idea that you have a senator who could well emerge by the end of New Hampshire in a dramatically stronger position than anyone now expects" (Schneider, INDIANAPOLIS STAR, 7/25).

THE TAX MAN COMETH: In a three-way tax debate with House Maj. Leader Dick Armey and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), Lugar won the award for having the "most radical" tax overhaul program of the three currently circulating on Capitol Hill. Armey calls for 17% flat tax; Nunn has co-authored with Sen. Budget Chair Pete Domenici (R-NM) the USA Tax Act, which would keep the current tax brackets but would allow all savings to be deducted, along with other major tax code changes. Lugar, however, wants to abolish income taxes and replace them with a 17% nat'l sales tax. His plan is intended to spur the nation's lagging savings rate by putting the tax burden on money spent, not money earned. Nunn said of Lugar's plan, "You have diagnosed the problem so superbly I will forgive you for not coming up with the right solution" (EVANSVILLE COURIER, 7/24).

CHANCES: INDY STAR's Schneider writes if GOPers "want a fire-breather" like Gingrich, then Lugar has "no chance." And if the party follows its traditional nominating history, then Dole is "all but coronated." However, if GOPers "are wistfully looking for someone more like Ronald Reagan -- vision and civility" than Lugar may have a shot because civility is what Lugar has been "trying to deliver" (7/23). MAINE SUNDAY TELEGRAM's Grape writes Lugar has served the Senate "with quiet distinction" and "would make a good president. He has the brains, the experience, the zeal and patience for the job. But the integrity and intellect that would serve him well as president work against him now. They restrain him from the simplistic sermonizing and Willy-Horton lunges for the jugular that propel winners in modern campaigns. Simply put, Lugar may be too good for the job" (7/23).

*6 BUCHANAN: KEEPS GRAMM SQUARELY IN THE CROSS-HAIRS

Four years after stunning George Bush with an "insurgent" campaign, Pat Buchanan is back in the fray with his "sights on another Texan": Phil Gramm. Although "short on cash," Buchanan

has "cut into Gramm's core support among bedrock conservatives." Buchanan, on his competition with Gramm: "We're rivals for No. 2 [behind Bob Dole]; there's no doubt about it." Gramm supporters admit Buchanan has "gained momentum at their expense." However, they claim that Buchanan has "hit his peak and remains a distant third." Gramm spokesperson Gary Koops argues that, "There is no serious person or independent observer who believes that Pat Buchanan can win this race. It's obvious by his fundraising. People invest in people that they believe can win. He's on fumes." Campaign finance reports show Buchanan has raised \$2.2M, compared with Gramm's \$16.2M. Dole has raised about \$13.3M. Buchanan, who has challenged Gramm to a debate, contends Gramm is only a "bogus" claimant to Ronald Reagan's "conservative legacy" (Hutcheson, FT. WORTH STAR TELEGRAM, 7/23).

PHOTO PHOR PHIL: Following a Gramm appearance on CNN's "Inside Politics," in which Gramm denied Buchanan's charge about having helped deliver the 1990 tax-hike, Buchanan issued the following: "If my old friend Phil Gramm is having memory lapses about his role in engineering the 1990 tax hike that killed the Reagan Coalition I would be happy to supply him with a photograph of him, Speaker Foley, Dick Darman and Nick Brady at the burial party" (Buchanan release, 7/21).

*7 DOLE: HIS BOSNIA ARMS EMBARGO BILL SUBJECT TO VOTE TODAY

Today's vote on lifting the Bosnian arms embargo, sponsored by Dole and Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-CT), should prove a "bi-partisan expression of no confidence" in the Clinton admin.'s Bosnia policy. The practical significance of the vote, however, "is likely to be limited in the short term, as the president has promised to veto the bill." There "may be" enough Senate votes to override the veto (Dobbs, W. POST, 7/25).

TALK, TALK, TALK: Clinton adviser Paul Begala: "They see him bending to kiss the ring of every right-wing special interest ... voters see that and he can't unscramble those eggs once he gets to the general election and say I didn't mean all that sucking up I did to the kook right. ... The problem with Sen. Dole is not the years he's been on God's earth, it is the years he's been in the devil's playground of special interest Washington politics." Ex-Sen. Warren Rudman (R-NH), a Dole supporter: "I expect he'll make mistakes, although I dare say he'll make fewer this year than he did in '88. .. what this election is about is steadiness, it's about intellect, it's about values, and it's about character ... I don't think age means anything at all" ("Crossfire," CNN, 7/24).

*8 PEROT: POLITICAL ALL-STAR GAME SET FOR AUGUST IN DALLAS

The UWSA conference, "Preparing our Country for the 21st Century," will be held 8/11-13 in Dallas. Organizers say the event will resemble an "All-Star Game for politics, and they may not be wrong." The list of planned attendees includes "virtually all" of the leading candidates for the GOP nomination: Dole, Gramm, Buchanan, Wilson, Alexander, Lugar, Specter and Keyes. Morry Taylor will also address the convention. Top cong. leaders will also attend including: Senate Maj. Whip Trent Lott, House

Maj. Leader Dick Armey, Speaker Newt Gingrich, House Min. Leader Dick Gephardt and Senate Min. Leader Tom Daschle. Other speakers: Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), ex-Rep. Barbara Jordan (D-TX), and House Budg. chair John Kasich (R-OH) and Jesse Jackson. Ross Perot "probably will say a few words." The conference will amount to the "first big media event" of '96. CNN will broadcast live, "Larry King Live," "Meet the Press," and "MacNeil/Lehrer" will devote special broadcasts and "most of the press corps" covering the campaigns will be in Dallas. Clinton and Colin Powell will not attend. Powell says his book contract does not allow him to appear at a political event. So far, 2,000 people have registered for 8,000 seats at the convention. UWSA organizers say the general public "may not realize" they can register to attend, that it is not just for UWSA members. One can register by calling 1-800-925-1300, but have credit card handy because registration costs \$135 for non-members, \$100 for members. If attendance is high and speeches make headlines, "the event could place UWSA in a prime position to challenge the dominance of the two major parties at a time when two-thirds of Americans are saying they would consider a third party candidate in 1996" (Pederson, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 7/23). Other speakers: Ex-Sen./Univ. OK pres. David Boren, DNC Co-Chair Chris Dodd, RNC Chair Haley Barbour, Sens. Paul Simon (D-IL) and Pete Domenici (R-NM), Reps. Gerald Solomon (R-NY), Bill Archer (R-TX) and Linda Smith (R-WA).

***9 GINGRICH: IN IA, RAISES \$ (FOR OTHERS), EYEBROWS (FOR SELF)**

Newt Gingrich "packed in the GOP faithful" at his 7/24 visit to IA. 1,000 people attended a \$100-a-plate breakfast in Des Moines for Rep. Greg Ganske (R-04). Gingrich said the turnout "certainly didn't discourage" him from a potential run for the WH. He spoke of the "Colin Powell effect" regarding serious interest in candidates not actually in the race. Gingrich said that, "If somebody comes along, galvanizes the system and it all works, more power to them. If nobody does and people keep saying that's the right direction, that's the right thing to do, then we'll assess it in mid-November. Later, Gingrich attended a Waterloo \$-raiser for Rep. Jim Nussle (R-02). Despite aiding his House colleagues, the trip had "all of the feel of a presidential candidate's swing." More Gingrich: "I don't think I am going to run, but I don't have to make a decision until Dec. 15, and I'm not going to" (Glover, AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 7/25). While in IA, Gingrich attempted to "mitigate political damage" to his own party regarding a Medicaid overhaul. Gingrich said that, "We don't have any evidence that the President has any plan at all. ... It's not enough just to attack Repunblicans." Gingrich acknowledged that Medicare is the "one issue powerful enough to derail Republicans as the critical 1996 elections approach" (Cummings, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 7/25). GOP analyst Jim Pinkerton: "The activists don't trust Bob Dole, going back decades, so they are anxious to have him not get the nomination, but their problem is they can't agree on Gramm or Buchanan. ... With Newt Gingrich looming out there in the distance, a lot of activists are saying, 'We really have our heart set on Newt, and

so we hate to commit to Buchanan or Gramm, when we might discover that just on the eve of the New Hampshire primary, Gingrich announces." GOP strategist Sheila Tate: "Bob Dole has a huge platform. I don't think he's articulating his message as well as he should ... and the only one who disturbs that platform, occasionally, would be Gingrich" ("Inside Politics," CNN, 7/24).

EISENACH: Ex-GOPAC exec. dir. Jeffrey Eisenach will appear before the House Ethics committee today to explain his role in the early stages of Gingrich's book-deal with Rupert Murdoch controlled HarperCollins. Eisenach was involved in the creation of Gingrich's college course and eventually became manager of the course. He currently heads the Progress and Freedom Foundation, a think tank closely aligned with Gingrich. His roles "prompted one of the allegations" against the Speaker. Eisenach will explain how he contacted an agent for the book, "To Renew America," and how negotiations led to the proposed \$4.5M advance (Cummings, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 7/25).

*10 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: GOP RIFT; KLEIN'S FURIOUS FUSILLADE

Cong. Republicans "are feuding among themselves" over the best strategy on affirm. action. While Bob Dole plans to introduce a bill calling for a repeal of "preferences and set-asides" this week in the Senate, Newt Gingrich "does not want House Republicans to move on broad affirmative action reform until they have developed a positive message for the minority community." Gingrich's position "virtually assures" that Rep. Charles Canady's (R-FL) efforts on a bill similar to Dole's "won't see any action soon." Despite Phil Gramm's Senate effort last week, an amendment to an appropriations bill that would have banned minority set-asides which failed 61-37, Dole and Pete Wilson -- "two perceived centrists" -- have "ended up driving" the issue (Roman, W. TIMES, 7/25). Jack Kemp has warned his party, particularly Pete Wilson, to tone down the racial emphasis (see HOTLINE 7/24). W. POST's Dionne writes Kemp, "as always," is in the "forefront" of a GOP civil rights debate. "But this time, Kemp was far from alone among conservatives." Gingrich "wants to stall" any effort to end affirm. action "until his party has something to put in its place." Kemp's Empower America co-chair, Bill Bennett, "was quite pointed in criticizing" Wilson, even though Bennett, "unlike Kemp, agrees with the substance of Wilson's view" (7/25).

NOT EVERYONE HAS PRAISE FOR CLINTON: In his NEWSWEEK column, Joe Klein rips into Clinton for his speech on affirmative action: "The entire Clinton administration -- studded with mediocrities appointed because of what rather than who they are -- is a compelling case study in the perils of affirmative action." The "quota-filling" appointment of AG Janet Reno is "one of the defining disasters of this presidency." Attorney General, a position "usually reserved for the president's most trusted legal adviser," was "consigned to an unknown, relatively unseasoned and undependable local prosecutor." The speech was "wistful, perfunctory and intellectually flaccid ... [It] seemed the last of an era, rather than a necessary road map for the next phase of social assimilation. ... The real American race crisis

is social, not legal ... to pretend otherwise, as this speech did, is irresponsible." Clinton "abdicated responsibility by not telling African-Americans the truth": "Whether affirmative action 'works' or not, it is about to be sharply curtailed" (7/31 issue).

*11 SENATORS: THEIR TRACK RECORD TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Four U.S. Senators -- Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, Richard Lugar and Arlen Specter -- are seeking the GOP pres. nomination. The last sitting senator elected to the WH was John Kennedy (D-MA) in '60; before that, it was Warren Harding (R-OH) in '20. Here's the track record of sitting senators since JFK in their bid to reach 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue:

Tom Harkin (D-IA)	'92	withdrew
Bob Kerrey (D-NE)	'92	withdrew
Bob Dole (R-KS)	'88	withdrew
Al Gore (D-TN)	'88	withdrew
Paul Simon (D-IL)	'88	withdrew
Alan Cranston (D-CA)	'84	withdrew
John Glenn (D-OH)	'84	withdrew
Gary Hart (D-CO)	'84	lost at convention
Fritz Hollings (D-SC)	'84	withdrew
Howard Baker (R-TN)	'80	withdrew
Bob Dole (R-KS)	'80	withdrew
Ted Kennedy (D-MA)	'80	lost at convention
Birch Bayh (D-IN)	'76	withdrew
Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX)	'76	withdrew
Robert Byrd (D-WV)	'76	withdrew
Frank Church (D-ID)	'76	withdrew
Scoop Jackson (D-WA)	'76	withdrew
Vance Hartke (D-IN)	'72	withdrew
Hubert Humphrey (D-MN)	'72	withdrew at convention
Scoop Jackson (D-WA)	'72	lost at convention
George McGovern (D-SD)	'72	nominee; lost 61-38% to Nixon
Ed Muskie (D-ME)	'72	withdrew at convention
Robert Kennedy (D-NY)	'68	assassinated
Eugene McCarthy (D-MN)	'68	lost at convention
Barry Goldwater (R-AZ)	'64	nominee; lost 61-38% to LBJ
Marg. Chase Smith (R-ME)	'64	withdrew at convention
Hubert Humphrey (D-MN)	'60	withdrew
Lyndon Johnson (D-TX)	'60	lost at convention; named VP
John Kennedy (D-MA)	'60	ELECTED PRESIDENT
Wayne Morse (D-OR)	'60	withdrew
Stu Symington (D-MO)	'60	lost at convention

SITTING SENATORS NAMED TO THE TICKET (1960-92):

Al Gore	'92	Tom Eagleton	'72
Dan Quayle	'88	Ed Muskie	'68
Lloyd Bentsen	'88	Hub. Humphrey	'64
Walter Mondale	'76	Lyndon Johnson	'60
Bob Dole	'76		

***12 WACO: GOP SAYS WHITE HOUSE HAS UNDERMINED HEARINGS**

Reps. Bill McCollum (R-FL) and Bill Zeliff (R-NH), the co-chairs of the joint House Waco panel, fired off a letter to the WH, claiming its attacks "have undermined the hearings": "It has become apparent after three days of hearings that a massive damage-control plan has been put into action by members of the White House staff and senior officials at both the departments of the Treasury and Justice. ... The American people deserve the truth, not more politics." The letter cited WH spokesperson Mike McCurry's "repeated accusations" that the NRA is choreographing the hearings and the administration's hiring of a public-relations specialist "with ties to" Handgun Control. McCurry, asked if he was involved in WH damage control: "Moi?" He went on to accuse the GOP in the hearings of "trashing law enforcement. They basically are undermining the morale of law-enforcement officers" (Bedard, W. TIMES, 7/25).

YESTERDAY: Ex-ATF undercover agent Robert Rodriguez testified that his former bosses "proceeded with the Waco raid even after he passionately warned them David Koresh had been tipped off." Rodriguez: "They lied to the public, and in doing so they just about destroyed a great agency." But Philip Chojnacki, the former ATF supervisor, "insisted that Mr. Rodriguez did not give them a clear warning" (AP/Balto. SUN, 7/25). NBC's Brokaw: "Waco just keeps on going. ... More blame, more charges of a cover-up" (7/24). ABC's O'Brien: "There was general agreement that the raid was doomed once David Koresh learned ATF agents were on the way. The still partisan debate today centered on just who is to blame" (7/24). CBS' Stewart, on the ATF leaders of the Waco raid: "These are the same two ATF agents who have always shouldered most of the blame for Waco. Republicans, through these hearings, had hoped to spread that blame around. So far, they've come up short" (7/24).

THIS WEEK: The hearings are expected to end the week with the questioning of AG Janet Reno. NEWSWEEK notes that during the hearing, Reno will "find out how long damnation can last. Aside from Bill and Hillary, she has become the Clinton administration's most polarizing figure." GOPers have "cast her as the climactic witness in what they hope will be a high profile humiliation" (7/31 issue). While political observers say the hearings "could embarrass" Reno and the admin., many point out they also could "backfire on Republicans who insisted on reopening a painful wound." Washington & Lee Univ.'s William Connelly, who has "formerly campaigned for Republicans": "The Waco hearing is likely to damage the reputation of Janet Reno and the Clinton White House. In fact, it was designed to do just that. But clearly there is danger for any Congress investigating an administration if the public perceives it to be frivolous or for largely political purposes." Connelly also warned about the public's perception of the NRA's involvement in the hearings: "If Congress is perceived as kowtowing to radical organizations, it could blow up in their faces." Univ/So. FL's Susan MacManus added that Reno's testimony could either "damage her or backfire

on accusers": "A lot of people still think she's a tough cookie and admire her, and I think it will be hard to shake that. The Republicans had better be careful about beating up on her. This could come back to haunt them" (Gibson, ORLANDO SENTINEL, 7/24). NEWSWEEK concludes: "It's no wonder, then, that Reno is haunted by the Waco hearings. She needs to restore harmony between the FBI and Justice. She needs to bolster Clinton's re-election. And Republicans are eager to hold someone other than David Koresh accountable for the more than 75 deaths at Waco. It's not Reno's style to blame those below her. But if she doesn't pass the buck, Republicans may try to make her Waco's final victim" (7/31 issue).

'TIS THE SEASON: Hearings on Waco, Whitewater, Ruby Ridge and the "Good Ol' Boys Roundup" threaten to "drown the legislative session in partisan gamesmanship." The "pumped-up" GOP majority is "primed to embarrass" the WH, while "beleaguered" Dems are looking for "weak links in the Republican attack or, failing that, a way to paint the GOP offensive as overkill and stir public outrage over what they say is wasted time and resources." GOP "targets" include "any and all Clintonites" and the ATF. "Common themes" run through the subjects of the investigations, and "much of the anxiety and the rush to the hearing room can be traced to November's Republican blowout. Both parties seek to determine the real desires of the angry white male voter." Treas. Undersec. Ron Noble laments, "Was there ever a time when congressional hearings were just fact-finding? Does every thing have to be hyperbole or political point scoring? It just seems wasteful of time, talent and intellect. It's depressing" (Goldstein, MIAMI HERALD, 7/24). Bill Kristol: "I think it would be a mistake for Republicans to forget that they are controlling Congress for the first time in 40 years, that they've chosen to try to govern Congress differently than the Democratic Congress governed, and that Republicans will be judged by how they govern and now at how well they investigate the misdeeds of the Clinton administration" ("GMA," ABC, 7/25).

*13 REYNOLDS: DEFENSE SAYS HE HAD PHONE SEX, NOT ACTUAL SEX

Both sides in the trial against Rep. Mel Reynolds (D-IL 02) -- accused of criminal sexual assault, solicitation of child pornography and obstruction of justice -- "squared off" in their opening statements 7/24. Asst. State's Atty Andrea Zopp recounted passages from transcripts of taped conversations between Reynolds and recanted accuser Beverly Heard, passages that were declared admissible by Judge Fred Suria (Possley/Kendall, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 7/25). The conversations are the "heart of the prosecution case," especially since Heard now says her charges were "coerced by investigators." After transcripts of the conversations were read, the prosecution and defense "debated whether Reynolds had sex with the teenager or merely fantasized about it" (Webb, AP/W. POST, 7/25). Zopp also alluded to actions by Reynolds to "quash the inquiry," once he was "tipped off" to the investigation. Zopp's statement was interrupted "nearly a dozen times" by objections from defense

atty Sam Adam, who in his opening statement claimed that while Reynolds engaged in "phone sex" with Heard, they did not engage in actual "sexual activities." Adam "implied" that the prosecution of Reynolds was "racially motivated." He also attempted to "humanize" Reynolds and portray him as "a man with desires and urges, perhaps not unlike [the jury's] own," which drew laughter from those in the courtroom (TRIBUNE, 7/25). Once seen as a "rising star" among House Dems, Reynolds was portrayed as an "adult predator, who used the glamour of his position in Congress to entice a troubled 16-year-old girl into a sexual relationship." Heard still maintains that she will not testify against Reynolds. Reynolds faces a 4-year minimum prison term if convicted on the sexual assault charges (Walsh, W. POST, 7/25).

*14 WHITEWATER: SPOTLIGHT SHIFTS TO THE FIRST LADY

As the Whitewater hearings enter the second week, the "spotlight" is likely to shift to "someone who is not expected to be called as a witness and whose name, so far, has gone largely unspoken by the panel": Hillary Rodham Clinton. WH atty Steven Neuirth testified that HRC "wanted" to prevent police and DoJ officials from reviewing files in dep. WH counsel Vince Foster's office two days after his death, which has been denied by the WH (see HOTLINE, 7/25). HRC CoS Margaret Williams is scheduled to testify tomorrow, but GOPers are "expected to tread lightly when questioning officials about" Mrs. Clinton (Baer, Balto. SUN, 7/25). Two GOP senators, Lauch Faircloth (NC) and Rod Grams (MN), are calling on HRC to testify at the hearings. Faircloth: "Given the new revelations that [HRC] may have given the order to keep the Park Police and the Department of Justice out of Vince Foster's office, the committee should call [her] as the next witness." Grams: "There should be some accountability. She should have a chance to deny it or explain it." But cmte chair Sen. Al D'Amato (R-NY) said, "I have no intention, without a clear convincing reason, of calling her before the committee. I don't want this to become a show." A WH source said HRC would be "willing to testify" if the cmte asked (Galvin, N.Y. POST, 7/25).

POLITICAL GAME? W. POST editorial insists that even if one thinks the hearings are "politically motivated and aimed at hurting the president," they are "hardly a trivial pursuit" and raise "some troubling questions." The POST has "questions that need answering," most dealing with the prevention by the WH of a thorough search of Foster's office after his death. There are allegations that "access to the sensitive contents of Mr. Foster's office was limited because the First Lady wanted it so. Mrs. Clinton's role is being denied, and the White House says 'a thorough review of all the facts' will show no impropriety has occurred. That's why these hearings are important" (7/25). ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH editorial notes that although what came out at the hearings so far was "essentially a rehash of what was already known," the hearings served to "remind the public" that "the president has insisted all along that he did nothing wrong, but he has acted as though he did." It adds that there is "no excuse for removing documents and impeding a police investigation," and that the conduct "only contributed to the

suspicion of a cover-up." But the hearings "have uncovered no misconduct" by Clinton in Whitewater, and "when D'Amato resumes the hearings this week, the challenge before him will be to produce enough smoke to make people believe that there must be a fire" (7/24).

DEM SPIN: "Back to Business," an organization founded in '94 by Dem consultants Ann Lewis and Lynn Cutler, whose purpose is to "respond to personal attacks made on the integrity" of the Clintons, has decided to "aggressively re-enter in the public debate." Cutler: "We feel that too many of our nation's resources have already been devoted to the Whitewater affair. Are we saying that we can't afford to pay for needy children's school lunches, but we can afford to waste over \$15 million in taxpayer's money on two investigations and four sets of Congressional hearings? It's just another Republican attempt to discredit the President, and the American people are smart enough to realize that" (release, 7/21).

*15 DEMOCRATS: FOWLER ON THE HOT SEAT AS GOP CONTINUES TO GAIN

KNIGHT RIDDER's Pope writes that DNC co-chair Don Fowler's "job is at once simple and daunting: reverse the Democrats' free fall in time for the 1996 presidential election and do it by staying in the shadows." Despite several "public bumps" along the way (see HOTLINE, 7/20), Dem consultant Bob Shrum said, "Don's beginning to turn things around because he's one of the best nuts-and-bolts persons in the party. He's also great at knowing the names (of key people in the states), of touching bases and holding their hands." But for all of Fowler's "considerable talents, he absolutely wasn't hired for his dexterity with the sound bite. He was to leave the talking" to co-chair/Sen. Chris Dodd (CT). "Slowly and at times painfully, the Democrats are making strides. They no longer stand silent to attacks from talk radio. The party has trained its members how to use talk radio in a way that transmits their message." The DNC has an "800" number for radio stations to call to get "actualities" -- recorded commentary of Dems that can be broadcast daily. The service currently gets 30 calls a day (7/23).

GOP GAINS GREATER: Despite Fowler's success, GOPers continue to "tally victories, winning 19 of 28 special elections this year. The GOP has achieved a net gain of 500 legislative seats nationwide since Clinton took office" (KNIGHT-RIDDER, 7/23). In addition, W. TIMES' Lambro reports that the trend of elected Dems switching to the GOP "appears to be gaining momentum." The switches are part of a "long-term political realignment" that has taken place since the '60s but accelerated since the '94 elections. "It now threatens to reduce the Democratic Party to years of minority status. Some Democrats fear that their desertion rate, if it continues, could render their party irrelevant." Cmte for the Study of the American Electorate's Curtis Gans noted the changeover is "most dramatic in the South": "That trend is likely to continue for at least a generation." GOP analyst John Morgan said GOPers now have a "majority of the House and Senate seats in the Southern and

border states for the first time since 1872": "That's a staggering development." The political switches taking place in state legislatures are "especially critical to the GOP's political success because these legislative bodies are the chief source of the party's future congressional candidates" (7/23).

COLD CALCULATIONS: Senate GOP Policy Cmte aide J.T. Young, in a W. TIMES op-ed, writes of the importance of the South in the '96 pres. election. The 14 states comprising the South now account for 174 of 538 possible electoral votes. "To understand the significance: In a normal two party race, 270 electoral votes are needed to win. Roughly, this one-fourth of the country equals two-thirds of the distance to victory. In absolute terms, Republicans' recent Southern dominance means they may need as few as 96 electoral votes from the remaining 36 states in order to win!" (7/23).

===== CAMPAIGNS OF '95 =====

*16 S.F. MAYOR: EXPERTS SAY BROWN TOOK "QUESTIONABLE" DEDUCTIONS

S.F. EXAMINER's Williams reports that tax experts allege CA Assembly Speaker Emeritus Willie Brown took \$193,000 in "aggressive" and "questionable tax deductions" on losses from two investments. Brown's tax atty claimed the deductions on the '91-94 tax returns recently made public were "legal and appropriate." Brown deducted \$173,400 in business losses from his involvement with radio station KDIA. Taxpayers are forbidden from deducting those losses unless they "materially participated" in the business' operation, meaning at least 10 hours per week. Brown claims he met that requirement, but experts "questioned" whether he could have sustained that commitment, since he was also serving as House Speaker and as a business atty. Two KDIA executives claimed Brown was "rarely at the station." If Brown cannot show he met the "material participation" requirement, he could face "big tax penalties." Brown also claimed \$19,500 in investment losses from the sale of two cars. His accountant said the claims were legitimate because Brown collects cars, which is sometimes permitted, but more often considered "suspect." At least three different court cases concluded that taxpayers cannot claim tax losses on the sale of cars, and a tax expert said the only way to have the deduction (which most IRS auditors would view with "skepticism") sustained would be to "get down to arguing, with a straight face, that the principal purpose of buying the cars was an investment, and driving them was incidental." The deductions "help explain why Brown was able to report relatively low income on his tax returns despite high legal fees and a flashy lifestyle." Brown received \$388,000 in compensation from his law firm and from his speakership, but his taxable earnings were reported as less than \$147,000 (7/23).

GROWTH CONTROL: As the S.F. Planning Commission prepares to adopt some strict expansion rules, the issue of growth control in the city's diverse neighborhoods is "cropping up regularly" in the campaign. The Planning Commission has been saddled with "accusations of racism" as well as the "intrinsic political pressures of an election year." At a mayoral debate last week,

the major candidates -- incumbent Mayor Frank Jordan, Supervisor Angela Alioto, ex-Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg and Brown -- were all "pressed" to take positions. Some former Jordan supporters are "shopping for a candidate who promises neighborhood representation on the commission." And his commission and its recommendation, the Residential Control Amendment (RCA), have been called "racist." Atty Edward Liu: "We're putting the (mayoral) candidates on notice that there's a significant population here that may not be English-literate but pays taxes. ... There's a massive political get-out-the-vote effort going on, and the candidates are going to be shocked if they don't pay attention." Local neighborhood assn pres. Bud Wilson: "The mayor's office has said to us: 'People don't vote planning issues.' Boy, are they in for a surprise" (Bender, S.F. EXAMINER, 7/23). Filing deadline 8/11. The race is non-partisan.

===== 50 STATE REPORT =====

*17 ARKANSAS: CANDIDATES APLENTY FOR SENATE, OPEN HOUSE SEAT

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE's O'Neal reports that state Sen.

Lu Hardin (D) is already on the campaign trail to succeed retiring Sen. David Pryor (D) and has raised "about \$122,000 in contributions" for a race "many political observers think will take at least \$2 million to win." Despite the fact that Hardin is the only person in either party "to have formally announced" for the seat, it is AG Winston Bryant (D) who is "viewed as the front-runner" for the Dem nomination. Even though Bryant will not formally announce his candidacy until next year, he "filed the necessary paperwork in June to run for the Senate." Many Dems "think the strongest primary challenge" to Bryant would come from state Sen. Mike Beebe (D), who said he has spent the past month "trying to resolve the personal aspects" of running. Other possible Dems include attys Sandy McMath (son of the late AR Gov. Sid McMath) and Bill Bristow. McMath has a "slick brochure printed to tout his accomplishments as a trial lawyer and author. The only thing missing in the brochure is a reference to which office he is seeking." Bristow has represented ex-AG Steve Clark (convicted of theft in '90) and Neal Ainley, who pled guilty to charges brought by Whitewater counsel Kenneth Starr. On the GOP side, it is a "case of waiting" to see what LG Mike Huckabee (R) will do. He is "getting ready" to form an exploratory cmte, but says he's "in no red-hot hurry to meet a deadline." Huckabee is "watching with interest" at what happens to Gov. Jim Guy Tucker (D), who has been indicted on three felony counts. If Tucker resigns, "Huckabee would move up to governor and probably come under pressure from many Arkansans to devote full time to that job." If Huckabee doesn't run for the Senate, AR GOP chair Asa Hutchinson is "considered a likely candidate." Others: ex-state Sen. Steve Luelf, who says he's "more interested in making another gubernatorial race" in '98, and ex-U.S. Atty Chuck Banks, an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in '82 (7/24).

AR 02: When Rep. Ray Thornton (D-02) announced he would not seek a fourth House term, the list of "replacements was so long that some political observers joked it would be more appropriate to name those who weren't seeking the seat." But the combination

of an "incumbent president from Arkansas running for re-election and an open Senate seat ... expected to siphon millions of additional dollars ... could make fund-raising difficult" at the House level. The conventional wisdom is the Dem and GOP fields will not be "as large as originally expected because of the difficulty in raising money." Fulbright Inst. dir. Hoyt Purvis said there is no "heir apparent" to Thornton's seat, and Dem consultant Bill Paschall said he is "a little surprised" that the field has not "solidified." Dem candidates "expected to run" include prosecuting atty Mark Stodola and attys Dick Hatfield & Nate Coulter. Coulter was the Dem nominee for LG in '93, but lost to Huckabee in a 7/93 special election. Other possible Dems: state Sen. Bill Gwatney and ex-state Rep. Mark Pryor, son of Sen. Pryor. On the GOP side, talk-show host Bill Powell says to "count him in." In '94, he received a "surprising" 43% of the vote against Thornton. Other possible GOPers: ex-Little Rock Mayor Tom Prince, ex-US Atty Chuck Banks and frosh state Sen. Doyle Webb. Construction company co-owner Bob East is "wrestling" with the question, but has not "decided whether to enter the race as a Democrat or Republican" (Caldwell, DEM-GAZETTE, 7/24).

*18 ILLINOIS: BLAGOJEVICH PICKS UP SUPPORT

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES' Neal writes that in the 5th CD, state Sen./'94 primary cand. John Cullerton (D) "has decided not to make another bid for the U.S. House and is throwing his support to state Rep. Rod Blagojevich." Cullerton had plotted a possible '96 campaign against frosh Rep. Michael Flanagan (R-05), who unseated Dan Rostenkowski (D) in '94, but Cullerton is up for re-election to the state Senate next year and would have to give up his seat to launch a bid; besides, Blagojevich and state Rep. Nancy Kaszak (D) would have been "formidable competition." But Cullerton's endorsement of Blagojevich is "likely to have impact," since Cullerton is well known, garnering more than 30% of the vote in the Dem primary against Rosty in '94. With Cullerton in his corner Blagojevich is expected also to win the endorsements of 47th Ward Dem Cmte member Edmund Kelly and 38th Ward Cmte member Patricia Cullerton. Ald. Richard Mell, Blagojevich's father-in-law, sought to discourage Cullerton from a '96 bid. In '94, he called Cullerton "a lying little weasel" for breaking his pledge not to run against Rosty. But now Cullerton is making peace with Mell, which could benefit him should he later seek statewide office. Cullerton has indicated he might run for Sec/State, but if Blagojevich should lose in '96, Cullerton may take another look at Flanagan's seat in '98 (7/24).

*19 LOUISIANA: A LIVINGSTON RUN COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR TAUZIN

Rep. Billy Tauzin (D) is said to be eyeing both the Senate seat of retiring Dem Bennett Johnston in '96 and a switch to the GOP. Tauzin's "hope" is that no other member of Congress, "especially no Republican," enters the race, and to date, Reps. Richard Baker (R-06) and Jim McCrery (R-05) "appear to be staying out." But the entrance of Rep. Bob Livingston (R-01) would

"scramble" Tauzin's plans and pose a "much bigger problem" than any other GOPer. Livingston "should be better known statewide," having run for gov. in '87 and gotten "enormous publicity" since the GOP takeover of Congress gave him the Appropriations Cmte chair. For those who think the chairmanship would keep Livingston out of the Senate race, "there's a chance that he could lose the job." The reason Rep. Joe McDade (R-PA) is not heading Appropriations is because he is under indictment for "alleged racketeering" and is scheduled to be tried in 9/95; Livingston is actually "Acting Chairman" and has "pledged to tender his resignation" as chair if McDade is acquitted. Of course, it is "possible -- even probable -- that McDade would be acquitted and [Speaker Newt] Gingrich would keep Livingston in the chairmanship anyway. Evidence abounds that Livingston is a strong chairman and that McDade does not have similar leadership qualities." Still, if for some reason Livingston lost his chairmanship, and thus decided to run for the Senate, it would be "terrible news" for Tauzin or any GOPer in the race; N.O. City Councilmember Peggy Wilson, oilman Pat Taylor and state Sen. Woody Jenkins are "already candidates or presumed candidates." Actually, Livingston and Tauzin already ran against each other: in the '87 gov. election, in which Livingston finished third with 18.5% and Tauzin fourth, with 9.9%, in the eight-candidate race (McKinney, BATON ROUGE SUNDAY ADVOCATE, 7/23). Others: Sec/State Fox McKeithen (R) AG Richard Ieyoub (D), Insurance Commissioner Jim Brown (D), Rep. Jimmy Hayes (D-07), Ex-Klansman/'90 Sen. nom. David Duke (R), Ex-Rep. Clyde Holloway (R), state Senate Pres. Sammy Nunez (D), oil company head Pat Taylor (R), State Sen. Max Jordan (R), ex-state House Speaker Bubba Henry (R), Grand Isle Mayor Andy Valence (D), Rep. Cleo Fields (D-04), Rep. William Jefferson (D-02), Treas. Mary Landrieu (D).

*20 NEW MEXICO: HIGHER OFFICE FOR RICHARDSON?

DALLAS MORNING NEWS' Jennings spotlights seven-term Rep. Bill Richardson (D-03), who made int'l news this month with his successful efforts to free two Americans imprisoned in Iraq on charges of illegally crossing the border. Chief Dep. Whip for the Dems in the House, Richardson was one of Pres. Clinton's "few allies among House Democratic leaders" during the NAFTA fight in '93. He's averaged 70% of the vote in the past six elections, and "he hopes to parlay that popularity into statewide office, keeping a close eye on the governor's office and the U.S. Senate." But NM GOP chair John Dendahl said he thought Richardson's popularity back home "may be fading." He praised his efforts in Iraq "but says it doesn't impress the people back home": "I don't think his perambulations in Iraq or North America make a difference back home in New Mexico. I think the average New Mexican shrugs and says 'Well, when you can't do your own job, do somebody else's.'" But Richardson said that of the 700 calls to his office since his return, "only two have been negative" (7/23).

*21 NEW YORK: SEN. POTHOLE HAS A BOOK

In his new autobiography, "Power, Pasta and Politics: The World According to Senator Al D'Amato," that is "sure to shake the political world," the NY GOP senator "takes off the gloves and pummels just about everyone who ever uttered a disparaging word about him, his family and his aldermanic zeal on behalf of constituents." On NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R), who endorsed then-Gov. Mario Cuomo (D) in '94 over GOP cand. (and now Gov.) George Pataki, D'Amato said the mayor "didn't so much endorse Cuomo as throw a 'temper tantrum.'" D'Amato called it "an act of naked political ambition." Cuomo "was not content with just being a powerful governor. He had to be a nine-hundred-pound gorilla." Ex-NYC Mayor David Dinkins (D) "has the backbone of a marshmallow." Ex-Bush CoS James Baker was "a blueblood, a snob," who "didn't hide the fact that he really didn't care for ethnic Americans of any stripe." Regarding Colin Powell's "political timidity on gays in the military," D'Amato wonders whether he "has either the courage or the convictions needed to lead the country." On ex-Rep. Liz Holtzman (D), who lost to D'Amato in '80 and tried for the Dem nod in '92: "An ultraliberal sourpuss." On Pres. Clinton: "A master politician, He is smart, savvy, and hardworking. No one should ever sell him short" (Mustain, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 7/23).

HIZZONER: A new Quinnipiac College poll shows the job performance rating for NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R) has improved "in the wake of a new budget agreement and a major announcement that crime had dropped." Giuliani's approval/disapproval is 50-38%, with 12% undecided; a 6/15 Quinnipiac poll showed it 46-43. Among blacks, it's 24-65%, up from 14-80% in June. Quinnipiac surveyed 722 NYC residents between 7/11-18; margin of error +/- 3.6% (release, 7/24). Giuliani is up for re-election in '97.

REV. AL: The Rev. Al Sharpton said he would "crash" a NY Dem "unity" retreat scheduled for 8/20-22 to which he wasn't invited. Sharpton, who got 25% of the vote against Sen. Pat Moynihan (D) in the '94 Dem primary: "I think I'll just go to see if they'll refuse to admit me at the door. For me and my constituency to be disregarded and disrespected in this way shows why the Democratic Party in New York has lost so many recent elections." NY Dem co-chair John Sullivan said Sharpton wasn't invited because "he's not an elected official" (N.Y. POST, 7/25).

*22 PENNSYLVANIA: DEMS ARE OFF THE RADAR SCREEN

PHILA. INQUIRER's Zausner paints a sad picture of PA Dems, of which there is not a "bright constellation" on the horizon. "The few stars that once existed have faded, and any new ones are too far off to be visible. ... Perhaps worse, the state party is only a glimmer of what it once was. It is out of money. Its grassroots organization has atrophied. Its message is muddled." The result: PA is the "nation's biggest GOP-dominated state," with a GOP gov., two GOP sens. and GOP majorities in both houses of the state legislature. The Dem edge in reg. voters is "eroding," from a high of 946,000 in '84 to about 414,000 today. "The Democrats have drive; they just don't have a machine." He points to the lack of "sway" held by Dem leaders; for instance, then-LG Mark Singel (D) had the party endorsement for the Senate

in '92 but lost the primary to newcomer Lynn Yeakel. In '94 Singel was "denied" the party endorsement for gov. yet won the primary anyway. And "not every Democrat was thrilled with the recent choice for the party's new chairman -- Mark Singel." Dems are trying to make a comeback "with the resurrection of some old names." Bobby Casey, son of the ex-gov., is running for auditor gen., the post his father held from 1969-76. Mina Baker Knoll is running next year to succeed her mother, Catherine Baker Knoll, as state treas. And some Dems "also think the seams of the Republican Party will unravel," with a "divisive intra-GOP battle" looming over the "increasing influence of the religious right" on the party (7/23).

***23 FLYBY: BAYH VS. COATS IN '98?**

INDIANA: IN LEGISLATIVE INSIGHT reports the campaign for Sen. Dan Coats (R) is "gearing up" for '98, when "many political observers expect Sen. Coats to be challenged by outgoing Governor Evan Bayh (D). Said Coats campaign aide Jim Huston: "It's only 3-1/2 years away." In the 10th CD, ex-state Sen. Virginia Blankenbaker (R) "indicated that she's running ... regardless of whether" Rep. Andy Jacobs (D) seeks re-election. Blankenbaker has "some decent name ID" and she's "always been a good fundraiser" (7/24 issue).

MINNESOTA: State Dems have chosen Steve Hildebrand as its exec. dir., a "relative unknown" in MN politics. Hildebrand, the finance dir. for AG Hubert Humphrey III's unsuccessful Senate campaign in '88, takes over a party "that must rebuild" after losing the gov. & Senate races in '94, and it "barely clings to a bare majority" in the MN House (Baden, Minneapolis STAR TRIBUNE, 7/20).

VIRGINIA: In a move "some view as payback for an endorsement that helped Democrats to a rare election triumph last fall," Pres. Clinton and Sen. Chuck Robb (D-VA) agreed to help ex-Gov. Doug Wilder (D) reduce his debt from his aborted '92 bid for the Dem pres. nod and his '94 ind. candidacy against Robb, a longtime foe. Last fall, three days after a private meeting with Clinton, Wilder, who ended his Senate candidacy a month before, endorsed Robb in his race against Oliver North (R); the endorsement "helped" Robb win. Wilder: "It's political. Let's not beat around the bush. With all the times I have helped other people, is it unusual that they would want to do a little bit for me?" The fundraising reception will be held 8/2 at the McLean, VA home of attys Leslie Kerman and Jeff Bialos. Kerman has served as counsel to Wilder's campaigns (N.Y. TIMES, 7/23).

===== TV MONITOR =====

***24 THIS MORNING:** ABC's "GMA" hosted S.F. EXAMINER's Chris Matthews and THE STANDARD's Bill Kristol, AL Gov. Fob James (R) and author Philip Howard. "CBS This Morning" hosted Sens. Joe Lieberman (D-CT), John Kerry (D-MA) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA).

NBC's "Today" hosted Boxer. "FOX Morning News" hosted Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), WH CoS Leon Panetta, Reps. Pete Stark (D-CA), Nancy Johnson (R-CT), Major Owens (D-NY) & Charles Norwood (R-GA), ex-Sen. Malcolm Wallop (R-WY), George Mason U's Roger Wilkins and Balto. SUN's Karen Hosler.

LAST NIGHT: ABC led with Rep. Henry Waxman's (D-CA) attack on Philip Morris. NBC led with Waco. CBS and "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with Bosnia. "M/L" focused on Bosnia with Asst. Sec/State Richard Holbrooke. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Dem strategist Paul Begala and ex-Sen. Warren Rudman (R-NH). CNN's "Moneyline" hosted House Budget Chair John Kasich (R-OH). CNBC's "Russert" hosted Clinton adviser George Stephanopoulos. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted ex-CT Gov. Lowell Weicker (I). ABC's "Nightline" examined Bosnia with Sen. John McCain (R) and Undersec/State Peter Tarnoff. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Pete Wilson, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS' Ronald Faucheux, ex-Bush/Reagan aide James Pinkerton, and ex-Nancy Reagan Press Sec. Sheila Tate.

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on Hillary Clinton writing a newspaper column: "Bill Clinton, really proud of her. He said, 'You know, I could never write an opinion column. I could write a two-opinion column.'" Leno, on a report that says eating lemons will slow down the effects of aging: "The only side effect is you wind up looking like Bob Dole" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 7/24).

TOP TEN ERRORS IN "APOLLO 13"

10. Real Apollo 13 never picked up hitchhiking E.T.
9. The spacecraft was not pulled over by a Connecticut state trooper for speeding.
8. To fix spaceship, Tom Hanks just punches it like the Fonz.
7. That "Footloose" dude never gets a single chance to cut loose.
6. The scene in which spacecraft chases white Bronco around the moon.
5. Jim Lovell never told Houston, "Forget about us! Just free Willy!"
4. Mission was not "to open Gap store on the moon."
3. According to movie, first man on moon was Neil Armstrong, in reality it was Dick Assman.
2. Crew never cruised sunset in lunar module looking for hookers.
1. Moon covered with giant Taco Bell logo ("Late Show," 7/24).

===== TV SOUNDBITE =====

"The establishment wing will cough up its candidate,
and the activist wing will produce its candidate.

Right now, Dole looks good for the first one,
and the second one is still very much up in the air."

-- GOP analyst Jim Pinkerton, coughing up a soundbite, CNN, 7/24

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is against House bill. (#2)	(D-MI) is not scaring away
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in UWSA ranks even matter	once the clear GOP front-
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crucial test. (#5,6)	outspent his rival nearly
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	financed for '96. (#14)
UNDER 17 NOT ADMITTED	NO RONNAWAY: Romney lost
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Heard testifies Mel Reynolds'	in the '94 GOP primary, and
paid her for sex. (#18)	many in the party still

| hold grudges against her. |
 WHITEWATER (IN STEREO) | Wealthy pro-choice |
 In the Senate today, Thomases | businessman Jim Nicholson, |
 and Lindsey set to testify. | close to Abraham & Gov. |
 House continues to look into | Engler, may announce this |
 Madison S&L. (#9) | week. And Rep. Dave Camp |
 | (R-04), a Romney backer in |
 TIME IS RUNNING SHORT IN SC | '94 who has ties to the |
 But, we're not referring to | pro-life movement, is now |
 Strom Thurmond (R), it's the | giving the race a second |
 Dems who must find a challenger | look. |
 to him, pronto. (#15) |

===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"I wanted to get Mel off my back, in a way."
 -- Beverly Heard, who has accused Rep. Mel Reynolds (D-IL 02)
 of sexual misconduct, asked what prompted her to inform the
 police of the Congressman's actions, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/8.

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===== WHITE HOUSE '96 =====

*1 DOLE VS. GRAMM: WELFARE DEBATE GETS HEATED QUICKLY

The Bob Dole vs. Phil Gramm welfare reform war formally began in the Senate yesterday. CBS' Plante: "Republicans were at each others' throats, Democrats were outraged, and the White House was looking for the middle ground ... Dole's bill came under attack from conservatives as not tough enough." Gramm: "The Dole bill does not live up to the commitments that Republicans made in the election, it will not solve the problem." Dole, on the chances for passage of his plan: "I believe there's an opportunity here because I'm being hit by the White House on the one side and my friend from Texas on the other" (CBS, 8/7). Dole "passed out olive branches on both the left and the right." Hoping to be "the master builder of a Senate consensus," Dole "promised tougher work requirements to conservatives and simultaneously signaled to the White House that he was likely to beef up child care support for working mothers." Dole also "offered moderates some hope that the final bill might discourage states from ejecting recipients from the welfare rolls." Still, Dole "readily admitted" that "he needs all the help he can get": "I can't stand up here and say this is going to pass [in this form, but] ... the system is not working and we ought to fix it this week" (Havemann/Dewar, W. POST, 8/8). Gramm continued to push for his amendments, particularly those he said would curb illegitimacy. Gramm: "In effect the conservative language says, no work, no welfare. ... I hope that, having been convinced that a conservative approach to welfare reform is superior, Sen. Dole will now move to modify other parts of his legislation." Dole: "Our bill recognizes that the states are better able than the federal government to determine what programs will best reduce illegitimacy" (L.A. TIMES, 8/8).

THE '96 LENS: NBC' Brokaw: "The battle this week is not so much between Republicans and Democrats, as it is between two Republicans who have their hearts, and their egos, set on much higher office" (8/7). AP's John King: "Dole will win by Washington standards ... Gramm is a very competitive person and I think he wants one big win over Bob Dole on the Senate floor to say, 'I slayed the dragon,' and Bob Dole's pretty good at

preventing that from happening. ... In the end, moderates are with Dole ... and he will prevail" ("Russert," CNBC, 8/7). W. POST editorial: "In the past, Mr. Dole has demonstrated some genuine concern for the poor, notable through his leadership on the food stamp issue. The issue he now faces is whether his quest for the ... nomination will lead him to walk away yet again from some of his most honorable past commitments" (8/8). NPR's Kenyon: "Both Dole and Gramm would like to wrap things up so they can head out and campaign." (8/8).

CHANCES FOR PASSAGE: WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry: "We're not interested in vetoing a welfare reform measure because the President truly believes that there's an area where we can achieve bipartisan consensus and do it quickly" (N.Y. TIMES, 8/8). NBC's Myers: "So far, neither Senate Democrats nor President Clinton wants to be seen as trying to kill a bill as popular as welfare reform" (8/7). ABC's Cochran: "Despite all the differing factions, there is still a fair chance that welfare reform will become law. It is so popular with most Americans that no one on Capitol Hill, or the White House, wants the blame for killing it" (8/7). NBC's Russert, on Clinton and Dole's bill: "He will look for any opportunity to sign a welfare bill. ... It will fly because the President has no choice" ("Today," 8/8).

OUTSIDE THE BELTWAY: MA Gov. Bill Weld (R), who has been out front as a welfare reformer and who supports Pete Wilson, asked which bill he might support: "I'll take either the Dole or the Gramm approach. ... I don't think you can be too radical on welfare. I don't think there's any such thing as too radical. We should take the entire system, throw it in the wastepaper basket, end the federal entitlement, and leave it to the states." Weld, on whether the GOP will be seen as "racist" on welfare: "No. The average welfare family, the average welfare mother is white, has 1.9 children. This caricature of ethnic minority families with six and eight kids on welfare is not the typical family. The typical family on welfare is white" (NBC, 8/7).

***2 WILSON: AIDE SAYS GOV. "MISUNDERSTOOD" ABORTION QUESTION**

Following his appearance on "Meet the Press" 8/6, Pete Wilson "sought to clarify his stand" on taxpayer-financed abortions "as he found himself in the awkward position of being denounced by traditional allies in the abortion war while opponents were singing his praises." On "Meet," Wilson said if he were president he would sign the House appropriations bill which allows states to refuse to pay for abortions for poor women in the cases of rape or incest. (The bill would overturn a Clinton admin. executive order, issued by HHS 12/93, which requires states to pay for such abortions.) Wilson spokesperson Dan Schnur said Wilson "misunderstood the question" and that Wilson opposes the House bill. Schnur said Wilson's position is that "a state should be able to decide for itself whether to fund non-emergency abortions but it should not be able to deny federal Medicaid funds for abortions for poor women who are the victims of rape or incest." Even with the clarification, "confusion and controversy" over Wilson's comments "abounded." Abortion rights activists accused Wilson of "shifting his ground to cozy up to

religious conservatives," while "anti-abortion hardliners" in the CA Legislature "professed delight" that Wilson "seemed to be coming around to their point of view after snubbing them just the week before during budget negotiations." Despite Wilson's claim on "Meet" that, "I am pro-choice and have been all my life," CA abortion rights leaders said his comments show him to be "nothing of the sort." CA NOW Pres. Elizabeth Toledo: "He is no longer a pro-choice candidate." CA Assemblyman Bruce Thompson (R), "who led the unsuccessful fight to remove abortion money from the state budget," called Wilson's comments "absolutely encouraging." Thompson said he was surprised by the comments because during budget negotiations Wilson "refused to even meet with anti-abortion legislators and 'would not budge an inch' on Medi-Cal financing [for abortions]" (Marelius, S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE, 8/8). Some pro-lifers were livid too. Nat'l Right to Life cmte's Jan Carroll: "It's just another duplicitous statement by Pete Wilson" (Thurm, S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 8/8).

NOT AGAIN! Yesterday "marked the second time" during his pres. campaign "that Wilson and his aides have been forced to clarify his position on abortion" -- the first was in June when Wilson chair Craig Fuller suggested that Wilson would make no effort to change the GOP platform language against abortion (MERCURY NEWS, 8/8).

SO CLOSE, AND YET SO FAR: Arlen Specter "scores Wilson's latest abortion flip-flop." Specter said Wilson's comments indicate Wilson "now opposes federal funding for the procedure.

... Clearly, Pete Wilson is setting his agenda by sticking his finger in the wind. The governor's flip-flop yesterday on funding was the latest in a series of retreats and reversals that is contributing to the meltdown of a woman's right to choose. Pete Wilson's flip-flop just reinforces that Arlen Specter is the only pro-choice Republican candidate" (release, 8/7).

"PIT STOP" IN PHILLY: Wilson held a "pre-fund-raiser" at the Union League in Phila. 8/7. A Wilson spokesperson said between 60 and 70 locals were invited to the luncheon to "establish a fund-raising network." Wilson "ticked off a quick list of his accomplishments" and reviewed his stand on key issues (Marder, PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/8).

AFFIRMATIVE (AND NEGATIVE) ACTION: N.Y. TIMES' Ayres details Wilson's move from being for affirmative action to his now vehement opposition. Header: "On Affirmative Action, Wilson's Moderate Path Veered Quickly to Right." Wilson is "now the point man in the fight to eliminate affirmative-action programs based on race and sex. ... But this is a 180-degree switch for Mr. Wilson, one he has made rapidly since affirmative action shaped up as a major issue in the 1996 Presidential campaign." Wilson's opinion is "now precisely opposite the one on which he had embarked a quarter century before" (8/8).

*3 CLINTON: SAYS BRING ON THE TRAIN WRECK

Pres. Clinton was interviewed by NPR's Mara Liasson and Bob Edwards in the Oval Office. Liasson: "On the expected showdown with the Republicans over the budget, the President was defiant." Clinton: "If the government gets shut down, it will be their

responsibility. They will have to vote, or not vote, to lift the debt ceiling. They will have to vote, or not vote, for continuing resolutions to let this government go on. I will have no role in that, that is their responsibility. My responsibility was fulfilled when I offered them an alternative balanced budget and a willingness to discuss it. So far, none of them have been willing to discuss anything. ... I will not be blackmailed into selling the American people's future down the drain to avoid a train wreck. Better a train wreck for a day or two or three or four, better political damage to Bill Clinton, than damaging the future of millions and million and millions of Americans. I'm just not going to do it" (8/7).

*4 PEROT: SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEKEND

Here is a list of speakers, in no particular order, at this weekend's United We Stand America conference in Dallas:

8/11 (beginning at 10:00a EDT) -- Jesse Jackson, Clinton adviser Mack McLarty, RNC Chair Haley Barbour, DNC Co-Chair Chris Dodd, Speaker Newt Gingrich, House Min. Leader Dick Gephardt, Senate Maj. Whip Trent Lott, Senate Min. Leader Tom Daschle, Senate Budget Chair Pete Domenici.

8/12 -- The 10 GOP presidential candidates; each is allotted 22 minutes to speak.

8/13 -- Workshops. Closed to press. Discussions to include formation of a third party. Perot writes, the workshops "will be held to discuss the remarks of the speakers. Those sessions will provide an opportunity for the members of the audience to participate in an open discussion of the issues." Perot adds the event is not like a political convention: "For one, Dallas taxpayers aren't paying for the conference" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS op-ed, 8/6).

HOW UNITED IS UWSA? DALLAS MORNING NEWS' Hutcheson reports UWSA "is convulsed by turmoil. Insiders say Perot's vision of a powerful grassroots organization has turned into a caldron of infighting, confusion and disillusionment. In some states, local organizers are virtually at war with Perot's Dallas staff, prompting talk of a breakaway movement" (8/6). Last week, IL UWSA chair Jack Koenig stepped down, along with 9 of 20 board members, stating that the Dallas HQ was trying to "usurp" their power. An IL UWSA spokesperson "said the resignations are pointless, because volunteers from across the nation will discuss restructuring the entire organization" at the Dallas conference (Fornek, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 8/5).

ONE WHO WON'T BE THERE: TX Gov. George W. Bush (R) won't be attending the event. In '94, Bush beat then-Gov. Ann Richards (D), who was endorsed by Perot (MORNING NEWS, 8/5).

TV: AP's John King: "The interesting question is who turns out. There have been rumors that they're having problems generating turnout, and that they won't have the 8,500 people to fit into the hall." King, on the possibility of another independent run: "If Perot doesn't run, the question will be who gets in? I don't think it will be a two-way race. ... If there's

three, there will be four. ... Perot opened this door, and people now see the possibility of running as an independent. ... If Pete Wilson or Arlen Specter were the nominee ... I think you would definitely see a third party challenge from a Buchanan-like figure" ("Russert," CNBC, 8/7).

BUCHANAN WON'T ATTEND PRO-LIFE RALLY: Operation Rescue, the pro-life group, will hold a rally during Ross Perot's United We Stand America conference in Dallas next week. Operation Rescue dir. Flip Benham said his and other pro-life groups will "confront" the assembled candidates at the UWSA conference. Operation Rescue's Carla Michele and Benham said Bob Dornan and Alan Keyes had agreed to attend their 8/12 rally at City Hall. Pat Buchanan also was listed as a participant in the event, but his campaign said he was never contacted about the rally and that his schedule would not permit his participation. Buchanan spokesperson Greg Mueller: "Mr. Buchanan is certainly a pro-life candidate ... but the only thing we're going to Dallas to do is Mr. Perot's political function." Michele noted Operation Rescue considers Buchanan to be "the most viable pro-life candidate in the race" (Howard, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/4).

***5 GRAMM: IS HIS CAMPAIGN GEARSHIFT STUCK IN NEUTRAL?**

HOUSTON CHRONICLE's Roth writes, "It's proving to be a long hot summer" for Phil Gramm, who launched his campaign with "high hopes, lots of money, and the belief that he was the only true conservative who could capture the hearts of Republican primary voters." But, "the perception has grown" that Gramm's campaign "has failed to gain much momentum." Polls indicate that "he has not made inroads" against Bob Dole and he finds himself "fighting off" Pat Buchanan "for second place." Texans United for Life's Bill Price: "Gramm has just not been able to get it out of neutral." Dole has "outmaneuvered Gramm at almost every step on the Senate floor" and further, Dole has also "eclipsed" Gramm's prowess in fund-raising. In NH, the state's GOP establishment may still be angry at Gramm over what they saw as an attempt by him to challenge NH's first primary in the nation status. NH GOP chair John Stabile agrees the primary controversy "set Gramm back." But Stabile also said it "is far too early to tell" if Gramm has been permanently damaged, especially with Sen. Bob Smith (R-NH) in his corner. Stabile: "People are writing about his early demise. I'm not so sure." GOP pollster Ed Goeas believes Gramm "will eventually connect with voters after they have heard his message several times": "To some extent he is an acquired taste. You have to get past how he looks and sounds." Yet, CO GOP Chair Don Bain comments, "People are getting tired of his liners" (8/6).

TAUZIN: Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-LA), at his coming-out party as the Hill's newest Republican, was asked who he supports for president. Tauzin said he had not decided, "although he mentioned" Gramm: "Phil is a friend of mine. ... I have to talk about it with some friends. Give me a chance. I've been a Republican for two minutes" (Thompson, N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE, 8/7).

***6 IOWA: PARTY CHAIR SAYS IT'S A BATTLE FOR 2ND IN STRAW VOTE**

IA GOP chair Brian Kennedy, acknowledging that Bob Dole will probably win the 8/19 IA straw poll, said the event is a battle for second place, "a contest between Phil Gramm and Pat Buchanan" (Roth, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/6).

GRAMM'S VISIT: DES MOINES REGISTER's Yepsen reports that Gramm, in IA over the weekend, "used the historic Squirrel Cage Jail as a backdrop to call for tougher anti-crime measures and to attack a rival presidential candidate's welfare reform plan."

Gramm: "Bob Dole and I have very different views on welfare. ... I want to ask the able-bodied men and women riding in the welfare wagon to get out and help the rest of us pull. Gramm also said that if elected, he would "stop building jails like Holiday Inns" (8/7). Gramm is "playing a high stakes political and legislative game" with Dole on welfare, one that Gramm "thinks he can win" (Kotok, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 8/7).

MEET MARLENE ELWELL: BOSTON GLOBE's Shribman profiles Pat Buchanan IA supporter Marlene Elwell, 57: "If you want to understand the main currents of American politics, keep your eye on Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and Marlene Elwell. ... She's on politics' offensive line, doing the trench work, far out of sight. But as students of America's other contact sport know, it's the offensive line that moves down the field long before the flashy runners get there. They create the openings. ... Right now she's commanding Patrick Buchanan's forces .. a big catch for a onetime political commentator whose inclinations run to oratory and not organization." Buchanan: "We go ... where Marlene tells us to." Elwell, who helped Pat Robertson to a 2nd place showing in IA '88 and succeeded in defeating the Equal Rights Amendment in IA in '92: "People thought we were nuts. We're looked at totally differently now. We have the people. We have a majority in some places. People have to contend with us. We're no longer an appendix." Shribman concludes, "It is the story of the maturing of an American movement" (8/4).

*7 LUGAR: SEARCHES FOR NH NAME ID; BACKS DOLE ON WELFARE

Richard Lugar was in Portsmouth, NH, 8/6 to "boost his recognition and make a video to promote his campaign." Lugar, who is "best known for his proposal to abolish the IRS," says he "hopes to raise his 63 percent rating in recognition polls, which is up from 34 percent just three months ago." Lugar: "Seven months down the trail, my hope is I will have a recognition factor, that, if not equal to that of Senator Dole, is at least sufficiently comparable that people are making choices on our relative qualifications and our ability to lead and the resiliency and the vision that we have. That type of comparison is not being made right now, and I acknowledge that." Lugar is "focusing on the young electorate, a crusade manifested by the legion of college-aged voters that make up Youth for Lugar" (Giordano, PORTSMOUTH HERALD, 8/7). In an interview preceding a reception in Hancock, Lugar "threw his support" behind the Dole welfare bill: "As I understand it, the base of this debate is the devolution of the authority to state and local governments. I favor that. Therefore I would not favor federal guidelines, which in effect take away the ability to make those decisions and

allocations of resources." Lugar indicated that proposals by Gramm to mandate that states impose a family cap to limit benefits to mothers who have more children while on welfare and to deny benefits to immigrants would "drive away moderates who voted Republican in 1994, and gave the GOP its majority in Congress" (Caddell, KEENE SENTINEL, 8/7).

***8 POWELL: D'AMATO QUESTIONS "ABILITY," CITING GULF WAR, GAYS**

In his new book, Sen. Al D'Amato (R-NY), who backs Bob Dole, "questions the courage and the leadership ability" of Colin Powell. In "Power, Pasta and Politics," D'Amato expresses dismay at Powell's support for sanctions against Saddam Hussein, not war: "I wonder whether Colin Powell has either the courage or the convictions needed to lead the country. ... There was only one man who said we have to take on Saddam -- and it was George Bush." In a W. TIMES interview, D'Amato "broadened his attack" on Powell, saying Powell opposes gays in the military with the same arguments that kept the military segregated by race. D'Amato: "He was a young black second lieutenant who had not attended West Point and yet rose through the ranks to become head of the Joint Chiefs. ... But now he wants to deny gays the same equal rights that enabled him to succeed. I thought he would have had a certain sensitivity and say we judge people on the basis of their ability" (8/8).

DEMS FOR POWELL: W. POST's McGrory reports Rep. Gene Taylor (D-MS) is the first Dem member of Congress to come out for Powell. Taylor, who "is pushing with all his might" for Powell to run in the '96 Dem primaries: "He would sweep the South. If Powell wins Super Tuesday, other states would see him and say, 'if he can be elected in Mississippi, he can be elected all over the country.'" As for Clinton, Taylor said, "He has done what the Republicans never did: He has destroyed the Democratic Party in Mississippi. ... He's like the guy you don't want your child to go out with" (W. POST, 8/8).

===== NATIONAL BRIEFING =====

***9 WHITEWATER: HEARINGS ARE NOW "IN STEREO"**

Rep. Jim Leach (R-IA), the Banking Cmte chair who is heading up Whitewater hearings in the House, "directly contradicted" the WH 8/7, charging that Pres. and Hillary Rodham Clinton "put almost none of their own money" into the real-estate deal and then "stood by as their business partner looted a state-regulated savings and loan to fund the scheme." While the failure of Madison Guaranty Savings cost taxpayers \$60M, it "cost the Clintons nothing." Leach: "In a nutshell, Whitewater is about the arrogance of power [and] an insider political class that considered itself above the law." In '92, while running for pres., Clinton "said his tax adviser had calculated that he and his wife had put \$68,000 into the Whitewater project." In a deposition released 8/4, HRC said, "I believe that we spent over \$46,600." Leach disputed that calculation, saying that Clinton Whitewater partner James McDougal and his wife, who also owned Madison Guaranty, "provided virtually all the money." Clinton

"provided his name. The Clintons put essentially no resources of their own into Whitewater, except for loans paid back largely by the company or others." Cmte investigators "said that in most instances they could find no canceled checks, bank statements or other documentation to confirm Mrs. Clinton's statements" (Savage, L.A. TIMES, 8/8). Rep. Toby Roth (R-WI), in his opening statement: "Evidence will show that Madison Guaranty ... operated as a private little slush fund for a small group of greedy Little Rock, Ark., cronies including Bill and Hillary Clinton. ... This Arkansas Mafia diverted at least \$17 million into their own business schemes including a failed real estate deal called Whitewater" (S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/8). Leach said that "at least \$88,000 was channeled from Madison ... into the Whitewater real estate venture" and that "part of the funds" pumped into Whitewater "were used to reduce the governor's (Clinton's) personal debt and campaign liabilities." Cmte Dems, led by ex-chair/ranking member Henry Gonzalez (D-TX), "accused Leach of manipulating the hearings for partisan purposes and undercutting the legislative process." They "agreed" that Madison was "poorly run. But they disputed that there were ties to the president and questioned the cost of all the investigations into Whitewater." Gonzalez: "The search for sound policy has suffered from pointless partisanship. I suppose the results speak for themselves. Nothing has been enacted -- zero, zilch. And nothing is close to being enacted -- zero, zilch" (Fullerton, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 8/8). Rep. Bruce Vento (D-MN): "This very complex matter is not a constitutional crisis by any means. The timing, the agenda and the witnesses for these hearings have basically dismissed any pretense of objectivity and bipartisan pursuit of the facts" (N.Y. TIMES, 8/8). In addition, GOPers, using testimony from a former IRS vice commissioner, contended that the Clintons "owe more than \$13,000 in back taxes because of improper deductions" on their Whitewater dealings. But the contention "prompted strong protests by Democrats and a sharp denial from the Clintons' private attorney, David Kendall." Kendall "asserted that the method the Republicans used to come up with the tax bill is flawed" (Kiely, DEM-GAZETTE, 8/8).

SENATE: At the same time, hearings were resuming in the Senate, led by Banking chair Al D'Amato (R-NY), with the focus remaining on the suicide of dep. WH counsel Vincent Foster. Ex-WH CoS Mack McLarty told an "incredulous" cmte that he and HRC "did not immediately inform" Pres. Clinton that a "pained note" written by Foster before his death had been discovered. Instead, McLarty "said he waited for more than a day to inform the president of the note," which then WH counsel Bernard Nussbaum gave to AG Janet Reno hours later. D'Amato is holding the hearings to discover if WH officials "mishandled documents in hopes of covering up politically embarrassing Whitewater revelations" after Foster's 7/20/93 death. WH lawyer William Burton testified 8/7 that Nussbaum brought HRC into the room where Foster's suicide note was being assembled "and briefed her on how it was found." He said she "glanced briefly at the note, then abruptly left, questioning why she was brought there in the first place." Burton "did not mention" in FBI interviews that

HRC had been in the room. After the hearings, D'Amato "was incredulous" that McLarty and HRC "did not inform the president of the note immediately" -- McLarty said he did not tell the pres. until 27 hours later -- given McLarty's "strong friendship if not brotherly love" with Foster (Zehren, L.I. NEWSDAY, 8/8).

REAX: CBS' Schieffer: "Each day of testimony does seem to produce another odd revelation about White House actions after Foster died" (8/7). NPR's Greenberg: "Several Republican senators are trying to show the First Lady helped shape the White House response to Foster's suicide and attempted to control access to Foster's office" (8/7). NEWSWEEK's Bill Turque: "There's no smoking gun" ("FOX Morning News," 8/8).

TELEX REVELATION: CNN's Shaw: "CNN has obtained a confidential telex showing the FBI, in 1992, found no evidence of any criminal wrongdoing by the Clintons in the Whitewater matter. At the time, the U.S. Attorney's office in Little Rock had concluded the same thing and suggested a political motive behind efforts by federal savings and loan investigators to push the case" ("Inside Politics," 8/7).

NOT GUILTY: In a N.Y. TIMES op-ed under the header "What I Did and Why I Did It," Nussbaum, who will testify before the Senate later this week, writes of his actions in the search of Foster's office following his death, "I am still comfortable with the ethical and legal judgments I made. I fulfilled my duties and obligations as a lawyer and public servant" (8/8).

TODAY: In the House, Jean Lewis, who led the Resolution Trust Corp. investigation of Madison, will testify about a "concerted effort" by the RTC, Treasury, DoJ and the U.S. Atty's office in Little Rock to "obstruct, hamper and manipulate" the Madison inquiry (Seper, W. TIMES, 8/8). In the Senate, WH aide Bruce Lindsey and HRC adviser Susan Thomases are expected to testify.

*10 THOMASES: HOW SHE USES HER FRIENDSHIP WITH THE CLINTONS

NEWSWEEK's Isikoff writes that "few outside the Beltway" know that Hillary Rodham Clinton adviser Susan Thomases "has turned her friendship" with the Clintons "into a career as a Washington influence peddler -- and she isn't subtle about it." When hired to represent a group of Puerto Rican companies in a dispute with HUD, Thomases "stunned a lawyer representing the firms by announcing that 'this matter is not going to be reviewed by the president of the United States' -- the message being that she could involve him if need be." The atty, Dan Krivat, said his first reaction was "I hope he would have better things to do." Thomases also represented the Niagara River Toll Bridge Assoc., an "obscure quasi-public body" in upper NY state involved in a "profoundly picayune dispute with the National Park Service. The commission wanted to build a toll plaza; the Feds objected that the structure might obstruct the view of Niagara Falls." According to once participant, "There's no question Susan used the specter of White House interest as a calling card. During a meeting with recalcitrant federal officials, this source recalls,

Thomases mentioned her involvement in the administration's plans to 'reinvent government,' then pointedly told her adversaries, 'who knows where you're all going to end up' when the reorganization is over.'" The order Clinton signed last week to restrict lobbyist's access to federal officials will curb the activities of "many other Beltway operators," but the Clintons "might want to make an exception for the First Lady's pal" (8/14 issue).

***11 HOTLINE ROLODEX:**

ELLWOOD: David Ellwood, the welfare theoretician from Harvard who came to the Clinton admin. as an Asst. Sec. at HHS, will leave DC and return to Harvard. Ellwood "did as much as anyone to convince Washington of the need" for welfare reform. But his departure "is seen by many as emblematic of the sharp rightward lurch in the welfare debate." Sen. Pat Moynihan (D-NY) called Ellwood's departure "a tragedy": "His thinking was seminal, but he's been undone" (Gosselin, BOSTON GLOBE, 8/6).

JORGE MAS: Jorge Mas Canosa, who has headed the board of USIA's Radio Marti and TV Marti since being appointed by Pres. Reagan in '84, "may be ousted" by the Clinton admin. Mas chairs the powerful Cuban-American National Foundation lobbying organization, which has "been the driving force" behind the creation of the Marti broadcast services. He "is widely believed to want to be" the successor to Fidel Castro. Mas, who has many anti-Castro allies in Congress, has been at odds with the admin. since Clinton reversed the immigration policy for Cubans entering the U.S. last spring. Mas, in the MIAMI HERALD 8/1: "In a highly volatile atmosphere of political changes in Washington related to U.S. policy toward Cuba, it has become essential for the promoters of that change -- left-wing Clinton administration policy-makers -- to take over Radio and TV Marti, the main source of free and objective news and information for the Cuban people." Ex-Rep. Dante Fascell (D-FL) of Miami is "among those being considered" to succeed him (Matthews, Balto. SUN, 8/6).

===== CAMPAIGNS OF '95 =====

***12 SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR: THE SUBJECT IS MONEY**

With questions raised "anew" after campaign spending reports showed that he "received money from the tobacco industry for his Assembly fund-raising committees," CA Assembly Dem Leader Willie Brown "offer[ed] up a two-inch stack of income tax returns and list of law clients." Brown: "All the candidates are honest. Let's move on to the real issues in this campaign." Mayor Frank Jordan (D), who "feels that he has the most to gain in his re-election bid by making honesty a crucial issue in the race, ... cried foul" when Brown "sought to link his wife's financial clients to the way he conducts city business." Common Cause exec. dir. Ruth Holton: "If former Speaker Brown does become mayor, people will be watching very closely to see if his former law clients receive some favorable treatment. ... As for Mayor Jordan, if you don't know the clients of his wife, it is not unheard of ... for family members to receive business they might

not otherwise have." Center for Responsive Politics research dir. Josh Goldstein: "Candidates can say, 'I'm going to make the trains run on time,' but if the taxpayers are subsidizing the cronies of the politicians that make the trains run on time, it affects taxpayers in the pocketbook" (Yoachum, S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/7). Others: ex-S.F. Supervisor/ex-HUD official Roberta Achtenberg (D), Supervisor Angela Alioto (D), S.F. Enviro. Commiss. Joel Ventresca (D), and businessman Ben Hom (R). Filing deadline 8/11.

FREEZE: Calling Brown's Assembly campaign fund "the 800-pound gorilla" of the mayor's race (see HOTLINE, 8/3), Jordan and Achtenberg's campaigns "say they worry that the \$800,000 in state campaign money that Brown has raised this year could seep into the local race, effectively invalidating San Francisco's strict campaign contribution laws." Jordan spokesperson Phil Perry: "The whole idea of the \$500 campaign contribution limit is to level the playing field among the candidates." Achtenberg spokesperson Darren Seaton: "When he's entertaining state campaign donors in San Francisco, that can't be separated from him campaigning to be mayor of San Francisco" (McCormick, S.F. EXAMINER, 8/8).

===== SENATE WATCH =====

*13 ILLINOIS: SANTOS COULD WIN WITH GENDER POLITICS

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES' Neal writes that Chicago Treas. Miriam Santos (D) "has considerable potential" if she decides to run for the seat of retiring Sen. Paul Simon (D) in '96. Neal cites the '91 confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and the Senate's recent decision not to hold public hearings on sexual misconduct charges of Sen. Bob Packwood (R-OR) as examples of how the Senate "still doesn't get it," and notes that Santos has appeal because she is not "one of the boys." Santos' candidacy could "catch fire" because "more than half" the voters in the Dem primary will be women. The rejection of public hearings for Packwood "could galvanize a new political movement." The National Women's Political Caucus and EMILY's List have both "encouraged Santos to make the race." Santos, the first Hispanic and only the second woman to hold city-wide executive office in Chicago, was re-elected this year "over the opposition of Mayor Daley's camp." Santos "is among the rising stars" of IL politics. Rep. Dick Durbin (D-20) and ex-Treas. Pat Quinn are the "leading" Dem candidates, but Santos could "make it a race" even if she gets a late start. Santos "won't make a decision until Labor Day." The gender issue "shouldn't be underestimated"; in the '94 Dem gov. primary, gender was a "powerful factor" in the victory of Dawn Clark Netsch over then-AG Roland Burris and Cook Co. Board Pres. Richard Phelan. Even though Phelan picked a woman for LG, Netsch "won an overwhelming plurality" of the women's vote and won the primary. Santos "could do the same thing." In '92, Carol Moseley-Braun (D) challenged then-Sen. Alan Dixon (D) in the Dem primary in the "wake of his vote to confirm" Thomas. She took on two men in the Dem contest and "showed the power of gender politics." More than any of the other contenders, Santos could "spark a larger voter

turnout." If she does decide to run "she's a threat to the front-runners" (8/7).

KUSTRA REACHES OUT: LG Bob Kustra (R), "bracing for a challenge from the right," has named "prominent conservative" ex-state Sen. Donald Totten (R) -- a former "key political strategist" for Ronald Reagan and Jack Kemp -- to manage his campaign. SUN-TIMES' Neal calls the appointment a "boost" to Kustra, who is "strongly favored" to win the GOP nod, and the naming of Totten "will make it more difficult" for state Rep. Al Salvi (R), a social conservative, "to attack from the right." Totten also believes Kustra is "well-positioned" to break the Dem streak of five consecutive IL Senate wins (8/4). Other announced Dems: ex-public affairs exec Ronald Gibbs, businessman Paul Park. Filing deadline: 12/18.

*14 MICHIGAN: "STOP RONNA" MOVEMENT COULD BE BREWING

Referring to talk-show host Ronna Romney (R), DETROIT NEWS' Weeks reports that a "Stop Ronna" movement is "picking up" in MI. Businessman Jim Nicholson (R) is "expected to announce his candidacy this week" for the GOP nomination. Rep. David Camp (R-04) says he is "considering running" because Romney has "failed to solidify support." Romney, an ex-RNC member who "narrowly lost" the '94 GOP nomination to now-Sen. Spencer Abraham, is the "early 1996 front-runner based on polls, endorsements and fund-raising." Nicholson, who has "ties" to Abraham, Gov. John Engler (R) and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer (D), "is expected to file as a candidate this week and announce a finance committee." The cmte will include "two major Detroit-area GOP fundraisers: businessman Randy Agley and attorney Michael Timmis, and William Clay Ford, Jr., finance chairman of Ford Motor Co." Camp, who had earlier "appeared unlikely" to make the race, said last week he is "giving it more serious thought." The prospect of Nicholson and Romney "splitting the Metro Detroit primary vote encourages Camp, 42, who has a strong midwest Michigan base and close ties to west Michigan GOP Right to Life." Rep. Nick Smith (R-07), who does not accept PAC money, "wasn't expected" to take on Romney because of the difficulty in matching her fund-raising efforts, but a bigger field "could lure Smith, who has a solidly conservative voting record and a strong southern Michigan base." Romney called the "Stop Ronna" movement "noisy but small": "Are (the congressmen) willing to lose their congressional seats -- and the primary?" Romney, asked about Nicholson's deep pockets: "Checkbook politics does not work in this state." Romney also said that Nicholson's decision to run as a pro-choice GOPer will "provide difficulty for him in the primary." It remains "unclear how much emphasis Nicholson will place on the abortion issue." RNC cmtemember Chuck Yob said that Nicholson needs to "firm up his positions on issues" (8/6). Other GOP possibles: Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-02), ex-Engler CoS Dan Pero (R) and ex-Rep. Bill Schuette (R).

*15 SOUTH CAROLINA: TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR DEMOCRATS

GREENVILLE NEWS' Hoover writes the "clock is ticking" on SC Dems' "still-evolving plan to seriously challenge" Sen. Strom

Thurmond (R) "and avoid a potentially debilitating primary en route." Dems seem to be pointing to the "early fall" for their deadline that would "result in a designated opponent" for Thurmond, first elected to the Senate in '54. But any delay beyond that "might not leave enough time to organize, energize and raise money." Of the four possible Dems, House Min. Leader Jim Hodges wants to run, but he is "twisting in the wind" as he awaits a decision by real estate developer Elliot Close; Close "just happens to be a member of the Close family of Springs Industries, for which Hodges is secretary and general counsel." Hodges, on Close: "He signs my checks. I'm not going to run against him." Like Close, Hodges is "young, moderate, identified with business, and for the most part, untainted politically despite four terms in the House." And like other SC Dems, Hodges "doesn't see Thurmond as invincible, but rather a potential long-shot victim of the very conditions" that led to GOP control of the state House and Congress. Hodges: "I think 1996 is going to be a year of continuing anti-Washington sentiment at the ballot box and anybody with a long career at the state or federal level faces some difficulty." He acknowledged, though, that any Dem on the ballot in SC next year "is going to have to cope with The Clinton Factor": "This state is a foregone conclusion [to go GOP for pres.], but we'll have to run on our merits and not embrace anyone else's agenda." Also considering the race are atty/'94 LG primary cand. Inez Tenenbaum and businessman/Clinton SBA dir. Phil Lader. Tenenbaum's "often liberal views, especially her abortion rights stands, don't quite fit the niche party leaders say they want to fill." And as for Lader, "his current associations are problem enough." The message from the Dems is clear -- they hope to avoid a primary and "save their energy and treasury for the uphill job of unseating a Senate and South Carolina legend" (8/6).

*16 TENNESSEE: KYLE STILL INTERESTED IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Public Service Commis. Sara Kyle will decide "after Labor Day" whether she'll seek to unseat Sen. Fred Thompson (R). Kyle, the only Dem to stay afloat in the statewide "Republican tidal wave" last year, "feels Thompson is vulnerable on several fronts," "particularly" because Thompson, first elected in '94 to fill the seat vacated by VP Gore, voted to cut job-providing energy programs in Oak Ridge and opposed TN's own Dr. Henry Foster for surgeon general. With the PSC dismantled, Kyle is a "sure appointment" to the less powerful TN Regulatory Authority "if she wants the job." Ultimately, "family is a major consideration." Kyle: "You've got to think about whether you really want to live in Washington, and do you really want your children growing up in Washington" (Wade, Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 8/5).

*17 TEXAS: DEMS HOPE PREZ RUN HURTS GRAMM BACK HOME

TX Dems, wondering if voters have "had your fill of Phil" and "had all the Gramm you can stand," are hoping that Sen. Phil Gramm (R) is beatable in '96. But they concede that defeating the "well-financed" Gramm "won't be an easy task." The only

announced "major Democratic challenger" is Houston atty John Odam. Gramm was first elected to the Senate in '84 with 59% of the vote after spending \$9.5M and re-elected in '90 with 60% after spending \$12.4M. "There is no reason to believe Gramm won't be equally well-financed" in '96, although he did transfer \$4.8M from his Senate account to his pres. fund. Some think it would take a "major scandal" to unseat Gramm; plus, Pres. Clinton's "unpopularity among many Texans will make it difficult" for any Dem challenger to Gramm. These factors will "probably prevent any more high profile Democrats from entering the contest" (Attlessey, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/6). Other possible Dem: ex-AG Jim Mattox.

===== ON THE HOUSE =====

*18 IL 02: REYNOLDS DOESN'T LIKE WHAT HE HEARD

Beverly Heard -- the teenager who accused Rep. Mel Reynolds (D-02) of having sex with her when she was 16 and later recanted the charges -- took the stand in the case against him 8/7 and "ended a year of denials and vacillations" by finally repeating the claims. She agreed to testify after being granted "blanket immunity" and being "threatened" with criminal contempt of court charges threatened by Cook Co. Circuit Judge Fred Suria. She had spent 12 days in jail for initially refusing to answer questions. During her eight hours on the stand yesterday, Heard described a relationship with Reynolds that began when she was 16 and included "regular intercourse for more than a year" (Possley/Kendall, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/8). NPR's Devall: "What Heard had to say ... was not flattering to her or to Representative Mel Reynolds" (8/7). She alleged they had "nearly daily" phone contact and personal meetings "two or three days of the week." Heard: "Most of the times when we saw one another, we had sex." She described having sex with Reynolds in his Chicago cong. office, in a Harvey Holiday Inn and at a Riverside apt. owned by Reynolds' campaign finance dir. She added they were sometimes "joined by another woman" when having sex and that Reynolds or members of his staff "delivered envelopes with \$100 and \$50 bills in them after their meetings" (Possley/Kendall, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/8). She also described a "strip dance" she performed for Reynolds and a friend in Reynolds' congressional office. Heard's testimony also "shed light" on the charges against Reynolds for solicitation of child pornography; in one of the taped conversations between Reynolds and Heard, Reynolds asked her to obtain pornographic pictures of a 15-year-old described by Heard. In her testimony, Heard admitted she "made up" the girl after Chicago Police Lt. Joseph Murphy, listening to the conversation, urged her to "think of something to get Mr. Reynolds excited." In Heard's grand jury testimony, Heard said she made up the girl "to prove my point ... that (Reynolds) does have sex with minors" (Walsh, W. POST, 8/8). Lead Prosecutor Andrea Zopp questioned Heard about when she first went to police with the charges "in an attempt to deflate the anticipated defense emphasis on her reluctance to testify." Heard said she "wanted to get Mel off my

back," but that she later backed down because she didn't want Reynolds to go to jail: "Mel's not a monster, and I didn't want him to go to jail." Throughout most of Heard's testimony, Reynolds "kept his head bowed" (Possley/Kendall, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/8).

DEFENSE: The defense "moved swiftly to defuse the explosive nature" of her testimony. Defense atty Terrence Gillespie "suggested" that Heard was testifying "only to stay out of prison" for the criminal contempt charges and to avoid perjury charges by testifying against Reynolds -- charges she would be vulnerable to due to her previous under-oath testimony to a grand jury that she did have sex with Reynolds. Gillespie also got Heard to admit that she had "told lies repeatedly" to her parents, school officials and law-enforcement officials, that she had belonged to a group who "read up on" Satanism and animal sacrifice, that she had "often made up" stories about her experience with the occult and that she has previously lied under oath." Heard also testified that Reynolds did not "threaten" or "coerce" her into testifying, "going to the heart of the prosecution's contention" that Reynolds "orchestrated a series of recantations and denials" from Heard after she first made the charges in 6/94. Reynolds is also charged with obstruction of justice for those allegations. Heard "appeared eager" to answer the defense's questions, "readily agreeing to virtually any suggestion" the defense posed (TRIBUNE, 8/8). Reynolds atty. Samuel Adams, on how the defense will discredit Heard: "It is irrefutable that every time she's in custody or in the hands of law enforcement, she tells one story, and when she's out of the hands of law enforcement, she tells precisely a diametrically opposite story" (NPR, 8/7). NBC's Fratangelo, on a poll showing half of Reynolds' CD will consider another candidate: "Whether Reynolds is found guilty or not, the early verdict is already in from his congressional district" ("Today," 8/8).

===== 50 STATE REPORT =====

*19 CALIFORNIA: CCRI BATTLE HAS BEGUN, PAPERS FILED

The California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), the "move to gut affirmative action," was submitted to the CA AG's office 8/7, the "first formal gesture" towards making the 11/96 ballot. By Labor Day '95, the L.A.-based organizers plan to begin gathering the 693,000 valid voter signatures needed to qualify the measure. "Even most of its opponents" believe CCRI will make the ballot. As a result, proponents of affirmative action have been holding "ongoing strategy sessions," as they face the "daunting task of reversing overwhelming public opinion" in favor of CCRI. The anti-CCRI coalition includes "a host of minority and women's rights groups," liberal organizations and the CA Dem party. Currently, there is a "loose consensus" to fight the initiative by emphasizing the impact it would have on women and "citing a moral obligation" to help minorities affected by "lingering discrimination." But there are also plans to place a competing initiative on the ballot to "give voters a measure to vote for rather than against." Feminist Majority chair Peg Yorkin, who "favors an all-out assault on the initiative," said the campaign

could cost from \$12-15M. Many Dems "worry that, win or lose, the fight over affirmative action could tear the already shredded party asunder in a presidential election year." In addition, the anti-affirmative action forces are "seen as having the advantage because of broad support of the initiative by voters, particularly among whites," who make up 80% of "dependable" CA voters. One "high ranking" Dem official, on the affirmative action debate: "We're screwed either way. I think the party is just plain lost" (Decker, L.A. TIMES, 8/7).

===== TV MONITOR =====

*20 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted House Banking chair Jim Leach (R-IA). "CBS This Morning" hosted NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R), Dem strategist Bob Beckel and THE STANDARD's Fred Barnes. "FOX Morning News" hosted Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-LA), GOP pollster Ed Goeas, Dem lobbyist Pam Gilbert, NEWSWEEK's Bill Turque and Sens. Don Nickles (R-OK) and Tom Harkin (D-IA).

LAST NIGHT: NBC led with welfare reform. ABC and CBS led with the OKC bombing. "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with Bosnia. CNBC's "Russert" hosted AP's John King. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME). CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted analyst Stu Rothenberg. ABC's "Nightline" focused on lobbying with Rep. John Dingell (D-MI), Bonner & Associates' Jack Bonner and Common Cause pres. Ann McBride.

TONIGHT: CNBC's "Russert" hosts AMERICAN SPECTATOR's David Frum.

TAUZIN: Analyst Stu Rothenberg: "[Tauzin's] important because he gives the Republicans a chance to win the Louisiana Senate seat. He's from the southern part of the state. He's a Cajun, Catholic, that's an important addition to the Republican constituency. More Protestant, conservative, working class Democrats with country club Republicans give the Republicans a great chance" ("Inside Politics," CNN, 8/7).

LAUGHS: David Letterman: "Bill Clinton is one of the world's busiest people but he always has time to flip through this publication: (shows fake magazine with picture of Clinton) LAME DUCK WEEKLY" ("Late Show," CBS, 8/7). Jay Leno, on how Beverly Heard responded to her parents' questions about Mel Reynolds: "Well, I don't know if you know him, but I think you voted for him" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 8/7).

TOP TEN SIGNS OF SLOPPINESS IN THE L.A.P.D. CRIME LAB

10. Test tubes not washed between vodka shots.
9. Findings that state "all fingerprints pretty much the same."
8. When they run out of salt, sprinkle DNA on lunch.
7. Reports copied word-for-word from old "Quincy" episodes.
6. Claimed results showed it was impossible for man to have first name of "Dick" and last name of "Assman."
5. Technician borrowed bloody glove to do some weed-pulling in backyard.
4. Blood sample too small? Add some water and red food coloring.
3. Somebody keeps using test tubes as way to save a walk to the bathroom.

2. No more O.J. blood? Just cut yourself.
1. Lab director: Rosa Lopez ("Late Show," CBS, 8/7).

===== TV SOUNDBITE =====

"I will not be blackmailed into selling the American people's future down the drain to avoid a train wreck. Better a train wreck for a day or two or three or four, better political damage to Bill Clinton, than damaging the future of millions and millions and millions of Americans."
-- Pres. Clinton, NPR, 8/7

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SON OF A PIZZA MAN: Gramm kneads Dole's dough over welfare reform in NH. Was Bob's oven temperature on the rise? (#2)	but-ready to anoint Rep. Dick Zimmer (R-12) as its nominee. Now it's the Dems who seem ready to unite -- behind Rep. Bob Torricelli.
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BACK FROM SUMMER CAMP (#15) Daschle. Other Dems are If Rep. Camp (R) jumps in the mentioned, but as for ex- MI Sen. race, expect a complex Gov. Jim Florio, NJ's Dem 3-way GOP grapple, with abortio chair wants a "new face."

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===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====
 "First thing you ought to do is get rid of the
 Department of Education. It don't belong."
 -- Morry Taylor, CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS, 8/28.

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AND HOW DID BUSH DO?

Pres. Clinton's approval rating for his 10th quarter in office (April, May and June of this year) was 48%. Here are the 10th quarter ratings of recent presidents: Bush -- 73%; Nixon -- 49%; Reagan -- 44%; Carter -- 31% (Courtesy Gallup).

===== WHITE HOUSE '96 =====

*1 WILSON: WANTS TAX CHECKOFF FOR COPS; MORE ANNOUNCE REAX

Pete Wilson, in day two of his announcement tour, went to Boston's Faneuil Hall and proposed a federal income tax checkoff "for people to steer money toward their local police departments." Wilson's plan would allow people to earmark 1% of their federal income taxes for state and local law enforcement programs which "he said could generate more than \$6 billion annually for local police." Wilson, the first gov. to sign "Three Strikes You're Out" legislation, said his Checkoff for Public Safety would result in a direct grant to states. He estimated that it could generate \$175 million for MA to hire 2,378 officers and \$30M for NH to hire 394. MA Gov. Bill Weld, a key Wilson supporter, called the proposal "great." Wilson also criticized Pres. Clinton's "100,000 cops" crime bill, "noting that it forces local governments to put up most of the money and will phase out all federal aid by decade's end." But in "apparent deference" to Weld, Wilson "touched only briefly on his opposition to affirmative action and support for tougher curbs on illegal immigration." Weld supports retaining affirm. action programs. Wilson also "saluted" Middlesex Sheriff Brad Bailey, who "recently vowed to risk imprisonment rather than obey a judge's order to release prisoners from overcrowded facilities." Wilson, on Bailey: "He told the judge he'd rather go to jail himself than put these thugs back on the street -- that's my kind of sheriff!" (Howe, BOSTON GLOBE, 8/30).

EMPTY IN PHILLY: In a speech before a "nearly empty" gathering of the Fraternal Order of Police in Philadelphia, Wilson delivered a "law and order" speech where he said, "I'm sick and tired of a corrupt culture more interested in honoring the perpetrators of crime than the victims of it." As was the case 8/28 when he announced at the Statue of Liberty, when "no New York elected officials were on hand to greet him even as a matter of courtesy, let alone to endorse him," there were no PA GOP officials "on hand to greet him here either" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 8/30).

SO FAR, SO GOOD: S.J. MERCURY NEWS' Thurm thinks Wilson "succeeded" in his effort to "grab the media's attention": "By and large, Monday was a shining moment for the usually non-telegenic Wilson: The sun beamed on his face at just the right angle, giving him a near-glow and illuminating the torch on the

Statue of Liberty behind him in New York Harbor" (8/29). A N.Y. POST editorial calls criticism of Wilson's choice of the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop "out of line": "His point was simple -- there is a difference between legal and illegal immigration to this country. ... However much it may pain the open-borders crowd, this nation does have immigration laws, ill-enforced though they may be. And some states --including both New York and Pete Wilson's California -- are suffering a crushing burden from having to subsidize the growing number of people who sneak into this country" (8/30). N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Nelson writes Wilson "suffers the misfortune of being a moderate fighting for recognition in a crowded Republican primary. He tries to convince the conservatives he's conservative and the moderates that he's moderate, and inevitably he winds up talking out of both sides of his mouth. He can do better" (8/30).

DON'T SINGLE OUT PETE ON CONSISTENCY: W.S. JOURNAL's Seib considers the shifting positions of the '96 contenders, be they "flip-flops," "policy reversals" or "evolutions in thinking." Wilson, for example, has changed his position on affirm. action, immigration and whether he would run for pres. as gov. His campaign says his views reflect the same shift in America. Wilson manager George Gorton: "Most Americans were in favor of affirmative action in the 1960s. Most now think it's a problem." Seib writes that Wilson "is hardly alone. In fact, those looking for pristine consistency will look in vain in 1996." Check out these reversals: Bob Dole (assault weapons, no-tax pledge), Lamar Alexander (education), Phil Gramm (pork), Pat Buchanan (free trade), Bill Clinton (middle-class tax cut). Dem pollster Peter Hart said the "problem" for Wilson "isn't that he has changed, but rather that the timing of his changes make them appear to have been made only for 'political expediency.'" Clinton's problem "may be slightly different. He probably suffers not so much from changing his mind as from a perception that he can't make up his mind in the first place" (8/30).

SKED: Wilson will be in Jacksonville, FL today; on 8/31 his "Liberty Tour" takes him to Des Moines and Walcott, IA.

*2 GRAMM: VISITS PIZZA KITCHEN, GETS DOLE HOT UNDER COLLAR

Phil Gramm, "stepping up his New Hampshire campaign," took his welfare reform fight with Bob Dole "from Capitol Hill to a Bedford pizzeria." In a visit to Luisa's Pizza, Gramm "said that Dole's welfare reform bill started out too weak, has become a bit tougher only since Dole accepted two Gramm-authored provisions, but won't be tough enough until Dole accepts two more Gramm proposals." Gramm: "I want to stop giving people more and more money to have more and more children on welfare. ... [Also], we ought to eliminate the federal bureaucracy that goes with [AFDC]. ... The best that Sen. Dole has given me so far is that we will eliminate 30% of the federal jobs in an agency that is no longer working." Gramm, asked if he would filibuster a Dole bill he considers too weak: "I want to work out an agreement. ... I intend to vote for welfare reform. But we've reformed welfare many times, but we have not changed it" (DiStaso, Manchester UNION LEADER, 8/30). Dole press sec. Nelson Warfield: "Dole's

welfare reform bill will advocate work, and return decision-making to the states and to the governors, like New Hampshire Governor Steve Merrill. ... Our adversary in the battle to reform welfare is Bill Clinton, not each other. Phil Gramm needs to quit worrying about the best interests of his campaign and start worrying about the best interests of America" (BOSTON GLOBE, 8/30). Later in the day, stopping off at the Nashua West Rotary Club, Gramm continued his criticisms of Dole, saying "the difference between himself and Dole is 'our leadership in trying to promote change.'" Gramm: "Dole was ready to compromise on health care and I said, 'No.' I tried to add the Contract with America tax cuts and spending cuts to the Senate budget, but Sen. Dole refused to endorse it and didn't speak out for it. ... You can't compromise on everything. ... We're not going to change America by cutting deals" with Dems (UNION LEADER, 8/30).

BLOOD PRESSURE RISING? Excerpts from both Gramm and Dole were featured on WMUR-TV Manchester. WMUR's Carl Cameron: "After donning an apron for a tour of a Bedford Pizzeria, Phil Gramm fired a conservative shot squarely across Bob Dole's bow. ... From his lakeside retreat, a hint of Dole's temper in response." Dole: "Well, Phil Gramm's one of the best nitpickers in the business. It's never quite enough when I do something. He's always there to say something negative, he has that freedom, he's not the leader. ... I've got to bring people together. While he's dividing them, I've got to bring them back together. We don't need Phil Gramm's unrealistic polarization, we need unity here." Cameron: "Dole's preferred strategy would be to stay above the fray as both Senate Majority Leader and presidential frontrunner. After all, given his history and reputation for temper, he's well aware that keeping his lead could be closely linked to keeping his cool" (8/29).

FROM THE W.S. JOURNAL: Gramm co-writes a W.S. JOURNAL op-ed, entitled "Why Pro-Lifers Should Support Welfare Reform," with Family Research Council's Gary Bauer. Excerpt: "Some have argued that lawmakers should disarm the illegitimacy provisions passed by the House in order to 'avert the tragedy of abortions in America.' We share the commitment to life, and we believe that a vote to reduce illegitimacy will protect the lives of the unborn far more effectively than a vote to retain cash benefits for unwed mothers. Social liberals with a vested interest in dividing conservatives have manufactured a pernicious myth that reforming welfare and eliminating abortion are mutually exclusive goals. Pro-lifers should challenge this, because there are no data to support the contention that the current welfare system suppresses the abortion rate. In fact ... the relationship between higher welfare benefits and higher abortion rates holds up in a state-by-state analysis as well. States with the most generous welfare benefits also tend to have the highest abortion rates" (8/30).

PIZZA FOR YOUR THOUGHTS: UNION LEADER's DiStaso writes, "In one of the more entertaining 'photo ops' thus far" in the campaign, Gramm "donned an apron and was taught by Luisa Matta and her staff how to cook a pizza. ... A little while later, in an unexpected move," Gramm manager Jim Courtovich handed cooked

pizza to DiStaso. "Gramm said, 'Go ahead. You can take that back to the Union Leader.' Courtovich insisted. Gramm, of course, would love to have the editorial endorsement of the state's largest newspapers, so the reporter knew the pizza was obviously meant for authorities higher than himself. So he diligently delivered it to Publisher Nackey S. Loeb yesterday afternoon. Her reaction? Appreciative of the thought, but unfazed" (8/30).

*3 DOLE: STUCK INSIDE THE CABIN WITH THE RIGHT-WING BLUES AGAIN

S.F. CHRONICLE's Saunders writes Bob Dole's decision to return \$1,000 to the Log Cabin Republicans marks the "low point" of a campaign that "promises to be very low." Other campaigns are "gleeful" about Dole's "nasty move." According to LCR chief Rich Tafel, Dole should be aware that "trashing gays is not a freebie": "I don't think we can go through another campaign cycle with all these candidates having closeted gay staff." Tafel said the LCRs would not "out" anyone themselves, but that other gay advocacy groups "just might." Header: "The Dole Way: If You're Down, Kick a Gay" (8/30). A BOSTON GLOBE editorial comments Dole "probably thought he was standing tall for the far right wing of his party" by giving the money back. Actually, the move "made him look pathetically small. Deserting supporters because of political expediency never sits well. ... Dole has not returned campaign contributions to Time Warner even though he deplores the 'nightmares of depravity' in the entertainment industry. ... He could have respectfully agreed to disagree with Log Cabin Republicans on the issue of gays in the military. The Log Cabin Republicans have always been clear about who they are. It's Bob Dole who is disingenuous" (8/29). W. POST editorial: "The real danger for Mr. Dole is not that he will be perceived as a left-winger but that he will turn into some sort of ideological pretzel, twisting this way and that, depending on whether he is thinking about the primaries (twist right) or the general election (twist toward the center). That will help him neither in the primaries nor in the election" (8/30). ATLANTA CONSTITUTION editorial: "Will the real Dole please stand up?" Dole, "once a pillar of middle-of-the-road conservatism and common sense, has demonstrated that he won't let decency and principle get in the way of wooing the Republican Party's staunchest ideologues. ... [He] is engaging in situational ethics. ... [T]his presidential candidate may look like Bob Dole, the well-respected senator. He may also talk like Dole and walk like Dole. But whether he thinks or believes like the real Bob Dole has become a matter under serious question" (8/29).

AND ANOTHER THING: A CONCORD MONITOR editorial, under header, "Dole's weakness," reviews a recent speech in Concord: "Dole's no different now than in 1980 or 1988, when his other presidential runs failed. He was, still is and may always be unable to tell voters in simple, clear terms who he is and what he would do for them as president. ... After two decades of

running for president, Dole doesn't have a standard speech down; he still cannot viscerally connect with voters. Perhaps it's a tribute to stubbornness -- a refusal to let handlers tell him what to say and how to package it. But it's striking that a politician with a command of legislative details falters so at expressing whole concepts and ideas" (8/30).

TEAM UPDATE: Dole picked up the endorsement of NH exec. councilor Ruth Griffin 8/29 (Miller, Manchester UNION LEADER, 8/30). She will join the campaign as an NH vice-chair. Dole is in Dixville Notch, NH today (Dole release 8/29).

*4 ALEXANDER: SPINNING FOR DOLLARS

Nashville TENNESSEAN's Daughtrey comments on "long shot" Lamar Alexander's releasing two internal polls last week "designed to show him as a somewhat shorter shot for the nomination." Internal polls have to be "taken with a grain of salt," but they can "say a lot about the backroom strategy being developed in the campaign headquarters." Meaningless as the IA straw poll "might be," without the Nashville and Atlanta delegates Alexander flew in to vote for him, he "would have finished behind Alan Keyes," who did not bring in any supporters. The IA poll showed Alexander tied with Pat Buchanan for fourth and up 4% for June. The NH poll showed Alexander in third, a point ahead of Gramm -- "the first poll outside [TN] to show Alexander ahead of Gramm." In the larger picture, "the dynamics of the Republican race have not changed in six months. Despite some blips here and there, no one has yet threatened Dole's front runner status. With a field of 10 candidates, no one has emerged as a clear alternative. ... No doubt" Alexander has moved up in IA and NH due to his campaigning there and airing of TV spots. But he needed to release the polls to "show contributors some momentum" as he prepares to "hit the fund raising trail again" -- something he needs to do in order to afford to "make another push" in IA and NH in 2/96, "when the numbers really count" (8/27).

*5 LUGAR: GOES HOME TO GIVE THE SPEECH THEY SAY HE CAN'T GIVE

Dick Lugar came home to Indianapolis 8/28 and "delivered the kind of speech that his critics say he can't -- sometimes funny, often fervent, and with a point aimed right at the hearts of voters who tell pollsters repeatedly that they are sick of attack-dog politics." Lugar "rejected the exploitation of 'wedge issues'" used by candidates like Phil Gramm, Pat Buchanan and Pete Wilson. Speaking at a luncheon honoring an organization he helped form to boost the political careers and involvement of women, Lugar spoke with "passion" in favor of affirmative action -- "the type of affirmative action where someone works to open opportunities because that is right and not because it is the law." Lugar said it was "right" to "jump start" the opening of political opportunities for women. Noting that some GOP hopefuls would dismantle affirmative action, Lugar said the campaign is "extremely misguided, mean-spirited and nasty" (Schneider, INDIANAPOLIS STAR, 8/29).

***6 SPECTER: ONLY HALF OF PA CONTRIBUTIONS GO TO NATIVE SON**

According to FEC reports, "one out of every two dollars" given to pres. candidates from PA donors "went to someone other than Arlen Specter." Specter has raised at least \$743,000 from PA, while the other candidates have raised at least \$762,000 in the state. Pollster Terry Madonna said Specter's home state support is "strong," but "it is by no means solid": "Specter certainly is not the candidate for a substantial number of Pennsylvanians. Conservatives in the Republican party certainly don't find anything rewarding in a Specter candidacy." Specter officials "downplayed" the contribution figures, saying he "has not exhausted his fund-raising potential" in PA. Specter dep. campaign mgr Craig Snyder said the campaign is "happy with the support we're receiving" from PA: "He has received a significant amount of support from Pennsylvania at this point, and there certainly will be more." Specter has raised about 45% of his money out-of-state, a "figure comparable" to the out-of-state contributions to the Pete Wilson and Lamar Alexander campaigns. Pres. Clinton, Bob Dole and Phil Gramm have raised greater percentages from out-of-state donors, while Richard Lugar has raised a higher percentage from his home state (Jesdanun, AP/PHILA. DAILY NEWS, 8/29).

***7 NEW HAMPSHIRE: SOME LATE-SUMMER CNN CHATTER**

CNN's "Inside Politics" offered up a roundtable on NH. Here are some excerpts:

GRAMM: CNN's Randall, on part of Phil Gramm's problem in NH: "There is Gramm's personality. Prominent Republicans sources here say he is arrogant, that he steps on too many political toes." Gramm: "I'm not going to try to go around changing who I am." Randall: "It could cost him the endorsement" of Gov. Steve Merrill. BOSTON GLOBE's David Nyhan: "I can't imagine Phil Gramm picking up a lot of votes. The more he talks, I think the more altitude he loses. ... He'll bomb." WMUR News Director Jack Heath: "I would not overlook Gramm's message in [NH]. I would agree that he is a very direct, somewhat politically abrasive type, but his message fits a lot of people out here. The question will be, can he sell his message personally."

DOLE: NH GOP Chair John Stabile, on Dole's NH performance so far: "I don't think anybody can approach his organization." WMUR's Heath: "To his credit, he's doing everything right ... but he's fighting somewhat of a superhuman effort in the expectations game." GLOBE's Nyhan: "I look at Dole and I see Muskie and Mondale all over again."

BUCHANAN: Nyhan: "Having the Union Leader's [support] is as good as having money, which Buchanan does not have. ... Once Buchanan gets past the Union Leader's support, there's nothing there for him. ... I think Buchanan is way overrated." Nyhan, noting Buchanan's 37% showing against Bush: "I think he'll be lucky to do double digits this time."

ALEXANDER: Nyhan: "I regard [him] as the dark horse. ... Lamar's already raised seven-and-a-half million, which has surprised a lot of people, including me. ... I would expect that

the nominee would be either Wilson or Alexander, because I think a non-Washington man is the best bet for the GOP. ... Alexander would be my longshot pick to win [NH]" (8/29).

***8 IOWA: CANDIDATES RACKING UP THOSE FREQUENT FLYER MILES**

The Iowa Caucus Project reports GOP pres. candidates have collectively spent over 257 days in IA since the inauguration of Pres. Clinton, which is more than ever before. Leading up to the '88 caucuses, GOPers spent 209 days in the state. Also in '88, more than 3000 reporters "from around the world" came to cover IA's caucuses (release, 8/29).

***9 VEEPSTAKES: THOMPSON COULD BE VOLUNTEERED; VOINOVICH'S TAX**

Sen. Fred Thompson's (R-TN) name has made it onto the GOP's "long list" of potential VP candidates. GANNETT's Bender points out that Thompson is "smart, well-spoken, appeals to the flannel shirt crowd as well as the stuffed shirts on Wall Street and, Hey! He's even a movie star." GOP strategist Mitch Daniels, on Thompson: "He's a tremendously appealing figure. He has star quality, and -- this is very important -- he has the ability to articulate Republican values from the perspective of the average person." Gramm pollster Linda Divall agrees: "He could put Tennessee into play. It would be interesting to have two vice presidential candidates from the same state. It would show the Democrats they do not have a lock on Tennessee." Divall added that Thompson's "outsider image" could win over Ross Perot supporters, as he won 70% of the Perot vote in his Senate race. However, TN GOPers "probably would grouse" if Thompson got the VP spot, because it would "leave a void in the Senate the Democrats could fill" (Nashville TENNESSEAN, 8/28).

VOINOVICH TAX RECORD LEAVES SCANT CHANCES: U.S. NEWS'
Michael Barone, who predicted the GOP nominee will be determined on 3/19, the day of the OH, IL, MI and WI primaries, told OH reporters that any chance OH Gov. George Voinovich has for a VP spot "could be irrevocably damaged" because he raised taxes as gov. Barone noted that "a lot of people in the Republican Party are basically saying, 'We'd veto this guy because he's raised taxes. We just don't want that. Remember President Bush?'" Barone also said Clinton will be "hard put" to repeat his victory in the state (Brazaitis, Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 8/27). A recent Tarrance Group (R) poll shows Bob Dole's lead over Bill Clinton growing slightly, to above 50%, in OH when the matchup reads Dole-Voinovich vs. Clinton-Gore (HOTLINE sources).

***10 CLINTON: EDITORIALS REACT TO FUND-RAISING**

The BOSTON GLOBE reported that Pres. Clinton's campaign team is considering rejecting federal funding during the primaries -- and the spending limits that go along with it (see HOTLINE 8/29). Reform advocates like Common Cause reacted negatively to the possibility. Others did, too. GLOBE editorial: "If Clinton's aides convince him to opt out of the federal financing scheme for next year's primaries, the president risks committing yet another act of political self-destruction. ... In the year of Newt, the president has managed to land his most effective counterpunches

on the House speaker on the vital matter of political reform and its most essential component, campaign finance. ... Now he risks undoing the progress he has made -- not just giving away partisan political advantage but also, more important, eliminating the emerging sense of momentum for real campaign finance overhaul. ... Clinton should keep his eye on that ball and stick with public financing" (8/29). FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM editorial: "Apparently the Clinton political team sees a need for big TV advertising late this year and early next year to prepare the Clinton image for the fall campaign. From a practical viewpoint, they see advantage in using only privately raised funds. Practical, perhaps; honest no. If the president ever wonders why he has a negative image or is accused of talking out of both sides of his mouth, he should weigh his frequent statements in favor of campaign finance reform against his performance as a fund-raiser. ... Nevermind that the Republicans ... might look hypocritical themselves if they criticized such a Clinton decision. It would still be wrong. One hundred percent, dead-certain wrong" (8/29).

*11 POWELL: GENERAL NOT GETTING SUPPORT FROM OLD HAUNT

W. S. JOURNAL's Ricks reports the Pentagon, Colin Powell's "old haunt," is "immune" to the "Powellmania" sweeping the nation. Senior DoD officials are "growing uneasy" with Powell's "key legacy," the so-called "Powell Doctrine." The doctrine advocates the use of U.S. military force only "with decisive force and with the clear support of the American people." The critics are asking "whether the Powell approach effectively ties the hands of the president by entertaining only all-or-nothing options for using military force." The doctrine is only being "questioned, not replaced or even challenged directly in public," and it still "holds sway" over much of the armed services, "especially" the Joint Staff. In addition, Powell's views about two other "crucial questions" -- keeping the military out of Bosnia and reducing its size now that the Cold War is over -- "still prevail in Pentagon circles." Many critics "aren't tackling Gen. Powell directly, but instead are taking aim at a proxy target, the Joint Staff, which reports only to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs," Powell's former position. It was under Powell's leadership that the Joint Staff "moved to the center of power in the U.S. military establishment"; many service members are now "challenging" that authority (8/30).

*12 PEROT: FASCINATION WITH HEROES DOESN'T HELP POLITICS

DALLAS MORNING NEWS' McKenzie writes about "a problem with Ross Perot": He "seems to live in a world of individual heroes, where men and women of legendary abilities ride into town, perform acts of bravery and head back out." Perot makes frequent references to individual heroes and their acts of bravery. The problem with this "fascination" is that "his focus on individual heroes and incredible acts of personal bravery is only tangentially relevant to politics or government. ... If politics were so simple, we wouldn't be worrying about troubles like Bosnia, air pollution or interest on the debt. ... The daily life

of politics and government -- where issues with many parts are debated -- is not really about personal acts of bravery. Like it or not, politics is ultimately about collective action, complete with details and drudgery. Committees, procedures, hearings, persuasion -- those are the tools politicians use to achieve progress. They are not the same tools needed to dash into falling buildings and save lives -- or to send private forces into Iran to rescue company employees, as Mr. Perot once did. ... Now, Americans may be growing tired of politics precisely because individual acts of bravery are not so germane to political life. Yet unfortunately, problems like fixing Medicare are not solved by individuals on lone pursuits. They are resolved by the tiresome work of leaders trying to move large numbers of people toward a common goal. Does Ross Perot really understand that fact? ... Successful political leaders are marked by having the staying power to develop a consensus out of many conflicting positions. Bob Dole, for example, may never inspire the masses for being so involved in the political process. But as he told the Dallas convention, his bottom line as Senate majority leader is knowing where the votes are. That fact may sound raw, but well-regarded legislators ... understood that bottom line was necessary for progress" (8/30).

*13 TAYLOR: TAKES HIS MESSAGE EAST

CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS' Merriam profiles Morry Taylor, noting his campaign has gone from "obscurity to a curiosity among political cognoscenti" since the IA straw poll. His plan to cut the federal deficit is simple: "You do it just like you do in business. ... The federal payroll this year, with fringes, is \$200 billion. So, you take a third of that out. Saves you \$60 billion. Then, you consolidate it, no different than you do in any other business, and you save an extra \$120 billion in administrative cost savings. Bingo, that's \$180 billion: You've balanced the budget. You haven't even started to cut all the foolish programs that you can go after there." But asked about what programs he would cut, "he talks about firing the bureaucrats who put [in] \$600 toilet seats or \$900 claw hammers." Taylor: "When you go to cut programs, you've got to turn around and you've got to get congressional authority. But first thing you ought to do is get rid of the Department of Education. It don't belong." Taylor also believes the federal government should not provide welfare: "It should go back to the states. But the states should also pass it right back to the counties, give them the money. Block-grant it right back and get the federal government right out of it." "In the past, Mr. Taylor has associated himself with views that are even further from the mainstream." Taylor took out a full-page ad in USA Today last year in which he and his employees "offered a number of ideas on what America needs." Those ideas included floggings instead of prison for certain crimes, and sterilization of people on welfare. "He now says the idea is that tubal ligations and vasectomies should be free for welfare recipients, so they can avoid having more children. Floggings were an employee's ideas, not his, but I paid for (the ad), and I take responsibility for

it. ... We've got to figure out how to do something; we can't just keep throwing them all in jail" (8/28). Taylor's 89-stop tour of New England took him to Maine 8/24. A "Perot admirer," Taylor said that although he voted for Perot in '92, he thinks his campaign was "politically unrealistic" and encouraged Perot supporters "to get behind his campaign within the two-party system": "If you want change, then join the Republican Party and change it. If all the United We Stand jumped into the Republican Party, they'd take it over." Admitting his lack of name recognition, Taylor said his strategy for winning would be "similar to his approach in business": "Out-whip the suckers" (GANNETT/PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, 8/25).

===== CAMPAIGNS OF '95 =====

*14 LOUISIANA GOV: ROEMER ADDS TO HIS LEAD; WOMEN TIED FOR 2ND

Shreveport TIMES Poll, conducted 8/25-28 by Mason Dixon/PMR, surveyed 828 registered LA voters; margin of error +/-3.5% (8/30). Tested: ex-Gov. Buddy Roemer (R), Treas. Mary Landrieu (D), LG Melinda Schwegmann (D), state Sen. Mike Foster (D), state Rep. Robert Adley (D), atty Phil Preis (D), Reps. Cleo Fields (D-04) & William Jefferson (D-02), '91 cand. David Duke (R), state Rep. Quentin Dastugue (R), state Sen. Don Kelly (D), Delgado Comm. College prof. Anne Thompson (R), Rev. Carey Kimbrell (R) and Orleans Levee Board Pres. Robert Harvey (D). Filing deadline: 9/7. Election: 10/21. Runoff: 11/18. In the 7/95 poll, Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee (D) and ex-Gov. David Treen (R) were polled; both have since dropped out of the race.

	ALL	7/95	MEN	WOMEN	WHITE	BLACK	FAV/UNFAV
Roemer	33%	24%	35%	31%	37%	21%	47%/ 21%
Landrieu	13	13	12	14	15	7	43 / 16
Schwegmann	12	12	11	13	13	8	35 / 23
Fields	8	11	9	7	1	27	29 / 25
Foster	6	3	8	4	8	--	26 / 14
Jefferson	5	2	5	5	1	16	19 / 16
Duke	5	5	7	3	7	--	14 / 69
Dastugue	3	2	3	3	4	--	16 / 10
Adley	2	1	2	2	2	--	9 / 6
Preis	1	1	1	1	1	--	8 / 6
Kelly	1	--	1	1	1	--	9 / 7
Thompson	--	--	--	--	--	--	10 / 11
Kimbrell	--	--	--	--	--	--	5 / 4
Harvey	--	--	--	--	--	--	7 / 10
Undecided	11	12	6	16	10	21	

RUNOFFS

	NOW	7/95		NOW	7/95
Roemer	49%	46%	Roemer	45%	43%
Schwegmann	36	40	Landrieu	40	38
Undecided	15	14	Undecided	15	19
Roemer	61%	59%	Roemer	59%	--
Fields	22	24	Jefferson	21	--

MORE: Dastugue on 8/26 "walked away" with a victory in a Christian Coalition-conducted straw poll, getting 128 of the 183 votes cast. Foster came in second (32 votes), Roemer third (17) (N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE, 8/29). W. POST's Edsall writes that with Gov. Edwin Edwards (D) retiring, "traditional Democratic populism" in the Edwards-Huey Long mold "is teetering close to collapse. ... At the same time, allegations of widespread -- even by Louisiana standards -- payoffs of state legislators by the gambling industry are fueling voter discontent in a state that has been economically stagnant" (8/30).

===== SENATE WATCH =====

*15 MICHIGAN: END-OF-SUMMER CAMP?

DETROIT FREE PRESS' McDiarmid writes that if Rep. Dave Camp (R-04) runs for the seat of Sen. Carl Levin (D), it would "convert a one-on-one primary" race -- between talk show host/'94 primary cand. Ronna Romney (R) and "virtually unknown" Detroit businessman Jim Nicholson (R) -- into a "complex three-way grapple." And it would "instantly force party regulars to recalculate the odds and adjust earlier scenarios." If Camp runs, consider the following: 1) Two men vs. one woman, which helps Romney. 2) Two pro-lifers (Romney & Camp) vs. one pro-choicer, which helps Nicholson. 3) Two southeastern MI cand. vs. one out-stater, which helps Camp. But while Camp has convinced several GOP "higher-ups" that a run is possible, there are "problems" that may hinder a bid. He would have to give up a secure position in the House, as well as a spot on House Ways & Means. In addition, Camp "outspokenly endorsed" Romney in the '94 primary, calling her the "right messenger." Finally, "skeptics will note the last time a mid-Michigan congressman ran against Levin -- Bill Schuette in 1990 -- he got clobbered" (8/29). Schuette is a possible candidate for '96.

ENDORSEMENTS: Longtime GOP leader/'82 gov. nominee Richard Headlee announced 8/28 for Romney and will serve as her honorary chair. Headlee: "I believe Ronna Romney is Michigan's best candidate to end Levin's 18-year reign in the U.S. Senate." Headlee supported now-Sen. Spencer Abraham (R) in his '94 primary against Romney. Headlee "joins a growing list of key Republican leaders" endorsing Romney, including Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-11) and Wayne Co. GOP chair Ed Haroutunian (Romney release, 8/28). Meanwhile, Nicholson named Wayne Co. businessman David Brandon to chair his finance cmte. Brandon: "I am confident our fundraising team will raise over \$2 million for Jim's primary campaign" (Nicholson release, 8/29). Other possible GOPer: Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-02).

*16 NEW JERSEY: TORRICELLI HEARS NICE THINGS FROM DASCHLE

After a "closed door session" with Rep. Bob Torricelli (D-09), Senate Min. Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) vowed to "pull out all the stops" on behalf of Torricelli's quest for the seat of retiring Sen. Bill Bradley (D). Calling Torricelli the Dems'

"best hope of retaining the Bradley seat," Daschle said the DSCC will provide Torricelli's campaign with the "maximum allowable financial help," should he win the primary. Daschle: "No one has the national credibility in New Jersey that Bob Torricelli has. He will get the maximum assistance from the party. We see this as a very winnable race. New Jersey is a huge state for the Democratic Party. It will be worth every effort to support Bob Torricelli in this race." While Torricelli has not yet declared his candidacy, he is "considered the frontrunner" for the Dem nod and has said he "does not expect a tough fight" for the nomination. But there is a long list of potential Dem opponents, "headed by" ex-Gov. Jim Florio (Orr, Newark STAR LEDGER, 8/29). Given the importance of the seat, DSCC officials have said they expect to provide the maximum to whomever wins the primary. Other possible Dems: Reps. Rob Andrews (D-01) & Robert Menendez (D-13), Cherry Hill Mayor Susan Bass Levin, state Sens. John Lynch & John Adler, Assemblyman Neil Cohen and Morris Co. Prosecutor Michael Murphy.

DREAMY DEM: Some "prominent" NJ Dems are hoping John F. Kennedy Jr. will enter the race. State Senate Min. Leader John Lynch (D) called a Kennedy bid a "magnificent adventure for the Democratic Party at a time when it sorely needs it." There are, however, some problems with a Kennedy candidacy: he lives in NY; he's busy launching GEORGE, a new political mag.; and his spokesperson said he is "absolutely not" interested in a Senate bid -- "no way, no how." But when Dems hear the name Kennedy, "they get stars in their eyes." One Dem pointed out that Kennedy's mother owned a lot of property in northern NJ, thus making residency a "simple matter." As for Kennedy's reluctance to run, one Dem said, "So what? Lots of the best candidates are demure about running." Another Dem added, "We still have lots of time to work this out" (Guenther, Camden COURIER-POST, 8/29).

ON THE GOP SIDE: Six GOP senators will host a fundraiser for Rep. Dick Zimmer (R-12). Senate Maj. Leader Bob Dole, Maj. Whip Trent Lott and Sens. John McCain (AZ), Hank Brown (CO), Rick Santorum (PA) and Al D'Amato (NY) will host the event at the NRSC on 9/14. Santorum, who served with Zimmer in the House, on why he is backing Zimmer: "New Jersey taxpayers cannot afford another tax-and-spend liberal in the Senate. Having seen how hard Dick has worked to protect the interests of New Jersey taxpayers in the House, I know what a big difference he will make in the Senate" (Zimmer release, 8/29).

PEACHY KEAN? N.Y. TIMES' Sullivan writes that ex-Gov. Tom Kean (R) "has told friends that he will decide quickly" whether or not to enter the race, either this week before leaving for the Women's Conference in China, or upon his return. One thing that will not stop Kean this time -- as it did when he backed away from a challenge to Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D) in '94 -- is "family concerns." He apparently has his family's "blessing" this time around. FEC spokesperson Ian Stirton says that Kean will not be able to use the \$700K held by a state PAC created for his earlier campaigns if he decides to run. Not everyone is "delighted" by the prospect of a Kean candidacy, especially Zimmer. GOPers are wary of a "divisive, fund-sapping" primary.

Meanwhile, Florio's interest is "creating waves." NJ Dem chair Tom Byrne said of a potential Florio bid: "I respect Jim Florio, but he's been running for office for 20 years and I think it's time to give the new faces a chance and let them begin to define the party" (8/30). Other announced GOpers: Passaic Co. Freeholder Dick DuHaime. Other possible GOpers: Rep. Marge Roukema (R-05), state Senate Pres. Donald DiFrancesco and state Sens. Richard LaRossa & Bill Gormley.

ANOTHER COMEDIAN IN THE SENATE? PHILA. DAILY NEWS' Bykofsky reports that Joe Piscopo is also considering a bid; Piscopo describes himself as a conservative Dem who believes abortion is a private matter and supports the death penalty (8/29).

===== ON THE HOUSE =====

***17 CAMPAIGN FINANCE: TOP 50 HOUSE MEMBERS IN RECEIPTS**

Below is a list of the top 50 House members ranked by total campaign receipts for the period 1/1-6/30. Individual and PAC contributions, interest income and transfers from other accounts are included.

NAME	RECEIPTS	NAME	RECEIPTS
Dick Gephardt (D-MO)	\$1,218,922	Bill Zeliff (R-NH)	\$257,529
Newt Gingrich (R-GA)	884,897	Billy Tauzin (R-LA)	247,901
Tom Delay (R-TX)	486,084	Rick White (R-WA)	245,021
Joe Kennedy (D-MA)	473,205	Bill Baker (R-CA)	243,166
John Ensign (R-NV)	448,698	P. Kennedy (D-RI)	242,411
Nita Lowey (D-NY)	429,303	Bill Paxon (R-NY)	239,859
Tom Davis (R-VA)	397,903	Jack Reed (D-RI)	232,979
C. Schumer (D-NY)	397,048	D. McIntosh (R-IN)	231,914
J. Christensen (R-NE)	370,388	Bart Gordon (D-TN)	226,617
Joe Barton (R-TX)	348,709	Dan Frisa (R-NY)	224,455
Tim Johnson (D-SD)	342,332	G.Radanovich (R-CA)	216,343
John Boehner (R-OH)	314,251	Ed Markey (D-MA)	216,233
Philip Crane (R-IL)	307,063	Wayne Allard (R-CO)	211,930
Jennifer Dunn (R-WA)	302,360	John Linder (R-GA)	211,671
Bob Livingston (R-LA)	301,284	Don Young (R-AK)	210,395
Greg Ganske (R-IN)	292,684	S. Chambliss (R-GA)	208,495
Vic Fazio (D-CA)	288,892	Pat Roberts (R-KS)	207,735
John Dingell (D-MI)	284,313	Jerry Weller (R-IL)	207,594
Bud Shuster (R-PA)	283,316	Dick Armey (R-TX)	207,487
Peter Deutsch (D-FL)	280,831	W. Thomas (R-CA)	202,867
Thomas Bliley (R-VA)	274,061	Jon Fox (R-PA)	202,677
Jim McCrery (R-LA)	271,078	Frank Riggs (R-CA)	201,309
Martin Frost (D-TX)	271,020	Bob Barr (R-GA)	200,644
Charlie Norwood (R-GA)	270,232	James Talent (R-MO)	197,320
Frank Cremeans (R-OH)	267,102	J. Costello (D-IL)	195,215

ANALYSIS: House members, particularly the "aggressive" frosh, are "eclipsing all records in raising campaign cash." Already, \$43.8M has been raised by the 435 incumbents, a 38% increase from the first cycle of 1993. Steve Stockmeyer, who runs an assn. of business PACS: "Among some PAC groups, there's been a sense of panic because they had invested so much in

[Dems]. Now they are playing catch-up, unashamedly. That's one reason you're seeing the big numbers." GOPers credit the "aggressive level of activity" to Gingrich and other high-ranking GOP members who, "like the [Dems] before them, have sought to return their majority status into fund-raising advantage." Frosh, not veterans, "accounted for most of the increase": GOP frosh average: \$142,000; Dem frosh average: \$78,000 (Drinkard, AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/30).

*18 IL 05: THE BALKANIZING OF CHICAGO

Alderman Richard Mell (D) is fighting to get his son-in-law, state Rep. Rod Blagojevich (D), to be the Dem nominee to challenge frosh Rep. Mike Flanagan (R) in '96. But Blagojevich first has to get past a primary contest with state Rep. Nancy Kaszak (D), a "strong vote getter" and a "Polish-American in a district with a large Polish vote." While Blagojevich, a Serbian-American, is the "early favorite" to get the nomination, Mell "isn't taking any chances." His strategy is to recruit ex-Ald. Carole Bialczak (D) to run and split the Polish vote. Since there are "significantly more Poles than Serbs" in the 5th CD, ethnicity is a potential advantage for Kaszak. But Mell's "ethnic ploy could backfire" because Bialczak "doesn't have a ghost of a chance of winning." That's fine with Mell; "he'll be pleased if Bialczak slashes Kaszak's vote by 2 percent." And he isn't "done scheming" yet. Mell may also field a candidate to run against Flanagan in the GOP primary (Neal, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 8/29).

===== TV MONITOR =====

*19 THIS MORNING: "FOX Morning News" hosted THE HILL's Martin Tolchin, Dem consultant Lesley Israel, NEA VP Bob Chase, Center for Strategic and Int'l Studies' Col. William Taylor and Center for Defense Information Adm. Eugene Carroll.

LAST NIGHT: "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with Bosnia. The three nets led with the Mark Fuhrman tapes. "M/L" focused on Bosnia with NEW YORKER's Anna Husarska, World Policy Institute's Walter Russell Mead, Brookings' Susan Woodward and John Hopkins' Fouad Ajami. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted WMUR News Director Jack Heath, BOSTON GLOBE's David Nyhan, NH GOP chair John Stabile and ex-NBC and PBS pres. Larry Grossman. ABC's "Nightline" examined the Fuhrman tapes.

TOP TENS: Thanks for all of your lists -- we're looking for even more. Please fax your submissions to Andrea Short at 703-518-8701.

TOP TEN REASONS WHY BOB PACKWOOD IS STILL IN THE SENATE (submitted by Frank Wilkinson of EMILY's List)

10. Victim toll, while climbing, is still lower than that from the San Francisco earthquake.
9. None of the women Packwood met on foreign junkets has been

contacted by the Ethics committee.

8. Congress' anti-regulation drive has stalled BATF plan to register Packwood's tongue as a deadly weapon.
7. Colleagues concerned expulsion of Packwood might send a hurtful message to Sen. Thurmond.
6. Packwood has promised a federal tax rebate to constituents of senators who don't vote for public hearings.
5. Sen. Byrd is looking forward to replacing references to Cicero and Xenon with references to Bacchus and Dionysus in floor speeches.
4. Pat Moynihan using Packwood as source for his next welfare book.
3. Many of the "incidents" were either minor or with a minor.
2. Senate colleagues just love having him around.
1. Bob Dole.

===== SOUNDBITE =====

"Phil Gramm's one of the best nitpickers in the business. It's never quite enough when I do something. He's always there to say something negative, he has that freedom, he's not the leader."

-- Bob Dole, on Gramm's criticism of Dole
as a compromiser, WMUR-TV, 8/29

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===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"First thing you ought to do is get rid of the
Department of Education. It don't belong."

-- Morry Taylor, CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS, 8/28.

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AND HOW DID BUSH DO?

Pres. Clinton's approval rating for his 10th quarter in office
(April, May and June of this year) was 48%. Here are the 10th
quarter ratings of recent presidents: Bush -- 73%; Nixon -- 49%;

Reagan -- 44%; Carter -- 31% (Courtesy Gallup).

===== WHITE HOUSE '96 =====

*1 WILSON: WANTS TAX CHECKOFF FOR COPS; MORE ANNOUNCE REAX

Pete Wilson, in day two of his announcement tour, went to Boston's Faneuil Hall and proposed a federal income tax checkoff "for people to steer money toward their local police departments." Wilson's plan would allow people to earmark 1% of their federal income taxes for state and local law enforcement programs which "he said could generate more than \$6 billion annually for local police." Wilson, the first gov. to sign "Three Strikes You're Out" legislation, said his Checkoff for Public Safety would result in a direct grant to states. He estimated that it could generate \$175 million for MA to hire 2,378 officers and \$30M for NH to hire 394. MA Gov. Bill Weld, a key Wilson supporter, called the proposal "great." Wilson also criticized Pres. Clinton's "100,000 cops" crime bill, "noting that it forces local governments to put up most of the money and will phase out all federal aid by decade's end." But in "apparent deference" to Weld, Wilson "touched only briefly on his opposition to affirmative action and support for tougher curbs on illegal immigration." Weld supports retaining affirm. action programs. Wilson also "saluted" Middlesex Sheriff Brad Bailey, who "recently vowed to risk imprisonment rather than obey a judge's order to release prisoners from overcrowded facilities."

Wilson, on Bailey: "He told the judge he'd rather go to jail himself than put these thugs back on the street -- that's my kind of sheriff!" (Howe, BOSTON GLOBE, 8/30).

EMPTY IN PHILLY: In a speech before a "nearly empty" gathering of the Fraternal Order of Police in Philadelphia, Wilson delivered a "law and order" speech where he said, "I'm sick and tired of a corrupt culture more interested in honoring the perpetrators of crime than the victims of it." As was the case 8/28 when he announced at the Statue of Liberty, when "no New York elected officials were on hand to greet him even as a matter of courtesy, let alone to endorse him," there were no PA GOP officials "on hand to greet him here either" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 8/30).

SO FAR, SO GOOD: S.J. MERCURY NEWS' Thurm thinks Wilson "succeeded" in his effort to "grab the media's attention": "By and large, Monday was a shining moment for the usually non-telegenic Wilson: The sun beamed on his face at just the right angle, giving him a near-glow and illuminating the torch on the Statue of Liberty behind him in New York Harbor" (8/29). A N.Y. POST editorial calls criticism of Wilson's choice of the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop "out of line": "His point was simple -- there is a difference between legal and illegal immigration to this country. ... However much it may pain the open-borders crowd, this nation does have immigration laws, ill-enforced though they may be. And some states --including both New York and Pete Wilson's California -- are suffering a crushing burden from having to subsidize the growing number of people who sneak

into this country" (8/30). N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Nelson writes Wilson "suffers the misfortune of being a moderate fighting for recognition in a crowded Republican primary. He tries to convince the conservatives he's conservative and the moderates that he's moderate, and inevitably he winds up talking out of both sides of his mouth. He can do better" (8/30).

DON'T SINGLE OUT PETE ON CONSISTENCY: W.S. JOURNAL's Seib considers the shifting positions of the '96 contenders, be they "flip-flops," "policy reversals" or "evolutions in thinking." Wilson, for example, has changed his position on affirm. action, immigration and whether he would run for pres. as gov. His campaign says his views reflect the same shift in America. Wilson manager George Gorton: "Most Americans were in favor of affirmative action in the 1960s. Most now think it's a problem." Seib writes that Wilson "is hardly alone. In fact, those looking for pristine consistency will look in vain in 1996." Check out these reversals: Bob Dole (assault weapons, no-tax pledge), Lamar Alexander (education), Phil Gramm (pork), Pat Buchanan (free trade), Bill Clinton (middle-class tax cut). Dem pollster Peter Hart said the "problem" for Wilson "isn't that he has changed, but rather that the timing of his changes make them appear to have been made only for 'political expediency.'" Clinton's problem "may be slightly different. He probably suffers not so much from changing his mind as from a perception that he can't make up his mind in the first place" (8/30).

SKED: Wilson will be in Jacksonville, FL today; on 8/31 his "Liberty Tour" takes him to Des Moines and Walcott, IA.

*2 GRAMM: VISITS PIZZA KITCHEN, GETS DOLE HOT UNDER COLLAR

Phil Gramm, "stepping up his New Hampshire campaign," took his welfare reform fight with Bob Dole "from Capitol Hill to a Bedford pizzeria." In a visit to Luisa's Pizza, Gramm "said that Dole's welfare reform bill started out too weak, has become a bit tougher only since Dole accepted two Gramm-authored provisions, but won't be tough enough until Dole accepts two more Gramm proposals." Gramm: "I want to stop giving people more and more money to have more and more children on welfare. ... [Also], we ought to eliminate the federal bureaucracy that goes with [AFDC]. ... The best that Sen. Dole has given me so far is that we will eliminate 30% of the federal jobs in an agency that is no longer working." Gramm, asked if he would filibuster a Dole bill he considers too weak: "I want to work out an agreement. ... I intend to vote for welfare reform. But we've reformed welfare many times, but we have not changed it" (DiStaso, Manchester UNION LEADER, 8/30). Dole press sec. Nelson Warfield: "Dole's welfare reform bill will advocate work, and return decision-making to the states and to the governors, like New Hampshire Governor Steve Merrill. ... Our adversary in the battle to reform welfare is Bill Clinton, not each other. Phil Gramm needs to quit worrying about the best interests of his campaign and start worrying about the best interests of America" (BOSTON GLOBE, 8/30). Later in the day, stopping off at the Nashua West Rotary Club, Gramm continued his criticisms of Dole, saying "the difference between himself and Dole is 'our leadership in trying

to promote change.'" Gramm: "Dole was ready to compromise on health care and I said, 'No.' I tried to add the Contract with America tax cuts and spending cuts to the Senate budget, but Sen. Dole refused to endorse it and didn't speak out for it. ... You can't compromise on everything. ... We're not going to change America by cutting deals" with Dems (UNION LEADER, 8/30).

BLOOD PRESSURE RISING? Excerpts from both Gramm and Dole were featured on WMUR-TV Manchester. WMUR's Carl Cameron: "After donning an apron for a tour of a Bedford Pizzeria, Phil Gramm fired a conservative shot squarely across Bob Dole's bow. ... From his lakeside retreat, a hint of Dole's temper in response." Dole: "Well, Phil Gramm's one of the best nitpickers in the business. It's never quite enough when I do something. He's always there to say something negative, he has that freedom, he's not the leader. ... I've got to bring people together. While he's dividing them, I've got to bring them back together. We don't need Phil Gramm's unrealistic polarization, we need unity here." Cameron: "Dole's preferred strategy would be to stay above the fray as both Senate Majority Leader and presidential frontrunner. After all, given his history and reputation for temper, he's well aware that keeping his lead could be closely linked to keeping his cool" (8/29).

FROM THE W.S. JOURNAL: Gramm co-writes a W.S. JOURNAL op-ed, entitled "Why Pro-Lifers Should Support Welfare Reform," with Family Research Council's Gary Bauer. Excerpt: "Some have argued that lawmakers should disarm the illegitimacy provisions passed by the House in order to 'avert the tragedy of abortions in

America.' We share the commitment to life, and we believe that a vote to reduce illegitimacy will protect the lives of the unborn far more effectively than a vote to retain cash benefits for unwed mothers. Social liberals with a vested interest in dividing conservatives have manufactured a pernicious myth that reforming welfare and eliminating abortion are mutually exclusive goals. Pro-lifers should challenge this, because there are no data to support the contention that the current welfare system suppresses the abortion rate. In fact ... the relationship between higher welfare benefits and higher abortion rates holds up in a state-by-state analysis as well. States with the most generous welfare benefits also tend to have the highest abortion rates" (8/30).

PIZZA FOR YOUR THOUGHTS: UNION LEADER's DiStaso writes, "In one of the more entertaining 'photo ops' thus far" in the campaign, Gramm "donned an apron and was taught by Luisa Matta and her staff how to cook a pizza. ... A little while later, in an unexpected move," Gramm manager Jim Courtovich handed cooked pizza to DiStaso. "Gramm said, 'Go ahead. You can take that back to the Union Leader.' Courtovich insisted. Gramm, of course, would love to have the editorial endorsement of the state's largest newspapers, so the reporter knew the pizza was obviously meant for authorities higher than himself. So he diligently delivered it to Publisher Nackey S. Loeb yesterday afternoon. Her reaction? Appreciative of the thought, but unfazed" (8/30).

*3 DOLE: STUCK INSIDE THE CABIN WITH THE RIGHT-WING BLUES AGAIN

S.F. CHRONICLE's Saunders writes Bob Dole's decision to return \$1,000 to the Log Cabin Republicans marks the "low point" of a campaign that "promises to be very low." Other campaigns are "gleeful" about Dole's "nasty move." According to LCR chief Rich Tafel, Dole should be aware that "trashing gays is not a freebie": "I don't think we can go through another campaign cycle with all these candidates having closeted gay staff." Tafel said the LCRs would not "out" anyone themselves, but that other gay advocacy groups "just might." Header: "The Dole Way: If You're Down, Kick a Gay" (8/30). A BOSTON GLOBE editorial comments Dole "probably thought he was standing tall for the far right wing of his party" by giving the money back. Actually, the move "made him look pathetically small. Deserting supporters because of political expediency never sits well. ... Dole has not returned campaign contributions to Time Warner even though he deplores the 'nightmares of depravity' in the entertainment industry. ... He could have respectfully agreed to disagree with Log Cabin Republicans on the issue of gays in the military. The Log Cabin Republicans have always been clear about who they are. It's Bob Dole who is disingenuous" (8/29). W. POST editorial: "The real danger for Mr. Dole is not that he will be perceived as a left-winger but that he will turn into some sort of ideological pretzel, twisting this way and that, depending on whether he is

thinking about the primaries (twist right) or the general election (twist toward the center). That will help him neither in the primaries nor in the election" (8/30). ATLANTA CONSTITUTION editorial: "Will the real Dole please stand up?" Dole, "once a pillar of middle-of-the-road conservatism and common sense, has demonstrated that he won't let decency and principle get in the way of wooing the Republican Party's staunchest ideologues. ... [He] is engaging in situational ethics. ... [T]his presidential candidate may look like Bob Dole, the well-respected senator. He may also talk like Dole and walk like Dole. But whether he thinks or believes like the real Bob Dole has become a matter under serious question" (8/29).

AND ANOTHER THING: A CONCORD MONITOR editorial, under header, "Dole's weakness," reviews a recent speech in Concord: "Dole's no different now than in 1980 or 1988, when his other presidential runs failed. He was, still is and may always be unable to tell voters in simple, clear terms who he is and what he would do for them as president. ... After two decades of running for president, Dole doesn't have a standard speech down; he still cannot viscerally connect with voters. Perhaps it's a tribute to stubbornness -- a refusal to let handlers tell him what to say and how to package it. But it's striking that a politician with a command of legislative details falters so at expressing whole concepts and ideas" (8/30).

TEAM UPDATE: Dole picked up the endorsement of NH exec. councilor Ruth Griffin 8/29 (Miller, Manchester UNION LEADER, 8/30). She will join the campaign as an NH vice-chair. Dole is

in Dixville Notch, NH today (Dole release 8/29).

*4 ALEXANDER: SPINNING FOR DOLLARS

Nashville TENNESSEAN's Daughtrey comments on "long shot" Lamar Alexander's releasing two internal polls last week "designed to show him as a somewhat shorter shot for the nomination." Internal polls have to be "taken with a grain of salt," but they can "say a lot about the backroom strategy being developed in the campaign headquarters." Meaningless as the IA straw poll "might be," without the Nashville and Atlanta delegates Alexander flew in to vote for him, he "would have finished behind Alan Keyes," who did not bring in any supporters. The IA poll showed Alexander tied with Pat Buchanan for fourth and up 4% for June. The NH poll showed Alexander in third, a point ahead of Gramm -- "the first poll outside [TN] to show Alexander ahead of Gramm." In the larger picture, "the dynamics of the Republican race have not changed in six months. Despite some blips here and there, no one has yet threatened Dole's front runner status. With a field of 10 candidates, no one has emerged as a clear alternative. ... No doubt" Alexander has moved up in IA and NH due to his campaigning there and airing of TV spots. But he needed to release the polls to "show contributors some momentum" as he prepares to "hit the fund raising trail again" -- something he needs to do in order to afford to "make another push" in IA and NH in 2/96, "when the numbers really count" (8/27).

***5 LUGAR: GOES HOME TO GIVE THE SPEECH THEY SAY HE CAN'T GIVE**

Dick Lugar came home to Indianapolis 8/28 and "delivered the kind of speech that his critics say he can't -- sometimes funny, often fervent, and with a point aimed right at the hearts of voters who tell pollsters repeatedly that they are sick of attack-dog politics." Lugar "rejected the exploitation of 'wedge issues'" used by candidates like Phil Gramm, Pat Buchanan and Pete Wilson. Speaking at a luncheon honoring an organization he helped form to boost the political careers and involvement of women, Lugar spoke with "passion" in favor of affirmative action -- "the type of affirmative action where someone works to open opportunities because that is right and not because it is the law." Lugar said it was "right" to "jump start" the opening of political opportunities for women. Noting that some GOP hopefuls would dismantle affirmative action, Lugar said the campaign is "extremely misguided, mean-spirited and nasty" (Schneider, INDIANAPOLIS STAR, 8/29).

***6 SPECTER: ONLY HALF OF PA CONTRIBUTIONS GO TO NATIVE SON**

According to FEC reports, "one out of every two dollars" given to pres. candidates from PA donors "went to someone other than Arlen Specter." Specter has raised at least \$743,000 from PA, while the other candidates have raised at least \$762,000 in the state. Pollster Terry Madonna said Specter's home state support is "strong," but "it is by no means solid": "Specter certainly is not the candidate for a substantial number of

Pennsylvanians. Conservatives in the Republican party certainly don't find anything rewarding in a Specter candidacy." Specter officials "downplayed" the contribution figures, saying he "has not exhausted his fund-raising potential" in PA. Specter dep. campaign mgr Craig Snyder said the campaign is "happy with the support we're receiving" from PA: "He has received a significant amount of support from Pennsylvania at this point, and there certainly will be more." Specter has raised about 45% of his money out-of-state, a "figure comparable" to the out-of-state contributions to the Pete Wilson and Lamar Alexander campaigns. Pres. Clinton, Bob Dole and Phil Gramm have raised greater percentages from out-of-state donors, while Richard Lugar has raised a higher percentage from his home state (Jesdanun, AP/PHILA. DAILY NEWS, 8/29).

*7 NEW HAMPSHIRE: SOME LATE-SUMMER CNN CHATTER

CNN's "Inside Politics" offered up a roundtable on NH. Here are some excerpts:

GRAMM: CNN's Randall, on part of Phil Gramm's problem in NH: "There is Gramm's personality. Prominent Republicans sources here say he is arrogant, that he steps on too many political toes." Gramm: "I'm not going to try to go around changing who I am." Randall: "It could cost him the endorsement" of Gov. Steve Merrill. BOSTON GLOBE's David Nyhan: "I can't imagine Phil Gramm picking up a lot of votes. The more he talks, I think the more altitude he loses. ... He'll bomb." WMUR News Director Jack Heath: "I would not overlook Gramm's message in [NH]. I would

agree that he is a very direct, somewhat politically abrasive type, but his message fits a lot of people out here. The question will be, can he sell his message personally."

DOLE: NH GOP Chair John Stabile, on Dole's NH performance so far: "I don't think anybody can approach his organization."

WMUR's Heath: "To his credit, he's doing everything right ... but he's fighting somewhat of a superhuman effort in the expectations game." GLOBE's Nyhan: "I look at Dole and I see Muskie and Mondale all over again."

BUCHANAN: Nyhan: "Having the Union Leader's [support] is as good as having money, which Buchanan does not have. ... Once Buchanan gets past the Union Leader's support, there's nothing there for him. ... I think Buchanan is way overrated." Nyhan, noting Buchanan's 37% showing against Bush: "I think he'll be lucky to do double digits this time."

ALEXANDER: Nyhan: "I regard [him] as the dark horse. ... Lamar's already raised seven-and-a-half million, which has surprised a lot of people, including me. ... I would expect that the nominee would be either Wilson or Alexander, because I think a non-Washington man is the best bet for the GOP. ... Alexander would be my longshot pick to win [NH]" (8/29).

***8 IOWA: CANDIDATES RACKING UP THOSE FREQUENT FLYER MILES**

The Iowa Caucus Project reports GOP pres. candidates have collectively spent over 257 days in IA since the inauguration of Pres. Clinton, which is more than ever before. Leading up to the '88 caucuses, GOPers spent 209 days in the state. Also in '88,

more than 3000 reporters "from around the world" came to cover IA's caucuses (release, 8/29).

*9 VEEPSTAKES: THOMPSON COULD BE VOLUNTEERED; VOINOVICH'S TAX

Sen. Fred Thompson's (R-TN) name has made it onto the GOP's "long list" of potential VP candidates. GANNETT's Bender points out that Thompson is "smart, well-spoken, appeals to the flannel shirt crowd as well as the stuffed shirts on Wall Street and, Hey! He's even a movie star." GOP strategist Mitch Daniels, on Thompson: "He's a tremendously appealing figure. He has star quality, and -- this is very important -- he has the ability to articulate Republican values from the perspective of the average person." Gramm pollster Linda Divall agrees: "He could put Tennessee into play. It would be interesting to have two vice presidential candidates from the same state. It would show the Democrats they do not have a lock on Tennessee." Divall added that Thompson's "outsider image" could win over Ross Perot supporters, as he won 70% of the Perot vote in his Senate race. However, TN GOPers "probably would grouse" if Thompson got the VP spot, because it would "leave a void in the Senate the Democrats could fill" (Nashville TENNESSEAN, 8/28).

VOINOVICH TAX RECORD LEAVES SCANT CHANCES: U.S. NEWS' Michael Barone, who predicted the GOP nominee will be determined on 3/19, the day of the OH, IL, MI and WI primaries, told OH reporters that any chance OH Gov. George Voinovich has for a VP spot "could be irrevocably damaged" because he raised taxes as gov. Barone noted that "a lot of people in the Republican Party

are basically saying, 'We'd veto this guy because he's raised taxes. We just don't want that. Remember President Bush?'"

Barone also said Clinton will be "hard put" to repeat his victory in the state (Brazaitis, Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 8/27). A recent Tarrance Group (R) poll shows Bob Dole's lead over Bill Clinton growing slightly, to above 50%, in OH when the matchup reads Dole-Voinovich vs. Clinton-Gore (HOTLINE sources).

*10 CLINTON: EDITORIALS REACT TO FUND-RAISING

The BOSTON GLOBE reported that Pres. Clinton's campaign team is considering rejecting federal funding during the primaries -- and the spending limits that go along with it (see HOTLINE 8/29). Reform advocates like Common Cause reacted negatively to the possibility. Others did, too. GLOBE editorial: "If Clinton's aides convince him to opt out of the federal financing scheme for next year's primaries, the president risks committing yet another act of political self-destruction. ... In the year of Newt, the president has managed to land his most effective counterpunches on the House speaker on the vital matter of political reform and its most essential component, campaign finance. ... Now he risks undoing the progress he has made -- not just giving away partisan political advantage but also, more important, eliminating the emerging sense of momentum for real campaign finance overhaul. ... Clinton should keep his eye on that ball and stick with public financing" (8/29). FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM editorial: "Apparently the Clinton political team sees a need for big TV advertising late this year and early next year to prepare the

Clinton image for the fall campaign. From a practical viewpoint, they see advantage in using only privately raised funds.

Practical, perhaps; honest no. If the president ever wonders why he has a negative image or is accused of talking out of both sides of his mouth, he should weigh his frequent statements in favor of campaign finance reform against his performance as a fund-raiser. ... Nevermind that the Republicans

... might look hypocritical themselves if they criticized such a Clinton decision. It would still be wrong. One hundred percent, dead-certain wrong" (8/29).

*11 POWELL: GENERAL NOT GETTING SUPPORT FROM OLD HAUNT

W. S. JOURNAL's Ricks reports the Pentagon, Colin Powell's "old haunt," is "immune" to the "Powellmania" sweeping the nation. Senior DoD officials are "growing uneasy" with Powell's "key legacy," the so-called "Powell Doctrine." The doctrine advocates the use of U.S. military force only "with decisive force and with the clear support of the American people." The critics are asking "whether the Powell approach effectively ties the hands of the president by entertaining only all-or-nothing options for using military force." The doctrine is only being "questioned, not replaced or even challenged directly in public," and it still "holds sway" over much of the armed services, "especially" the Joint Staff. In addition, Powell's views about two other "crucial questions" -- keeping the military out of Bosnia and reducing its size now that the Cold War is over -- "still prevail in Pentagon circles." Many critics "aren't

tackling Gen. Powell directly, but instead are taking aim at a proxy target, the Joint Staff, which reports only to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs," Powell's former position. It was under Powell's leadership that the Joint Staff "moved to the center of power in the U.S. military establishment"; many service members are now "challenging" that authority (8/30).

*12 PEROT: FASCINATION WITH HEROES DOESN'T HELP POLITICS

DALLAS MORNING NEWS' McKenzie writes about "a problem with Ross Perot": He "seems to live in a world of individual heroes, where men and women of legendary abilities ride into town, perform acts of bravery and head back out." Perot makes frequent references to individual heroes and their acts of bravery. The problem with this "fascination" is that "his focus on individual heroes and incredible acts of personal bravery is only tangentially relevant to politics or government. ... If politics were so simple, we wouldn't be worrying about troubles like Bosnia, air pollution or interest on the debt. ... The daily life of politics and government -- where issues with many parts are debated -- is not really about personal acts of bravery. Like it or not, politics is ultimately about collective action, complete with details and drudgery. Committees, procedures, hearings, persuasion -- those are the tools politicians use to achieve progress. They are not the same tools needed to dash into falling buildings and save lives -- or to send private forces into Iran to rescue company employees, as Mr. Perot once did. ... Now, Americans may be growing tired of politics precisely because

individual acts of bravery are not so germane to political life. Yet unfortunately, problems like fixing Medicare are not solved by individuals on lone pursuits. They are resolved by the tiresome work of leaders trying to move large numbers of people toward a common goal. Does Ross Perot really understand that fact? ... Successful political leaders are marked by having the staying power to develop a consensus out of many conflicting positions. Bob Dole, for example, may never inspire the masses for being so involved in the political process. But as he told the Dallas convention, his bottom line as Senate majority leader is knowing where the votes are. That fact may sound raw, but well-regarded legislators ... understood that bottom line was necessary for progress" (8/30).

*13 TAYLOR: TAKES HIS MESSAGE EAST

CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS' Merrion profiles Morry Taylor, noting his campaign has gone from "obscurity to a curiosity among political cognoscenti" since the IA straw poll. His plan to cut the federal deficit is simple: "You do it just like you do in business. ... The federal payroll this year, with fringes, is \$200 billion. So, you take a third of that out. Saves you \$60 billion. Then, you consolidate it, no different than you do in any other business, and you save an extra \$120 billion in administrative cost savings. Bingo, that's \$180 billion: You've balanced the budget. You haven't even started to cut all the foolish programs that you can go after there." But asked about what programs he would cut, "he talks about firing the

bureaucrats who put [in] \$600 toilet seats or \$900 claw hammers."

Taylor: "When you go to cut programs, you've got to turn around and you've got to get congressional authority. But first thing you ought to do is get rid of the Department of Education. It don't belong." Taylor also believes the federal government should not provide welfare: "It should go back to the states. But the states should also pass it right back to the counties, give them the money. Block-grant it right back and get the federal government right out of it." "In the past, Mr. Taylor has associated himself with views that are even further from the mainstream." Taylor took out a full-page ad in USA Today last year in which he and his employees "offered a number of ideas on what America needs." Those ideas included floggings instead of prison for certain crimes, and sterilization of people on welfare. "He now says the idea is that tubal ligations and vasectomies should be free for welfare recipients, so they can avoid having more children. Floggings were an employee's ideas, not his, but 'I paid for (the ad), and I take responsibility for it. ... We've got to figure out how to do something; we can't just keep throwing them all in jail'" (8/28). Taylor's 89-stop tour of New England took him to Maine 8/24. A "Perot admirer," Taylor said that although he voted for Perot in '92, he thinks his campaign was "politically unrealistic" and encouraged Perot supporters "to get behind his campaign within the two-party system": "If you want change, then join the Republican Party and change it. If all the United We Stand jumped into the Republican Party, they'd take it over." Admitting his lack of name

recognition, Taylor said his strategy for winning would be "similar to his approach in business": "Out-whip the suckers" (GANNETT/PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, 8/25). ===== CAMPAIGNS OF '95 =====

*14 LOUISIANA GOV: ROEMER ADDS TO HIS LEAD; WOMEN TIED FOR 2ND

Shreveport TIMES Poll, conducted 8/25-28 by Mason Dixon/PMR, surveyed 828 registered LA voters; margin of error +/-3.5% (8/30). Tested: ex-Gov. Buddy Roemer (R), Treas. Mary Landrieu (D), LG Melinda Schwegmann (D), state Sen. Mike Foster (D), state Rep. Robert Adley (D), atty Phil Preis (D), Reps. Cleo Fields (D-04) & William Jefferson (D-02), '91 cand. David Duke (R), state Rep. Quentin Dastugue (R), state Sen. Don Kelly (D), Delgado Comm. College prof. Anne Thompson (R), Rev. Carey Kimbrell (R) and Orleans Levee Board Pres. Robert Harvey (D). Filing deadline: 9/7. Election: 10/21. Runoff: 11/18. In the 7/95 poll, Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee (D) and ex-Gov. David Treen (R) were polled; both have since dropped out of the race.

	ALL	7/95	MEN	WOMEN	WHITE	BLACK	FAV/UNFAV
Roemer	33%	24%	35%	31%	37%	21%	47%/ 21%
Landrieu	13	13	12	14	15	7	43 / 16
Schwegmann	12	12	11	13	13	8	35 / 23
Fields	8	11	9	7	1	27	29 / 25
Foster	6	3	8	4	8	--	26 / 14
Jefferson	5	2	5	5	1	16	19 / 16
Duke	5	5	7	3	7	--	14 / 69

Dastugue	3	2	3	3	4	--	16 / 10
Adley	2	1	2	2	2	--	9 / 6
Preis	1	1	1	1	1	--	8 / 6
Kelly	1	--	1	1	1	--	9 / 7
Thompson	--	--	--	--	--	--	10 / 11
Kimbrell	--	--	--	--	--	--	5 / 4
Harvey	--	--	--	--	--	--	7 / 10
Undecided	11	12	6	16	10	21	

RUNOFFS

	NOW	7/95		NOW	7/95
Roemer	49%	46%	Roemer	45%	43%
Schwegmann	36	40	Landrieu	40	38
Undecided	15	14	Undecided	15	19
Roemer	61%	59%	Roemer	59%	--
Fields	22	24	Jefferson	21	--
Undecided	17	17	Undecided	20	--

MORE: Dastugue on 8/26 "walked away" with a victory in a Christian Coalition-conducted straw poll, getting 128 of the 183 votes cast. Foster came in second (32 votes), Roemer third (17) (N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE, 8/29). W. POST's Edsall writes that with Gov. Edwin Edwards (D) retiring, "traditional Democratic populism" in the Edwards-Huey Long mold "is teetering close to collapse. ... At the same time, allegations of widespread -- even by Louisiana standards -- payoffs of state legislators by the gambling industry are fueling voter discontent in a state that

has been economically stagnant" (8/30).

===== SENATE WATCH =====

*15 MICHIGAN: END-OF-SUMMER CAMP?

DETROIT FREE PRESS' McDiarmid writes that if Rep. Dave Camp (R-04) runs for the seat of Sen. Carl Levin (D), it would "convert a one-on-one primary" race -- between talk show host/'94 primary cand. Ronna Romney (R) and "virtually unknown" Detroit businessman Jim Nicholson (R) -- into a "complex three-way grapple." And it would "instantly force party regulars to recalculate the odds and adjust earlier scenarios." If Camp runs, consider the following: 1) Two men vs. one woman, which helps Romney. 2) Two pro-lifers (Romney & Camp) vs. one pro-choicer, which helps Nicholson. 3) Two southeastern MI cands. vs. one out-stater, which helps Camp. But while Camp has convinced several GOP "higher-ups" that a run is possible, there are "problems" that may hinder a bid. He would have to give up a secure position in the House, as well as a spot on House Ways & Means. In addition, Camp "outspokenly endorsed" Romney in the '94 primary, calling her the "right messenger." Finally, "skeptics will note the last time a mid-Michigan congressman ran against Levin -- Bill Schuette in 1990 -- he got clobbered" (8/29). Schuette is a possible candidate for '96.

ENDORSEMENTS: Longtime GOP leader/'82 gov. nominee Richard Headlee announced 8/28 for Romney and will serve as her honorary chair. Headlee: "I believe Ronna Romney is Michigan's best

candidate to end Levin's 18-year reign in the U.S. Senate."

Headlee supported now-Sen. Spencer Abraham (R) in his '94 primary against Romney. Headlee "joins a growing list of key Republican leaders" endorsing Romney, including Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-11) and Wayne Co. GOP chair Ed Haroutunian (Romney release, 8/28).

Meanwhile, Nicholson named Wayne Co. businessman David Brandon to chair his finance cmte. Brandon: "I am confident our fundraising team will raise over \$2 million for Jim's primary campaign" (Nicholson release, 8/29). Other possible GOPer: Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-02).

*16 NEW JERSEY: TORRICELLI HEARS NICE THINGS FROM DASCHLE

After a "closed door session" with Rep. Bob Torricelli (D-09), Senate Min. Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) vowed to "pull out all the stops" on behalf of Torricelli's quest for the seat of retiring Sen. Bill Bradley (D). Calling Torricelli the Dems' "best hope of retaining the Bradley seat," Daschle said the DSCC will provide Torricelli's campaign with the "maximum allowable financial help," should he win the primary. Daschle: "No one has the national credibility in New Jersey that Bob Torricelli has. He will get the maximum assistance from the party. We see this as a very winnable race. New Jersey is a huge state for the Democratic Party. It will be worth every effort to support Bob Torricelli in this race." While Torricelli has not yet declared his candidacy, he is "considered the frontrunner" for the Dem nod and has said he "does not expect a tough fight" for the nomination. But there is a long list of potential Dem opponents,

"headed by" ex-Gov. Jim Florio (Orr, Newark STAR LEDGER, 8/29).

Given the importance of the seat, DSCC officials have said they expect to provide the maximum to whomever wins the primary.

Other possible Dems: Reps. Rob Andrews (D-01) & Robert Menendez (D-13), Cherry Hill Mayor Susan Bass Levin, state Sens. John Lynch & John Adler, Assemblyman Neil Cohen and Morris Co. Prosecutor Michael Murphy.

DREAMY DEM: Some "prominent" NJ Dems are hoping John F. Kennedy Jr. will enter the race. State Senate Min. Leader John Lynch (D) called a Kennedy bid a "magnificent adventure for the Democratic Party at a time when it sorely needs it." There are, however, some problems with a Kennedy candidacy: he lives in NY; he's busy launching GEORGE, a new political mag.; and his spokesperson said he is "absolutely not" interested in a Senate bid -- "no way, no how." But when Dems hear the name Kennedy, "they get stars in their eyes." One Dem pointed out that Kennedy's mother owned a lot of property in northern NJ, thus making residency a "simple matter." As for Kennedy's reluctance to run, one Dem said, "So what? Lots of the best candidates are demure about running." Another Dem added, "We still have lots of time to work this out" (Guenther, Camden COURIER-POST, 8/29).

ON THE GOP SIDE: Six GOP senators will host a fundraiser for Rep. Dick Zimmer (R-12). Senate Maj. Leader Bob Dole, Maj. Whip Trent Lott and Sens. John McCain (AZ), Hank Brown (CO), Rick Santorum (PA) and Al D'Amato (NY) will host the event at the NRSC on 9/14. Santorum, who served with Zimmer in the House, on why he is backing Zimmer: "New Jersey taxpayers cannot afford another

tax-and-spend liberal in the Senate. Having seen how hard Dick has worked to protect the interests of New Jersey taxpayers in the House, I know what a big difference he will make in the Senate" (Zimmer release, 8/29).

PEACHY KEAN? N.Y. TIMES' Sullivan writes that ex-Gov. Tom Kean (R) "has told friends that he will decide quickly" whether or not to enter the race, either this week before leaving for the Women's Conference in China, or upon his return. One thing that will not stop Kean this time -- as it did when he backed away from a challenge to Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D) in '94 -- is "family concerns." He apparently has his family's "blessing" this time around. FEC spokesperson Ian Stirton says that Kean will not be able to use the \$700K held by a state PAC created for his earlier campaigns if he decides to run. Not everyone is "delighted" by the prospect of a Kean candidacy, especially Zimmer. GOPers are wary of a "divisive, fund-sapping" primary. Meanwhile, Florio's interest is "creating waves." NJ Dem chair Tom Byrne said of a potential Florio bid: "I respect Jim Florio, but he's been running for office for 20 years and I think it's time to give the new faces a chance and let them begin to define the party" (8/30). Other announced GOPer: Passaic Co. Freeholder Dick DuHaime. Other possible GOPers: Rep. Marge Roukema (R-05), state Senate Pres. Donald DiFrancesco and state Sens. Richard LaRossa & Bill Gormley.

ANOTHER COMEDIAN IN THE SENATE? PHILA. DAILY NEWS' Bykofsky reports that Joe Piscopo is also considering a bid; Piscopo describes himself as a conservative Dem who believes abortion is

a private matter and supports the death penalty (8/29).

===== ON THE HOUSE =====

***17 CAMPAIGN FINANCE: TOP 50 HOUSE MEMBERS IN RECEIPTS**

Below is a list of the top 50 House members ranked by total campaign receipts for the period 1/1-6/30. Individual and PAC contributions, interest income and transfers from other accounts are included.

NAME	RECEIPTS	NAME	RECEIPTS
Dick Gephardt (D-MO)	\$1,218,922	Bill Zeliff (R-NH)	\$257,529
Newt Gingrich (R-GA)	884,897	Billy Tauzin (R-LA)	247,901
Tom Delay (R-TX)	486,084	Rick White (R-WA)	245,021
Joe Kennedy (D-MA)	473,205	Bill Baker (R-CA)	243,166
John Ensign (R-NV)	448,698	P. Kennedy (D-RI)	242,411
Nita Lowey (D-NY)	429,303	Bill Paxon (R-NY)	239,859
Tom Davis (R-VA)	397,903	Jack Reed (D-RI)	232,979
C. Schumer (D-NY)	397,048	D. McIntosh (R-IN)	231,914
J. Christensen (R-NE)	370,388	Bart Gordon (D-TN)	226,617
Joe Barton (R-TX)	348,709	Dan Frisa (R-NY)	224,455
Tim Johnson (D-SD)	342,332	G.Radanovich (R-CA)	216,343
John Boehner (R-OH)	314,251	Ed Markey (D-MA)	216,233
Philip Crane (R-IL)	307,063	Wayne Allard (R-CO)	211,930
Jennifer Dunn (R-WA)	302,360	John Linder (R-GA)	211,671
Bob Livingston (R-LA)	301,284	Don Young (R-AK)	210,395
Greg Ganske (R-IN)	292,684	S. Chambliss (R-GA)	208,495

Vic Fazio (D-CA) 288,892 Pat Roberts (R-KS) 207,735
John Dingell (D-MI) 284,313 Jerry Weller (R-IL) 207,594
Bud Shuster (R-PA) 283,316 Dick Armey (R-TX) 207,487
Peter Deutsch (D-FL) 280,831 W. Thomas (R-CA) 202,867
Thomas Bliley (R-VA) 274,061 Jon Fox (R-PA) 202,677
Jim McCrery (R-LA) 271,078 Frank Riggs (R-CA) 201,309
Martin Frost (D-TX) 271,020 Bob Barr (R-GA) 200,644
Charlie Norwood (R-GA) 270,232 James Talent (R-MO) 197,320
Frank Cremeans (R-OH) 267,102 J. Costello (D-IL) 195,215

ANALYSIS: House members, particularly the "aggressive" frosh, are "eclipsing all records in raising campaign cash." Already, \$43.8M has been raised by the 435 incumbents, a 38% increase from the first cycle of 1993. Steve Stockmeyer, who runs an assn. of business PACS: "Among some PAC groups, there's been a sense of panic because they had invested so much in [Dems]. Now they are playing catch-up, unashamedly. That's one reason you're seeing the big numbers." GOPers credit the "aggressive level of activity" to Gingrich and other high-ranking GOP members who, "like the [Dems] before them, have sought to return their majority status into fund-raising advantage." Frosh, not veterans, "accounted for most of the increase": GOP frosh average: \$142,000; Dem frosh average: \$78,000 (Drinkard, AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/30).

***18 IL 05: THE BALKANIZING OF CHICAGO**

Alderman Richard Mell (D) is fighting to get his son-in-law, state Rep. Rod Blagojevich (D), to be the Dem nominee to challenge frosh Rep. Mike Flanagan (R) in '96. But Blagojevich first has to get past a primary contest with state Rep. Nancy Kaszak (D), a "strong vote getter" and a "Polish-American in a district with a large Polish vote." While Blagojevich, a Serbian-American, is the "early favorite" to get the nomination, Mell "isn't taking any chances." His strategy is to recruit ex-Ald. Carole Bialczak (D) to run and split the Polish vote. Since there are "significantly more Poles than Serbs" in the 5th CD, ethnicity is a potential advantage for Kaszak. But Mell's "ethnic ploy could backfire" because Bialczak "doesn't have a ghost of a chance of winning." That's fine with Mell; "he'll be pleased if Bialczak slashes Kaszak's vote by 2 percent." And he isn't "done scheming" yet. Mell may also field a candidate to run against Flanagan in the GOP primary (Neal, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 8/29).

===== TV MONITOR =====

***19 THIS MORNING:** "FOX Morning News" hosted THE HILL's Martin Tolchin, Dem consultant Lesley Israel, NEA VP Bob Chase, Center for Strategic and Int'l Studies' Col. William Taylor and Center for Defense Information Adm. Eugene Carroll.

LAST NIGHT: "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with Bosnia. The three

nets led with the Mark Fuhrman tapes. "M/L" focused on Bosnia with NEW YORKER's Anna Husarska, World Policy Institute's Walter Russell Mead, Brookings' Susan Woodward and John Hopkins' Fouad Ajami. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted WMUR News Director Jack Heath, BOSTON GLOBE's David Nyhan, NH GOP chair John Stabile and ex-NBC and PBS pres. Larry Grossman. ABC's "Nightline" examined the Fuhrman tapes.

TOP TENS: Thanks for all of your lists -- we're looking for even more. Please fax your submissions to Andrea Short at 703-518-8701.

TOP TEN REASONS WHY BOB PACKWOOD IS STILL IN THE SENATE

(submitted by Frank Wilkinson of EMILY's List)

10. Victim toll, while climbing, is still lower than that from the San Francisco earthquake.
9. None of the women Packwood met on foreign junkets has been contacted by the Ethics committee.
8. Congress' anti-regulation drive has stalled BATF plan to register Packwood's tongue as a deadly weapon.
7. Colleagues concerned expulsion of Packwood might send a hurtful message to Sen. Thurmond.
6. Packwood has promised a federal tax rebate to constituents of senators who don't vote for public hearings.
5. Sen. Byrd is looking forward to replacing references to Cicero and Xenon with references to Bacchus and Dionysus in floor speeches.

4. Pat Moynihan using Packwood as source for his next welfare book.
3. Many of the "incidents" were either minor or with a minor.
2. Senate colleagues just love having him around.
1. Bob Dole.

===== SOUNDBITE =====

"Phil Gramm's one of the best nitpickers in the business. It's never quite enough when I do something. He's always there to say something negative, he has that freedom, he's not the leader."

-- Bob Dole, on Gramm's criticism of Dole

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===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====
"First thing you ought to do is get rid of the
Department of Education. It don't belong."
-- Morry Taylor, CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS, 8/28.

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AND HOW DID BUSH DO?

Pres. Clinton's approval rating for his 10th quarter in office
(April, May and June of this year) was 48%. Here are the 10th
quarter ratings of recent presidents: Bush -- 73%; Nixon -- 49%;
Reagan -- 44%; Carter -- 31% (Courtesy Gallup).

===== WHITE HOUSE '96 =====

*1 WILSON: WANTS TAX CHECKOFF FOR COPS; MORE ANNOUNCE REAX

Pete Wilson, in day two of his announcement tour, went to
Boston's Faneuil Hall and proposed a federal income tax checkoff
"for people to steer money toward their local police
departments." Wilson's plan would allow people to earmark 1% of
their federal income taxes for state and local law enforcement
programs which "he said could generate more than \$6 billion
annually for local police." Wilson, the first gov. to sign
"Three Strikes You're Out" legislation, said his Checkoff for
Public Safety would result in a direct grant to states. He
estimated that it could generate \$175 million for MA to hire
2,378 officers and \$30M for NH to hire 394. MA Gov. Bill Weld, a
key Wilson supporter, called the proposal "great." Wilson also
criticized Pres. Clinton's "100,000 cops" crime bill, "noting

that it forces local governments to put up most of the money and will phase out all federal aid by decade's end." But in "apparent deference" to Weld, Wilson "touched only briefly on his opposition to affirmative action and support for tougher curbs on illegal immigration." Weld supports retaining affirm. action programs. Wilson also "saluted" Middlesex Sheriff Brad Bailey, who "recently vowed to risk imprisonment rather than obey a judge's order to release prisoners from overcrowded facilities." Wilson, on Bailey: "He told the judge he'd rather go to jail himself than put these thugs back on the street -- that's my kind of sheriff!" (Howe, BOSTON GLOBE, 8/30).

EMPTY IN PHILLY: In a speech before a "nearly empty" gathering of the Fraternal Order of Police in Philadelphia, Wilson delivered a "law and order" speech where he said, "I'm sick and tired of a corrupt culture more interested in honoring the perpetrators of crime than the victims of it." As was the case 8/28 when he announced at the Statue of Liberty, when "no New York elected officials were on hand to greet him even as a matter of courtesy, let alone to endorse him," there were no PA GOP officials "on hand to greet him here either" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 8/30).

SO FAR, SO GOOD: S.J. MERCURY NEWS' Thurm thinks Wilson "succeeded" in his effort to "grab the media's attention": "By and large, Monday was a shining moment for the usually non-telegenic Wilson: The sun beamed on his face at just the right angle, giving him a near-glow and illuminating the torch on the Statue of Liberty behind him in New York Harbor" (8/29). A N.Y. POST editorial calls criticism of Wilson's choice of the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop "out of line": "His point was simple -- there is a difference between legal and illegal immigration to this country. ... However much it may pain the open-borders crowd, this nation does have immigration laws, ill-enforced though they may be. And some states --including both New York and Pete Wilson's California -- are suffering a crushing burden from having to subsidize the growing number of people who sneak into this country" (8/30). N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Nelson writes Wilson "suffers the misfortune of being a moderate fighting for recognition in a crowded Republican primary. He tries to convince the conservatives he's conservative and the moderates that he's moderate, and inevitably he winds up talking out of both sides of his mouth. He can do better" (8/30).

DON'T SINGLE OUT PETE ON CONSISTENCY: W.S. JOURNAL's Seib considers the shifting positions of the '96 contenders, be they "flip-flops," "policy reversals" or "evolutions in thinking." Wilson, for example, has changed his position on affirm. action, immigration and whether he would run for pres. as gov. His campaign says his views reflect the same shift in America. Wilson manager George Gorton: "Most Americans were in favor of affirmative action in the 1960s. Most now think it's a problem." Seib writes that Wilson "is hardly alone. In fact, those looking for pristine consistency will look in vain in 1996." Check out these reversals: Bob Dole (assault weapons, no-tax pledge), Lamar Alexander (education), Phil Gramm (pork), Pat Buchanan (free trade), Bill Clinton (middle-class tax cut). Dem pollster Peter

Hart said the "problem" for Wilson "isn't that he has changed, but rather that the timing of his changes make them appear to have been made only for 'political expediency.'" Clinton's problem "may be slightly different. He probably suffers not so much from changing his mind as from a perception that he can't make up his mind in the first place" (8/30).

SKED: Wilson will be in Jacksonville, FL today; on 8/31 his "Liberty Tour" takes him to Des Moines and Walcott, IA.

*2 GRAMM: VISITS PIZZA KITCHEN, GETS DOLE HOT UNDER COLLAR

Phil Gramm, "stepping up his New Hampshire campaign," took his welfare reform fight with Bob Dole "from Capitol Hill to a Bedford pizzeria." In a visit to Luisa's Pizza, Gramm "said that Dole's welfare reform bill started out too weak, has become a bit tougher only since Dole accepted two Gramm-authored provisions, but won't be tough enough until Dole accepts two more Gramm proposals." Gramm: "I want to stop giving people more and more money to have more and more children on welfare. ... [Also], we ought to eliminate the federal bureaucracy that goes with [AFDC]. ... The best that Sen. Dole has given me so far is that we will eliminate 30% of the federal jobs in an agency that is no longer working." Gramm, asked if he would filibuster a Dole bill he considers too weak: "I want to work out an agreement. ... I intend to vote for welfare reform. But we've reformed welfare many times, but we have not changed it" (DiStaso, Manchester UNION LEADER, 8/30). Dole press sec. Nelson Warfield: "Dole's welfare reform bill will advocate work, and return decision-making to the states and to the governors, like New Hampshire Governor Steve Merrill. ... Our adversary in the battle to reform welfare is Bill Clinton, not each other. Phil Gramm needs to quit worrying about the best interests of his campaign and start worrying about the best interests of America" (BOSTON GLOBE, 8/30). Later in the day, stopping off at the Nashua West Rotary Club, Gramm continued his criticisms of Dole, saying "the difference between himself and Dole is 'our leadership in trying to promote change.'" Gramm: "Dole was ready to compromise on health care and I said, 'No.' I tried to add the Contract with America tax cuts and spending cuts to the Senate budget, but Sen. Dole refused to endorse it and didn't speak out for it. ... You can't compromise on everything. ... We're not going to change America by cutting deals" with Dems (UNION LEADER, 8/30).

BLOOD PRESSURE RISING? Excerpts from both Gramm and Dole were featured on WMUR-TV Manchester. WMUR's Carl Cameron: "After donning an apron for a tour of a Bedford Pizzeria, Phil Gramm fired a conservative shot squarely across Bob Dole's bow. ... From his lakeside retreat, a hint of Dole's temper in response." Dole: "Well, Phil Gramm's one of the best nitpickers in the business. It's never quite enough when I do something. He's always there to say something negative, he has that freedom, he's not the leader. ... I've got to bring people together. While he's dividing them, I've got to bring them back together. We don't need Phil Gramm's unrealistic polarization, we need unity here." Cameron: "Dole's preferred strategy would be to stay above the fray as both Senate Majority Leader and presidential

frontrunner. After all, given his history and reputation for temper, he's well aware that keeping his lead could be closely linked to keeping his cool" (8/29).

FROM THE W.S. JOURNAL: Gramm co-writes a W.S. JOURNAL op-ed, entitled "Why Pro-Lifers Should Support Welfare Reform," with Family Research Council's Gary Bauer. Excerpt: "Some have argued that lawmakers should disarm the illegitimacy provisions passed by the House in order to 'avert the tragedy of abortions in America.' We share the commitment to life, and we believe that a vote to reduce illegitimacy will protect the lives of the unborn far more effectively than a vote to retain cash benefits for unwed mothers. Social liberals with a vested interest in dividing conservatives have manufactured a pernicious myth that reforming welfare and eliminating abortion are mutually exclusive goals. Pro-lifers should challenge this, because there are no data to support the contention that the current welfare system suppresses the abortion rate. In fact ... the relationship between higher welfare benefits and higher abortion rates holds up in a state-by-state analysis as well. States with the most generous welfare benefits also tend to have the highest abortion rates" (8/30).

PIZZA FOR YOUR THOUGHTS: UNION LEADER's DiStaso writes, "In one of the more entertaining 'photo ops' thus far" in the campaign, Gramm "donned an apron and was taught by Luisa Matta and her staff how to cook a pizza. ... A little while later, in an unexpected move," Gramm manager Jim Courtovich handed cooked pizza to DiStaso. "Gramm said, 'Go ahead. You can take that back to the Union Leader.' Courtovich insisted. Gramm, of course, would love to have the editorial endorsement of the state's largest newspapers, so the reporter knew the pizza was obviously meant for authorities higher than himself. So he diligently delivered it to Publisher Nackey S. Loeb yesterday afternoon. Her reaction? Appreciative of the thought, but unfazed" (8/30).

*3 DOLE: STUCK INSIDE THE CABIN WITH THE RIGHT-WING BLUES AGAIN

S.F. CHRONICLE's Saunders writes Bob Dole's decision to return \$1,000 to the Log Cabin Republicans marks the "low point" of a campaign that "promises to be very low." Other campaigns are "gleeful" about Dole's "nasty move." According to LCR chief Rich Tafel, Dole should be aware that "trashing gays is not a freebie": "I don't think we can go through another campaign cycle with all these candidates having closeted gay staff." Tafel said the LCRs would not "out" anyone themselves, but that other gay advocacy groups "just might." Header: "The Dole Way: If You're Down, Kick a Gay" (8/30). A BOSTON GLOBE editorial comments Dole "probably thought he was standing tall for the far right wing of his party" by giving the money back. Actually, the move "made him look pathetically small. Deserting supporters because of political expediency never sits well. ... Dole has not returned campaign contributions to Time Warner even though he deplores the

'nightmares of depravity' in the entertainment industry. ... He could have respectfully agreed to disagree with Log Cabin Republicans on the issue of gays in the military. The Log Cabin Republicans have always been clear about who they are. It's Bob Dole who is disingenuous" (8/29). W. POST editorial: "The real danger for Mr. Dole is not that he will be perceived as a left-winger but that he will turn into some sort of ideological pretzel, twisting this way and that, depending on whether he is thinking about the primaries (twist right) or the general election (twist toward the center). That will help him neither in the primaries nor in the election" (8/30). ATLANTA CONSTITUTION editorial: "Will the real Dole please stand up?" Dole, "once a pillar of middle-of-the-road conservatism and common sense, has demonstrated that he won't let decency and principle get in the way of wooing the Republican Party's staunchest ideologues. ... [He] is engaging in situational ethics. ... [T]his presidential candidate may look like Bob Dole, the well-respected senator. He may also talk like Dole and walk like Dole. But whether he thinks or believes like the real Bob Dole has become a matter under serious question" (8/29).

AND ANOTHER THING: A CONCORD MONITOR editorial, under header, "Dole's weakness," reviews a recent speech in Concord: "Dole's no different now than in 1980 or 1988, when his other presidential runs failed. He was, still is and may always be unable to tell voters in simple, clear terms who he is and what he would do for them as president. ... After two decades of running for president, Dole doesn't have a standard speech down; he still cannot viscerally connect with voters. Perhaps it's a tribute to stubbornness -- a refusal to let handlers tell him what to say and how to package it. But it's striking that a politician with a command of legislative details falters so at expressing whole concepts and ideas" (8/30).

TEAM UPDATE: Dole picked up the endorsement of NH exec. councilor Ruth Griffin 8/29 (Miller, Manchester UNION LEADER, 8/30). She will join the campaign as an NH vice-chair. Dole is in Dixville Notch, NH today (Dole release 8/29).

*4 ALEXANDER: SPINNING FOR DOLLARS

Nashville TENNESSEAN's Daughtrey comments on "long shot" Lamar Alexander's releasing two internal polls last week "designed to show him as a somewhat shorter shot for the nomination." Internal polls have to be "taken with a grain of salt," but they can "say a lot about the backroom strategy being developed in the campaign headquarters." Meaningless as the IA straw poll "might be," without the Nashville and Atlanta delegates Alexander flew in to vote for him, he "would have finished behind Alan Keyes," who did not bring in any supporters. The IA poll showed Alexander tied with Pat Buchanan for fourth and up 4% for June. The NH poll showed Alexander in third, a point ahead of Gramm -- "the first poll outside [TN] to show Alexander ahead of Gramm." In the larger picture, "the dynamics of the Republican race have not changed in six months. Despite some blips here and there, no one has yet threatened Dole's front

runner status. With a field of 10 candidates, no one has emerged as a clear alternative. ... No doubt" Alexander has moved up in IA and NH due to his campaigning there and airing of TV spots. But he needed to release the polls to "show contributors some momentum" as he prepares to "hit the fund raising trail again" -- something he needs to do in order to afford to "make another push" in IA and NH in 2/96, "when the numbers really count" (8/27).

***5 LUGAR: GOES HOME TO GIVE THE SPEECH THEY SAY HE CAN'T GIVE**

Dick Lugar came home to Indianapolis 8/28 and "delivered the kind of speech that his critics say he can't -- sometimes funny, often fervent, and with a point aimed right at the hearts of voters who tell pollsters repeatedly that they are sick of attack-dog politics." Lugar "rejected the exploitation of 'wedge issues'" used by candidates like Phil Gramm, Pat Buchanan and Pete Wilson. Speaking at a luncheon honoring an organization he helped form to boost the political careers and involvement of women, Lugar spoke with "passion" in favor of affirmative action -- "the type of affirmative action where someone works to open opportunities because that is right and not because it is the law." Lugar said it was "right" to "jump start" the opening of political opportunities for women. Noting that some GOP hopefuls would dismantle affirmative action, Lugar said the campaign is "extremely misguided, mean-spirited and nasty" (Schneider, INDIANAPOLIS STAR, 8/29).

***6 SPECTER: ONLY HALF OF PA CONTRIBUTIONS GO TO NATIVE SON**

According to FEC reports, "one out of every two dollars" given to pres. candidates from PA donors "went to someone other than Arlen Specter." Specter has raised at least \$743,000 from PA, while the other candidates have raised at least \$762,000 in the state. Pollster Terry Madonna said Specter's home state support is "strong," but "it is by no means solid": "Specter certainly is not the candidate for a substantial number of Pennsylvanians. Conservatives in the Republican party certainly don't find anything rewarding in a Specter candidacy." Specter officials "downplayed" the contribution figures, saying he "has not exhausted his fund-raising potential" in PA. Specter dep. campaign mgr Craig Snyder said the campaign is "happy with the support we're receiving" from PA: "He has received a significant amount of support from Pennsylvania at this point, and there certainly will be more." Specter has raised about 45% of his money out-of-state, a "figure comparable" to the out-of-state contributions to the Pete Wilson and Lamar Alexander campaigns. Pres. Clinton, Bob Dole and Phil Gramm have raised greater percentages from out-of-state donors, while Richard Lugar has raised a higher percentage from his home state (Jesdanun, AP/PHILA. DAILY NEWS, 8/29).

***7 NEW HAMPSHIRE: SOME LATE-SUMMER CNN CHATTER**

CNN's "Inside Politics" offered up a roundtable on NH. Here are some excerpts:

GRAMM: CNN's Randall, on part of Phil Gramm's problem in

NH: "There is Gramm's personality. Prominent Republicans sources here say he is arrogant, that he steps on too many political toes." Gramm: "I'm not going to try to go around changing who I am." Randall: "It could cost him the endorsement" of Gov. Steve Merrill. BOSTON GLOBE's David Nyhan: "I can't imagine Phil Gramm picking up a lot of votes. The more he talks, I think the more altitude he loses. ... He'll bomb." WMUR News Director Jack Heath: "I would not overlook Gramm's message in [NH]. I would agree that he is a very direct, somewhat politically abrasive type, but his message fits a lot of people out here. The question will be, can he sell his message personally."

DOLE: NH GOP Chair John Stabile, on Dole's NH performance so far: "I don't think anybody can approach his organization." WMUR's Heath: "To his credit, he's doing everything right ... but he's fighting somewhat of a superhuman effort in the expectations game." GLOBE's Nyhan: "I look at Dole and I see Muskie and Mondale all over again."

BUCHANAN: Nyhan: "Having the Union Leader's [support] is as good as having money, which Buchanan does not have. ... Once Buchanan gets past the Union Leader's support, there's nothing there for him. ... I think Buchanan is way overrated." Nyhan, noting Buchanan's 37% showing against Bush: "I think he'll be lucky to do double digits this time."

ALEXANDER: Nyhan: "I regard [him] as the dark horse. ... Lamar's already raised seven-and-a-half million, which has surprised a lot of people, including me. ... I would expect that the nominee would be either Wilson or Alexander, because I think a non-Washington man is the best bet for the GOP. ... Alexander would be my longshot pick to win [NH]" (8/29).

*8 IOWA: CANDIDATES RACKING UP THOSE FREQUENT FLYER MILES

The Iowa Caucus Project reports GOP pres. candidates have collectively spent over 257 days in IA since the inauguration of Pres. Clinton, which is more than ever before. Leading up to the '88 caucuses, GOPers spent 209 days in the state. Also in '88, more than 3000 reporters "from around the world" came to cover IA's caucuses (release, 8/29).

*9 VEEPSTAKES: THOMPSON COULD BE VOLUNTEERED; VOINOVICH'S TAX

Sen. Fred Thompson's (R-TN) name has made it onto the GOP's "long list" of potential VP candidates. GANNETT's Bender points out that Thompson is "smart, well-spoken, appeals to the flannel shirt crowd as well as the stuffed shirts on Wall Street and, Hey! He's even a movie star." GOP strategist Mitch Daniels, on Thompson: "He's a tremendously appealing figure. He has star quality, and -- this is very important -- he has the ability to articulate Republican values from the perspective of the average person." Gramm pollster Linda Divall agrees: "He could put Tennessee into play. It would be interesting to have two vice presidential candidates from the same state. It would show the Democrats they do not have a lock on Tennessee." Divall added that Thompson's "outsider image" could win over Ross Perot supporters, as he won 70% of the Perot vote in his Senate race. However, TN GOPers "probably would grouse" if Thompson got the VP

spot, because it would "leave a void in the Senate the Democrats could fill" (Nashville TENNESSEAN, 8/28).

VOINOVICH TAX RECORD LEAVES SCANT CHANCES: U.S. NEWS'
Michael Barone, who predicted the GOP nominee will be determined on 3/19, the day of the OH, IL, MI and WI primaries, told OH reporters that any chance OH Gov. George Voinovich has for a VP spot "could be irrevocably damaged" because he raised taxes as gov. Barone noted that "a lot of people in the Republican Party are basically saying, 'We'd veto this guy because he's raised taxes. We just don't want that. Remember President Bush?'" Barone also said Clinton will be "hard put" to repeat his victory in the state (Brazaitis, Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 8/27). A recent Tarrance Group (R) poll shows Bob Dole's lead over Bill Clinton growing slightly, to above 50%, in OH when the matchup reads Dole-Voinovich vs. Clinton-Gore (HOTLINE sources).

***10 CLINTON: EDITORIALS REACT TO FUND-RAISING**

The BOSTON GLOBE reported that Pres. Clinton's campaign team is considering rejecting federal funding during the primaries -- and the spending limits that go along with it (see HOTLINE 8/29). Reform advocates like Common Cause reacted negatively to the possibility. Others did, too. GLOBE editorial: "If Clinton's aides convince him to opt out of the federal financing scheme for next year's primaries, the president risks committing yet another act of political self-destruction. ... In the year of Newt, the president has managed to land his most effective counterpunches on the House speaker on the vital matter of political reform and its most essential component, campaign finance. ... Now he risks undoing the progress he has made -- not just giving away partisan political advantage but also, more important, eliminating the emerging sense of momentum for real campaign finance overhaul. ... Clinton should keep his eye on that ball and stick with public financing" (8/29). FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM editorial: "Apparently the Clinton political team sees a need for big TV advertising late this year and early next year to prepare the Clinton image for the fall campaign. From a practical viewpoint, they see advantage in using only privately raised funds. Practical, perhaps; honest no. If the president ever wonders why he has a negative image or is accused of talking out of both sides of his mouth, he should weigh his frequent statements in favor of campaign finance reform against his performance as a fund-raiser. ... Nevermind that the Republicans ... might look hypocritical themselves if they criticized such a Clinton decision. It would still be wrong. One hundred percent, dead-certain wrong" (8/29).

***11 POWELL: GENERAL NOT GETTING SUPPORT FROM OLD HAUNT**

W. S. JOURNAL's Ricks reports the Pentagon, Colin Powell's "old haunt," is "immune" to the "Powellmania" sweeping the nation. Senior DoD officials are "growing uneasy" with Powell's "key legacy," the so-called "Powell Doctrine." The doctrine advocates the use of U.S. military force only "with decisive force and with the clear support of the American people." The critics are asking "whether the Powell approach effectively ties

the hands of the president by entertaining only all-or-nothing options for using military force." The doctrine is only being "questioned, not replaced or even challenged directly in public," and it still "holds sway" over much of the armed services, "especially" the Joint Staff. In addition, Powell's views about two other "crucial questions" -- keeping the military out of Bosnia and reducing its size now that the Cold War is over -- "still prevail in Pentagon circles." Many critics "aren't tackling Gen. Powell directly, but instead are taking aim at a proxy target, the Joint Staff, which reports only to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs," Powell's former position. It was under Powell's leadership that the Joint Staff "moved to the center of power in the U.S. military establishment"; many service members are now "challenging" that authority (8/30).

***12 PEROT: FASCINATION WITH HEROES DOESN'T HELP POLITICS**

DALLAS MORNING NEWS' McKenzie writes about "a problem with Ross Perot": He "seems to live in a world of individual heroes, where men and women of legendary abilities ride into town, perform acts of bravery and head back out." Perot makes frequent references to individual heroes and their acts of bravery. The problem with this "fascination" is that "his focus on individual heroes and incredible acts of personal bravery is only tangentially relevant to politics or government. ... If politics were so simple, we wouldn't be worrying about troubles like Bosnia, air pollution or interest on the debt. ... The daily life of politics and government -- where issues with many parts are debated -- is not really about personal acts of bravery. Like it or not, politics is ultimately about collective action, complete with details and drudgery. Committees, procedures, hearings, persuasion -- those are the tools politicians use to achieve progress. They are not the same tools needed to dash into falling buildings and save lives -- or to send private forces into Iran to rescue company employees, as Mr. Perot once did. ... Now, Americans may be growing tired of politics precisely because individual acts of bravery are not so germane to political life. Yet unfortunately, problems like fixing Medicare are not solved by individuals on lone pursuits. They are resolved by the tiresome work of leaders trying to move large numbers of people toward a common goal. Does Ross Perot really understand that fact? ... Successful political leaders are marked by having the staying power to develop a consensus out of many conflicting positions. Bob Dole, for example, may never inspire the masses for being so involved in the political process. But as he told the Dallas convention, his bottom line as Senate majority leader is knowing where the votes are. That fact may sound raw, but well-regarded legislators ... understood that bottom line was necessary for progress" (8/30).

***13 TAYLOR: TAKES HIS MESSAGE EAST**

CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS' Merrion profiles Morry Taylor, noting his campaign has gone from "obscurity to a curiosity among political cognoscenti" since the IA straw poll. His plan to cut the federal deficit is simple: "You do it just like you do in

business. ... The federal payroll this year, with fringes, is \$200 billion. So, you take a third of that out. Saves you \$60 billion. Then, you consolidate it, no different than you do in any other business, and you save an extra \$120 billion in administrative cost savings. Bingo, that's \$180 billion: You've balanced the budget. You haven't even started to cut all the foolish programs that you can go after there." But asked about what programs he would cut, "he talks about firing the bureaucrats who put [in] \$600 toilet seats or \$900 claw hammers." Taylor: "When you go to cut programs, you've got to turn around and you've got to get congressional authority. But first thing you ought to do is get rid of the Department of Education. It don't belong." Taylor also believes the federal government should not provide welfare: "It should go back to the states. But the states should also pass it right back to the counties, give them the money. Block-grant it right back and get the federal government right out of it." "In the past, Mr. Taylor has associated himself with views that are even further from the mainstream." Taylor took out a full-page ad in USA Today last year in which he and his employees "offered a number of ideas on what America needs." Those ideas included floggings instead of prison for certain crimes, and sterilization of people on welfare. "He now says the idea is that tubal ligations and vasectomies should be free for welfare recipients, so they can avoid having more children. Floggings were an employee's ideas, not his, but I paid for (the ad), and I take responsibility for it. ... We've got to figure out how to do something; we can't just keep throwing them all in jail" (8/28). Taylor's 89-stop tour of New England took him to Maine 8/24. A "Perot admirer," Taylor said that although he voted for Perot in '92, he thinks his campaign was "politically unrealistic" and encouraged Perot supporters "to get behind his campaign within the two-party system": "If you want change, then join the Republican Party and change it. If all the United We Stand jumped into the Republican Party, they'd take it over." Admitting his lack of name recognition, Taylor said his strategy for winning would be "similar to his approach in business": "Out-whip the suckers" (GANNETT/PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, 8/25).

===== CAMPAIGNS OF '95 =====

***14 LOUISIANA GOV: ROEMER ADDS TO HIS LEAD; WOMEN TIED FOR 2ND**

Shreveport TIMES Poll, conducted 8/25-28 by Mason Dixon/PMR, surveyed 828 registered LA voters; margin of error +/-3.5% (8/30). Tested: ex-Gov. Buddy Roemer (R), Treas. Mary Landrieu (D), LG Melinda Schwegmann (D), state Sen. Mike Foster (D), state Rep. Robert Adley (D), atty Phil Preis (D), Reps. Cleo Fields (D-04) & William Jefferson (D-02), '91 cand. David Duke (R), state Rep. Quentin Dastugue (R), state Sen. Don Kelly (D), Delgado Comm. College prof. Anne Thompson (R), Rev. Carey Kimbrell (R) and Orleans Levee Board Pres. Robert Harvey (D). Filing deadline: 9/7. Election: 10/21. Runoff: 11/18. In the 7/95 poll, Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee (D) and ex-Gov. David Treen (R) were polled; both have since dropped out of the race.

	ALL	7/95	MEN	WOMEN	WHITE	BLACK	FAV/UNFAV
Roemer	33%	24%	35%	31%	37%	21%	47%/ 21%
Landrieu	13	13	12	14	15	7	43 / 16
Schwegmann	12	12	11	13	13	8	35 / 23
Fields	8	11	9	7	1	27	29 / 25
Foster	6	3	8	4	8	--	26 / 14
Jefferson	5	2	5	5	1	16	19 / 16
Duke	5	5	7	3	7	--	14 / 69
Dastugue	3	2	3	3	4	--	16 / 10
Adley	2	1	2	2	2	--	9 / 6
Preis	1	1	1	1	1	--	8 / 6
Kelly	1	--	1	1	1	--	9 / 7
Thompson	--	--	--	--	--	--	10 / 11
Kimbrell	--	--	--	--	--	--	5 / 4
Harvey	--	--	--	--	--	--	7 / 10
Undecided	11	12	6	16	10	21	

RUNOFFS

	NOW	7/95		NOW	7/95
Roemer	49%	46%	Roemer	45%	43%
Schwegmann	36	40	Landrieu	40	38
Undecided	15	14	Undecided	15	19

Roemer	61%	59%	Roemer	59%	--
Fields	22	24	Jefferson	21	--
Undecided	17	17	Undecided	20	--

MORE: Dastugue on 8/26 "walked away" with a victory in a Christian Coalition-conducted straw poll, getting 128 of the 183 votes cast. Foster came in second (32 votes), Roemer third (17) (N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE, 8/29). W. POST's Edsall writes that with Gov. Edwin Edwards (D) retiring, "traditional Democratic populism" in the Edwards-Huey Long mold "is teetering close to collapse. ... At the same time, allegations of widespread -- even by Louisiana standards -- payoffs of state legislators by the gambling industry are fueling voter discontent in a state that has been economically stagnant" (8/30).

===== SENATE WATCH =====

*15 MICHIGAN: END-OF-SUMMER CAMP?

DETROIT FREE PRESS' McDiarmid writes that if Rep. Dave Camp (R-04) runs for the seat of Sen. Carl Levin (D), it would "convert a one-on-one primary" race -- between talk show host/'94 primary cand. Ronna Romney (R) and "virtually unknown" Detroit businessman Jim Nicholson (R) -- into a "complex three-way grapple." And it would "instantly force party regulars to recalculate the odds and adjust earlier scenarios." If Camp runs, consider the following: 1) Two men vs. one woman, which helps Romney. 2) Two pro-lifers (Romney & Camp) vs. one pro-choicer, which helps Nicholson. 3) Two southeastern MI cand. vs. one out-stater, which helps Camp. But while Camp has convinced several GOP "higher-ups" that a run is possible, there

are "problems" that may hinder a bid. He would have to give up a secure position in the House, as well as a spot on House Ways & Means. In addition, Camp "outspokenly endorsed" Romney in the '94 primary, calling her the "right messenger." Finally, "skeptics will note the last time a mid-Michigan congressman ran against Levin -- Bill Schuette in 1990 -- he got clobbered" (8/29). Schuette is a possible candidate for '96.

ENDORSEMENTS: Longtime GOP leader/'82 gov. nominee Richard Headlee announced 8/28 for Romney and will serve as her honorary chair. Headlee: "I believe Ronna Romney is Michigan's best candidate to end Levin's 18-year reign in the U.S. Senate." Headlee supported now-Sen. Spencer Abraham (R) in his '94 primary against Romney. Headlee "joins a growing list of key Republican leaders" endorsing Romney, including Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-11) and Wayne Co. GOP chair Ed Haroutunian (Romney release, 8/28). Meanwhile, Nicholson named Wayne Co. businessman David Brandon to chair his finance cmte. Brandon: "I am confident our fundraising team will raise over \$2 million for Jim's primary campaign" (Nicholson release, 8/29). Other possible GOPer: Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-02).

*16 NEW JERSEY: TORRICELLI HEARS NICE THINGS FROM DASCHLE

After a "closed door session" with Rep. Bob Torricelli (D-09), Senate Min. Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) vowed to "pull out all the stops" on behalf of Torricelli's quest for the seat of retiring Sen. Bill Bradley (D). Calling Torricelli the Dems' "best hope of retaining the Bradley seat," Daschle said the DSCC will provide Torricelli's campaign with the "maximum allowable financial help," should he win the primary. Daschle: "No one has the national credibility in New Jersey that Bob Torricelli has. He will get the maximum assistance from the party. We see this as a very winnable race. New Jersey is a huge state for the Democratic Party. It will be worth every effort to support Bob Torricelli in this race." While Torricelli has not yet declared his candidacy, he is "considered the frontrunner" for the Dem nod and has said he "does not expect a tough fight" for the nomination. But there is a long list of potential Dem opponents, "headed by" ex-Gov. Jim Florio (Orr, Newark STAR LEDGER, 8/29). Given the importance of the seat, DSCC officials have said they expect to provide the maximum to whomever wins the primary. Other possible Dems: Reps. Rob Andrews (D-01) & Robert Menendez (D-13), Cherry Hill Mayor Susan Bass Levin, state Sens. John Lynch & John Adler, Assemblyman Neil Cohen and Morris Co. Prosecutor Michael Murphy.

DREAMY DEM: Some "prominent" NJ Dems are hoping John F. Kennedy Jr. will enter the race. State Senate Min. Leader John Lynch (D) called a Kennedy bid a "magnificent adventure for the Democratic Party at a time when it sorely needs it." There are, however, some problems with a Kennedy candidacy: he lives in NY; he's busy launching GEORGE, a new political mag.; and his spokesperson said he is "absolutely not" interested in a Senate bid -- "no way, no how." But when Dems hear the name Kennedy, "they get stars in their eyes." One Dem pointed out that Kennedy's mother owned a lot of property in northern NJ, thus

making residency a "simple matter." As for Kennedy's reluctance to run, one Dem said, "So what? Lots of the best candidates are demure about running." Another Dem added, "We still have lots of time to work this out" (Guenther, Camden COURIER-POST, 8/29).

ON THE GOP SIDE: Six GOP senators will host a fundraiser for Rep. Dick Zimmer (R-12). Senate Maj. Leader Bob Dole, Maj. Whip Trent Lott and Sens. John McCain (AZ), Hank Brown (CO), Rick Santorum (PA) and Al D'Amato (NY) will host the event at the NRSC on 9/14. Santorum, who served with Zimmer in the House, on why he is backing Zimmer: "New Jersey taxpayers cannot afford another tax-and-spend liberal in the Senate. Having seen how hard Dick has worked to protect the interests of New Jersey taxpayers in the House, I know what a big difference he will make in the Senate" (Zimmer release, 8/29).

PEACHY KEAN? N.Y. TIMES' Sullivan writes that ex-Gov. Tom Kean (R) "has told friends that he will decide quickly" whether or not to enter the race, either this week before leaving for the Women's Conference in China, or upon his return. One thing that will not stop Kean this time -- as it did when he backed away from a challenge to Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D) in '94 -- is "family concerns." He apparently has his family's "blessing" this time around. FEC spokesperson Ian Stirton says that Kean will not be able to use the \$700K held by a state PAC created for his earlier campaigns if he decides to run. Not everyone is "delighted" by the prospect of a Kean candidacy, especially Zimmer. GOPers are wary of a "divisive, fund-sapping" primary. Meanwhile, Florio's interest is "creating waves." NJ Dem chair Tom Byrne said of a potential Florio bid: "I respect Jim Florio, but he's been running for office for 20 years and I think it's time to give the new faces a chance and let them begin to define the party" (8/30). Other announced GOPer: Passaic Co. Freeholder Dick DuHaime. Other possible GOPers: Rep. Marge Roukema (R-05), state Senate Pres. Donald DiFrancesco and state Sens. Richard LaRossa & Bill Gormley.

ANOTHER COMEDIAN IN THE SENATE? PHILA. DAILY NEWS' Bykofsky reports that Joe Piscopo is also considering a bid; Piscopo describes himself as a conservative Dem who believes abortion is a private matter and supports the death penalty (8/29).

===== ON THE HOUSE =====

***17 CAMPAIGN FINANCE: TOP 50 HOUSE MEMBERS IN RECEIPTS**

Below is a list of the top 50 House members ranked by total campaign receipts for the period 1/1-6/30. Individual and PAC contributions, interest income and transfers from other accounts are included.

NAME	RECEIPTS	NAME	RECEIPTS
Dick Gephardt (D-MO)	\$1,218,922	Bill Zeliff (R-NH)	\$257,529
Newt Gingrich (R-GA)	884,897	Billy Tauzin (R-LA)	247,901
Tom Delay (R-TX)	486,084	Rick White (R-WA)	245,021
Joe Kennedy (D-MA)	473,205	Bill Baker (R-CA)	243,166
John Ensign (R-NV)	448,698	P. Kennedy (D-RI)	242,411
Nita Lowey (D-NY)	429,303	Bill Paxon (R-NY)	239,859

Tom Davis (R-VA) 397,903 Jack Reed (D-RI) 232,979
 C. Schumer (D-NY) 397,048 D. McIntosh (R-IN) 231,914
 J. Christensen (R-NE) 370,388 Bart Gordon (D-TN) 226,617
 Joe Barton (R-TX) 348,709 Dan Frisa (R-NY) 224,455
 Tim Johnson (D-SD) 342,332 G.Radanovich (R-CA) 216,343
 John Boehner (R-OH) 314,251 Ed Markey (D-MA) 216,233
 Philip Crane (R-IL) 307,063 Wayne Allard (R-CO) 211,930
 Jennifer Dunn (R-WA) 302,360 John Linder (R-GA) 211,671
 Bob Livingston (R-LA) 301,284 Don Young (R-AK) 210,395
 Greg Ganske (R-IN) 292,684 S. Chambliss (R-GA) 208,495
 Vic Fazio (D-CA) 288,892 Pat Roberts (R-KS) 207,735
 John Dingell (D-MI) 284,313 Jerry Weller (R-IL) 207,594
 Bud Shuster (R-PA) 283,316 Dick Armey (R-TX) 207,487
 Peter Deutsch (D-FL) 280,831 W. Thomas (R-CA) 202,867
 Thomas Bliley (R-VA) 274,061 Jon Fox (R-PA) 202,677
 Jim McCrery (R-LA) 271,078 Frank Riggs (R-CA) 201,309
 Martin Frost (D-TX) 271,020 Bob Barr (R-GA) 200,644
 Charlie Norwood (R-GA) 270,232 James Talent (R-MO) 197,320
 Frank Cremeans (R-OH) 267,102 J. Costello (D-IL) 195,215

ANALYSIS: House members, particularly the "aggressive" frosh, are "eclipsing all records in raising campaign cash." Already, \$43.8M has been raised by the 435 incumbents, a 38% increase from the first cycle of 1993. Steve Stockmeyer, who runs an assn. of business PACS: "Among some PAC groups, there's been a sense of panic because they had invested so much in [Dems]. Now they are playing catch-up, unashamedly. That's one reason you're seeing the big numbers." GOPers credit the "aggressive level of activity" to Gingrich and other high-ranking GOP members who, "like the [Dems] before them, have sought to return their majority status into fund-raising advantage." Frosh, not veterans, "accounted for most of the increase": GOP frosh average: \$142,000; Dem frosh average: \$78,000 (Drinkard, AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/30).

*18 IL 05: THE BALKANIZING OF CHICAGO

Alderman Richard Mell (D) is fighting to get his son-in-law, state Rep. Rod Blagojevich (D), to be the Dem nominee to challenge frosh Rep. Mike Flanagan (R) in '96. But Blagojevich first has to get past a primary contest with state Rep. Nancy Kaszak (D), a "strong vote getter" and a "Polish-American in a district with a large Polish vote." While Blagojevich, a Serbian-American, is the "early favorite" to get the nomination, Mell "isn't taking any chances." His strategy is to recruit ex-Ald. Carole Bialczak (D) to run and split the Polish vote. Since there are "significantly more Poles than Serbs" in the 5th CD, ethnicity is a potential advantage for Kaszak. But Mell's "ethnic ploy could backfire" because Bialczak "doesn't have a ghost of a chance of winning." That's fine with Mell; "he'll be pleased if Bialczak slashes Kaszak's vote by 2 percent." And he isn't "done scheming" yet. Mell may also field a candidate to

run against Flanagan in the GOP primary (Neal, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 8/29).

===== TV MONITOR =====

*19 THIS MORNING: "FOX Morning News" hosted THE HILL's Martin Tolchin, Dem consultant Lesley Israel, NEA VP Bob Chase, Center for Strategic and Int'l Studies' Col. William Taylor and Center for Defense Information Adm. Eugene Carroll.

LAST NIGHT: "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with Bosnia. The three nets led with the Mark Fuhrman tapes. "M/L" focused on Bosnia with NEW YORKER's Anna Husarska, World Policy Institute's Walter Russell Mead, Brookings' Susan Woodward and John Hopkins' Fouad Ajami. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted WMUR News Director Jack Heath, BOSTON GLOBE's David Nyhan, NH GOP chair John Stabile and ex-NBC and PBS pres. Larry Grossman. ABC's "Nightline" examined the Fuhrman tapes.

TOP TENS: Thanks for all of your lists -- we're looking for even more. Please fax your submissions to Andrea Short at 703-518-8701.

TOP TEN REASONS WHY BOB PACKWOOD IS STILL IN THE SENATE
(submitted by Frank Wilkinson of EMILY's List)

10. Victim toll, while climbing, is still lower than that from the San Francisco earthquake.
9. None of the women Packwood met on foreign junkets has been contacted by the Ethics committee.
8. Congress' anti-regulation drive has stalled BATF plan to register Packwood's tongue as a deadly weapon.
7. Colleagues concerned expulsion of Packwood might send a hurtful message to Sen. Thurmond.
6. Packwood has promised a federal tax rebate to constituents of senators who don't vote for public hearings.
5. Sen. Byrd is looking forward to replacing references to Cicero and Xenon with references to Bacchus and Dionysus in floor speeches.
4. Pat Moynihan using Packwood as source for his next welfare book.
3. Many of the "incidents" were either minor or with a minor.
2. Senate colleagues just love having him around.
1. Bob Dole.

===== SOUNDBITE =====

"Phil Gramm's one of the best nitpickers in the business. It's never quite enough when I do something. He's always there to say something negative, he has that freedom, he's not the leader."

-- Bob Dole, on Gramm's criticism of Dole
as a compromiser, WMUR-TV, 8/29

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