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FAME, GOTTA HAVE IT (#1) | SPOTLIGHT |
Last week Forbes' flat tax |
was the talk of the town. This | ANOTHER MORNING IN AMERICA? |
week Steve's on the cover of |
both NEWSWEEK and TIME. But | A President riding low |
with the explosion of exposure | inflation, low interest |
comes increased scrutiny as the | rates, and millions of new |
press begins to play hardball. | jobs gives a State of the |
| Union address that launches |
OLD-TIME ROCK'N'DOLE (#5) | his re-election bid. |
Check out MTV at 9:30p (EST) | Tomorrow, Bill Clinton |
as Dole goes GenX, but don't | tries to read from Ronald |
expect the answer to "boxers or | Reagan's script. Can he |
briefs." Also: Meet Animal | make us feel secure with a |
House's newest pledge. | broad, upbeat vision, while |
| making partisan budget |
CASTING WELLSTONES (#17) | squabbles seem puny? |
New numbers from MN show Sen. |
Paul Wellstone (D) with an edge | Today's political |
over all GOP rivals, but his | landscape suggests he can: |
support is under 50%. | o Last year, the House |

| GOP was up; now, the |
 TURPEN TIME? (#18) | numbers for Newt & Co. are |
 Ex-OK Dem chair Tom Turpen is | in a tailspin. Clinton, by |
 thinking about challenging Sen. | comparison, is stronger. |
 Jim Inhofe (R). | o A new TIME/CNN poll |
 | shows fewer Americans think |
<http://PoliticsUSA.com>		we're in deep and serious
Before the State of Union,		trouble than last year.
use this week's "In Focus"		o TV networks deny GOP
for full background info		attempt to delay response
on Hillary Rodham Clinton.		24 hours. (#3) (#21)

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

"For now, geek is chic."

-- NEWSWEEK's Howard Fineman and Mark Hosenball
 on Steve Forbes, 1/29 issue

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On this, the 23rd anniversary of the Roe decision, here is the scorecard of those departing senators and their stance on abortion: PRO-CHOICE (7): Bradley (D-NJ), Cohen (R-ME), Kassebaum (R-KS), Pell (D-RI), Pryor (D-AR), Simon (D-IL), and Simpson (R-WY). PRO-LIFE (5): Brown (R-CO), Exon (D-NE), Hatfield (R-OR), Heflin (D-AL), Johnston (D-LA). MIXED-RECORD (1): Nunn (D-GA).

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

*1 FORBES: STEVE, KLIEGLIGHTS; KLIEGLIGHTS, STEVE

NEWSWEEK: Fineman & Hosenball write, "For now, geek is chic. ... The Forbes Frenzy may prove nothing more than a passing media fancy. ... [Steve] Forbes' sudden rise is proof that we live in weird political times." He's "a sunny optimist -- a telling contrast to the dour Bob Dole and severe Phil Gramm." Forbes confirms he received a threatening letter in 1990 from a man claiming to be his father's lover, and he does not deny conducting a sting operation to catch the potential blackmailer. The article says Forbes was sued in 1993 for age discrimination by his former secretary, and also cites an inspector general report that Forbes' handling of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty during the mid-'80s was rife with uncontrolled spending and lax management (1/29 issue).

TIME: Gibbs' writes: "The fact that Steve Forbes finds himself on the cover of Time ... says a little bit about Steve Forbes and a lot about American politics. ... Less clear is whether he has the staff, the steadiness and steel to switch from quirky joyrider to formidable contender." Alexander strategist Mike Murphy: "In exchange for helping Dole, he's [Forbes] going to get to be the Secretary of Rich Clueless Guys." Lacayo's accompanying piece reports, unlike Ross Perot, Forbes is not in fact giving his own money to his campaign. He's lending it -- with the option to repay himself later from any donor funds that remain unspent by the end of his campaign. Forbes manager Bill Dal Col said Forbes is raising money to show they have a "borad-based campaign" (1/29 issue).

OTHER MAGS: Since Bob Dole's attacks against Forbes began, Dole aides "claim" Forbes' IA numbers have "declined significantly." Forbes pollster John McLaughlin: "Forbes has got 35 cameras following him in New Hampshire now. All these attacks on the flat tax have helped Steve" (Marks/Barone, U.S NEWS, 1/29 issue). ECONOMIST's "Lexington": "What makes him stand out in the presidential pack is not so much his gonky manner (he graduated from the Dick Lugar school of charisma) nor even his

vast personal wealth (hardly unique in a campaign that also features Ross Perot and Morry Taylor). The main difference is simply that his plan is working" (1/26 issue).

INTERVIEW: On "Brinkley," Forbes was asked if he favors a flat tax because it would benefit him personally: "If you take their estimates of what I might personally save, it would take me about 200 years to recover what I've invested in my campaign getting my message of hope, growth and opportunity across to the voters. So that's a pretty poor investment." Forbes, on Phil Gramm's economics PhD: "These kind of PhDs helped give us the monstrosity we have today." On abortion: "You can't ban abortion the way I want abortions to go until we get a change of opinion. I want to move the culture along." On his type of Supreme Court justice: "I would hope for justices along the lines of Justice Scalia, who has written very eloquently on the flaws of Roe v. Wade" (ABC, 1/21).

EFFECT OF ALL THE COVERAGE: Joe Klein: "During the next couple of weeks, Steve Forbes is going to have his skin removed by his opponents and also by those of us in the media" (CBS, 1/21). GOP pollster Kellyanne Fitzpatrick: "He's actually starting to bridge that excitement gap that reoccurred after Colin Powell decided not to run" (CBS, 1/21). George Will: "Spending a lot less than is spent to introduce a new potato chip, Steve Forbes has changed what people are thinking and talking about" ("Brinkley," ABC, 1/21). W. POST's Kurtz: Forbes' emergence "has triggered the kind of media audit that usually begins" after NH. STANDARD's Barnes: "Here's a guy who is a radical conservative of inherited wealth ... He's not the kind of guy the press is usually going to write anything nice about. The ingredients are there for some hit jobs" (1/22).

EARLY STATES: FINANCIAL TIMES' Waldmeir reports that Forbes' internal NH polls show him leading Dole by 3 points (1/21). The Forbes camp is recruiting upward of 3,000 IA volunteers (Hallow, W. TIMES, 1/22). The Gramm and Dole camps are "considering" IA TV ads charging Forbes with reversing on the balanced budget amendment (Perry, W.S. JOURNAL, 1/22). Will Forbes finish 2nd in IA? TIME's Carney: yes. Clift, Barone, Kondracke, McLaughlin: no ("McLaughlin Group," 1/20).

SMELLS LIKE FORBES, TASTES LIKE REAGAN: "One key Dole supporter": "He's the first guy in this race who really sounds like Ronald Reagan. We need that upbeat look if we're going to beat Bill Clinton" (Nashua TELEGRAPH, 1/21). CONCORD MONITOR's Pride: "Forbes has come the closest yet of any candidate to picking up the Reagan mantle. ... His campaign offers a Reaganesque combination of vision and nostalgia" (1/21). David Broder: "Forbes is not in Reagan's league as a campaigner at this point. ... But Forbes is getting better." Jane Mayer: "There's one big difference" between Reagan and Forbes "and that is that Reagan was not a billionaire" ("Wash. Week," PBS, 1/19).

TAX CHALLENGE: To "put additional pressure" on Forbes, the Dole camp released 29 years of Dole's tax returns 1/19. A Dole aide: "In a year when we're running against a candidate who's got millions and millions of dollars to spend, it doesn't hurt to raise the disclosure issue. It would be pretty hard to argue

that Forbes wasn't a big factor in us doing this" (Keil, AP/ BOSTON GLOBE, 1/20). Forbes, asked why he won't release his tax forms: "Because it's simply a diversion. Rather than revealing what is in Senator Dole's tax returns, I think he should reveal what he really believes on the flat tax. ... I've made full disclosure, a public statement with the [FEC] that has my salary, has the securities I hold" ("Brinkley," ABC, 1/21). A "senior Dole official": "It's a morass, a beautiful morass. If the problem's not that he'd make out like a bandit, what is it? What's he hiding? That he makes a lot of money and doesn't pay a lot of taxes? ... I mean he's got how many houses? This guy owns a helicopter -- you know he's got some funny stuff going on" (NEW YORKER, 1/29 issue). Bob Novak: "The rich attacking the rich, that's unbecoming for a Republican" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 1/20). CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Jim Warren: "It is kind of humorous to see the Republicans beating up on a Republican for being too rich" ("Cap Gang Sunday," CNN, 1/21).

***2 FLAT TAX: ROMNEY'S AD AND OTHERS' HEADLINES**

Millionaire businessman Mitt Romney (R), who lost to Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) in '94, is spending more than \$50,000 in personal funds to run a series of full-page ads in Boston, NH, and IA attacking the Forbes flat tax plan (Rezendes, BOSTON GLOBE (1/21). Forbes: "If Mitt Romney understood the flat tax, he'd be Senator Romney today" ("Late Edition," CNN, 1/21). Over a CONCORD MONITOR editorial: "A fat target: Clinton can't wait to run against a Forbes or Gramm flat tax" (1/21). Over a Walsh article: "After Initial Interest, Iowa Farmers Find Complications in Simple Idea" (W. POST, 1/21). Over a Samuelson column: "Call It The Flaky Tax" (NEWSWEEK, 1/29 issue). Over a Sowell column: "Pushing flat-out to unlock productivity" (W. TIMES, 1/20). Over a Kaul column: "Middle class will be losers with a flat tax" (HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 1/20). Over a Turner article: "Republicans left Kemp holding the bag for a regressive tax proposal" (BUFFALO NEWS, 1/20). Over a Chapman column: "Not to be had: How the flat-tax forces can win" (CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 1/21). Over a Goodgame article: "Tax reform is a good idea, but Forbes' plan will make Newt's cutbacks look insipid" (TIME, 1/29 issue). Over a Sloan article: "There's Still No Free Lunch: Steve Forbes' flat tax is appealing. Too bad the numbers don't add up" (NEWSWEEK, 1/29 issue).

***3 STATE OF THE UNION: CLINTON TO SPEAK ON "AGE OF POSSIBILITY"**

Pres. Clinton will "unofficially launch his campaign" 1/23 in a State of the Union address "sprinkled with initiatives to assuage middle-class anxieties but primarily structured as an upbeat summoning of Americans to meet the challenges of the 21st century." Interviews with academics who prepped Clinton for the speech "suggest the president is not particularly interested in refighting the battle of the federal budget ... [but will] connect a broader vision of America with specific policies to ensure Americans have the economic security to participate in their communities" (Devroy, W. POST, 1/21). Aides say Clinton will "try to rise far above the bitter partisanship of the budget

battle and summon the nation to meet the challenges of an 'age of possibility'" (Mitchell, N.Y. TIMES, 1/21). The speech will put Clinton on the "high wire between two audiences -- the public at home and the lawmakers in front of him. Pitch himself too hard to the public, and Republicans may rebel in an ugly partisan spectacle. But if he muffles differences with the GOP too much, he blows the opportunity to define how he differs from them at the start of the election year" (Rankin/Hess, PHILA. INQUIRER, 1/21). With the WH and Congress "locked in a bitter budget battle, get ready for the same boos and catcalls" with which the GOP majority greeted his '95 speech (Clifford, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 1/21). WH Press. Sec. Mike McCurry, citing crime, education and the economy: "In a sense he will make the budget fight seem puny by talking about things that have much more direct impact on the lives of Americans" (Gosselin, BOSTON GLOBE, 1/21).

WHAT'S HE GONNA SAY? L.A. TIMES' Richter: "Clinton isn't likely to refrain from saying some things that the Republicans don't like. He is expected to argue again that a budget agreement is in reach, and that only a GOP desire for a tax cut and sharp cuts in government are keeping the two sides from making a deal" (1/22). Steve Roberts: "[Clinton] said this issue of stagnant wages is going to be central to the State of the Union. And the word he's going to use -- and we're going to hear a lot of this in the next couple of months -- is the word 'security.'" L.A. TIMES' Doyle McManus: "He's going to try and put himself in the center and say those other guys are extremists who want to tear it all down" ("Wash. Week," PBS, 1/19). TIME's Church: "[Clinton] would love to open his re-election campaign by bragging about low inflation, low interest rates and 7.8 million new jobs since he took office. But his advisers warn that in all 50 states many voters feel that prosperity is only for the rich and would resent any excessive White House happy talk. The aides advice: Claim only a promising start on righting the economy. Stress that much remains to be done" (1/29 issue). Bill Kristol: "Clinton will stand up there and say, 'I've submitted a balanced budget, but it's kinder and gentler than the Republican balanced budget.' It does put the Republicans in a bind." Sam Donaldson: "The President can claim growth rates. He can claim lower unemployment rates. He can claim a pretty good economy. From the standpoint of foreign affairs, Haiti has worked out. Bosnia, so far ... has not gone the way of the alarmists. I think he can stand up there, and will stand up there, and say, 'Folks, how are you doing today? Pretty good today'" ("Brinkley," ABC, 1/21).

GOP (DELAYED) RESPONSE: ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, FOX and C-SPAN all plan live coverage of the State of the Union address as well as a GOP response on 1/23. But "for the first time ever," GOP leaders are asking the TV networks to give them 24 hours to craft their response to the speech. CNN said it will air a response 1/24, but ABC, CBS and NBC have refused to do so. ABC spokesperson Eileen Murphy: "We feel strongly that our audience is best served by hearing the Republicans' response to the address immediately following the State of the Union as has always been the practice." Other networks are still undecided. Bob Dole and Speaker Newt Gingrich, in a letter to the networks:

"Allowing 24 hours to pass between the President's address and the Republican response will enable us to best contribute to the national dialogue, and most appropriately respond to the president's message" (Williams, AP, 1/20). The request "is not playing well with broadcast executives" (Kurtz, W. POST, 1/22).

*4 CLINTON: THE FOCUS IS THE FUTURE

After interviewing the president, U.S. NEWS' Walsh & Auster write Bill Clinton is "aiming squarely" at middle class families with his new family security initiative. The plan is "intended to demonstrate that an activist government is needed to protect Americans against the vagaries and cruelties of unfettered markets." Among other things, it would increase the emphasis on retraining workers in unemployment insurance and create a pension system "that you can somehow carry around with you." In an effort to "court the poor," Clinton is preparing an initiative to improve public housing. Walsh & Auster report one of Clinton's campaign goals is "to make voters forget most of Clinton's first term." One senior WH adviser: "The election can't be about the last four years -- it has to be about the future." While Clinton entered the WH hoping to govern like FDR and JFK, he can "trace his political lineage not to the great activist presidents ... but to accomodators such as Grover Cleveland, Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon, who achieved modest success in part by appropriating his enemies' agendas." Historian Michael Beschloss: 'Ike said, 'Elect me, I'll run the New Deal more efficiently.' Clinton says, 'Elect me, I'll wind down these programs more fairly'" (1/29 issue). W. POST's Broder notes that neither Clinton nor a pres. in the foreseeable future will be able to announce ambitious new proposals at SOTU tiome because the budget cuts have killed all "discretionary funds" (1/21).

IN HIS OWN WORDS: Clinton, in the U.S. NEWS interview, on the differences between himself and the cong. GOP: "Their whole approach has been that government is the problem and if you have less of it everything would be great. ... But the market does not solve all the problems. It never has." Clinton, asked what if Chelsea went into politics: "I would be very proud of her because more perhaps than any other child in America she would know the downside as well as the upside. It is tougher than it ought to be, there's too much personal destruction in politics today" (1/29 issue).

Gore CAMPAIGNS IN IA: In a two-day swing through IA, VP Al Gore said cong. GOPers are repeating the same mistakes the WH made in its first two years by "overreaching." Gore: "We learned from our mistakes and they didn't." Gore pointed to successful reforms but noted that in the health care debate, Dems "went beyond what voters wanted" (Kotok, OMAHA WORLD HERALD, 1/21). Gore said he was in IA to "counter the flood of rhetoric being heard from Republican candidates." He talked mostly of the WH's accomplishments and "lashed out" at GOPers who opposed the president (Hartman, DES MOINES REGISTER, 1/21). He urged IA Dems to attend their 2/12 caucuses, even though Clinton has no challenger. IA Dems hope to have 30,000 participants. The IA GOP expects as many as 135,000 participants at its caucuses.

Gore added that he believes Dems will be united and Dem cong. candidates "are unlikely to distance themselves from Clinton" (WORLD HERALD, 1/21).

HILLARY WON'T HIDE: "Close friends" predict Hillary Rodham Clinton will "defy her critics and play a highly visible role in her husband's re-election campaign." Dem strategists believe HRC "retains her popularity with feminists and professional women and can be an important force in galvanizing them behind the president" (U.S. NEWS, 1/29 issue).

"PRIMARY COLORS": Cross Newsweek's Mark Miller off the list of potential authors of "Primary Colors," a "devastating sendup of the '92 Clinton campaign." He claims, despite being a "logical suspect," that it is "the best book I never wrote. ... The culprit is a reporter, not a Democratic operative. But it's not me" (1/29 issue). TIME's Walter Shapiro, another suspect, disagrees about the author of the "sensitively wrought, deftly drawn, acid-tongued political novel that is a thinly veiled re-creation of the 1992 Democratic primary race. ... Reporters are an ego-crazed bunch, and who could resist publicly crowing if you had written a novel even half as good. ... Some of the portraits are so deviously vicious, I can only assume the author is settling personal scores" (1/29 issue).

ROHATYN AND NADER: Clinton is considering naming "headstrong liberal investment banker" Felix Rohatyn to succeed Alan Blinder as vice chair of the Federal Reserve. "The fact that Rohatyn's name is being floated" shows Clinton is "moving left, away from policies intended to reassure the bond market and big business and toward a more populist approach." Rohatyn is "the sort of controversial, left-of-center figure Clinton has avoided in most key economic posts." Some speculate he is now being considered because Clinton strategists are "nervously eying" Ralph Nader's "quixotic" Green Party bid (Chandler, W. POST, 1/20). Nader is on the ballot in CA and considering running in CO, ME, MN, PA and RI. CA Dem chair Bill Press: "A vote for Ralph Nader would be a vote for Bob Dole, and I can't believe that's really what Ralph and the Green Party want to accomplish" (Ayers, N.Y. TIMES, 1/20).

***5 DOLE: ROCK'N'DOLE, FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

In NH, at a "ramshackle fraternity" known as the "Animal House" of Dartmouth College, Bob Dole joked with students that he had watched the National Lampoon film starring John Belushi -- "about drinking, debauchery and sexual escapades" -- to prepare for his trip to their campus. He "said it reminded him of the Congress." And modifying a line from the movie, Dole "exhorted students at Alpha Delta: 'I think it's time for you to start voting heavily'" (Zuckman, BOSTON GLOBE, 1/21). "The MTV marketing machine rolled into Dartmouth ... and Bob Dole hitched a ride." Dole told the crowd, "I hope I know enough about your generation. This is a race that takes us into the next generation, your generation." After pulling away from Dartmouth in the MTV "Choose or Loose" bus -- not to be confused with the C-SPAN school bus -- Dole once again went after the 18-25 year-old vote in an interview with MTV's Tabitha Soren (Hall, CONCORD

MONITOR, 1/21). After the "big band era met the MTV generation" in the Dole-Soren interview, Dole ambled out of the MTV bus and was asked if he connected with American youth. Dole replied, "Sure did. Hit a home run." The 90-min. session, which will air on MTV tonight, did not include the type of marijuana or undergarment questions posed to candidate Clinton in '92, but rather was "something you'd expect from David Frost." Asked about his age, Dole said, "It's not the age of the man, it's the man for the age. I am in good health." Dole "did not pretend" to be an MTV watcher saying, "I'm sort of a news-hound" (West, Balto. SUN, 1/21). The decision to appear on MTV "contrasts with Dole's campaign against the promiscuity and violence of lyrics that he says have been popularized in today's popular music" (McCool, W. TIMES, 1/20). Dole press. sec. Nelson Warfield said the MTV interview and the Dartmouth visit were not about the age issue: "This was more about not conceding any voter group to Clinton than trying to prove anything about age" (Seelye, N.Y. TIMES, 1/21). Dovetailing with the MTV appearance, Dole is profiled in a ROLLING STONE piece by Steve Erickson. Erickson describes Dole's "zone of perceived age." Outside of 20 feet Dole "looks old." Within 20 feet he "loses 10 years." Within seven or eight feet he "looks old again; you really see it, and it shocks you a little, it actually makes your heart sink" (1/25 issue). GLOBE's Zuckman, on Dole's Dartmouth visit and the MTV interview: "Despite his empathy, the contrast between young men in earrings to the plain-talking, Midwestern senator was startling. ... Reminiscing about events that are now more than 50 years old ... his constant reference to the days when he was young only reinforced the fact that he is old" (1/21).

MORE PROFILES: W. POST's Achenbach profiles the Dole camp from NH under the header, "Welcome to Dolesville": "Now for something shocking: a Bob Dole rally. ... People were catching that Bob Dole fever! One doesn't expect to see such a thing in his supporters" (1/22). W.S. JOURNAL's Fund, under header "The Non-Inevitability of Bob Dole": "Recent elections have all had more than their share of surprises, and 1996's unexpected developments are likely to include a Bob Dole candidacy that will have to sweat and strain far more than anyone expects it to" (1/22).

NOW JACK'S GOTTA CHOOSE OR LOSE: Under header, "The Dole-Kemp Minuet," the STANDARD's Barnes writes Dole manager Scott Reed, a former Jack Kemp aide, was "floored" by Kemp's announcement that he would endorse a pres. candidate prior to the IA caucuses. Steve Forbes' camp was equally taken aback. In 4/95, after deciding not to run, Kemp "offered to back Forbes" if he ran a credible campaign. Forbes is running, and is taken seriously, so Kemp adviser/Forbes backer Jude Wanniski says, "Jack really has no choice. He should be endorsing ASAP." Kemp "doesn't deny" he committed himself to Forbes, but contends, "A lot has happened since then." Whatever he decides, Kemp "won't announce it until after the Super Bowl on January 28" (1/29 issue). Kemp, asked if he would endorse Forbes: "I said in response to a similar question right after my tax reform commission press conference with Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich on

Thursday that I would most likely endorse right before the Iowa caucus." Kemp, on the primary race: "It clearly is a race between Bob Dole and Steve Forbes, and I think Steve Forbes' message is a message of hope and growth and jobs and opportunity. My hope is that Bob Dole will, as I think he is and has begun to do, talk more about growth" ("Face," CBS, 1/21).

NO TERMS OF ENDEARMENT: Bob Novak reports "Americans for Term Limits" will spend "hundreds of thousands of dollars" beginning 1/22 in two NH TV spots "blasting" Dole for not signing a cong. term-limits pledge. One ad asserts "all but two" candidates have signed the U.S. Term Limits pledge for three house terms and two Senate terms. From the ad: "Come on, Bob Dole and Bill Clinton. America can't afford to wait another 36 years (Dole's tenure in congress) for term limits." Town criers will be dispatched to ten NH towns to "sing out the same message" (N.Y. POST, 1/20).

BEST NEWS FOR DOLE: ABC's Bruno, on whether any polling info suggests Dole will lose the nomination: "No there is nothing ... that suggests that at this minute" ("GMA," 1/22).

*6 ALEXANDER: FILES SLATE IN MD, STUMPS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Lamar Alexander's MD campaign formally announced its slate of candidates for delegate who will appear on the state's 3/5 primary ballot. The campaign "was able to muster" 22 delegate candidates statewide -- just shy of the maximum three candidates for each of the state's 8 CD's (Zorzi, BALTO. SUN, 1/20). In Manchester, NH 1/20 Alexander said environmental laws are an area of federal policy where Washington should "retain firm standards." Alexander: "I believe in clean air and clean water. We need high, strict standards because water flows across borders." He said the federal gov't should set standards, but states should be granted flexibility in enforcing the laws (Tolme, AP/Providence JOURNAL BULLETIN, 1/21). Alexander is profiled by THE STANDARD's Caldwell, "This mild mannered establishmentarian is now custodian of the presidential campaign's most radical message. Such a redefinition [from insider to outsider] beggars credulity, and if Alexander is now far weaker than he has any right to be on paper, it may be because voters are picking up on something incongruous" (1/29 issue). In a meeting with the CONCORD MONITOR editorial board, Alexander added to his standard story about Dole in a debate with Clinton. After Clinton "feels a questioners pain" and gives a good answer, "40 million people are going to turn over to Dole and he's going to start talking about the OMB and CBO and getting a bill out of the subcommittee and a lot of people are going to say, 'Oh my gosh, we've put Cal Ripken at quarterback. We've got a guy we respect in the wrong place'" (1/21).

SLAMMING STEVE: Alexander, on "Face the Nation," commented on the idea of a flat tax: "It's a nutty idea. If it was such a good idea, Jerry Brown would have been elected president in 1992." Alexander, on Forbes: "He needs a little experience. ... It's about as likely that Steve's going to be elected President, as that I'm going to start for Dallas at quarterback next week." Asked about his campaign's viability, Alexander responded, "I

have to do well enough in Iowa to get to New Hampshire. That's a judgment that you and others in the media will make. ... Two or three or four of us are pretty well fighting for second place.

... That'll probably take it into New Hampshire, where I think the race'll come down to Dole and me" ("Face," CBS, 1/21).

*7 GRAMM: STUMPING THROUGH IOWA FOR FOUR DAYS

Phil Gramm began a four-day campaign trip through IA 1/21 "to stump for his flat tax and economic growth plans and to counter those offered by" Steve Forbes. Gramm is scheduled to visit 11 towns "in hopes of recapturing some of the momentum he has lost to Forbes" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 1/21). Gramm, to AZ supporters 1/21: "It's a marathon we're in ... and the toughest part is still in front of us" (ARIZONA REPUBLIC, 1/21). Gramm visited Dartmouth College in NH 1/19, where he was "barraged" with questions about his stances on abortion, campaign-finance reform, federal budget cuts and why he wants to be president" (Ghioto, BOSTON GLOBE, 1/20). VALLEY NEWS' Barlow notes "Dartmouth was more a convenient venue for media publicity than a spawning ground for votes. Most students don't vote in [NH], and if they did, many might not vote for a conservative Republican. When Gramm first arrived, two students politely shook his hand and said hello. As he ambled off, one muttered, 'What a loser.'" Gramm also visited Claremont's Crown Point Cabinetry (1/20). A Gramm release notes that six GOP congressmen -- Reps. Bonilla (TX), Collins (GA), Doolittle (CA), Gutknecht (MN), Linder (GA), and Shadegg (AZ) -- will travel to NH on 1/22 to campaign for Gramm (1/19). In MD, Gramm campaigned with his state chair, '94 GOP gov. nominee, Ellen Sauerbrey, who noted that since the Texan has a vacation home on the Eastern Shore, Gramm is "practically a native son" (Smith, Balto. SUN, 1/21). W. POST's Edsall profiles Marlys Popma, dep. mgr of Gramm's IA campaign, under the header, "A marriage of inconvenience. For Gramm's antiabortion campaigner, it was the right choice" (1/20).

A BOOST: George Will writes on Gramm's 16% flat tax: "So far, Forbes has helped Dole by further fractioning the most conservative portion of the Republican nominating electorate, preventing that portion from coalescing around a single candidate possessing more ideological clarity than Dole can provide. However, the dialectic of political competition can produce unpredictable outcomes. Forbes has done Gramm the favor of forcing him to explain his economic program with reference to the sociology of virtue. It remains unclear that anyone can derail Dole, but it is now more likely that if anyone does, it will be Gramm" (W. POST, 1/21).

*8 BUCHANAN: IN THE GREAT WHITE NORTH

ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS' Ruskin reports that "amid thunderous applause and a standing ovation," Pat Buchanan on 1/21 spoke before members of the Anchorage Baptist Temple. He pitched himself as the "strongest abortion foe" of the GOP cand. and promised to appoint Supreme Court justices who will overturn Roe v. Wade. Buchanan also spoke later in the day before AK Right to Life. This week marks the 23rd anniversary of the Roe decision

(1/22). On 1/20, Buchanan spoke before about 2,300 pro-lifers in Davenport, IA, where he pointed out that pro-lifers Bob Dornan and Alan Keyes have "little chance" of winning the nomination, "and better-known rivals are suspect on the issue." Buchanan: "I'll be the most pro-life president in the history of this country" (Glover, AP, 1/21). Buchanan, on CNN's "IP Weekend," was asked to respond to A WEEKLY STANDARD article suggesting the issues he is trying to raise are not resonating out there with Republicans. Buchanan responded, "That's special pleading from a special pleading little magazine. ... We have set the agenda for the Republican party. One of the reasons it's tough to break out Wolf, is every single Republican now talks and echoes Pat Buchanan. On immigration. On trade. On the flat tax. On getting rid of congressional pensions. Bob Dole and the cultural war" (1/20).

*9 NAT'L ISSUES CONVENTION: GORE WOOS DELEGATES

As the Nat'l Issues Convention wrapped up in Austin, TX 1/21, VP Gore "appeared to be the politician who made the strongest impression" among participants. Unlike the four GOP pres. candidates who spoke to participants on 1/20, only Dick Lugar in person, Gore "frequently turned the tables on his inquisitors -- soliciting their opinions and ideas about solving the country's problems" (Kruh/Saul, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 1/22). The convention was a "political experiment" that brought about 500 randomly selected Americans to Austin to debate three issues -- foreign policy, the economy and the family -- and allow them to interact with pres. candidates (AP/W. TIMES, 1/20). On 1/20, Lugar came and Phil Gramm, Lamar Alexander and Steve Forbes appeared via satellite to take questions from delegates for about 20 minutes. Both Pres. Clinton and Bob Dole declined to appear (Yang, W. POST, 1/21). "Many of the convention delegates said "none of the Republicans connected with the audience" (MORNING NEWS, 1/22). Delegates said that discussion of the issues "was not as open and wide-ranging as they had been promised" and that cand. "were evasive and avoided specific answers to questions. They were "particularly critical" of Forbes, "who answered every domestic policy question by saying the problem would be solved if the nation adopted his flat-tax proposal" (Ratcliffe, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 1/22). "The candidates didn't seem to click with this crowd, many of whom were clearly uneasy with the notion that unshackled free enterprise can cure all ills" (Polman, PHILA. INQUIRER, 1/22). Some participants said that by the end of the conference, "it was nothing short of an awakening from the deep sleep of political impotence" (Heyser, S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 1/22). The convention was televised by PBS and moderated by Jim Lehrer. Delegates were polled on their beliefs before and after the conference; results will be announced 1/26. Conference organizer/ Univ. TX's James Fishkin: "I don't want to say that this will by itself change American politics. But it's a methodology that used properly has potential to bring about big change" (Hoppe, MORNING NEWS, 1/22).

MEMPHIS AFFAIRS: Gramm "brought down the house" 1/20 as he

"sang the conservative gospel to a choir of Christian activists" at the National Affairs Briefing conference in Memphis, TN. He brought the crowd to its feet as he vowed to bring home U.S. troops from Bosnia, ban gays in the military, to seek a constitutional ban on abortions and "never again send Americans into combat under U.N. commanders." Both Gramm and Pat Buchanan, who appeared 1/19, told the audience what it wanted to hear, but Dick Lugar urged "less rhetorical excess and more careful use of words -- by politicians and those seeking to influence them." Lugar, a Methodist Church lay speaker: "In the worst instance, we've become a Tower of Babel in which people are speaking gibberish" (Raum, AP, 1/21). The gathering featured more than 20 speeches that "amounted to a continuing call to action, based on negative appraisals of the nation's moral state by some of the most politically influential religious conservatives of the past two decades." Speakers included the Rev. Jerry Falwell, Concerned Women of America's Beverly LaHaye, Family Research Council's Gary Bauer and Christian Coalition's Ralph Reed (Niebuhr, N.Y. TIMES, 1/22).

***10 FIELD NOTES: PEROT LAYS LOW FOR NOW; NADER TALK**

NEWSWEEK's Klein: "Ross Perot. There's a name we haven't heard in a while. He's been working quietly, building a new party, allowing the Democrats and Republicans to make fools of themselves, waiting for his moment. ... [T]he plan is for him to lie low until mid-July, when his Reform Party holds its first national convention. ... Then, starting Labor Day, he'll run a two-month electoral sprint, spending a very concentrated \$100 million (none of it on 30-second spots), wreaking untold -- and unpredictable havoc" (1/29 issue).

WITH TSONGAS: Perot and Paul Tsongas kicked off a national drive for campaign finance reform 1/20 in Concord, MA, before 1,000 people in a town meeting. The meeting, the first of a series to be held from coast to coast, was organized by Rep. Martin Meehan (D-MA) (PROVIDENCE JOURNAL/BULLETIN, 1/21).

NADER: Dem strategist James Carville, asked if the 10% the Green Party is taking in CA polls will hurt Clinton: "The President is going to carry California. If you look at the California economy after President Clinton's been there and when the Republicans were there, I can't imagine that we wouldn't carry California and I can't imagine we wouldn't carry it by a good margin" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 1/21).

***11 IOWA: GRAMM IS STRONGER THAN FORBES IN IA GOP CHAIR SURVEY**

An ABC News survey of the GOP county chairmen in IA's 99 counties shows most think Bob Dole will win the state's GOP caucuses with over a third of all delegates. But unlike IA public opinion polls, the chairs see Phil Gramm coming in second, with Steve Forbes running about even with Lamar Alexander for third. In the interviews, completed 1/18, ABC asked the chairs to estimate the percentage of the straw vote each candidate would get if the caucuses were held now. The results: Dole would take 36 percent of the delegates, Gramm 23 percent, Forbes 13 percent. No other candidates would get more than 10 percent if the

caucuses were held today instead of 2/12 (ABC release, 1/19).

ABC HAS GOOD IA NEWS: ABC's Bruno, on an ABC survey of the 99 county GOP chairs in IA: "It shows Bob Dole in first place at 36%, but surprisingly its Phil Gramm who's running second at 23%, followed by Steve Forbes and Lamar Alexander and then Pat Buchanan. This is the direct opposite of what the public opinion polls have been showing, and the reason for it is that these county chairman feel that, in their counties, it's Phil Gramm who's better organized" ("GMA," 1/22).

RELIGIOUS RIGHT: Even though religious conservatives are not united around a single candidate in the GOP race, their leaders "say those divisions will not sap their strength on caucus night. In fact, they say, the movement is so big that it has helped drive out candidates who support abortion rights." Because of their clout, the final days of the '96 IA caucus campaign "have largely become a courtship ritual aimed at them." The IA Christian Coalition's Ione Dilley estimates that if all the anti-abortion, pro-family, conservative women's and Christian Coalition mailing lists were put together, about 100,000 Iowans could be identified as part of the network. "Less than half that number will be needed to dominate caucuses, in which an estimated 135,000 Iowans are expected to participate" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 1/21).

TIMES ARE NOT BAD: "After tough times in the 1980s, Iowa's economy is thriving. Unemployment ranges around 3 percent, half the national average. Exports rose 29 percent in the first half of 1995. The state budget has a \$435 million surplus. President Clinton may not get credit for any of this, but it's hard for the Republicans who want his job to make the case that he has failed Iowa" (Mercer, RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, 1/21).

*12 GOP CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26
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ALEXANDER	New Orlns		MO,		
	LA,	IA	Omaha NE	n/a	n/a
615-327-3350	Atl. GA				

BUCHANAN	Cedar	Dubuque			
	Rapids	IA	NH	NH	LA
703-848-1996	IA				

DOLE	MTV				
	interview	DC	n/a	n/a	n/a
202-414-6400	airs 9:30				

DORNAN					
	n/a	DC	n/a	n/a	n/a
703-644-2600					

FORBES					
	NH	NJ	IA	IA	IL, NH

908-781-5111 | | | |

GRAMM | IA, | | |
| ND, | IA | IA | IA | n/a
202-467-8600 |Denver CO| | | |

LUGAR | |Manchester| Concord,| Derry, |Mnchster,
|Dallas TX| NH | Prtsth,| Nashua |Goffstwn
202-544-3636 | |WPNHradio|Durham NH| NH | NH

TAYLOR | Keene, |Plymouth,|Mnchster,| |ClearLake
| Bedford,| Campton |Merrimac | IA | IA
800-USA-BEAR | NH | NH | NH | |

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

***13 WHITEWATER: PANETTA SAYS SENATE CMTE NEARS "HARASSMENT"**

WH CoS Leon Panetta, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," said that Congress' investigation into Hillary Rodham Clinton's role in Whitewater was approaching "political harassment": "There is a fine line between what is a legitimate continuing inquiry into a situation and what becomes political harassment. And I think they're getting dangerously close to that line." Panetta, on the Rose Law Firm files recently found at the WH: "The evidence that's in these files basically substantiates what the first lady has said. There'd be no reason for a first lady to hide it or put it away." He added, "When is enough going to be enough?" Later, on the same program, Senate Whitewater Cmte chair Al D'Amato (R-NY) said, "Many of the actions that have taken place would lead one to believe that there has been a lack of honest, complete answers to the Congress and to the American people. But in the final analysis, the independent counsel will make the judgment as to whether or not there are crimes that should be prosecuted." D'Amato, asked whether he would welcome the first lady if she is ready to testify: "Absolutely" (1/21).

VALET OF THE DOLLS: NEWSWEEK's Isikoff reports that ind. counsel Kenneth Starr has subpoenaed Hillary Clinton's valet and all WH entry logs to "try to find out who might have visited the Book Room" in 8/95 -- the room where the first lady's personal aide, Carolyn Huber, testified she found HRC's missing billing records (1/29 issue). And if the papers "were knowingly withheld while under subpoena, someone might have committed a felony" (Blema/Carney/Novak, TIME, 1/29 issue). NBC's Miklaszewski: "NBC has ... learned that the Senate Banking Committee is investigating whether any Whitewater-related documents from the Rose Law Firm may have been destroyed by the Clinton campaign in 1992. It was revealed Mrs. Clinton ordered the documents delivered to the campaign headquarters [in 2/92] and, according to White House officials, were reviewed at a meeting attended by Harold Ickes, ... Susan Thomases, and Betsy Wright. The White House can't say what happened to all the documents after that" (1/19). Bob Novak reports that Senate Whitewater investigators are seeking videotapes of the Arkansas-Texas Southern basketball game played on 12/28/93 "in hopes that television cameras

lingered on a skybox containing Bill Clinton" and AR Securities Commissioner Beverly Bassett Schaffer; the box belonged to "poultry magnate" Don Tyson. WH dep. counsel Bruce Lindsey's testimony last week established that Whitewater/S&L matters were discussed during the game. But Lindsey said he did not remember whether Clinton was in the box for those talks, leading investigators to look for the game tape. Eight days before the game, Clinton's handwritten notes questioned whether he could count on Schaffer's support in the Whitewater investigation. Schaffer, a Gov. Clinton appointee, approved a stock offering by the "soon-to-be-bankrupt Madison S&L (represented by Mrs. Clinton as an attorney)" (N.Y. POST, 1/20). U.S. NEWS' "Washington Whispers" reports that Hollywood producer and Clinton pal Harry Thomason is volunteering to testify before the House cmte investigating Travelgate. Sources say he will "insist he had no personal stake in the travel office itself, nor a larger plan proposed by a friend and sometimes business partner to run the government's fleet of small planes" (1/29 issue).

WEEKEND QB'S: TIME's Margaret Carlson: "The files turning up are like the game of 'Clue,' which is: Mrs. Huber in the book room, with a dagger, instead of Colonel Mustard" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 1/20). GOP analyst Mary Matalin, with another "Clue" analogy: "All America does understand, and would like an answer to, Colonel Mustard in the conservatory, with a candlestick. ... People understand this. They don't understand Whitewater, but they do understand the mysterious reappearance of documents" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 1/21). Charles Krauthammer: "These documents are the 18-minute gap of Whitewater. This is a case of clear obstruction of justice" ("Inside Washington," 1/20). Morton Kondracke: "We're beginning to get to obstruction of justice here." U.S. NEWS' Michael Barone: "This is devastating to [HRC's] political standing. ... [Next], we're going to be told is that these documents were being used to line Socks' litter box. The cat dragged them in" ("McLaughlin Group," 1/20).

LIES AND ARROGANCE: W. POST's David Maraniss, on HRC's character: "She's a liar. I don't think she's a congenital liar. The president has a little more problems dealing with the truth than Hillary does, but there are certain points where she shows an arrogance about what she's done and feels that she doesn't have to explain herself because she thinks she's always doing good" ("Inside Washington," 1/20).

ANDY ROONEY'S SOLUTION: CBS' Rooney: "I see two ways to resolve this whole thing. One would be for Hillary to run for president herself. She'd get a lot of votes. That would make Bill either First Man or First Gentleman. The other choice would be for her to tell the whole story about her involvement in the Whitewater affair, then drop her maiden name, call herself Hillary Clinton and meet with Girl Scouts in the Rose Garden" ("60 Minutes," 1/21).

*14 COVER TO COVER:

BUSINESS WEEK: "The House Freshman. How Far will they Get?" (1/29).

ECONOMIST: Photo of Boris Yeltsin with clenched fist over a

picture of a Russian tank fighting in Chechnya: "A campaign unfolds" (1/20-26).

NEWSWEEK: Photo of Steve Forbes tearing up an IRS form: "RRRRip! Steve Forbes wants a flat tax. Do You?" (1/29).

NEW REPUBLIC: Photo of a cowboy boot: "The Voice of America. In sales and popularity, Country Music is now bigger than Rock and Roll ever was. The Republicans understand why. Do you?" (2/5).

THE STANDARD: Graphic of a besieged Capitol flying a white flag with a computer board in the foreground: "A Warning from the Future. How We Lost the High-Tech War of 2007" (1/29).

TIME: Photo of Forbes: "Does a Flat Tax Make Sense? And how far can Republican Presidential Candidate Steve Forbes ride it?" (1/29).

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

***15 OREGON SPECIAL: GORE IN FOR WYDEN; SMITH POLL SHOWS GAIN**

Campaigning for Rep. Ron Wyden (D-03) in his race against state Senate Pres. Gordon Smith (R), VP Al Gore declared Wyden was "making history" by giving up on negative advertising. Gore: "The people in all the other 49 states hope it will turn out to be the wave of the future." Gore said a win for Wyden could be "very important to the whole mood of the '96 campaign." Dems hoped the VP's visit would "help spur a higher Democratic turnout" before the 1/30 mail ballot deadline. Smith, campaigning with retiring Sen. Mark Hatfield (R), "expressed skepticism" that the Gore visit would make much difference: "If they are trying to reach out to conservative Democrats, he is not the person I would have brought." Smith said many voters are "upset" about Gore's environmental record and his support for protection of old-growth forests. Clinton last year signed a bill allowing logging in dead and dying forests, but "legal rulings have interpreted the law to allow some harvests in green old-growth forests" (Mapes, Portland OREGONIAN, 1/20).

PRIMA DONNA: Before 150 candle-holding pro-choicers in Salem, HHS Sec. Donna Shalala said electing Wyden will send a message to "all those radicals" that Oregonians have "no intention of having their rights taken away." Wyden: "Let us work day in and day out to make sure we do not have a Congress that passes a constitutional amendment to ban abortions." Shalala: "I do not believe Oregonians will send someone to Washington who is anti-choice and drives a Ferrari" (Martinis, Portland OREGONIAN, 1/21). Elizabeth Dole appeared on behalf of Smith (AP/Salem STATESMAN JOURNAL, 1/21).

OUT OF STATE MONEY: Wyden's campaign has raised "nearly \$1.2 million through the end of 1995 from out of state sources -- about twice as much as Smith." In OR, Smith has raised about \$580,000 -- "plus \$2 million from his own pocket" -- while Wyden has raised about \$400,000 in-state. Smith had raised a total of \$3.7M to Wyden's \$2.7M. Wyden's largest donors have been labor unions, professionals and the health and financial industries, while Smith's strength has been resource interests, agriculture and small business. "Although each candidate claims the moderate

mantle, both have taken their share of contributions from ideological groups." Smith got \$4,950 from the NRA and \$1,500 from the Nat'l Right to Life PAC; Wyden took \$6,500 from Voters for Choice and \$2,500 from Handgun Control. The source of funds (Suo, OREGONIAN, 1/21):

	SMITH	WYDEN
Self	57%	9%
OR	19	16
Other states	12	29
Small contributions	6	9
DC	5	18
Prior campaigns	--	20

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Contributions from PACs and individuals employed in each sector (OREGONIAN, 1/21).

FARMING AND FOOD PROCESSING: \$103,610		TIMBER: \$114,600	
Smith	85%	Smith	90%
Wyden	15	Wyden	10

UNIONS: \$183,000		FINANCE: \$295,685		HEALTH CARE: \$138,250	
Wyden	100%	Wyden	56%	Wyden	87%
Smith	--	Smith	44	Smith	13%

SMITH POLL: An internal poll for Smith, conducted 1/16-18 by Public Opinion Strategies, surveyed 650 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.8% (release, 1/19).

Smith	45%
Wyden	35
Undecided/other	17
Refused to say	4

*16 COLORADO: STRICKLAND GETS IN; ANOINTED THE FRONTRUNNER

Atty Tom Strickland (D) "immediately became the front-runner in a five-way race for the Democratic nomination" when he announced his candidacy for the seat of retiring Sen. Hank Brown (R). Strickland has "solid party and fund-raising connections" as well as the support of "a recent poll [that] gave him half the votes of Democratic respondents who already had decided which candidate to support" (see HOTLINE 1/11). His campaign focuses on three main issues: education and job training, the environment, and the federal budget; he has also pledged support for term limits and "limits" on campaign spending. In his announcement speech, Strickland said he would "give every ounce of my energy to trying to stop [GOP Rep.] Wayne Allard and Newt Gingrich and company from undoing years of progress" in federal environmental regulations (Roberts, DENVER POST, 1/19). Other Dems: Denver City Councilmember Ramona Martinez, ex-Univ./CO law school dean Gene Nichol, state Sen. Paul Weissmann, and Denver real estate broker Phil Perington. Other possible Dem: Denver venture capitalist Steve Leatherman. GOPers beside Allard: AG Gale Norton and atty Bill Eggert. Other possible GOPer: state Sen. Charles Duke. Filing deadline: 7/12. Primary: 8/13.

***17 MINNESOTA: WELLSTONE LEADS IN MATCHUPS, BUT IS UNDER 50%**

Mason-Dixon/PMR surveyed 819 RVs, 1/16-18; margin of error +/- 3.5% (release, 1/22). Tested: Sen. Paul Wellstone (D), ex-Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R), ex-MN Commerce Commis. Bert McKasy (R), ex-Hamline law school dean Stephen Young (R), and state Sen. Roy Terwilliger (R). Filing deadline: 7/16. Primary: 9/10.

	FAV/UNFAV	ID	WELLSTONE	JOB	ALL	MEN	WMN
Wellstone	42%/ 33%	99%	Approve	48%	39%	57%	
Boschwitz	36 / 25	99	Disapprove	50	59	41	
McKasy	8 5	38					
Young	7 4	37					
Terwilliger	6 3	34					

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

Wellstone	46%	Wellstone	47%
Boschwitz	38	McKasy	28
Undecided	16	Undecided	25

Wellstone	47%	Wellstone	48%
Young	25	Terwilliger	23
Undecided	28	Undecided	29

***18 OKLAHOMA: IS IT TURPEN TIME?**

Ex-OK Dem chair Mike Turpen said he is "considering a run" against Sen. James Inhofe (R). Turpen: "When I see Jim Inhofe essentially unopposed I am very interested." Turpen told the TULSA WORLD, "I've told a few of my friends who have asked that if Inhofe doesn't get a substantial Democratic opponent I may ask my wife to give me a pass so I can run." Of the three announced Dems for the Inhofe seat, political humorist/educator James Boren -- cousin of ex-Sen. David Boren (D), who is now Univ. of OK pres. -- "has been the most active." Ex-state Rep. James Sears Bryant and Jeffrey Tollett are the other announced Dems (AP/DAILY OKLAHOMAN, 1/18). Other possible Dems: OK Corp. Commis./'94 Senate primary cand. Cody Graves, Tulsa Mayor Susan Savage and ex-LG/'94 gov. nominee Jack Mildren. Filing deadline: 7/10. Primary 8/27.

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

***19 OHIO FLY-BY: THE RETURN OF DENNIS KUCINICH**

OH 10: State Sen./ex-Cleve. Mayor Dennis Kucinich (D) joined the Dem field in the race to oust Rep. Martin Hoke (R). Hoke said "he is concerned that his Democratic opponent might use the kind of fear-mongering he has accused President Clinton of employing" and consequently thwart attempts to make govt "more fiscally responsible." Other Dems: Cleve. Councilmember Helen Smith and North Olmsted Mayor Ed Boyle. Primary: 3/19.

OH 11: Although he had "seriously considered" retirement, Rep. Louis Stokes (D), first elected in '68, announced he will seek re-election to "stay and fight" against the new breed of Republicans" in the House.

OH 14: Seeking a sixth term, Rep. Thomas Sawyer (D) "jabbed at his likely GOP opponent," ex-U.S. Atty Joyce George. Sawyer: "I will continue to talk about building, not tearing down, about what Americans can do together, not what divides us. If the way she began her campaign is any indication, Joyce George will do the opposite." Union plumber Kenneth Mack (D) will oppose Sawyer in the Dem primary.

OH 19: Frosh Rep. Steve LaTourette (R) announced for a second term, saying, "The 1996 election will be a referendum on whether or not we want to continue to mortgage our children's futures in an attempt to get to the next election." Dems: Brook Park Mayor Thomas Coyne, atty Elizabeth Kelley, and union official Frank Valenta (McIntyre, Cleve. PLAIN DEALER, 1/19).

***20 OK 03: KERR LOOKS TO SUCCEED BREWSTER**

Ex-LG Bob Kerr (D) said he "has every intention" of running for the seat being vacated by Rep. Bill Brewster (D). Kerr, who lost a close race to Brewster for the '90 nomination and also ran for the Senate in '80, said he will form a cmte within the next few days. State Sen. Darryl Roberts (D) also announced he will form a fund-raising cmte. Kerr said he "expects an uphill fight" against ex-Dem Rep. Wes Watkins, who recently switched to the GOP. Kerr said Watkins "cut a deal" with the GOP. Kerr said of district voters, "They recognize a political deal when they see one and so do I. I didn't just fall off a turnip truck." Watkins represented the district for 16 years as a Dem, leaving to run for gov. in '90. He then ran unsuccessfully for gov. again in '94 as an independent, but carried the CD. Kerr, grandson of the late, powerful Sen. Robert Kerr (D), said Watkins will have "unlimited funding" from the GOP: "I've been around politics a long time and my eyes are wide open. He is going to be the 800-pound gorilla in this race" (Jenkins, DAILY OKLAHOMAN, 1/19). Filing deadline: 7/10. Primary: 8/27.

===== POLL UPDATE =====

***21 TIME/CNN: CLINTON-DOLE MATCHUP TIGHTENS**

Yankelovich Partners surveyed 800 adults 1/17-18; margin of error +/- 3%. Subsamples: 672 registered voters, +/- 3.7%; 284 GOP and GOP-leaning voters, +/- 5.8% (release, 1/21).

GOP PRIMARY	NOW	1/10-11
Dole	40%	42%
Forbes	15	9
Gramm	10	8
Buchanan	6	7
Alexander	3	3
Lugar	2	1
Keyes	2	3
Dornan	--	1
DK/other	22	26

GENERAL ELECTION (among RVs)	ALL	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL 1/10-11
Clinton	45%	14%	48%	73%	47%

Dole 42 80 35 16 41

Clinton 46% 14% 47% 76%

Forbes 39 72 37 14

FLAT TAX IF THE FLAT TAX TAXED ALL AMERICANS AT 17%

Favor 48% Favor 41%

Oppose 42 Oppose 48

FOR WHOM WOULD YOU BE MORE LIKELY TO VOTE?

Pres. cand. who never held office 24%

One who had served as public official 56

IS IT GOOD THAT VERY WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS
MAY SPEND UNLIMITED MONEY TO RUN FOR OFFICE?

Good 20%

Bad 67

STATE OF THE UNION NOW 1/95 1/85

U.S. is in deep and serious trouble 50% 53% 40%

Problems are no worse than at other times 47 42 55

AMERICAN DREAM HAS BECOME IMPOSSIBLE FOR MOST PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE

Agree 63%

Disagree 34

COMPARED TO 3 YEARS AGO BETTER WORSE SAME

Overall standard of living 56% 21% 21%

Ability to buy things you want 46 20 33

Ability to get good health care 35 38 25

Ability to own or pay for a house 34 40 20

Quality of area public schools 31 47 19

Feeling of safety from crime 17 59 20

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

*22 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted W. POST's Bob Woodward and ABC pol. dir. Hal Bruno. NBC's "Today" hosted PA Gov. Tom Ridge (R) and historian Doris Kearns Goodwin. "FOX Morning News" hosted NRTL dir. Carol Long, Natl Abortion Federation exec. dir. Vicki Saporta, GOP consultant Eddie Mahe, Dem consultant Don Sweitzer and NEWSWEEK's Eleanor Clift.

TONIGHT: CNBC's "Russert" hosts Balto. SUN's Jack Germond and AP's John King.

SUNDAY: ABC's "Brinkley" hosted Steve Forbes, Senate Maj. Whip Trent Lott and House Min. Leader Dick Gephardt. NBC's "Meet the Press" hosted House Maj. Leader Dick Arme, Senate Whitewater Cmte chair Al D'Amato (R-NY) and WH CoS Leon Panetta. CBS' "Face the Nation" hosted Lamar Alexander and Jack Kemp. CNN's "Late Edition" hosted Forbes. CNN's "Crossfire Sunday" hosted NEW YORKER's Hendrik Hertzberg and ex-Bush speechwriter Mary Kate Cary. "McLaughlin's One on One" hosted retiring Sen. Bill Cohen (R-ME). C-SPAN's "Sunday Journal" hosted Clinton atty Bob Bennett.

SATURDAY: CNN's "Evans & Novak" hosted Senate Min. Leader

Tom Daschle. CNN's "Capital Gang Saturday" hosted Cohen. CNN's "Inside Politics Weekend" hosted Pat Buchanan. C-SPAN's "Saturday Journal" hosted HOTLINE managing editor Ken Rudin.

OUTRAGES: Mark Shields, on the Forbes v. Dole TV war: "If Republicans plan to raise the character issue in 1996, they better start showing some." Al Hunt, on the lack of term limit talk from the GOP: "Remember those right-wing cries for term limits? Why are they so silent now about Helms and Thurmond? Could it be the clamor was more about political expediency than principles?" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 1/20).

LAUGHS: Mark Russell offered a multiple-choice quiz to congressional interns. 1) "Bill Clinton will be re-elected President a) only if he carries California, b) only if the Republican nominee is Robert Dornan or c) only if Paula Jones is discovered stalking Bob Packwood. 2) Bob Dole will be our next President a) only if he runs against Bill Clinton, b) unless contributions to his campaign are traced to the Red Cross or c) unless his acceptance speech at the convention is drowned out by the uncontrolled weeping of Newt Gingrich. 3) What is the real difference between Steve Forbes and Ross Perot? a) about ten billion dollars, b) about a foot-and-a-half, c) when Forbes' daughter was married there were no Martians at the wedding" ("IP Weekend," CNN, 1/20). More Russell, on Bob Dole's comments regarding abortion: "He's against abortion, except to save the life of the campaign" ("Inside Washington," 1/20).

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

"She's a liar. I don't think she's a congenital liar. The president has a little more problems dealing with the truth than Hillary does, but there are certain points where she shows an arrogance about what she's done and feels that she doesn't have to explain herself because she thinks she's always doing good."
-- W. POST's David Maraniss, on HRC, "Inside Washington," 1/20

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You'll want to hear the |
president's SOTU themes again | CASTING CALL |
and again, as most pundits give |
the speech two big thumbs up. | Judging by all the harsh |
Also: Highlights from Clinton's | reviews, Bob Dole's |
encore performance in KY. | response to the President's |
| State of the Union address |

LET'S MAKE A DEAL (#10) | may have been the biggest |

Did SOTU response pull the | TV flop since "Cop Rock." |
House GOP back to the budget | Dole explained: "There's |
bargaining table? What's with | nothing worse than trying |
"Common Ground" Gingrich? | to speak in an empty room." |
| But at least none of his |

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An internal poll from the | time. (#1) (#2) |
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finds himself in third as the | (b) the TelePrompTer, (c) |
only other in double-digits. | the lighting, (d) the make- |
| up, or (perhaps?) (e) Bob |

RAMBLE ON ROSE (#18)	Dole himself?	
Report says Rep. Charlie Rose	Dole gave his GOP rivals	
(D-NC) has "all but decided" to	a huge opening, and, in	
retire. Official announcement	unison, they lost no time	
expected 1/31.	blaming Bob Dole himself.	
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The Inter-active sec. has a	throttle-up on the "age"	
unique "Budget Committee,"	issue? Can Dole's flat	
where participants can craft	speech stand up to Forbes'	
an alternative budget plan.	flat tax?	

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

"The hell if I know. I was in a whip meeting
when the Speaker held his press conference."
-- House Maj. Whip Tom DeLay, when asked if he knew where the
new House GOP offer on the budget came from, L.I. NEWSDAY, 1/25

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Hillary Rodham Clinton will testify Friday before a federal grand jury concerning Rose Law Firm billing records -- four years to the day when she and Bill appeared on "60 Minutes" to acknowledge problems in their marriage.

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

*1 DOLE: WAS IT THE MESSAGE, MESSENGER OR TELEPROMPTER?

Bob Dole spent the day answering questions about his response to the State of the Union the previous night. CBS' Jones: "Dole was in Iowa, making excuses. ... Within the campaign, you didn't hear as much smug talk about Dole having the nomination all locked up" (1/24). Dole: "Winning the nomination is not about TV spots, not about who can spend the most money and who can be the most negative and who can hurl the most rocks, it's about the heart and soul of the people of this state. ...

When President Clinton stood there last night and looked you in the eye and said we're going to have a tax cut, you kind of wonder, is there any credibility there?" (DES MOINES REGISTER, 1/25). More Dole: "We did great. Newt thought it was great, said he wouldn't change a word. ... There's nothing worse than trying to speak in an empty room" (BOSTON GLOBE, 1/25). An aide said Dole's office received "more than 2,000 calls" which were "overwhelmingly positive" (Witcover, Balto. SUN, 1/25).

RIVALS PILE ON: Phil Gramm: "If the best Republicans can do is try to match empty rhetoric with Bill Clinton, then we're not going to beat Bill Clinton, and it was clear to anybody who watched ... that Bob Dole cannot and will not beat Bill Clinton" (CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 1/25). More Gramm: "I could have responded to the president based on his three-year record. The problem Bob Dole has is not that he lacked time to respond. He has no response. He is not able to draw a bright line of distinction between his record and Bill Clinton's record" (AP, 1/25). Pat Buchanan, in NH: "The response of Bob Dole was not really adequate to the task, to put it mildly. I think the Republican Party lost the battle of ideas. I think for the last three months, we have been, quite frankly, getting our clocks cleaned by President Bill Clinton" (BOSTON GLOBE, 1/25). More Buchanan: "Our pitcher got shelled last night and we better go to the bullpen if we want to win the Series" (Manchester UNION LEADER, 1/25). Lamar Alexander: "[Dole gave] a preview of what we Republicans hope we won't see in the debates with Clinton."

Alexander strategist Mike Murphy: "It was a defining moment ... Dole's words said Clinton stinks. The pictures said it was time for new Republican leadership" (CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 1/25). Steve Forbes: "I just wish it had been more of a vivid contrast to what President Clinton did. ... This was an opportunity that was not fully taken advantage of" (W. TIMES, 1/25).

FROM THE DOLE CAMP: Dole dep. chair Bill Lacy, on their GOP rivals: "They are doing anything they can to get traction. Dole laid out a clear alternative to Clinton" (USA TODAY, 1/25). Dole manager Scott Reed: "I'd call it a home run. He'd set out to give a serious, substantive response rather than a slick political speech." Dole backer/American Conservative Union chair David Keene: "It was more like a long single. His delivery was a little bit off" (W. TIMES, 1/25). Dole spokesperson Nelson Warfield: "The criticism from our competitors is like Wile E. Coyote complaining the Road Runner isn't fast enough. You can't take complaints from competitors very seriously. The bottom line is Bob Dole provided a message of conservative vision that frames the battle against Bill Clinton on values, character, and trust. That's what voters saw regardless of what other candidates claim (Manch. UNION LEADER, 1/25). W. POST's Merida noted, "There was division yesterday among Dole advisers about whether he should have given the response." A Dole "strategist": "Nobody asked me if it was a good idea. Had someone asked me, I would have said don't do it, because it was such a stacked deck" (1/25).

*2 DOLE: "NIGHTMARE" ON SOTU STREET

DALLAS MORNING NEWS' Leubsdorf writes on Bob Dole's response to the State of the Union: "Dole's problem went beyond form. Though both speeches were highly political, Mr. Clinton's was presidential, casting issues in broad, mostly confrontational terms. Mr. Dole's sounded more like a campaign speech, pointed and partisan." Dole "chose the drab setting of his office, speaking to a camera without benefit of an applauding crowd. While that works for Oval Office presidential addresses, it paled as a staged alongside the president's." The good news for Dole "was that no GOP rival got the high-profile forum he assigned himself. Besides, such events usually are forgotten. When he and Mr. Clinton meet next, they may be on a more even footing as the Republican and Democratic rivals for the White House" (1/25). S.J. MERCURY's Trounstein & Farragher: "Dole and his fellow Republicans had been -- there's no way to put this -- sandbagged by the president" (1/25). Dole's speech was written by campaign communications director Mari Maseng Will (Kurtz, W. POST, 1/25). NBC's Myers: "Republicans were buzzing about [Dole's] lackluster performance" (1/24). ABC's Cochran: "What really bothers Republicans is that Bob Dole suffered by comparison. Many thought he looked older than usual and that he sounded too negative with his attacks on liberal elites and the President" (1/24). CBS' Jones: "Prime-time exposure should have been perfect for ... Dole, but it ended up as a nightmare for him" (1/24). Paul Gigot: "He did look like a grumpy old man and he looked old. He looked halting, the delivery was bad, but if you looked at what he said ... he had to go out there and reassure

his base. He had to go out there and undercut the President's credibility and he did that." Mark Shields: "Dole took a risk. ... He had intra-party sniping and Clinton was free of it. It's a big, big difference the day after" ("NewsHour," PBS, 1/24). Rush Limbaugh "fretted" on his radio show that Clinton will be re-elected "if this is the best we can do": "This is show biz. The Republicans still tend to be plagued by problems of marketing and packaging" (L.A. TIMES, 1/25). More Limbaugh: "You have to be passionately optimistic and positive about what you believe. And Dole's response last night left me scratching my head. I think that's something to be more concerned about than the President's remarks. You have to be able to present your ideas in a way that will captivate people. Sure the words were there, but it was the overall energy and passion that disappointed me" ("Limbaugh," WMAL-radio, 1/24).

THE SPINNERS: A "Republican media strategist": "He doesn't read a TelePrompTer well. He was stiff, wooden and nervous. He wasn't well lit. It was almost like a negative ad on Dole by Dole" (Tackett, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 1/25). GOP consultant Eddie Mahe: "If you read the speech and listened to the message, what he said was very much right on, particularly for the people who will attend the Iowa caucuses or vote in the New Hampshire primary. ... The pure physical difference in settings obviously worked to Dole's detriment. I don't know if he had problems with the TelePrompTer. He seemed to have more trouble with the flow of the words. He doesn't usually stumble like that." (CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 1/25). A "longtime party campaign consultant": "It was a terrible strategy to put him in there. No way could you have him standing in a bare office and create the drama anywhere like the State of the Union in the House chamber. He looked old, mean and stilted. Dole needs to be moving. He's a vigorous guy. The reality is that it will start the age talk" (Balto. SUN, 1/25). UVA's Larry Sabato: "These are permanent problems for Dole. He can't grow any younger, and I doubt they are going to teach him any new tricks about television between now and the election" (N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 1/25). Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed: "It certainly wasn't a meltdown" (W.S. JOURNAL, 1/25).

THE PEOPLE WHO MATTER: Roger Linn, GOP chair for the IA county that contains Sioux City: "It was an absolute disaster. By God, he had a week or two to prepare and he couldn't even read it. If this is the beginning of the campaign, Clinton could quit right now, because he's got it" (N.Y. TIMES, 1/25). Gramm "said Dole's speech was so bad that Dole supporters were defecting," citing a Warren county IA co-chairman who joined Gramm's effort (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 1/25).

HAMBURGER HILL: "At a closed-door Capitol Hill meeting of conservative lawmakers and activists Wednesday, many worried aloud that Dole was not forceful or animated enough in responding to Clinton, particularly at the outset of his speech." One participant: "Substantively he was fine, but there was a consensus that we are not going to match Clinton on TV, with Dole or anyone else in the field" (King, AP, 1/25). Progress and Freedom Foundation chief Jeff Eisenach: "He has to get dramatically better to be competitive with Clinton. I don't

think he met that challenge last night" (W.S. JOURNAL, 1/25).

MAJ. LEADER BATTLE ALREADY UNDERWAY: As Dole hits the campaign trail, the contest to succeed him as majority leader is "gaining momentum." And if Dole loses the presidency and seeks to retain his leadership post, "several conservatives are already predicting that he will be challenged." Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) said if Dole "wants to return and seek the Leader's position [next year], I anticipate it would be contested." The "main contenders" for the post are Maj. Whip Trent Lott (R-MS) and Policy Cmte chair Don Nickles (R-OK). Budget chair Pete Domenici (R-NM) and Conference chair Thad Cochran (R-MS) "remain in the mix as dark horses." Some observers say that if Dole narrowly loses to Clinton, "he's not likely to be challenged. But some conservatives are clearly becoming restless" (Jacoby, ROLL CALL, 1/25 issue).

***3 CLINTON: RIDING HIGH, VISITS BELLWETHER BLUE-GRASSERS**

The day after declaring the era of big govt. over, Pres. Clinton arrived in Louisville "preaching a communitarian ethic for tackling the nation's problems, especially crime." His re-election strategy has targeted KY, with its eight electoral votes, as a "must-win state." Clinton and AG Janet Reno visited the high-crime 4th Police District for a discussion touting his '94 crime bill's community-policing program. Clinton: "Law enforcement is not the only place where we need to do this. To go back and organize people on a community basis is a very important thing in this country" (Cross, Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 1/25). Clinton also visited "academically elite" Louisville Male High School, where he repeated much of his SOTU speech for local coverage in KY and neighboring OH and IN (Kasindorf, L.I. NEWSDAY, 1/25). The school features a "traditional" curriculum with a "strong emphasis on discipline" and a dress code that will be replaced by school uniforms next year (W. TIMES, 1/25). Clinton aides said KY was chosen for Clinton's post-SOTU visit because KY "suddenly seems winnable." One official noted that "as a result of Clinton's attempts to move centerward from a perceived liberal stance earlier in his tenure, antipathy toward him here over gays in the military, tobacco politics and gun control has softened" (NEWSDAY, 1/25). N.Y. TIMES' Purdum writes the trip "seemed proof enough of his revised prospects" both in KY and beyond. He spoke in a "considerably changed atmosphere from the one he faced when he set out with the road-show version" of his SOTU address last year, "and his fortunes in Kentucky are something of a metaphor for his broader standing" (1/25). COURIER-JOURNAL's Cross writes Clinton's prospects "looked bleak" in KY until last fall, when he "won the public-relations battle" over the budget and Dem Paul Patton became governor "in what was expected to be a Republican year." Nevertheless, outside the school, Clinton encountered protesters who carried signs objecting to his pro-choice stance and criticizing his wife (1/25). USA TODAY's Nichols writes visiting KY "lets the GOP know that in states where Clinton was thought to have little or no chance," he "plans to compete"

(1/25).

POST-SPEECH STRATEGY: CNN's Shipman: "Clinton's campaign advisers seem to think that their best ... strategy for now is the 'anti-campaign' strategy: keep the President above the fray. So look for more of these campaigning-without-campaigning stops" ("Inside Politics," 1/24). CBS' Braver: "Clinton was using the [SOTU] as a campaign stepping stone, continuing along the high road he walked, casting himself as the visionary leader" (1/24).

*4 CLINTON: THE POST-SOTU AFTERGLOW

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE's Starr writes Pres. Clinton's State of the Union address "enabled [him] to recapture the headlines from his wife" (1/25). WH aides "celebrated the general election preview" (Harwood, W.S. JOURNAL, 1/25). L.I. NEWSDAY's Reno: "If President Clinton wants to run for re-election on the claim that he stopped Newt Gingrich from having his way, that only with himself in the White House will Medicare and Medicaid entitlements be safe, Gingrich has written the speech for him. If we didn't know better, we might suspect that as Newt smiled agreeably, he was concealing a chain saw and that it was Dole, not the president, who was out on the limb" (1/25). N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Clifford: "Analysts doubted that the address would cover the President's vulnerabilities for very long," noting that Hillary Rodham Clinton testifies before a Whitewater grand jury 1/26 (1/25). CNN's Shipman: "The President has been described as buoyant. One White House aide said 'elated' might be an understatement. They are feeling very good. None of them really want to comment directly though on any sort of comparison between the President and Bob Dole. They don't think it would be polite" (1/24). CBS' Braver: "Behind the scenes, White House officials are ecstatic because they believe Republicans have now realized their hardball tactics and constant attacks on President Clinton have backfired" (1/24). George Will: "Clinton's performance may have been the beginning of the Democratic Party's third consecutive campaign of concealment" (W. POST, 1/25). Bob Novak: "Republican leaders made the error of underestimating Clinton's willingness to shut down government and default on the debt rather than yield, as well as his ability to sell his message to the public" (W. POST, 1/25). Al Hunt: "Bill Clinton, alternately conciliatory and confrontational, struck most of the right political notes" (W.S. JOURNAL, 1/25). Bill Safire: "Excoriate Clinton hypocrisy, Republicans, but keep your hands off America's credit rating" (N.Y. TIMES, 1/25).

ATTACKS: Phil Gramm: "It was very interesting to me in listening to Bill Clinton, in a speech that begins by saying government is not the answer, he ends up with the federal government setting the dress codes of our nation." Analyst Kevin Phillips: "[Clinton] hit a triple but only when it is compared to the speech by Dole, which was a tired, non-electric speech" (W. TIMES, 1/25).

WHODUNNIT: NEW REPUBLIC's Cooper writes Clinton's speech was written by an "entourage," led by Comm. dir. Don Baer, chief speechwriter Michael Waldman and policy adviser Bruce Reed. In delivering it, Clinton had "moments of supreme cleverness. The

Reaganesque device of pointing to heroes in the balcony has become, in Clinton's hand, a jujitsu move." Using OK City civil servant Richard Dean "was a nifty way to humanize the bureaucrat, to scold the GOP, to remind the country that government is, after all, a serious undertaking. ... By contrast, of course, the Republicans looked petulant, irritable. Someone needs to tell Gingrich to wear makeup. Someone needs to tell Dole to wear less. ... When Arlen Specter was the only Republican to stand up when Clinton gave his pitch for 'Common Ground,' Lauch Faircloth ... looked at Specter with pure disdain. Who can wait for this summer's Repub-li-scrum in San Diego?" But still, the speech "revealed something deep: the end of Clintonism" (1/12 issue).

*5 FORBES: PACKS 'EM IN IN DES MOINES, SLAMS CLINTON

Steve Forbes went to Des Moines for the bi-monthly Republican Breakfast Club meeting where he criticized Pres. Clinton's SOTU address and defended his flat tax proposal. Club veterans said they had "never seen" such a large crowd. Forbes prefaced his remarks with a reference to the SOTU: "Thank you for coming out on a wintry morning to hear some more hot air from yet another political candidate. However, I think last night we probably got a supply that will last us for several winters" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 1/25). Forbes continued his attack on Clinton, accusing him of being an "out of touch Washington insider." Forbes attacked Clinton's speech saying, "Only a Beltway insider would say that the American economy is the strongest in 30 years. I'd like you to tell that to a family where two incomes can't seem to do the job that one did in previous generations" (Holmes, N.Y. TIMES, 1/25).

CANDIDATES (AND A NEWSPAPER) RIP IN: In Manchester, Pat Buchanan accused Forbes of "standing up for the free trade interests of big business." Buchanan called Forbes "the spokesman for the people who advertise in Forbes magazine" (Tolme, AP, 1/25). In IA, Bob Dole took a shot at Forbes' lavish campaign spending, saying, "It's like the razor ad: I liked the razor so well, I bought the company. It's like saying, I like America so much, I bought the country" (N.Y. TIMES, 1/25). Phil Gramm, also in IA, said of Forbes, "Money might buy you love -- and I think that's debatable -- but it won't buy you the presidency" (AP, 1/25). Lamar Alexander, also in IA: "Steve Forbes knows the world of New York City. It's a very limited world. Let's put it that way. It's the world of the 300 richest men in America" (OMAHA WORLD HERALD, 1/25). Manchester UNION LEADER editorial, under header "Forbes Tax Bomb": "Under Steve Forbes' pure flat-tax plan ... [NHers] would take a whopping hit in their pocketbooks. Not only would we not be able to deduct interest on home mortgages -- the single largest investment for most middle class families -- but we would also not be able to write down state property taxes. ... [Forbes' plan] would strike a severe blow at the housing industry. ... Forbes' prescription is the wrong medicine for our tax ailments" (1/25).

STEVE RIPS INTO CANDIDATES: Forbes "ripped into" his rivals, calling them "chicken littles and fear mongers." Forbes "did not go into details" on how a flat tax would benefit his own

bottom line, instead saying, "Let me be candid. Steve Forbes has been blessed in life. I will do alright if don't you change to tax code; I will do alright if you do change the tax code" (Glover, AP, 1/25).

DON'T TRY THAT NUANCE DANCE WITH RALPH: After missing the deadline to submit a 12-page Christian Coalition candidate questionnaire, the Forbes campaign had to "scramble" to finish it 1/23. Forbes did not answer a "point-blank" question regarding support for a constitutional amendment banning abortion, instead choosing to submit a written statement. Though the Coalition does not endorse candidates, the questionnaire will help to shape the voter guide the Coalition sends its members. Exec. dir. Ralph Reed said Forbes will "have problems" because "his stands on social issues are either not conservative or difficult to explain. ... He wants to nuance school prayer and abortion, and that's hard to do in a voter guide." Forbes may also "face some opposition" from Coalition members who recall his '88 chastisement of Coalition founder Pat Robertson. Forbes called him a "toothy flake" in his magazine column. Forbes manager Bill Dal Col said Forbes is "respectful and very supportive" of the Coalition and would favor banning abortions late in pregnancies and would work to "change the culture" and change the law "little by little" in order to make abortion "disappear" (Keen, USA TODAY, 1/25).

THE VIEW FROM KOPPEL: ABC's "Nightline" focused on and hosted Forbes. Ted Koppel, on Forbes: "You know he's running for President, you know he's rich, you know he's the hottest political story these days and you know he really wants to talk about the flat tax. But, does anyone know enough to picture him as president." ABC's Greenfield: "A kind of Jimmy Stewart character -- if Jimmy Stewart had his own helicopter, jet, 150 foot yacht and a castle in France." Koppel, to Forbes: "It is my hope that we can make it through an entire program talking about everything but the flat tax." Forbes, on his lack of political experience: "Unlike those who have been cocooned inside the Beltway, I've seen real America at work." Forbes, on his ability to "stay on message" and repeat seemingly scripted responses: "I don't see anything wrong with answering questions with a consistent line of philosophy to get America moving again." Koppel, on Forbes' failure to address race issues on any level but economic: "We are talking about one of the most highly-charged emotional issues in America today, and yet if I may Mr. Forbes, let me suggest that you are so calm and collected in everything that you say, that I wonder whether you bring any passion to this issue." Forbes: "I think I bring some real thoughts on the issue. I think I've advanced more ideas on how to make opportunity a real word for Americans than certainly my opponents have done. ... You can rap me on the fact that I don't jump up and down on your show or snarl at you or something like that, but I think I've put forth some real proposals to get America moving again -- including in the inner-cities" (1/24).

AND THE VIEW FROM CARL: WMUR's Cameron: "The millionaire's momentum in the polls is headline news, and on the campaign trail, Forbes smells blood." Ex-NH Rep. Chuck Douglass: "He's

moving fast and he may be the hot prospect for being the surprise this year, like Buchanan or Hart years ago." Cameron: "So the question, which can only be answered on Election Day, is whether or not the Forbes phenomenon has peaked too soon or if he can ride the wave of momentum to an upset victory" (1/24).

***6 ALEXANDER: INTERNAL POLL SHOWS HIM THIRD IN NH**

An internal Alexander poll, conducted 1/21-23 by Whit Ayers, surveyed 600 likely GOP primary voters in NH (4% margin of error) shows Lamar Alexander alone in 3rd place in the state. It shows Steve Forbes and Bob Dole in a statistical dead heat with Forbes at 25% and Dole at 24%. Alexander follows with 12%. Pat Buchanan has 9%, followed by Phil Gramm at 5%, Alan Keyes and Richard Lugar at 2% and Morry Taylor at 1%. Ayres said the poll showed Gramm's campaign is "dead" in NH, having dropped from 10% in 5/95 to 8% in 8/95 to 5% currently. Ayres described the NH primary electorate as "very fluid" and said Alexander is "well positioned to benefit from a bitter battle between Dole and Forbes" (release, 1/24). The poll is "not only good news for Forbes, but also for Alexander, especially combined with the fact that Buchanan and Gramm show high negatives, while Alexander, Dole and Forbes are the only ones whose positive ratings far outweigh their negatives" (DiStaso, Manchester UNION LEADER, 1/25). The poll is the "first to show Dole not solidly in front" in NH. Other polls have shown Dole slipping (see HOTLINE 1/23) but still ahead. Forbes spokesperson Gretchen Morgenson said the poll "obviously shows that this is a one-on-one race between Dole and Steve" (Brosnan, Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 1/25). Alexander went to IA where he continued his attack on Bob Dole calling him a "legislative engineer" unfit to debate Pres. Clinton in the general election. He said Clinton did a "masterful job" in his SOTU address, one that Dole "could not hope to match" (Brennan, OMAHA WORLD HERALD, 1/25).

***7 TEXAS: GRAMM STILL IN DEAD HEAT WITH DOLE IN OWN BACKYARD**

A HOUSTON CHRONICLE/KPRC-TV poll conducted 1/20-22 by Mason-Dixon/PMR, surveyed 261 likely GOP primary voters; margin of error +/- 5.7% (1/25).

GOP PRIMARY	ALL		MEN		WOMEN		FAV/UNFAV	ID
Gramm	34%		38%	30%	53%	19%	100%	
Dole	32	31	33	47	18	100		
Forbes	7	5	9	26	14	89		
Buchanan	6	8	4	28	31	97		
Alexander	3	2	4	10	7	68		
Lugar	1	1	1	11	13	77		
Dornan	1	2	--	8	9	53		
Keyes	1	1	1	9	4	43		
Taylor	--	--	--	3	4	33		

***8 KANSAS: SENATOR WANTS TO ABOLISH PRIMARY TO SAVE MONEY**

Kansas' 4/2 presidential preference primary "came under new attack," when state Sen. Janice Hardenburger (R) said "she would introduce legislation permanently abolishing the primary."

Turning to a caucus system would help minimize the \$1.4 million cost of a primary; Hardenburger "wants to eliminate the election to pay part of the cost of administering the federally-mandated system of registering voters at moter vehicle offices, the so called 'motor voter' plan." Hardenburger, chairwoman of the Senate elections committee, said she has "notified" Sen. Bob Dole's office of her plan and said she "doesn't believe Dole would object." Sen. Mike Harris (R), who is "expected to be elected" GOP national committeeman this weekend, said "he believes most Republicans would relish the opportunity to vote for Dole in the primary" and thinks "it is getting too late to abolish this year's primary" (Petterson, K.C. STAR, 1/24). Filing deadline: 6/10. Primary: 8/6.

*9 GOP CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29
ALEXANDER	Boston, Hampton,				
	Manchstr, Portsmouth,	NH	n/a	Denver	
615-327-3350	Concrd, NH	Salem, NH			

BUCHANAN	Smrswrth	Bedford,	LA GOP		DC
	NH	Nashua,	convo	DC	Davenp't,
703-848-1996		Mrrmck NH			IA

DOLE	Waterloo,	Cnl. Blffs			
	Sioux Ct	Des Moines	n/a	n/a	n/a
202-414-6400	Pierre, SD	Topeka, KS			

DORNAN		Bedford			
	DC	NH	DC	DC	n/a
703-644-2600					

FORBES	CdrRpds,				
	IowaCity,	IL, NH	n/a	n/a	n/a
908-781-5111	Clintn IA				

GRAMM	IowaCity,	Houston			
	CedrRpds,	TX	n/a	n/a	n/a
202-467-8600	FtMdsn IA				

LUGAR	Derry,	Mnchster,			
	Nashua	Goffstown	DC	DC	DC
202-544-3636	NH	NH			

TAYLOR	Keokuk,	ClrLake,	Mntezuma,		Carroll
	Burlington	Ventura	Lemars	Detroit	Jefersn
800-930-4668	IA	IA	IA	MI	IA

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

*10 BUDGET: HOUSE GOP AGREES TO DEAL WITH WH

House Republicans "unexpectedly abandoned" their goal of enacting a seven-year balanced budget plan and instead "sought to strike a deal" with the WH "on a modest package of deficit reduction and tax cuts." Speaker Gingrich: "We do not believe it's possible right now to get a budget agreement." One day after a "well-received" State of the Union speech by Pres. Clinton, Gingrich said "he wanted to assemble a package of about \$100 billion in spending cuts and a two-year [\$29.1 billion] tax cut and attach it to legislation increasing the debt ceiling." The plan "could be drafted and passed" before 3/1 along with the extension of the federal government's borrowing authority (Georges/Rogers, W.S. JOURNAL, 1/25). Shortly after Gingrich's announcement, Clinton phoned Gingrich from Air Force One and said he was "intrigued" by the proposal (Kessler, NEWSDAY, 1/25). Gingrich, on the reception his offer received from Clinton: "It was a very positive discussion and offered hope for a bipartisan agreement" ("NewsHour," PBS, 1/24). WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry: "The President would look very carefully at anything that would result in real budget savings that might be attached to a continuing resolution." Privately, WH aides said the public's "favorable reaction" to Clinton's SOTU "may have forced" GOPers to the table (W.S. JOURNAL, 1/25). Gingrich, asked if the offer was made because of Clinton's speech: "He tried to strike a positive tone on the State of the Union and ... we had an obligation on the legislative side to reach out a hand to him. If you make Pennsylvania Avenue a two-way street and both sides try to work together, you can get a lot done" ("Newshour," 1/24). House Dems "also signaled a willingness to deal within the new parameters." Sen. Min. Leader Tom Daschle: "I think there is potential for common ground, especially on deficit reduction but also on targeted tax reform" (W.S. JOURNAL, 1/25).

IN THE MOOD: Pressure for a deal on the debt limit was "increased" when Moody's, a credit-rating service, announced it was considering lowering its rating for \$387 billion in Treasury securities "out of a growing fear that the stalemate could lead to a Government default" (Clymer, N.Y. TIMES, 1/25). Moody's announcement was the "most dramatic" reaction yet in the financial world over the possibility of a default." Gingrich: "We took a big step toward solving the debt ceiling problem. I think Moody's is 24 hours behind the news" (Devroy/Pianin, W. POST, 1/25). NEC chair Laura Tyson: "[The Moody's review] shows it's the case that the use of the debt limit as a tactical weapon in budget debate is unwise" (W.S. JOURNAL, 1/25).

GOP DIVISION: The new plan "caught many GOP lawmakers by surprise," and some GOP conservatives said "it fell far short of the balanced budget they were promised before they agreed to vote to raise the debt limit" (W.S. JOURNAL, 1/25). Several GOPers "said Gingrich had provided little or no consultation before he went forward with his news conference." House Maj. Whip Tom DeLay, when asked if he knew where the plan came from: "The hell if I know. I was in a whip meeting when the speaker held his press conference." Bob Dole was "conspicuously absent from the

Capitol Hill "intrigue," as he campaigned in IA and continued "his Clinton-bashing on the stump" (NEWSDAY, 1/25).

REAX: N.Y TIMES' Safire, to GOP "hard-liners": "You don't play a game of chicken with the American dollar. If you are not prepared to carry out a threat, you should never make it, and anyone prepared to carry out the first national default is as crazy as Nero" (1/25). NPR's Kenyon: "This piece-meal approach is a far cry from the hard-line posture struck by Republican up 'til now" (1/25). Paul Gigot, on why the Gingrich deal is being offered: "The Republicans understand that they have to get something out of this Congress and that with their long ... pass broken up, no chance at a big deal, that they have to begin to make some incremental progress." Mark Shields: "They're bereft of a record. They want to be able to show something" ("NewsHour," PBS, 1/24).

*11 WHITEWATER: HRC TO CHAT WITH THE GRAND JURY TOMORROW

"In a critique of the Clintons' handling of Whitewater," Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), a member of the Whitewater Cmte, said the pres. and his wife mistakenly "reverted to their roles as lawyers" and need to be "more forthcoming, more quickly." Murray commented HRC "left herself open" to some of the partisan attacks. The Clintons "really misunderstood the potential vulnerability they would be placed in." Murray noted that "she was concerned by the sudden discovery" of Hillary's long-sought billing records and "urged the White House to ascertain the facts surrounding the incident as quickly as possible." Murray: "I personally would like to see the White House more forthcoming, more quickly, but I would also like to see the Senate be less partisan" (AP/Balto. SUN, 1/25).

PERJURY? W. TIMES' Murray writes HRC's forgetfulness "could become a serious issue during tomorrow's grand jury grilling where prosecutors faced with the 'I-don't-remember syndrome' can bring a perjury indictment" (Murray, W. TIMES, 1/25). BOSTON GLOBE's Hohler: "The torrent of suspicion surrounding [HRC] as she goes before a federal grand jury tomorrow may yield no more than what several legal analysts described as a trickle of potential criminal liability." Whitewater ind. counsel Ken Starr subpoenaed HRC to find out about the "unusual disappearance" of Rose Law Firm billing records that recently resurfaced (1/25).

W. POST's Cohen: "The Clinton's have elevated integrity to the point where it is an issue on par with the budget deficit. The deficit ultimately will be closed. I wish I could be as confident about the president's credibility gap" (1/25).

ANOTHER SUBPOENA? The atty for Susan McDougal, co-owner of the now defunct Madison Guaranty S&L, said he will ask the U.S District Court in Little Rock to subpoena Pres. Clinton to testify in his client's criminal trial, slated to begin 3/4 (Seper, W. TIMES, 1/25). Meanwhile, "four key Whitewater witnesses have refused to testify" before the Whitewater Cmte, "citing their Fifth Amendment right." Perry Co. Bank co-owners Herbert Branscum and Robert Hill along with real estate brokers Chris Wade and wife Rosalee told the panel "they would invoke that right if called to testify." Branscum and Hill were Clinton

campaign contributors appointed to state commissions following Clinton's '90 AR gov. re-election. The Wades were co-owners of Ozarks Realty Co, the "principal broker" for Whitewater Development Corp., the AR real estate venture involving the Clintons and McDougals (Seper, W. TIMES, 1/25).

EXTEND THE INVESTIGATION: A N.Y. TIMES editorial: "One might reasonably expect the Senate Whitewater Committee to finish it's business by Feb. 29, when its mandate expires. But at a time when important documents keep popping up unexpectedly and witnesses keep contradicting one another and themselves, the chairman Alfonse D'Amato, is right to seek an extension. There are clear political reasons for Republicans to prolong their inquiry, but given the White House's failure to address many unanswered questions, there is also a strong public interest in keeping the committee alive" (1/25). Senate Min. Leader Tom Daschle has urged Senate Maj. Leader Bob Dole to "take every step possible" in having the Whitewater Cmte's investigation completed by the original deadline. Daschle said he "strongly opposed an extension." D'Amato is seeking \$600,000 more to continue the investigation indefinitely" (AP, 1/25).

*12 TRAVELGATE: WHO TRIED TO SEND BILLY DALE TO JAIL?

Ex-WH Travel Office dir. Billy Dale denounced the Clinton admin. for spreading "lies" about him as new documents showed the WH "hid evidence that could have cleared him of kickback charges" (Bedard, W. TIMES, 1/25). Speaking before the House Gov't Oversight and Reform Cmte, "their voices shaking with emotion at times," the seven fired WH travel office employees accused the admin. of "abusing its power" when it dismissed them and of continuing to spread "lies" (Locy, W. POST, 1/25). The seven accused the WH of using the FBI and the IRS to "make false charges that justified the firings when the goal was to make room for political supporters." After the relase of a memo from ex-WH aide David Watkins indicating that he felt pressure from the first lady to make the firings, HRC has said that "she didn't demand the firings, but was concerned about rumors of financial misconduct" (W. TIMES, 1/25).

AUDIT FINDINGS: An accountant who audited the White House travel office said he was "surprised when the workers were fired before his staff finished its report." But he also said the audit did find "clear evidence of financial mismanagement" (Gordon, AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 1/25). Dale called the audit "a convenient excuse to carry out a decision that had been in the works for a long time" (USA TODAY, 1/25). CBS' Schieffer: "Even armed with a study critical of the office bookkeeping, administration defenders found rough going on this one. ... While Republicans have been trying to show that Mrs. Clinton was the driving force behind these firings, ... they made no headway on that front. But whoever caused it, Congress is building a strong case that these workers were badly mistreated" (1/24).

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

*13 ELECTIONS: GOP HAS THE EDGE BUT DEMS ARE THREATENING

Recent polls show that House Dems are "showing surprising

strength," making prospects for attaining the 20 seats they need for control "far better than they did six months ago." But many analysts say GOPers have the advantage in raising money and recruiting candidates. A study of PAC contributions for the first six months of '95, conducted by the Center for Responsive Politics, found that more than 60% of the money went to GOPers, reversing the pattern in the 1993-94 cycle, when Dems controlled Congress. A study of 400 PACs by the NRCC shows a similar trend. Other factors that favor GOPers include the rash of Dem retirements, which has given Republicans "rich new opportunities" in the "conservatively realigning South," and the ability to line up "top-flight" candidates, an easier task for a party in power. On the other hand, the race for control appears "much more competitive" than it did six months ago. The budget battle "raised voters' doubts" about the GOP majority and allowed Dems to "present themselves as defenders of Medicare, education and the environment." Dem strategists point out that the GOP now holds 28 traditionally Dem seats, 11 of which voted for Clinton in '92 and Michael Dukakis in '88. Dems theorize that in a "more typical year, with the greater turnout that occurs in a presidential election," these seats would likely return to the Dem fold. GOP pollster Bill McInturff acknowledged that his party may lose some of those seats, but argued that those "potential losses will easily be outweighed by opportunities elsewhere" (Toner, N.Y. TIMES, 1/25).

UNION LABEL: The "newly militant" AFL-CIO plans to pour \$35M into "political campaigning this year, promote a big get-out-the-vote effort and organize a cadre of 100 permanent activists" in each CD (Rosenblatt, L.A. TIMES, 1/25). In addition, the labor federation plans to target 75 CDs this year in an effort to win back Dem control. While privately writing off chances to win back the Senate, union leaders said Dems have a "legitimate chance" to control the House. AFL-CIO pres. John Sweeney said he would not identify the 75 seats until he had a chance to discuss the effort with union leadership. The AFL-CIO also plans to ask its member unions to endorse Pres. Clinton at a special 3/96 meeting (Swoboda, W. POST, 1/25).

*14 AR 02: SEPARATED AT BIRTH?

Financial consultant Jim Klote (R) and atty Bud Cummins (R), who are both in their 30s, live in Little Rock and were raised outside the state, announced 1/23 for the seat being vacated by Rep. Ray Thornton (D). In addition, they both "appear to have put campaign organizations in place" and are self-described "conservatives in the mold of Ronald Reagan. Other likely GOPers for the seat that has been held by Republicans for "less than eight of the past 100 years": ex-AR GOP chair/'74 gov. nominee Ken Coon, ex-radio talk show host Bill Powell. Dems: ex-Pryor aide John Edwards, Prosecutor Mark Stodola (Caldwell, AR DEM-GAZETTE, 1/24). Filing deadline: 4/2. Primary: 5/21.

*15 CA 01: JAILED MANAGER TARNISHES SILVER

The mgr. of Carol Ruth Silver (D), who is running against frosh Rep. Frank Riggs (R), spent five days in jail last month

for "violating a judge's order to steer clear of his estranged wife." James Vick, the 1st Assembly district Dem cmte chair, claimed to be the "victim of a political vendetta." He received a "vote of confidence" from Silver, who dismissed the matter as "politically motivated" and "a dirty trick." One neutral political observer said, ""It's going to hurt her no matter what she does (Sweeney, Santa Rosa PRESS DEMOCRAT, 1/20). Also running is atty Monica Marvin (D), who called Riggs a "general in Newt Gingrich's army." Marvin, on Riggs: "I've lived under this guy's representation, or lack of representation as I see it, for 1-1/2 terms. ... He's voted 92.6 percent in keeping with the freshman class under Gingrich's direction." Marvin's "primary concerns" are jobs and education (Relyea, Eureka TIMES STANDARD, 1/20). Other Dems: businessman Bill Burton, ex-Gore aide Michela Alioto, Dennis Chuning. Primary: 3/26.

*16 CT 05: FRANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Selectman John O'Toole (D) declared his candidacy for the seat held by Rep. Gary Franks (R). Self-described as a "pragmatist who has proven he can save jobs," O'Toole criticized Franks for "losing touch" with the district. He said he supports women's abortion rights and that average working families "should not bear the brunt of budget balancing." Without a "big-city political base" and "needing \$750,000 by his own reckoning to run a winning campaign," O'Toole "faces a difficult task." It "will not be easy" for him to win the Dem nod, as ex-state Sen. James Maloney (D), who lost to Franks by 12,000 votes in '94, is expected to announce on 2/12. O'Toole: "If you subscribe to the conventional wisdom, I would be an underdog. But it's the same conventional wisdom that has allowed Gary Franks to walk into office three times in a row, despite his lack of accomplishment." CT Dem chair Ed Marcus "wants to avoid a nomination fight this year," given the "divisive" '94 primary between Maloney and ex-state House Maj. Leader Thomas Luby (D) (Lender, HARTFORD COURANT, 1/23). Filing deadline: 7/96. Primary: 9/10.

*17 GEORGIA: ALL OVER THE MAP

The recent U.S. Supreme Court case that led to a reconfiguring of GA's cong. map "created some seeming opportunities for Democrats, but uncertainty over what the map was going to look like also delayed the process of lining up challengers for the eight Republican incumbents." Currently, Dems are lining up for the new suburban 4th CD, which has been evacuated by Rep. John Linder (R). Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-11) is running in the 4th but faces Dem opposition from state Sen. Ron Slotin and atty Comer Yates, and possible challenges from state Sen. Cathey Steinberg and ex-Insurance Commis. Tim Ryles. Ex-Rep. Ben Jones (D) also is interested, but "recent knee surgery makes it doubtful he will be up for a run." In the 9th CD, party-switcher Rep. Nathan Deal (R) is being challenged by state Rep. Ken Posten (D). "But in the meantime, there are some glaring holes to be filled in what used to comprise the rural bedrock of the Democratic Party." No "firm" Dem cand. have emerged yet in the 1st, 3rd, 8th and 11th CDs. The 8th is

"particularly striking." Rep. Saxby Chambliss (R-08), who ended up in CD 02, could still move back, but currently, the 8th is vacant. "With so much on the line, the lack of anything definite ought to be worrisome to party leaders. The Democrats don't have a great chance of winning these seats, but they can't afford to give any Republican incumbent a free ride. Not only can they not win where they don't run, but an absence of solid congressional candidates in these areas could quickly have an effect on the campaigns of Democrats running statewide" (Baxter, COX/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 1/23). Filing deadline: 4/26. Primary: 7/16.

***18 NC 07: REPORT SAYS ROSE IS EXPECTED TO RETIRE**

Rep. Charlie Rose (D), for two decades one of NC's "most influential Democrats," is "leaning heavily toward not seeking another term." He is expected to announce his decision on 1/31; reports say he has "all but decided to retire." Rose reportedly met with the "man he wants to be his successor," state Rep. David Redwine (D), to discuss how he can help him in the campaign. Just a year and a half ago, Rose was chair of the powerful House Administration cmte and a candidate for speaker. But when the GOP took Congress (and Rose lost a race for Dem leader to Dick Gephardt), he "also lost influence on the Democratic side of the aisle." In addition, his career has been "plagued by controversies ranging from his two divorces to allegations of misuses of his campaign money." Rose has "privately blamed many of his troubles" on Sen. Jesse Helms (R). In '94 he barely defeated "little known and underfinanced" Robert Anderson (R), a retired A.F. officer, who is running again in '96 (Raleigh NEWS & OBSERVER, 1/18). Others: businessman Howard Greenebaum (D), atty Mike McIntyre (D), ex-state Rep. Glenn Jernigan (D), and Wilmington Co. Commis. Bill Castar (R). Filing deadline: 2/5.

***19 OH 01: THE MORPHING IS ON THE OTHER FOOT**

One of the "techniques" frosh Rep. Steve Chabot (R) used to upset then-Rep. David Mann (D) in '94 was to have Mann's face "morphed" into that of Pres. Clinton in TV ads. This time, Chabot and other GOPers "can expect to be morphed themselves," as Dems will try to turn this year's elections into a "referendum" on Speaker Newt Gingrich and the GOP revolution. A "battle" is expected between Chabot and public relations exec. Mark Longabaugh (D) (Barton, CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, 1/21).

***20 OH 03: HALL'S TOUGHEST COMPETITION WON'T RUN**

Dayton Mayor Mike Turner (R), who has given a race against Rep. Tony Hall (D) "some thought," said he is "focused on the mayor's office." Although it was thought that Turner would run for the seat, he opted out because polls have shown Hall, who is "considered unbeatable," with a popularity rating that is "too great to overcome." He acknowledged he has a "future interest" in the seat. OH Dem aide Jim Knight: "Hall has that special mix of being able to get a huge bloc of votes from the Christian right because he's pro-life and from Democrats because he's a Democrat." State Rep. Don Mottley (R) agrees: "A typical Democratic congressman would lose to a Republican in this

district, and a congressional seat would be good for [Turner]. But Tony Hall is not your typical congressman." Two GOPers are vying for the nomination -- '94 nominee/physician Dave Westbrook and engineer Ken McWilliams. Both are "political novices;" Westbrook lost to Hall by 18 points last cycle (Mendell, DAYTON DAILY NEWS, 1/21).

***21 OH 10: KUCINICH'S STRATEGY IS TO LOOK "DRAFTED"**

The Dem primary for this seat, which includes "several longtime officeholders," promises to be the "most intriguing in the region this season." The primary is "crowded with Democrats" hoping to unseat two-term Rep. Martin Hoke (R), including state Sen./ex-Cleve. Mayor Dennis Kucinich (D) (McIntyre/Theiss, Cleve. PLAIN DEALER, 1/20). Kucinich, "perceived as the heavyweight" in the Dem primary, is pursuing "his strategy of portraying himself as an almost reluctant candidate who is being drafted because he is the perfect antidote" to Hoke. Kucinich "will not outline the issues in the campaign" until 2/11, five weeks before the primary. This "holding off" strategy is used for "perhaps forestalling direct attacks" and allowing Kucinich to "skirt the criticism that he gets into one office not to serve, but to run for a better one." It also "allows him to continue his strategy of making himself appear to be the 'people's choice' candidate." This is Kucinich's fifth run for Congress (Theiss, PLAIN DEALER, 1/21). Other Dems: Cleve. Councilmember Helen Smith, North Olmsted Mayor Ed Boyle, Linndale Mayor Donald Slusher, and psychologist-poet C. River Smith. Primary: 3/19.

***22 OR 01: GOP BATTLES TO MAKE FURSE FINISH LAST**

Portland consultant Molly Bordonaro (R) announced she would seek the GOP nomination to face Rep. Elizabeth Furse (D). The 27-year old Bordonaro was senior policy director of the American Legislative Exchange Council in DC until last summer. She describes herself as "conservative both socially and fiscally" and would "support all elements" of the GOP Contract. Bordonaro is the daughter of "prominent civic booster" Clayton Herring, who is president of "real estate giant" Noris, Begg & Simpson. Furse "won by a razor-thin margin" over conservative Bill Witt (R) in '94. Bordonaro said, "Having a Republican woman run against Elizabeth Furse would neutralize the gender issue." Other GOPers: state Rep. John Meek, ex-OR GOP dir. Dick Noonan and Barry Babin (Suo, Portland OREGONIAN, 1/23).

***23 SC 05: BIGHAM SEEKS REMATCH WITH SPRATT**

At a rally that "at times ... sounded like a revival meeting," restaurateur Larry Bigham (R) launched his rematch with Rep. John Spratt (D) by calling Spratt a "loyal follower of Bill Clinton's big government agenda and a cheerleader of the failed liberal policies of the past." In '94 Bigham held the veteran Spratt to 52%. Spratt dismissed Bigham's attacks: "If I fit the description (Bigham) just tried to label me with, I don't think I would have withstood the test" in '94. The rally was attended by LG Bob Peeler (R), SC GOP chair Henry McMaster and other elected GOPers. McMaster strongly endorsed Bigham: "If we

can't elect Larry Bigham, a good man who believes in all the good things we believe in, then we might as well give up and fold America." Gov. David Beasley (R) also sent a letter offering his support. Bigham "is relying on the Christian Coalition to help mobilize" conservative voters and is being advised by Coalition "operative" Drew McKissick. The rally featured a prayer offered by the Rev. Ray Long, who prayed "for men of conservative values to be elected" (Bandy, Columbia STATE, 1/23).

***24 TX 02: THE BATTLE TO SUCCEED CHARLIE WILSON**

"A high-stakes partisan battle" is now underway to succeed retiring Rep. Charlie Wilson (D) and "leaders of both political parties view the race ... as one of the most crucial in the nation." If Dems hope to regain a House majority, "they must first hold on to open seats in the South, where once ostracized Republicans have been making unprecedented inroads." Of the five GOPers running, "there is no clear favorite. The best known, Donna Peterson, has lost the race three times, and some GOP strategists worry that her chances have not improved." In '94, Peterson won 43% against Wilson. Dems may "have an advantage" with state sen. Jim Turner, "who is running unopposed." The district is a "crucial political background" because it is "socially conservative but has a strong populist streak, making it a key barometer of the GOP's ascent in the South" (Katz, L.A. TIMES, 1/22). Other GOPers: Jim Hughes, Bob Currie, Ben Bius, and Brian Babin. Other Dems: Edgar Groce and Fred Hudson. Primary: 3/12.

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

***25 MONTANA GOVERNOR: TWO TEACHERS UNIONS ENDORSE RACICOT**

"Marking the first time either has supported a Republican for governor," MT's two main teachers unions "shunned a close ally" and endorsed Gov. Marc Racicot (R) for re-election. MT Educators Assoc. (MEA) Pres. Eric Feaver: "The governor is a friend of public education and has demonstrated that in many ways." MT Federation of Teachers (MFT) Pres. Jim McGarvey acknowledged his union "typically backs" Dems, but said, "We traditionally assess the incumbent and make our decision based on the individual's track record. Marc Racicot has proven himself." The two unions represent a combined 15,000 members; both backed then-state Rep. Dorothy Bradley (D) against Racicot in '92. The announcement "stung" ex-state Sen. Chet Blaylock (D), a "stalwart ally of unions" during his 20 years in the MT legislature. Blaylock, a lifetime union member, said he was "deeply disappointed." A LEE NEWSPAPERS poll showed Racicot with a 75-10% lead over Blaylock (see HOTLINE, 1/4). Feaver: "Racicot represents the politics of the future. I don't think the politics of the Democratic Party has grasped over the past two decades the politics of the future. I really regret Chet Blaylock is a candidate for governor. I personally think he is one of the classiest legislators who has ever served. He deserves a kinder, gentler exit from politics." Feaver said the "key" reason for the MEA's support of Racicot was his primary

opponent, Univ/MT law prof. Rob Natelson. Feaver: "Just as our members like Marc Racicot, they don't really like Rob Natelson." Natelson: "This proves what I've been saying all along. It shows how liberal Mr. Racicot is, that these two very left-wing unions would endorse him over even Mr. Blaylock" (McLaughlin, BILLINGS GAZETTE, 1/24).

***26 NORTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR: VOGEL WON'T CHALLENGE SCHAFER**

ND Ag. Commis. Sarah Vogel (D) said she would not challenge Gov. Ed Schafer (R): "The closer the date got to making a formal announcement and sending a letter to 2,000 people saying, 'I am running' and jumping off that cliff, the more second thoughts I began to have. This is not the kind of race where one can have second thoughts. You have to be 100 percent or not at all." Vogel had been the only Dem "openly looking" at the race; she formed a cmte and started raising funds. The common reaction from ND Dems was "stunned silence." The new "almost universally" mentioned Dem frontrunner is AG Heidi Heitkamp, who said she "expected to feel some pressure" to get in the race. Other possible Dems: Insurance Commis. Glen Pomeroy, Consolidated Farm Services head Scott Stofferaban, state Sen. Jim Yockim, state Rep. Lee Kaldor, Minot Mayor Orlin Backes and ex-state Sen. Pres. William Heigaard. Filing deadline: 4/12. Primary: 6/11.

***27 WEST VIRGINIA: PRITT LEADS IN DEM PRIMARY; GOP RACE TIGHT**

Ryan McGinn Samples poll, conducted 1/12-16, surveyed 359 regis. Dems; margin of error +/- 5.2%) and 238 regis. GOPers and Inds (MOE, +/- 6%). Tested: ex-astronaut/entrepreneur Jon McBride (R), ex-WV GOP chair David McKinley, ex-Gov. Cecil Underwood (R), ex-state Sen. Charlotte Pritt (D), state Sen. Joe Manchin (D), Treas. Larrie Bailey (D), and atty Jim Lees (D). Not tested: state Del. Lyle Sattes (D) (release, 1/21). Gov. Gaston Caperton (D) is term-limited.

GOP PRIMARY		DEM PRIMARY	
Underwood	21%	Pritt	33%
McBride	20	Manchin	17
McKinley	11	Bailey	5
Undecided	48	Lees	5
	Other	2	
	Undecided	39	

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS (ALL VOTERS, 598 RVs)

Pritt	48%	Underwood	37%
Underwood	33	Manchin	36
Undecided	18	Undecided	28

Pritt	49%	Manchin	36%
McBride	29	McBride	32
Undecided	22	Undecided	32

===== POLL UPDATE =====

***28 ABC/W.POST:**

1,005 adults surveyed 1/18-21; margin of error +/- 3.5%
(release, 1/24).

GOP PRIMARY	NOW	1/7	INCOME TAX SYSTEM
Dole	47%	51%	Graduated income tax 49%
Forbes	14	11	Flat income tax 45
Gramm	10	10	
Buchanan	7	7	
Alexander	5	4	
Keyes	3	2	
Lugar	2	2	
Dornan	2	--	
Taylor	--	--	

***29 HARRIS:**

1,005 adults surveyed 1/18-22; margin of error +/- 3%
(release, 1/23).

JOB RATING	NOW	12/95	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
Clinton	48%	51%	49%	50%		
Dole	34	61	41	53		
GOPers in Congress		33	66	34	64	
Dems in Congress		31	68	33	65	
Gingrich	26	70	29	64		

GENERAL ELECTION	NOW	12/95	Clinton	39%
Clinton	47%	43%	Dole	25
Dole	32	32	Perot	19

WHEN THERE ARE DISAGREEMENTS,	TROOPS TO BOSNIA
WITH WHOM DO YOU TEND TO AGREE?	Favor 50%
Clinton	52%
GOPers in Congress	34
Depends	13

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

***30 THIS MORNING:** NBC's "Today" hosted retiring Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NJ). "FOX Morning News" hosted Reps. Joe Kennedy (D-MA) and Nick Smith (R-MI), Dem strategist Mark Mellman and Gramm pollster Linda DiVall. "Imus in the Morning" hosted Clinton atty Bob Bennett and DNC co-chair Chris Dodd (D-CT).

LAST NIGHT: "NewsHour" led with the budget negotiations. ABC, NBC and CBS led with Olestra. CNN led with Bosnia. "NewsHour" focused on the budget with Speaker Newt Gingrich, WH CoS Leon Panetta, and Shields and Gigot. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Jim Inhofe (R-OK). CNN's "Moneyline" hosted Panetta. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted GOP pollster Kellyanne Fitzpatrick and MTV NEWS' Farai Chideya. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted HUD Sec. Henry Cisneros. ABC's "Nightline" hosted Steve Forbes.

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on Clinton's SOTU: "It was good to see Ronald Reagan working again" ("Larry King Live," CNN, 1/24). David Letterman, on the "Age of Possibility": "I always thought, for Clinton, the age of possibility was when a girl turns 18."

David Letterman showing a "copy" of the note Bill Clinton gave to Newt Gingrich before the SOTU: "Look at us. Not bad for a couple of fat boys" ("Late Show," CBS, 1/24). Leno's take on the Clinton letter to Gingrich: "Who's the dame in the front row with the great legs?" ("Tonight Show," NBC 1/24).

TOP TEN SURPRISES IN CLINTON'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

10. When he introduced a few ladies in the audience that he's nailed.
9. Every time Gore led a round of applause, Clinton tossed a herring.
8. His liberal use of the F-word.
7. When Ted Kennedy got up to go to the bathroom, President Clinton said, "We'll wait."
6. The surprise walk-on by Tony Randall.
5. When Newt gave the president the finger.
4. When Clinton admitted he was the one who installed the Vietnamese sex swing in the Lincoln bedroom.
3. Gave the movie "Biodome" a thumbs-up.
2. If re-elected, would bring back the McRib Sandwich.
1. Unveiled plan to extend health care benefits to convicted First Ladies ("Late Show," CBS, 1/23).

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

"A kind of Jimmy Stewart character -- if Jimmy Stewart had his own helicopter, jet, 150-foot yacht and a castle in France."
-- ABC's Jeff Greenfield, on Steve Forbes, "Nightline," 1/24

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NO PLACE LIKE NOME | SPOTLIGHT |
Buchanan edges out Forbes to |
claim victory in the AK straw | OREGON BUT NOT FORGOTTEN |
poll. Dole gets left in the |
cold, finishes third. (#1) | By late tonight, either |
| Ron Wyden (D) or Gordon |
A TALE OF TWO NH POLLS | Smith (R) will be declared |
An ARG tracking poll shows | the winner of the first |
Dole holding steady, Forbes | election of '96. Prepare |
faltering slightly. But Pew | for the spin: |
Research offers the first | IF SMITH WINS: "Newt- |
public numbers that place | bashing" is an inside the |
Forbes on top in NH. (#2) | beltway phenom that doesn't |
| work. The Dem defeat is |
THE BATTLE OF BEACON HILL | bad news for Clinton, who |
A new HERALD poll shows Sen. | needs to repeat in the |
John Kerry (D) and Gov. Bill | region to win a 2nd term. |
Weld (R) dead even in the MA | IF WYDEN WINS: The Dem |
Senate race. (#16) | revival, begun with KY and |
| Newt's cry-baby behavior, |
WHERE'S THE TALENT? | goes on. The election of |

Frosh Rep. John Baldacci (D) | OR's first Dem Sen since |
joins fellow frosh Rep. Jim | '62 is proof voters want to |
Longley (R) on the sidelines of | halt the extremist GOP |
ME Senate race. Is the field | Congress. And: Positive |
complete? (#15) | campaigning is the health |
| care of '96! |

<http://PoliticsUSA.com>		REALITY: Although voters
Use this week's "In Focus"		are faced with ideological
flat tax feature for one-		opposites, the vote may
stop access to many other		rest on personalities --
tax sites on the 'Net.		and money.

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

"'Malcolm the Mudslinger' is beginning to stick."

-- American Research Group's Dick Bennett,
saying his NH poll shows Forbes to have peaked, 1/29

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

A new study by Election Data Services shows that if the Congress were reapportioned today according to '95 Census estimates, five states -- AZ, GA, MT, NV and TX -- would each gain one additional seat, at the expense of CT, NY, OH, OK and PA.

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

*1 ALASKA: BUCHANAN BAKES ALASKA, EATS DOLE FOR THIRD COURSE

Pat Buchanan edged Steve Forbes for a narrow victory in the AK GOP straw poll, while Bob Dole "received barely half as many votes as the winner" (Clark, AP, 1/30). "Results came in late because the straw poll drew thousands more than expected to the party's district meetings in Anchorage." AK GOP vice chair Tom McKay: "We call the turnout nothing short of phenomenal" (Rinehart, ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS, 1/30). Results with 95% reporting (more than 9,100 votes):

Buchanan	33%
Forbes	31
Dole	17
Keyes	10
Gramm	9
Alexander	1
Lugar, Dornan	<1
Other	<1

AK voters did two things yesterday: 1) Voted in a straw poll (beauty contest). 2) Voted in the caucuses, which are run exactly like Iowa's. They chose unpledged delegates to the district convention, who eventually choose delegates to the state convention. Any delegate who was elected yesterday was elected regardless of presidential affiliation. Buchanan, on his straw poll win: "This is just a phenomenal victory. What it shows is Pat Buchanan is the conservative who can beat Bob Dole and can defeat the multi-million-dollar campaign of Steve Forbes." While AK's vote is a "tiny fraction of the national total, the early straw poll engineered by Anchorage radio commentator Fritz Pettyjohn drew attention," and Buchanan, Forbes, Gramm and Keyes all visited the state. Dole sent his wife, Elizabeth, to the Land of the Midnight Sun. The last time AK hosted pres. cand. was in '79, when Ronald Reagan visited (Clark, AP, 1/30). AK has about 88,000 registered GOPers among about 375,000 voters. The

majority of Alaskans choose not to join any party. Although the straw poll is non-binding, it works to give those cand. with strong showings some "valuable publicity" (AP, 1/27).

AK SIGNIFICANCE: In an ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS op-ed, Pettyjohn predicted: "If Dole prevails here in spite of all this, I think he's the next president of the United States. If he loses, the potential for a wide-open battle for the nomination remains alive." He notes that while Forbes "probably spent more money than the rest of the field combined," Buchanan, having visited twice, "may have the most invested" in AK. A Buchanan win "would be huge, giving his campaign a major credibility boost" (1/28). Buchanan chair Bay Buchanan: "By beating Gramm by 4-1 and Dole by 2-1, the message to Louisiana and Iowa caucus-goers is that Pat Buchanan is the only conservative candidate who can defeat Bob Dole and Steve Forbes. The message to social conservatives is that there is now only one candidate who shares their view, who can go the distance and defeat the pro-choice Forbes and the questionably pro-life Bob Dole" (release, 1/30). HOTLINE sources say the only polling place Dole swept was in Eek, by a vote of 2-0 (1/30). ABC's Poussaint: "The Forbes and Buchanan campaigns suggest the results are a sign of Dole's weakness." ABC pol. dir. Hal Bruno: "It shows Pat Buchanan's popular among Alaska Republicans. ... It also shows that Steve Forbes' media blitz works everywhere" ("GMA," 1/30). NPR's Arnold: "It's another indication that nothing's really locked up at this point" (1/30).

IA VIEW: Iowa Falls Mayor Dan Brown (R): "We're a little bit surprised by what happened in Alaska with their straw poll, but I don't think we're going to see that kind of result in Iowa" ("Today," NBC, 1/30).

*2 NEW HAMPSHIRE: DUELING POLLS, WHICH DO YOU LIKE BETTER?

Two polls: 1) An American Research Group tracking poll, conducted 1/27-29, surveyed 464 likely GOP primary voters; margin of error +/- 4.6%. Note: The 1/18-22, figures (+/- 4.3%) were not part of the tracking (release, 1/29). 2) A Pew Research poll, conducted 1/25-28 by Princeton Survey Research Assocs., surveyed 902 registered NH voters; +/- 4%. Subsample: 543 likely GOP primary voters (294 registered GOPers and 249 independents); +/- 5% (release, 1/29). Primary 2/20. Dels: 16.

	ARG TRACKING				PEW RESEARCH	
	1/27-29	1/26-28	1/25-27	1/18-22	1/25-28	FAV/UNFAV
Dole	29%	31%	33%	30%	24%	56%/ 41%
Forbes	18	16%	16	22	29	59 / 32
Buchanan	13	14	15	10	11	41 / 53
Gramm	7	7	7	10	10	44 / 43
Lugar	7	6	4	1	3	24 / 33
Alexander	6	6	7	5	11	51 / 28
Keyes	2	2	2	2	0	
Taylor	1	2	3	0	3	
Dornan	0	0	0	0	0	
DK/other	16	15	13	19	9	

Among all	MORE PEW RESULTS		Among GOPers
GENERAL MATCHUPS	IMPRESSION OF GOP FIELD		
Clinton 54%	Clinton 50%	Excellent/Good	34%
Dole 40	Forbes 44	Fair/Poor	64

Manchester UNION LEADER's DiStaso, under header "Poll Putting Forbes on Top Disputed," reports the results of the Pew poll, showing Forbes over Dole, "were called into question." The Pew sample of 543 likely NH GOP primary voters "may have been inadvertently weighted toward independent, or undeclared voters, who favor Forbes." Among registered GOPers, Dole "still holds a substantial lead" over Forbes 31-24%. Among inds., Forbes leads Dole 34-17%. If 46% of those who vote in this year's GOP primary are independent, like the Pew sample, "it would be a wild departure from the norm." Sec/State Bill Gardner (D) "said that historically, only 12 to 16% of those who vote in presidential primaries are independents." Gardner, however, could not pinpoint the participation levels of NH independents, saying only, "It's not very many." Pew pollster Andrew Kohut said Forbes defeated Dole so overwhelmingly among indies that even if "the number of independents were cut in half, or less, the overall result would be the same, and that is that the race is very close." ARG pollster Dick Bennett, whose poll had Forbes losing ground to Dole and Buchanan moving up to within one point of Forbes, said independents comprise 18% of his sample, "and that's probably a little high." Another "prominent" NH pollster, Dartmouth College's Tami Buhr, who conducts surveys for WMUR-TV, said her sample is usually 60% GOP and 40% ind., but added that her results are then weighed in such a mannner to make the ind. sample in "the high teens of low 20s." The Pew poll is the first public poll to show Forbes ahead of Dole, although Forbes' lead is within the margin of error (1/30). ARG's Bennett accounts for Forbes' drop in his poll "because voters were taking a second look at him and his flat tax." Bennett: "His negatives are beginning to catch up with everyone else's" (W. POST, 1/30).

REAX: CNN's Randall, on the number of independents in the poll: "Even a top Forbes aide cast doubt on the survey results." Forbes mgr. Bill Dal Col: "We don't have any indication at this point that we're ahead of Senator Dole" (CNN, 1/29). More Forbes: "I'm taking nothing for granted" (WMUR, 1/29). CBS' Rather: "Dole said he has no plans to change his basic campaign message on substance or his stands on the issues" (1/29). Dole: "I'm not going to let one poll and all the liberal media change our message. We're going to stay on our message" (ABC, 1/29). Gramm: "There really is no front runner Bob Dole's support was always paper thin" (UNION LEADER, 1/30). Alexander spokesperson Dan McLagan: "Bob Dole is just hemorrhaging support ... and as people learn more about Steve Forbes and his nutty tax plan, the same thing will happen to him" (S.F. CHRON., 1/30).

A LOT OF MEDIA ATTENTION: ABC's Jennings: "Political confusion: in New Hampshire, two new public opinion surveys tell conflicting stories about who is on top" (1/29). NBC's Brokaw: "Forbes is driving the rest of the field nuts, especially ... Dole. ... [He] clearly is the flavor of the week" (1/29). ABC's

Cochran: "Dole started this week the way he ended last week, angry at the news media, this time he said for focusing on the polls showing Forbes ahead" (1/29). NBC's Bloom: "For Bob Dole, New Hampshire is looking a lot like it did eight years ago. ... Dole shrugged off the bad news" (1/29). NBC's Russert: "Bob Dole had the nomination, according to many experts, in his pocket a few weeks ago, that's no longer the case." NH GOP chair John Stabile, appearing on NBC's "Today," asked whether Dole is in trouble: "No, I'm not so sure he's in real trouble. That particular poll, I think, is an aberration. The Pew poll was done out of California" (NBC, 1/30). ABC pol. dir. Hal Bruno: "What seems to be very clear is that Senator Dole is in front, but by how much we don't know. It's shrinking" ("GMA," 1/30). WMUR's Carl Cameron: "Forbes has risen so quickly in the polls that many have thought his fall would be equally fast" (1/29). I THINK I CAN: ABC's Reynolds: "There is no better sign of Steve Forbes' new prominence than the once improbable question he is now hearing everywhere he goes." Unidentified reporter to Forbes in NH: "Can you really win New Hampshire?" Reynolds: "Forbes has said all along he intends to win the nomination and until recently that statement only provoked laughter, but no one in New Hampshire is laughing now" (1/29). Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NJ), on Forbes' success so far: "It clearly demonstrates that the power of money and a focused idea that says, 'I want to change the current circumstance,' has an impact" ("LKL," CNN, 1/29).

*3 FORBES: COUNTER-ATTACKING GRAMM AND DOLE

In NH, Steve Forbes "toughened his counter-attack" on critics of his 17% flat tax, while Phil Gramm "assumed the role of chief Forbes basher." Forbes: "My opponents in Washington are out and starting to throw a lot of fear and a lot of mud the flat tax way. The only ones who lose are the Washington political culture and those who feast off it." In his attack on Forbes, Gramm cited a study claiming Forbes' flat tax would cause the value of the average American home to decrease 15% because the plan does not include a mortgage interest deduction. Gramm, also in NH: "Half the homeowners in New Hampshire would fall into a situation where their home is worth less than their mortgage." Forbes countered that his plan will make it easier to buy a home because since personal savings are not taxed "it will make it a little easier to get the nest egg together to make the down payment." He added that his plan will also lower interest rates, which will result in lower monthly payments (DiStaso/Grossmith, Manchester UNION LEADER, 1/30). He "repeatedly dismissed" critics with the refrain of "only in Washington": "Only in Washington could they think that prosperity hurts ownership. Only in Washington, would they think people only give to charities if bribed by the tax code." Forbes warned supporters that his strong showing in recent polls may incite a "new round of attacks" from Bob Dole (Sobieraj, AP, 1/30). Forbes' appearance at the Nashua Rotary Club "attract[ed] the volume of media attention usually reserved for the front-runner." Forbes reiterated his refusal to release his tax records, calling the issue a "diversion": "I've been very blessed. I'll be fine if

you don't change the tax system. I'll be fine if you do change the tax system" (Garnick, Nashua TELEGRAPH, 1/30). Forbes "was asked in all seriousness by one reporter whether Dole was still a viable candidate." Forbes responded, "Senator Dole must never be underestimated" (W. POST, 1/30).

GAG: A black stretch limo with Forbes bumper stickers was parked outside yesterday's luncheon. Posters claimed under the Forbes flat tax "the driver of this limo pays 17 percent; the millionaire in back pays zero percent." The man who emerged from the limo, "in a top hat and tails," said he drove to NH from Princeton, NJ to campaign for Forbes because "Daddy left me a trust fund and I can afford it." Credit has not been claimed (Sobieraj, AP, 1/30).

SUFFOCATING HIS OPPONENTS: CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Tackett writes by "using uncounted millions of his own money to dominate the airwaves," Forbes is "smothering his competitors" who receive matching funds and are bound by FEC laws. He has "sucked the oxygen out of the room for contenders such as [Dick] Lugar." Lugar, on Forbes' media buys: "If you had two or three Steve Forbeses in this thing, it would give it a finer point. There would be nothing left to buy in terms of TV. Maybe you could still get on a small radio station." If Forbes does well in IA and NH, "he will shatter the notion nurtured by those states that they perform a valuable winnowing of the presidential field because candidates are forced to actually walk door-to-door to talk to real voters who will make a considered judgment" (1/30). W. TIMES' Hallow: "Dole and the rest of the Republican presidential field are stymied by Steve Forbes' seemingly unstoppable and inexhaustible campaign spending machine" (1/30).

GET THE NACK: UNION LEADER publisher Nackey Loeb, in a front-page editorial, writes, "Quite simply, there are better ways to get a flat tax than putting an untested and unknown quantity into the White House. In itself, the Forbes [plan] has serious flaws. It would directly hurt New Hampshire taxpayers by not allowing deductions on their home mortgages or for their support of local charities. ... Forbes may have bought his way into the polls, but New Hampshire does not have to buy him as president" 1/30).

OUTSIDER: GANNETT's Raasch: "For the moment, Forbes is the clearest symbol of the anti-Washington, anti-politics-as-usual strain infecting voters -- and his controversial flat tax is only a vehicle for that larger message" (1/30). USA TODAY's Gartner writes, "Forbes ... shouldn't be president for the very reason that he says he should be: Because he isn't a politician. ... The presidency is a political job. ... The White House is neither something to be bought by a businessman nor a place for on-the-job training for a neophyte (especially a neophyte who thinks a flat tax will solve the nation's racial woes)" (1/30).

*4 DOLE: CITES CHOPPERS TO CHOP FORBES; LIDDY'S FEES EXAMINED

Campaigning "across a snow-blown" IA, Bob Dole accused Steve Forbes of trying to buy the GOP nomination. Dole, speaking to 100 people at the Lynk Seeds warehouse in Marshalltown: "This election is not for sale. It doesn't go to the person who spends

the most money. It doesn't go to the person who inherited the most money. ... All you people who go to work in a helicopter, vote for Forbes. All of you, when you get out in your yacht, give him serious consideration." Dole "sought to portray himself to the largely rural crowd as one of them": "I know this part of the country. I know about agriculture. I know about small business. I'm from a town of 5,500 people and I know a lot about values" (Fogarty, DES MOINES REGISTER, 1/30). Speaking to 50 supporters in Iowa Falls "after driving through blowing snow," Dole "said he won't alter his campaign message" because of Forbes, and "suggested Forbes was getting easy treatment from the press." Dole: "We're not going to let it worry us. We're going to run our campaign and hope the people understand the flat tax isn't going to fix everything. We're going to stay on our message." Dole "renewed his demand that Forbes release his tax returns," and "said he believes Forbes' appeal already is beginning to fade." Dole had "a tinge of frustration" when he talked about his 11 years as the Senate's GOP leader: "None of the other candidates have been in a position of leadership" (Glover, AP, 1/30). Dole, reacting to the Forbes ads: "I'd even have doubts about myself if I watched all that stuff" (CNN, 1/29). Dole debuts an ad in IA accusing Forbes of a "lavish waste of our tax dollars" when he oversaw Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty (Keen, USA TODAY, 1/30).

MOOD SWING: ABC's Cochran: "At the end of this roller coaster day for Dole, he was saying that maybe it's time for him to stop attacking Forbes, that attacking him only contributes to the growing perception that this political newcomer is a serious challenger. Dole's own prediction -- that Forbes has already peaked in the polls" (1/29). Dole "set up" Pres. Clinton as his opponent and "included Hillary Rodham Clinton in his broadsides": "That's one reason there's all this commotion about the Clintons. It's fairly hard for the first spouse. If they get into policy positions, if they're not accountable, if they didn't run for the office, if they're not under oath, if they talk about health-care plans and other things, it's very risky business, I believe, for President Clinton to put his wife in charge of some big policy program when she's not accountable to anyone." Although Dole "appears comfortably ahead" in IA, he traveled with Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA), who "offered testimonials at every stop" to Dole's leadership skills (Seelye, N.Y. TIMES, 1/30).

LIDDY, LIDDY, LIDDY ON THE DAIS, DAIS, DAIS: L.A. TIMES' Willman reports much of the \$875,000 in speaking fees Elizabeth Dole received from '91-'94 came "from groups with a stake in policy matters pending before Congress." An analysis of Bob Dole's Senate income-disclosure reports "shows the Doles have retained a substantial part of Mrs. Dole's speaking fees." From '91-'94, the Doles kept \$147,663 in cash from Mrs. Dole's fees -- after speech-writing costs and federal income taxes were paid. An additional \$243,830 was placed in Mrs. Dole's retirement account, and \$405,513 was contributed to a Red Cross charity. Dole aides "did not dispute" the findings. Dole campaign spokesperson Christina Martin: "We are not aware of a reason to amend the senator's statements at this time. Sen. Dole has filed

amendments in the past and would do so again, should a review prove such a step is necessary. The senator is a firm believer in full disclosure, as his demonstrated by his release of tax returns dating back 29 years." At least 16 of the groups that retained Mrs. Dole to speak from 1991 to 1994 maintain lobbying offices in DC and have business pending before the fed. govt. Campaign spokesperson Nelson Warfield: "No one gains Bob Dole's favor by hiring his wife. In the senator's words, he hasn't the foggiest idea who she speaks to" (1/30).

LIDDY'S RESPONSE: Mrs. Dole, on the \$148,000 she kept: "My intent clearly is to give that money to the Red Cross. If I find out the accountant didn't do that, it will go to the Red Cross just as my instructions were given." On her appeal as a speaker because of her husband, Mrs. Dole: "I have a totally separate career. Bob Dole is handling every issue before the public. That's stretching it to say you can't be involved in anything if you're husband is senate majority leader. ... Everything has been laid out through 29 years of tax returns. Full disclosure. There's nothing that worries me about anyone looking at my situation" (Sturrock, CONCORD MONITOR, 1/30). Mrs. Dole is "due to start doing more high-profile interviews as her husband's secret weapon" (Orin, N.Y. POST, 1/30).

NY BALLOT ACCESS: Dole and Forbes lawyers spent hours 1/29 "arguing over the contents and the validity" of Forbes' nominating petitions for the NY GOP primary. Dole atty Thomas Ognibene: "This is what happens when you have a campaign like the Forbes campaign that wants to buy its way on the ballot without getting valid signatures, without any grass-roots support." Forbes' lawyer Thomas Spargo: "What you're seeing in New York is an extraordinary effort to make sure that only Bob Dole gets on the ballot" (Hicks, N.Y. TIMES, 1/30). N.Y. POST editorial: "[Dole] would be wise to focus on beating his competitors, not by legal challenges, but at the ballot box. ... We commend Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan for fighting -- against long odds -- to get their names on the ballot" (1/30).

ON THE OTHER HAND: W. POST's Dionne: "Dole's problem is that he has been far too successful in telling the Republican primary electorate what all those pundits and handlers said that electorate wanted to hear. When Dole faithfully played that message back, the very same pundits and handlers realized it sounded scratchy and tinny. Their response was to shoot the messenger, the speech writer, the lighting technician and anyone else nearby. What's really old and tired in this story is not Bob Dole but the message he and all his Republican opponents have chosen to carry" (1/30).

TO NH AND BEYOND: W. TIME's Don Lambro: "If he doesn't win [NH], I think he can come back because he would do very well against Forbes in the South. He's very strong in the Mid-Western states. In the big ones [IL, OH, MI]. He has a super lead over Forbes. So, in the long run I don't see Steve Forbes winning the nomination" ("Direct Line," NET, 1/29).

*5 BUCHANAN: LASHES OUT AT "JUDICIAL DICTATORSHIP"
To "elevate the visibility" of social issues and himself,

Pat Buchanan "lashed out" at a "judicial dictatorship" he said was in "active opposition" to the wishes of the majority. Speaking at the Heritage Foundation, Buchanan "dwelled most on the role of Federal judges in social matters, criticizing court decisions imposing busing to desegregate schools, legalizing abortion and preventing organized prayer in schools." He accused Federal judges of spurning the majority's will by protecting "criminals, atheists, homosexuals, flag burners, illegal aliens -- including terrorists -- convicts, and pornographers." In his "fullest account yet" of how he believes the Supreme Court seized excessive power after "the much-maligned 1950's," Buchanan took "repeated jabs" at Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Buchanan: "[The SC] has been in the vanguard of an intellectual elite that believes the prevailing social order of middle-class America is deeply flawed, unjust, corrupt." He "said that appellate and district court judges should be vulnerable to recall by voters" (Bennet, N.Y. TIMES, 1/30).

PROFILE: Balto. SUN's Witcover writes, "By [Buchanan's] own account, the life and death of the Cold War has been the most powerful motivating force in his life." Buchanan's politics "were shaped, he says, by the Alger Hiss spy case, 'the fall of China' to the Communists, development of the Soviet Union's atomic bomb, the Korean War and the firing of Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur." The end of the Cold War "spawned the ideas -- he calls them 'economic nationalism' -- that now drive his candidacy." Buchanan: "All the trade concessions we used to make to countries like Korea and Japan and nations in Europe in order to build them up after World War II into staunch anti-communist allies -- we can't afford to make those kinds of concessions anymore at the expense of American workers and American businesses." These "views" began forming when he was a "conservative news analyst," but "came together emotionally for him" at a 12/91 campaign stop inside the James River Paper Co. in Groveton, N.H. When one of the "angry-looking workers" said "Save Our Jobs," according to Buchanan, "It just went right through me. It was very genuine. It wasn't talk or discussion. It was just a plea" (1/30).

*6 GRAMM: SUPPLANTED BY FORBES, ATTACKS FLAT TAX AND OP-EDS

Phil Gramm is "far away from where he expected to be" at this stage of the campaign. Gramm "thought he would have established himself as the only man capable of knocking down" Bob Dole. But "it hasn't happened." Instead, Steve Forbes has received the "attention" accorded to being Dole's "prime challenger." Forbes "has neutralized much of what Gramm has going for him," like money. While Dole and Forbes "may dominate the polls and the airwaves," neither is "outhustling or outworking Gramm, a tireless campaigner with a steely resolve." Gramm has spent twice as many days in IA as Dole and five times as many as Forbes. Gramm: "We're starting to win this election. We're getting bigger and more enthusiastic crowds. We're coming on. We've got the ball I'm not going to fumble. ... When that buzzer goes off, our ball is going to go through the hoop and we're going to win" (Thomma, PHILA. INQUIRER, 1/30). Gramm said

Forbes and his "TV-touted flat tax ultimately will be rejected by American voters as they learn more about them." On the 1/29 NH Pew Research poll showing Forbes and Dole tied for first-place: "That poll shows very clearly that there is really no front-runner in this race. Bob Dole's front-runner status is tissue-paper thin." On Forbes' flat tax: "When the American people understand what it does to them, to the value of their homes, to their chance of ever building or buying their own home, they're going to say no" (Williams, Nashua TELEGRAPH, 1/30). Two "top" members of NH's real estate industry endorsed Gramm "because his flat-tax plan ... keeps the deduction for home mortgage interest." NH Real Estate Commis. Arthur Slattery: "Must we sacrifice the dream of every American owning a home in order to achieve this (tax) reform?" (Timberg, CONCORD MONITOR, 1/30). Gramm "criticized" Forbes' views on social issues, saying when voters learn more about Forbes' positions on gays in the military and abortion, they "will find he fits the mold of a Rockefeller-style Republican." Gramm mentioned Forbes' editorials which "supported Ford over Ronald Reagan" in the GOP primary, "a \$1.50-per-gallon gas tax, allowing gays to serve in the military, and backed President Jimmy Carter's economic policies" (TELEGRAPH, 1/30). Gramm: "I think as they look at Steve Forbes, they are going to find that this is a person who looks more like Nelson Rockefeller than like Ronald Reagan" (Tolme, AP, 1/30).

HE'S NUMBER ONE! Gramm had "the worst attendance record in the Senate last year," according to a Congressional Quarterly study. He missed 11% of votes (Hutcheson, FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, 1/30).

SC STRATEGY: Until now, Gramm's campaign "has shown about as much sign of catching fire as a bowl of ice-cream." A possible Gramm plan: He wins the 2/6 LA caucus and six days later finishes "a strong second" in IA, "weakening" Dole. Forbes "saps" more strength from Dole's campaign in NH, and on 3/2 Gramm wins SC "and he's on a roll to triumph in southern and western states." Gramm: "There isn't a road home for me that doesn't lead through South Carolina. I can't imagine that anybody is going to lose the South Carolina primary and go on and win the Republican nomination." Dole backer/SC Gov. David Beasley: "This is the end of the fight for Bob Dole if he wins South Carolina. This is the beginning of the fight for Bob Dole if he loses South Carolina" (Schwinn, HEARST/Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 1/28).

*7 LUGAR: ACCOUNT REMEMBERS LUGAR HELPED AVERT VIOLENCE

BOSTON GLOBE's Zuckman harkens back to 4/4/68, when then-Mayor of Indianapolis, Dick Lugar, attempted to dissuade the staff of pres. cand. Robert Kennedy from holding a rally in a dangerous neighborhood. When he got word that Dr. Martin Luther King had been shot in Memphis, Lugar worried that the crowd would become violent when it heard the news during the Kennedy rally. Lugar set up a command center at the hotel where RFK was staying to ensure that RFK and his staff were safe. RFK told a crowd of 2,500 that King had died and implored them against meeting violence with violence. When RFK returned to his hotel, Lugar "turned his full attention to his city, one of the few that did

not erupt with riots and fires in the wake of King's death. Many believe violence was avoided because of Kennedy's speech and Lugar's efforts in church basements and on street corners, talking to residents about their concerns and trying to defuse tension." Zuckman also notes that during Ronald Reagan's presidency, Lugar voted with him more often than any other senator (1/29).

PROFILE: W.S. JOURNAL's Perry profiles Lugar, noting that he "relentlessly presses an agenda that is virtually ignored: American foreign policy in the chaotic new world that grew out of the end of the Cold War." Perry writes, "Almost surely, he must know, too, by now, that he isn't going to win the Republican nomination. But he also believes he is playing an important role in the 1996 presidential debate, reminding voters there is a dangerous world out there, beyond America's borders" (1/30).

*8 DEBATES: DATES AND FORMATS SET FOR THREE PRES., ONE VEEP

The Commission on Presidential Debates, an independent panel, announced its proposed sites and dates for the '96 general election pres. and VP candidate debates:

PRES. DEBATE I: Weds., 9/25

Washington University, St. Louis, MO

VP DEBATE: Weds., 10/2

Civic Center, Hartford, CT

PRES. DEBATE II: Weds., 10/9

Bayfront Center, St. Petersburg, FL

PRES. DEBATE III: Weds. 10/16

Univ. of San Diego, CA

Trinity College will be a partner in the CT debate and the Univ. of South FL will be a partner in St. Pete. Student volunteers will work at all of the debates as they did in '92. The CPD is non-partisan and co-chaired by ex-DNC chair Paul Kirk and ex-RNC chair Frank Fahrenkopf. In '88 and '92, exit polls showed "more Americans based their votes on the debates than on any other single issue." The proposed debates will be 90-min. long and will feature a single moderator. During the first pres. debate and the VP debate, the candidates and moderator will be seated; during the second debate, citizens will question the candidates in a town meeting format; during the third debate, the candidates will stand behind traditional podiums (release 1/29). The St. Pete debate will be a "town meeting," similar to the one in which the candidates sat on stools and took questions from an audience of citizens. This is the first debate to be held in FL. The ST. PETE TIMES, which coordinated the proposal to the CPD, will guarantee the \$500,000 cost of the event and will seek other sponsors (Troxler, ST. PETE TIMES, 1/30). HARTFORD COURANT's Daly & Lightman note the 10/2 VP debate is the "first national election debate every held in New England." It is expected to draw as many as 2,000 journalists to the city and be watched on TV by as many as 85 million people. In selecting CT, "it couldn't hurt" that Sen. Chris Dodd (D), is co-chair of the Dem

Party, Sen. Joe Lieberman (D), heads up the DLC, and Barbara Kennelly (D-01) is the "highest ranking woman" in the House. While they had competed for a pres. debate, CT leaders said they were "happy to be chosen" for the VP contest (1/30). Many in Hartford "saw the debate as a way to boost the city's image" (Rabinovitz, N.Y. TIMES, 1/30).

***9 IOWA: CLINTONS ARE COMING; WEATHER TO HELP CONSERVATIVES?**

Pres. Clinton will visit IA prior to the 2/12 caucuses, according to WH pol. dir. Doug Sosnik. Other Dems said the trip likely will take place 2/10-11, with Clinton spending Saturday night in Sioux City. IA Dems also said Hillary Rodham Clinton is expected to visit the state this coming weekend, when she will attend three campus rallies in an "effort to bolster turnout at the caucuses, which are expected to be poorly attended because Clinton is unopposed." Hers is the latest in a series of visits by the admin. to attempt "to counter GOP attacks on Clinton." Dem strategists contend that students are a "key to Clinton's re-election" because of objections they have to GOP reductions of student aid. Sosnik noted that while Clinton will visit IA and NH, he does not plan a "great deal more campaigning for now." He said he had been assuming that a GOP nominee would be selected by the end of 3/95 and that the GOP ticket would be in place by Memorial Day. But Sosnik said the falling poll numbers of Bob Dole have "called those assumptions into doubt": "You're talking about seven out of 10 Republican primary voters not supporting [Dole] right now, and this is not a case where they haven't gotten to know him" (Norman/Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 1/30).

WEATHER OR NOT? GOP organizers said that bad weather on caucus night is "likely to benefit the most conservative candidates" in the GOP pres. race. Privately, Dole's aides are worried about the weather on that night, when thousands of Iowans would traipse to a neighborhood caucus. Aides say they need to remind Dole supporters not to take his front-runner status for granted, especially in light of his recent slip in the polls. IA GOP chair Brian Kennedy: "It's clear that weather could affect the turnout. Bad weather is going to benefit the candidates whose supporters are more passionate and motivated to vote for their man." Steve Forbes also may be hurt by the weather since "much of his support is believed to be coming from newcomers who might be discouraged by bad weather." Also, his organization is not as strong as some other cand. Those who may benefit from bad weather include Phil Gramm, Pat Buchanan and Alan Keyes (Yepsen, REGISTER, 1/30). Iowa Falls Mayor Dan Brown, on Dole's planned visit to Iowa this weekend: "I think he is concerned about his standing" ("Today," NBC, 1/30).

LEND THEM YOUR EAR: QUAD-CITY TIMES' Obradovich writes that Iowans, frustrated with their gov't, the political process and the media's campaign coverage, are complaining that the pres. cand. are "not providing enough substantive information to the voters." One Iowan said, "They're tossing a lot of rhetoric around that means absolutely nothing." Citizens recently gathered in town meetings also "knocked the media for focusing on personalities" rather than issues. Obradovich notes a final town

hall event is scheduled for 2/9, to be followed by a nationally televised forum where citizens will pose the questions and asks the cand., "What better way to show your respect for the citizens of Iowa than to meet them directly, in front of a national audience?" (1/29).

*10 VEEPSTAKES: WILL ENGLER'S BARBS PUT HIM ON THE DOLE?

Under header "Engler Proves He's Got Pit-bull Bite as a Presidential Running Mate," the DETROIT NEWS' Weeks writes: "To hotly partisan audeinces at opposite ends of the country, Gov. John Engler has demonstrated that he has the bite to be Bob Dole's Bob Dole -- the attack dog on a presidential ticket." Engler "was in national ticket form during speeches attacking" Pres. Clinton to the RNC in San Diego and at a DC gala fundraiser, where he took a shot at Hillary Rodham Clinton: "Her next book will be titled, It Takes a Subpoena." Referring to his 1-year-old triplets, Engler said in a speech: "To them, Whitewater is a warm bottle of milk. And travelgate is what they have to climb over to get into the kitchen." Then he said his daughters "have learned to scream, to cry and to pout. I tell folks they sound kind of like Bonior, Gephardt and Gore" (1/28).

*11 GOP CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

	1/30	1/31	2/1	2/2	2/3
ALEXANDER	BrIngame				
	CA	IA	IA	IA	n/a
615-327-3350	IA				
BUCHANAN	Waterloo		Merrimac,		
	IA	IA	Concord	n/a	
703-848-1996			NH		
DOLE	DesMoines	ME			
	Burlingt	NH	NH	n/a	n/a
202-414-6400	IA				
FORBES	Derry,		Council	DesMoines	
	Windham	n/a	Bluffs,IA	IA	n/a
908-781-5111	NH		Atlanta		
GRAMM	Wilmngtn,		DesMoines		
	DE	SC	CedarRpd	IA	n/a
202-467-8600			IA		
KEYES	Mason C.,	Dubuque,	Iowa Cty,	Cedar Rp,	Ottumwa,
	IA	IA	F. Madsn,	Muscatne,	DesMoines,
503-463-1818			IA	IA	IA
LUGAR	DesMoines	Sioux Cty			
	IA	IA	DC	DC	n/a
202-544-3636					

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|DesMoines| NH | IA |Omaha NE| NH
800-930-4668 | IA | | | |

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

***12 CLINTON: HOUSE GOP MAY CREATE A WELFARE-REFORM CHOKEHOLD**

N.Y. TIMES' Pear reports "many leading House Republicans" said they now want to pass the Senate's welfare reform plan, a move which could cause Pres. Clinton "intense political difficulty." Clinton vetoed the bill presented to him out of the House-Senate conference. But earlier, while he said the House's version was too harsh, he stated that he could accept the Senate's version -- "though he later voiced concerns about the possibility that [the Senate bill] would impoverish hundreds of thousands of children." House GOP leaders now "say they believe they can exploit that veto ... by confronting Mr. Clinton with the proposal he supported in the past." House Ways & Means subcmte chair Clay Shaw (R-FL): "I favor taking the Senate bill up, passing it, sending it over to the Senate and then sending it to the President." Rep. Jimmy Hayes (R-LA), a recent party-switcher, lays out the political bind for Clinton: "If he signs the bill, he will put himself at odds with many members of his own party ... On the other hand, if he vetoes it, he will put himself at odds with his own past statements and show that he's not serious about welfare reform." WH aide Rahm Emanuel, was purposely sketchy about whether Clinton would sign the Senate version now: "The President thinks the Senate bill is a good foundation for welfare reform, but we can do more." Still, other GOP members "fear" that if they send Clinton the Senate version, he'll sign it "and take credit for improving the welfare system, depriving Republicans of a potent election issue." Speaker Newt Gingrich said he and his party were still deliberating over what to do. Of course, some House GOP conservatives oppose the Senate version. The Senate version, which had the input of Dem "moderates," passed in 9/95 on an 87-12 vote; 35 Dems, including Sen. Min. Leader Tom Daschle and DNC Co-chair Chris Dodd (D-CT) voted for it. Those who oppose both versions: Sen. Pat Moynihan (D-NY) and the Children's Defense Fund (1/30).

***13 HILLARY: WH AIDE SAYS SHE MAY RETURN FOR MORE GRAND JURY Q'S**

L.I. NEWSDAY's Zehren reports WH officials "anticipate" that Hillary Rodham Clinton "may be called to make a second appearance" before the federal grand jury looking into Whitewater. One "official": "We assume there will be even more questioning." The official added that she may have "follow-up" questions to answer, either in-person or in a deposition from the WH. She testified for approximately 3 1/2 hours before the panel on 1/26. "Over the last few days, [WH] officials said that during her grand jury appearance, [HRC] conferred with her attorneys during routine breaks, never invoked her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, answered every question posed by Starr and his assistants, and faced no inquiries relating to the Castle Grande development" (1/30).

TRAVELGATE: A new GAO audit shows that the new management system employed by the Clinton WH "still can't pay its bills on time." By not being able to balance its books for an 8-month period last year, the office was temporarily unable to account for \$200,000. House Govt. Reform & Oversight chair Bill Clinger (R-PA), who requested the audit and is investigating the travel office: "Ironically, this is the same reason for which the seven travel office workers were fired" (Hedges, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 1/30).

KIDNAPPED! WH Whitewater spokesperson Mark Fabiani was abducted by two men at gunpoint 1/26 from Alexandria, VA, and taken to DC where he was forced to withdraw \$1,500 from money machines. At first, the men took Fabiani's briefcase, Rolex and cellphone, but gave them back after he made the withdrawals. Fabiani: "It was a perfect ending to a very long week" (W. POST, 1/30).

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

***14 KANSAS: ROBERTS MAKES IT OFFICIAL**

Rep. Pat Roberts (R-01) launched his campaign to succeed retiring Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R) with a "rousing conservative call to arms aimed at dispelling any doubt about his desire to move to the Senate." Roberts: "The campaign that begins today is about values. Kansas values. Where the values of God, work, family and the integrity of the individual are valued above all." The widespread support for his candidacy "sent a clear signal that any other Republican would face an uphill battle against Roberts." With the departure of ex-state Sen. Eric Yost (R) from the race (see HOTLINE, 1/24), Roberts is the only announced GOPer running. Roberts "saved his toughest remarks" for Pres. Clinton, whom he said had "failed the nation" (Kraske, K.C. STAR, 1/28). Treas. Sally Thompson (D) said she will formally announce her candidacy on her birthday, 2/17. Thompson, on Roberts: "I really wonder if he understands Kansans. He's lived in Washington for the last 30 years and has amassed a \$4 million pension."

Thompson also attacked KS GOPers who have accused her of losing \$20M in alleged "unwise investments" as treasurer. Thompson said "she's actually saved taxpayers \$234 million in 1994 and \$500 million in the past three years" (Dekker, LAWRENCE JOURNAL-WORLD, 1/26). Possibles: retiring Rep. Jan Meyers (R-03), stockbroker Jill Docking (D) and Dole aide Dan Stanley (R). Filing deadline: 6/10. Primary: 8/6.

***15 MAINE: BALDACCI BACKS OFF, CITING BRENNAN CANDIDACY**

Frosh Rep. John Baldacci (D-02) announced he would not run for the seat of retiring Sen. Bill Cohen (R), saying he "feared a difficult and divisive" Dem primary contest against ex-Gov. Joe Brennan (D). Baldacci "came close" to announcing his candidacy last week, and had met with and talked to dozens of supporters across the state about running. He had "all but announced he would run" when Brennan began talking up his own candidacy and "reconsidered" after Brennan declared on 1/25. Baldacci: "I was very torn, and it was a difficult decision for me. But once it

became more than a nuisance primary, I knew that it would require a lot of my attention. I just didn't think I could run a full-scale primary and do my work as a congressman at the same time." His decision "disappointed" many Dems, "some of whom scrambled to find another candidate" to challenge Brennan in the primary. Brennan is considered the frontrunner for the nomination, "but some Democrats think he can't win a general election"; he lost the '90 and '94 gov. elections. ME Dem chair Victoria Murphy, who, like Baldacci, "tried to dissuade Brennan from running," predicted more Dems would run: "I think there's a desire to have a spirited primary about the future of the Democratic Party." Possible Dems include House Speaker Dan Gwadosky and state Sens. Rochelle "Chellie" Pingree & Sean Faircloth. Gwadosky: "I think there's a concern among Democrats in the state about whether Joe has the capacity to win a general election." Univ./Southern ME's William Coogan said of Brennan, "I think he probably has a lock on the Democratic nomination. I can't think of another Democratic candidate who is available and who has the statewide name recognition to take on Joe Brennan. But I can't imagine that he would win a general election. There's so much voter fatigue with Joe Brennan." Dems already running: ex-state Sen. Phil Merrill, journalist Jean Hay, and businessman Jerald Leonard. On the GOP side, state Sen. John Hathaway has formed an exploratory cmte, joining ski resort owner Les Otten (R). Businessman Robert Monks, the '76 GOP Senate nominee, has already announced. GOP possibles: '94 gov. nominee Susan Collins and state Sen. Joel Abromson (Campbell, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, 1/30). Filing deadline: 3/15. Primary: 6/11.

*16 MASSACHUSETTS: HIGH-PROFILE WELD DRAWS EVEN WITH KERRY

A BOSTON HERALD/WCVB poll, conducted by Univ. of NH 1/26-27, surveyed 416 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.8%. Tested: Sen. John Kerry (D) and Gov. Bill Weld (R).

GENERAL ELECTION NOW DEM IND GOP FAV/UNFAV 11/95 (ALL)

Kerry	44%	67%	40%	12%	55%/ 28%	46%
Weld	44	18	48	85	53 / 34	38
Undecided	12	15	12	3	---	16

SHOULD THERE BE A SPENDING LIMIT?

Yes	79%
No	16
No Opinion	5

ANALYSIS: HERALD's Battenfeld writes Kerry has "squandered" his early advantage over Weld, and their bitterly fought Senate battle "is now deadlocked." The dead heat "is due almost entirely to a shift in moderate and independent voters" to Weld over the last two months. Pollster Kelly Myers: "[Voters] are taking Weld seriously." Weld's rise in the polls "has coincided with a highly public effort to focus attention on his agenda": welfare, crime and taxes. He has also "sought to soften his conservative image by acknowledging middle-class job insecurity." Myers: "Weld is so much more visible now. People have started

focusing on him and the issues" (1/29).

NOT NEWT: Weld has declined an invitation to speak at a 2/1-3 conference in Nashua, NH organized by GOPAC, "putting further political distance between himself and the controversial House Speaker" Newt Gingrich. Weld campaign officials "claim he never intended to go" and "denied the governor was trying to distance himself from Gingrich." Kerry has attacked Weld for being a "soulmate" of the speaker (Battenfeld, HERALD, 1/26).

***17 MISSISSIPPI: SIX MORE YEARS FOR COCHRAN**

Sen. Thad Cochran (R), who ran unopposed in '90, drew only "token" opposition in his bid for a fourth term. He will be opposed in the GOP primary by retired auto worker Richard O'Hara. O'Hara's son Shawn is running as a Dem, as is James "Bootie" Hunt. Both O'Haras ran for gov. in '95 (AP/Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 1/27). Primary: 3/12.

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

***18 MISSISSIPPI: 13 CANDIDATES SEEK TO SUCCEED MONTGOMERY**

With the 1/26 filing deadline having come and gone, attention is now focused on the 3rd CD being vacated after 30 years by Dem Rep. Sonny Montgomery (AP/Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 1/27). Primary: 3/12.

MS 01: Frosh Rep. Roger Wicker (R) is unopposed for renomination. Running in the Dem field are paralegal Henry Boyd, Rex Weathers and Talmadge Littlejohn.

MS 02: Danny Covington, an aide to ex-Rep. Webb Franklin (R), is the GOP favorite to take on Rep. Bennie Thompson (D).

MS 03: Republicans have targeted the seat of Montgomery, a conservative who is retiring. Nine GOPers have filed: state Sens. Mike Gunn & Dean Kirby, ex-state Rep. Bill Crawford, farmer Dutch Dabbs, ex-Thad Cochran aide Keith Heard, Michael Lang, Trent Lott aide Chip Pickering, teacher Jim Yonge and contractor Harold Cross. The four Dems are state Sen. Rob Smith, ex-state Rep. Gary Staples, atty John Arthur Eaves Jr., and ex-Montgomery aide Melanie Barber.

MS 04: Rep. Mike Parker (R), who switched to the GOP in 11/95, has no primary opposition but will face a spirited Dem effort to oust him. Dems: Jackson City Councilmember Margaret Barrett, Heines Co. Planning Dir. Kevin Antoine and teacher Dennis Fortenberry.

MS 05: Rep. Gene Taylor (D) should have no trouble with Arlon "Blackie" Coate in the Dem primary. GOPers: ex-state Rep. Dennis Dollar and Robert Esher.

***19 MT AT-LARGE: MUDD WON'T FLY FOR WILLIAMS' SEAT**

'94 Senate nominee Jack Mudd (D) announced he will not run for the seat of retiring Rep. Pat Williams (D). Mudd: "Having just gone through a major race, and not being a politician ... it just doesn't work for me to run a race at this time." Mudd lost to Sen. Conrad Burns (R) 62-38% in '94 (AP/Kalispell DAILY INTER LAKE, 1/29). Announced: Yellowstone Co. Auditor Leo Hudetz (D), ex-Burns aide Dwight MacKay (R), rancher/enviro. consultant Alan Mikkelsen (R) and businessman Rick Hill (R). Dem possibles: MT

Auditor Mark O'Keefe, ex-state Sen. Bill Yellowtail, state Sens. Steve Doherty, Mignon Watterman & Greg Jergenson, state Rep. Jim Elliot, '94 ind. Sen. cand. Becky Shaw and MT Dem chair Kelly Addy. Filing deadline: 3/21. Primary: 6/4.

***20 RHODE ISLAND: A FREE RIDE FOR KENNEDY?**

"If things don't change soon, the Republicans are not going to have any chance at all" of regaining the 1st CD, which then-Rep. Ron Machtley (R) vacated in an ill-fated gov. run and Patrick Kennedy (D) won the seat in '94. Kennedy has been "quietly going about his business" while GOPers "trip all over themselves" running for the 2nd CD seat being vacated by Senate candidate Jack Reed (D). No GOPer has yet come forward to challenge Kennedy. RI GOP chair John Holmes: "I don't have anybody yet. I wish I could tell you I had somebody." In the race to replace Reed, LG Bob Weygand (D) has "notched the first labor endorsement," winning the backing of the RI Building and Construction Trades Council (Providence JOURNAL-BULLETIN, 1/22). Filing deadline: 6/26. Primary: 9/10.

***21 UT 02: ANDERSON IS FIRST DEM TO ANNOUNCE**

Ross Anderson (D), an atty "known for defending the downtrodden and the disaffected," became the first Dem to announce for the seat of embattled frosh Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz (R). Anderson said Waldholtz's problems "had no bearing on his decision": "I'm running because I am concerned about the divisiveness and stalemate in our government and I believe that I will be a very effective voice for the people of this district." He has held "top positions" with the ACLU and UT Common Cause, but he said of those who might attempt to "paint him as an ultra-liberal," "They're in for a big surprise. I'm not somebody who can be so superficially tagged with a label." He is a "true-blue Democrat" on abortion and the environment, "but he sounds Republican -- or perhaps State-of-the-Union Clintonian -- about debt and deficits." Waldholtz has not announced her '96 plans (Maddox, SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, 1/30). Likely Dem: atty Jim McConkie. Potential GOPers: ex-Waldholtz aides David Harmer & Greg Engeman, state Sen. Stephen Rees, UT Community Developer dir. Carol Nixon, atty Paul Hatch, businessman Ken Woolley, and CPA Todd Neilson. Other possible: Merrill Cook (I). Filing deadline: 3/18. Primary: 6/25.

***22 HOUSE HUNTING: FOGLIETTA FACES PRIMARY CHALLENGE**

AR 01: Atty Warren Dupwe (R), who won 47% against retiring Rep. Blanche Lincoln (D) in '94, has officially announced; he is considered the GOP frontrunner. On the Dem side, ex-state Sen. Jim Wood (D) said he is considering a bid. Announced Dems: state Sen. Mike Everett and union mgr. Kirby Smith. Other possible Dems: Clinton Ag. liaison Marion Berry, farmer Jim Malone, DC lobbyist Ann Pride and ex-West Memphis Mayor Keith Ingram (AR DEM-GAZETTE, 1/26). Filing deadline: 4/2. Primary: 5/21.

LA 07: Atty Tyron Picard (D) announced he will run for the seat being vacated by Senate candidate Jimmy Hayes (R); Picard has hired Ray Strother to handle media and paid communications.

Two-time cand. David Thibodaux (R) has also announced, and atty Jim Slatten (R) has formed an exploratory cmte. Slatten, on his possible candidacy: "I want to go to Washington to be a foot soldier in the fight for freedom." The CD was redrawn following a reapportionment decision with "more Democratic" parishes added to the district (Baton Rouge ADVOCATE, 1/28). Filing deadline: 7/19. Election: 9/21.

PA 01: Rep. Tom Foglietta (D) "has a big war chest but faces a challenge." Foglietta has about \$400,000 and is "making sure he has enough cash on hand to fend off any challengers." Foglietta will face ex-Judge John Braxton, state Sen. Hardy Williams, and community activist Sultan Ahmad in the 4/23 Dem primary (Williams, PHILA. INQUIRER, 1/23). Filing deadline: 2/13. No GOPers have announced in this solidly Dem district.

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

*23 INDIANA: ON TV, THE EARLIER THE BETTER

Ex-IN GOP chair Rex Early (R) aired his first ad -- "a warm 'n fuzzy highlighting his conservatism" -- in the Indy media market during the Super Bowl. Early's media is being done by Stuart Stevens, the media strategist for Bob Dole's pres. campaign. The spot "trumpets Early's business experience and understanding of efficiency" (IN LEGISLATIVE INSIGHT, 1/29). Other GOPers: Indy Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and newspaper publisher George Witwer. LG Frank O'Bannon is the likely Dem nominee. Gov. Evan Bayh (D) is term limited; he is expected to run against Sen. Dan Coats (R) in '98. Filing deadline: 2/23. Primary: 5/7.

*24 NEW YORK: PATAKI MAY DUMP HIS LG AMID SENATE SPECULATION

N.Y. POST's Dicker reports that Gov. George Pataki (R) has "repeatedly refused" to say if he wants LG Betsy McCaughey Ross to be on his ticket in '98, "increasing speculation he may be looking to dump" her. Pataki, asked if he wants McCaughey Ross on his ticket, insisted, "I am not thinking politics. ... We'll look at the politics of '98 when we get there." Pataki's "stunning non-endorsement" of his LG came in the wake of a POST report on 1/29, citing GOP sources, that McCaughey Ross was considering challenging Sen. Al D'Amato (R) in '98. Pataki and other GOP officials are said to be "furious" with McCaughey Ross over the Senate speculation, and "have begun looking for a replacement," possibly Parks Commis. Bernadette Castro, the '94 GOP nominee against Sen. Pat Moynihan (D). McCaughey Ross "repeatedly insisted" she wasn't planning to challenge D'Amato, who "helped lift her from political obscurity in 1994 and make her Pataki's running mate" (1/30). McCaughey Ross: "There have been a series of unfounded rumors about various offices for which other people may have said I am running. But I am not running for another office. I am very focused on being an excellent [LG]" (Slackman, L.I. NEWSDAY, 1/30). The rumors have led some GOPers to call it "the most blatant example of political ingratitude they've ever seen." GOP "insiders" have described her as "unreliable, eccentric and mendacious." Advisers to D'Amato, Pataki and the state GOP said McCaughey Ross has "no

chance" of defeating D'Amato in a primary. They added that NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R) "may be behind the effort to encourage" her to consider the race (N.Y. POST, 1/29).

BYE GEORGE? NY Dem chair Judith Hope said that a "mutual friend" told her that GEORGE Editor-in-Chief John F. Kennedy Jr. is interested in running for D'Amato's seat, but the mutual friend in question denied having such a conversation with Hope. GEORGE spokesperson Nancy Haberman: "John Kennedy is not thinking of running for the Senate. John Kennedy is thinking about running George." Hope said she "expected to talk" with Kennedy next month about his "possible entry" in politics; Haberman said no such meeting has been scheduled (AP/BOSTON GLOBE, 1/27).

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

*25 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted ABC pol. dir. Hal Bruno. NBC's "Today" hosted Tim Russert, NH GOP chair John Stabile, and IA Falls, IA Mayor Dan Brown. "FOX Morning News" hosted THE STANDARD's John Podhoretz, Dem consultant Tad Devine and USA TODAY's Susan Page.

LAST NIGHT: "NewsHour" led with Bosnia. CNN led with the last French nuclear test. NBC led with the F-14 crash in TN. ABC led a new drug targeting obesity. CBS led with its interview on tobacco. CNN's "Moneyline" hosted retiring Rep. Jack Fields (R-TX). CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Traditional Values Coalition's Andrea Sheldon and Sexuality Information Council's Debra Haffner. CNBC's "Russert" hosted NBC's Gwen Ifill and L.A. TIMES' Doyle McManus. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted L.A. TIMES' Ron Brownstein and W. POST's Dan Balz. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted retiring Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NJ).

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on Pres. Clinton's SOTU address: "The president made one mistake the other night in his speech. Remember the part that calls for removing residents from government sponsored housing if they commit even one small criminal offense, remember one strike and you're out of public housing? Has he thought that through? I mean, isn't the White House 'government housing?' Sounds like Hillary's going to have to get out of there." Leno, on Dole's SOTU follow: "What did you think of Bob 'Ebenezer' Dole's response? ... I don't want to imply that Bob Dole is old, but at the end of every speech don't you expect him to go and say 'Fixadent, and forget it!'" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 1/29). There was no Letterman Top Ten.

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Buchanan edges out Forbes to |
claim victory in the AK straw | OREGON BUT NOT FORGOTTEN |
poll. Dole gets left in the |
cold, finishes third. (#1) | By late tonight, either |
| Ron Wyden (D) or Gordon |
A TALE OF TWO NH POLLS | Smith (R) will be declared |
An ARG tracking poll shows | the winner of the first |
Dole holding steady, Forbes | election of '96. Prepare |
faltering slightly. But Pew | for the spin: |
Research offers the first | IF SMITH WINS: "Newt- |
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| work. The Dem defeat is |
THE BATTLE OF BEACON HILL | bad news for Clinton, who |
A new HERALD poll shows Sen. | needs to repeat in the |
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Frosh Rep. John Baldacci (D) | OR's first Dem Sen since |
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flat tax feature for one- | | opposites, the vote may |
stop access to many other | | rest on personalities -- |
tax sites on the 'Net. | | and money. |

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

"'Malcolm the Mudslinger' is beginning to stick."

-- American Research Group's Dick Bennett,
saying his NH poll shows Forbes to have peaked, 1/29

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

A new study by Election Data Services shows that if the Congress were reapportioned today according to '95 Census estimates, five states -- AZ, GA, MT, NV and TX -- would each gain one additional seat, at the expense of CT, NY, OH, OK and PA.

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

*1 ALASKA: BUCHANAN BAKES ALASKA, EATS DOLE FOR THIRD COURSE

Pat Buchanan edged Steve Forbes for a narrow victory in the AK GOP straw poll, while Bob Dole "received barely half as many votes as the winner" (Clark, AP, 1/30). "Results came in late because the straw poll drew thousands more than expected to the party's district meetings in Anchorage." AK GOP vice chair Tom McKay: "We call the turnout nothing short of phenomenal" (Rinehart, ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS, 1/30). Results with 95% reporting (more than 9,100 votes):

Buchanan	33%
Forbes	31
Dole	17
Keyes	10
Gramm	9
Alexander	1
Lugar, Dornan	<1
Other	<1

AK voters did two things yesterday: 1) Voted in a straw poll (beauty contest). 2) Voted in the caucuses, which are run exactly like Iowa's. They chose unpledged delegates to the district convention, who eventually choose delegates to the state convention. Any delegate who was elected yesterday was elected regardless of presidential affiliation. Buchanan, on his straw poll win: "This is just a phenomenal victory. What it shows is Pat Buchanan is the conservative who can beat Bob Dole and can defeat the multi-million-dollar campaign of Steve Forbes." While AK's vote is a "tiny fraction of the national total, the early straw poll engineered by Anchorage radio commentator Fritz Pettyjohn drew attention," and Buchanan, Forbes, Gramm and Keyes all visited the state. Dole sent his wife, Elizabeth, to the Land of the Midnight Sun. The last time AK hosted pres. cand. was in '79, when Ronald Reagan visited (Clark, AP, 1/30). AK has about 88,000 registered GOPers among about 375,000 voters. The

majority of Alaskans choose not to join any party. Although the straw poll is non-binding, it works to give those cand. with strong showings some "valuable publicity" (AP, 1/27).

AK SIGNIFICANCE: In an ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS op-ed, Pettyjohn predicted: "If Dole prevails here in spite of all this, I think he's the next president of the United States. If he loses, the potential for a wide-open battle for the nomination remains alive." He notes that while Forbes "probably spent more money than the rest of the field combined," Buchanan, having visited twice, "may have the most invested" in AK. A Buchanan win "would be huge, giving his campaign a major credibility boost" (1/28). Buchanan chair Bay Buchanan: "By beating Gramm by 4-1 and Dole by 2-1, the message to Louisiana and Iowa caucus-goers is that Pat Buchanan is the only conservative candidate who can defeat Bob Dole and Steve Forbes. The message to social conservatives is that there is now only one candidate who shares their view, who can go the distance and defeat the pro-choice Forbes and the questionably pro-life Bob Dole" (release, 1/30). HOTLINE sources say the only polling place Dole swept was in Eek, by a vote of 2-0 (1/30). ABC's Poussaint: "The Forbes and Buchanan campaigns suggest the results are a sign of Dole's weakness." ABC pol. dir. Hal Bruno: "It shows Pat Buchanan's popular among Alaska Republicans. ... It also shows that Steve Forbes' media blitz works everywhere" ("GMA," 1/30). NPR's Arnold: "It's another indication that nothing's really locked up at this point" (1/30).

IA VIEW: Iowa Falls Mayor Dan Brown (R): "We're a little bit surprised by what happened in Alaska with their straw poll, but I don't think we're going to see that kind of result in Iowa" ("Today," NBC, 1/30).

*2 NEW HAMPSHIRE: DUELING POLLS, WHICH DO YOU LIKE BETTER?

Two polls: 1) An American Research Group tracking poll, conducted 1/27-29, surveyed 464 likely GOP primary voters; margin of error +/- 4.6%. Note: The 1/18-22, figures (+/- 4.3%) were not part of the tracking (release, 1/29). 2) A Pew Research poll, conducted 1/25-28 by Princeton Survey Research Assocs., surveyed 902 registered NH voters; +/- 4%. Subsample: 543 likely GOP primary voters (294 registered GOPers and 249 independents); +/- 5% (release, 1/29). Primary 2/20. Dels: 16.

	ARG TRACKING				PEW RESEARCH	
	1/27-29	1/26-28	1/25-27	1/18-22	1/25-28	FAV/UNFAV
Dole	29%	31%	33%	30%	24%	56%/41%
Forbes	18	16%	16	22	29	59/32
Buchanan	13	14	15	10	11	41/53
Gramm	7	7	7	10	10	44/43
Lugar	7	6	4	1	3	24/33
Alexander	6	6	7	5	11	51/28
Keyes	2	2	2	2	0	
Taylor	1	2	3	0	3	
Dornan	0	0	0	0	0	
DK/other	16	15	13	19	9	

Among all	MORE PEW RESULTS		Among GOPers
GENERAL MATCHUPS	IMPRESSION OF GOP FIELD		
Clinton 54%	Clinton 50%	Excellent/Good	34%
Dole 40	Forbes 44	Fair/Poor	64

Manchester UNION LEADER's DiStaso, under header "Poll Putting Forbes on Top Disputed," reports the results of the Pew poll, showing Forbes over Dole, "were called into question." The Pew sample of 543 likely NH GOP primary voters "may have been inadvertently weighted toward independent, or undeclared voters, who favor Forbes." Among registered GOPers, Dole "still holds a substantial lead" over Forbes 31-24%. Among inds., Forbes leads Dole 34-17%. If 46% of those who vote in this year's GOP primary are independent, like the Pew sample, "it would be a wild departure from the norm." Sec/State Bill Gardner (D) "said that historically, only 12 to 16% of those who vote in presidential primaries are independents." Gardner, however, could not pinpoint the participation levels of NH independents, saying only, "It's not very many." Pew pollster Andrew Kohut said Forbes defeated Dole so overwhelmingly among indies that even if "the number of independents were cut in half, or less, the overall result would be the same, and that is that the race is very close." ARG pollster Dick Bennett, whose poll had Forbes losing ground to Dole and Buchanan moving up to within one point of Forbes, said independents comprise 18% of his sample, "and that's probably a little high." Another "prominent" NH pollster, Dartmouth College's Tami Buhr, who conducts surveys for WMUR-TV, said her sample is usually 60% GOP and 40% ind., but added that her results are then weighed in such a mannner to make the ind. sample in "the high teens of low 20s." The Pew poll is the first public poll to show Forbes ahead of Dole, although Forbes' lead is within the margin of error (1/30). ARG's Bennett accounts for Forbes' drop in his poll "because voters were taking a second look at him and his flat tax." Bennett: "His negatives are beginning to catch up with everyone else's" (W. POST, 1/30).

REAX: CNN's Randall, on the number of independents in the poll: "Even a top Forbes aide cast doubt on the survey results." Forbes mgr. Bill Dal Col: "We don't have any indication at this point that we're ahead of Senator Dole" (CNN, 1/29). More Forbes: "I'm taking nothing for granted" (WMUR, 1/29). CBS' Rather: "Dole said he has no plans to change his basic campaign message on substance or his stands on the issues" (1/29). Dole: "I'm not going to let one poll and all the liberal media change our message. We're going to stay on our message" (ABC, 1/29). Gramm: "There really is no front runner Bob Dole's support was always paper thin" (UNION LEADER, 1/30). Alexander spokesperson Dan McLagan: "Bob Dole is just hemorrhaging support ... and as people learn more about Steve Forbes and his nutty tax plan, the same thing will happen to him" (S.F. CHRON., 1/30).

A LOT OF MEDIA ATTENTION: ABC's Jennings: "Political confusion: in New Hampshire, two new public opinion surveys tell conflicting stories about who is on top" (1/29). NBC's Brokaw: "Forbes is driving the rest of the field nuts, especially ... Dole. ... [He] clearly is the flavor of the week" (1/29). ABC's

Cochran: "Dole started this week the way he ended last week, angry at the news media, this time he said for focusing on the polls showing Forbes ahead" (1/29). NBC's Bloom: "For Bob Dole, New Hampshire is looking a lot like it did eight years ago. ... Dole shrugged off the bad news" (1/29). NBC's Russert: "Bob Dole had the nomination, according to many experts, in his pocket a few weeks ago, that's no longer the case." NH GOP chair John Stabile, appearing on NBC's "Today," asked whether Dole is in trouble: "No, I'm not so sure he's in real trouble. That particular poll, I think, is an aberration. The Pew poll was done out of California" (NBC, 1/30). ABC pol. dir. Hal Bruno: "What seems to be very clear is that Senator Dole is in front, but by how much we don't know. It's shrinking" ("GMA," 1/30). WMUR's Carl Cameron: "Forbes has risen so quickly in the polls that many have thought his fall would be equally fast" (1/29). I THINK I CAN: ABC's Reynolds: "There is no better sign of Steve Forbes' new prominence than the once improbable question he is now hearing everywhere he goes." Unidentified reporter to Forbes in NH: "Can you really win New Hampshire?" Reynolds: "Forbes has said all along he intends to win the nomination and until recently that statement only provoked laughter, but no one in New Hampshire is laughing now" (1/29). Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NJ), on Forbes' success so far: "It clearly demonstrates that the power of money and a focused idea that says, 'I want to change the current circumstance,' has an impact" ("LKL," CNN, 1/29).

*3 FORBES: COUNTER-ATTACKING GRAMM AND DOLE

In NH, Steve Forbes "toughened his counter-attack" on critics of his 17% flat tax, while Phil Gramm "assumed the role of chief Forbes basher." Forbes: "My opponents in Washington are out and starting to throw a lot of fear and a lot of mud the flat tax way. The only ones who lose are the Washington political culture and those who feast off it." In his attack on Forbes, Gramm cited a study claiming Forbes' flat tax would cause the value of the average American home to decrease 15% because the plan does not include a mortgage interest deduction. Gramm, also in NH: "Half the homeowners in New Hampshire would fall into a situation where their home is worth less than their mortgage." Forbes countered that his plan will make it easier to buy a home because since personal savings are not taxed "it will make it a little easier to get the nest egg together to make the down payment." He added that his plan will also lower interest rates, which will result in lower monthly payments (DiStaso/Grossmith, Manchester UNION LEADER, 1/30). He "repeatedly dismissed" critics with the refrain of "only in Washington": "Only in Washington could they think that prosperity hurts ownership. Only in Washington, would they think people only give to charities if bribed by the tax code." Forbes warned supporters that his strong showing in recent polls may incite a "new round of attacks" from Bob Dole (Sobieraj, AP, 1/30). Forbes' appearance at the Nashua Rotary Club "attract[ed] the volume of media attention usually reserved for the front-runner." Forbes reiterated his refusal to release his tax records, calling the issue a "diversion": "I've been very blessed. I'll be fine if

you don't change the tax system. I'll be fine if you do change the tax system" (Garnick, Nashua TELEGRAPH, 1/30). Forbes "was asked in all seriousness by one reporter whether Dole was still a viable candidate." Forbes responded, "Senator Dole must never be underestimated" (W. POST, 1/30).

GAG: A black stretch limo with Forbes bumper stickers was parked outside yesterday's luncheon. Posters claimed under the Forbes flat tax "the driver of this limo pays 17 percent; the millionaire in back pays zero percent." The man who emerged from the limo, "in a top hat and tails," said he drove to NH from Princeton, NJ to campaign for Forbes because "Daddy left me a trust fund and I can afford it." Credit has not been claimed (Sobieraj, AP, 1/30).

SUFFOCATING HIS OPPONENTS: CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Tackett writes by "using uncounted millions of his own money to dominate the airwaves," Forbes is "smothering his competitors" who receive matching funds and are bound by FEC laws. He has "sucked the oxygen out of the room for contenders such as [Dick] Lugar." Lugar, on Forbes' media buys: "If you had two or three Steve Forbeses in this thing, it would give it a finer point. There would be nothing left to buy in terms of TV. Maybe you could still get on a small radio station." If Forbes does well in IA and NH, "he will shatter the notion nurtured by those states that they perform a valuable winnowing of the presidential field because candidates are forced to actually walk door-to-door to talk to real voters who will make a considered judgment" (1/30).

W. TIMES' Hallow: "Dole and the rest of the Republican presidential field are stymied by Steve Forbes' seemingly unstoppable and inexhaustible campaign spending machine" (1/30).

GET THE NACK: UNION LEADER publisher Nackey Loeb, in a front-page editorial, writes, "Quite simply, there are better ways to get a flat tax than putting an untested and unknown quantity into the White House. In itself, the Forbes [plan] has serious flaws. It would directly hurt New Hampshire taxpayers by not allowing deductions on their home mortgages or for their support of local charities. ... Forbes may have bought his way into the polls, but New Hampshire does not have to buy him as president" 1/30).

OUTSIDER: GANNETT's Raasch: "For the moment, Forbes is the clearest symbol of the anti-Washington, anti-politics-as-usual strain infecting voters -- and his controversial flat tax is only a vehicle for that larger message" (1/30). USA TODAY's Gartner writes, "Forbes ... shouldn't be president for the very reason that he says he should be: Because he isn't a politician. ... The presidency is a political job. ... The White House is neither something to be bought by a businessman nor a place for on-the-job training for a neophyte (especially a neophyte who thinks a flat tax will solve the nation's racial woes)" (1/30).

*4 DOLE: CITES CHOPPERS TO CHOP FORBES; LIDDY'S FEES EXAMINED

Campaigning "across a snow-blown" IA, Bob Dole accused Steve Forbes of trying to buy the GOP nomination. Dole, speaking to 100 people at the Lynk Seeds warehouse in Marshalltown: "This election is not for sale. It doesn't go to the person who spends

the most money. It doesn't go to the person who inherited the most money. ... All you people who go to work in a helicopter, vote for Forbes. All of you, when you get out in your yacht, give him serious consideration." Dole "sought to portray himself to the largely rural crowd as one of them": "I know this part of the country. I know about agriculture. I know about small business. I'm from a town of 5,500 people and I know a lot about values" (Fogarty, DES MOINES REGISTER, 1/30). Speaking to 50 supporters in Iowa Falls "after driving through blowing snow," Dole "said he won't alter his campaign message" because of Forbes, and "suggested Forbes was getting easy treatment from the press." Dole: "We're not going to let it worry us. We're going to run our campaign and hope the people understand the flat tax isn't going to fix everything. We're going to stay on our message." Dole "renewed his demand that Forbes release his tax returns," and "said he believes Forbes' appeal already is beginning to fade." Dole had "a tinge of frustration" when he talked about his 11 years as the Senate's GOP leader: "None of the other candidates have been in a position of leadership" (Glover, AP, 1/30). Dole, reacting to the Forbes ads: "I'd even have doubts about myself if I watched all that stuff" (CNN, 1/29). Dole debuts an ad in IA accusing Forbes of a "lavish waste of our tax dollars" when he oversaw Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty (Keen, USA TODAY, 1/30).

MOOD SWING: ABC's Cochran: "At the end of this roller coaster day for Dole, he was saying that maybe it's time for him to stop attacking Forbes, that attacking him only contributes to the growing perception that this political newcomer is a serious challenger. Dole's own prediction -- that Forbes has already peaked in the polls" (1/29). Dole "set up" Pres. Clinton as his opponent and "included Hillary Rodham Clinton in his broadsides": "That's one reason there's all this commotion about the Clintons. It's fairly hard for the first spouse. If they get into policy positions, if they're not accountable, if they didn't run for the office, if they're not under oath, if they talk about health-care plans and other things, it's very risky business, I believe, for President Clinton to put his wife in charge of some big policy program when she's not accountable to anyone." Although Dole "appears comfortably ahead" in IA, he traveled with Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA), who "offered testimonials at every stop" to Dole's leadership skills (Seelye, N.Y. TIMES, 1/30).

LIDDY, LIDDY, LIDDY ON THE DAIS, DAIS, DAIS: L.A. TIMES' Willman reports much of the \$875,000 in speaking fees Elizabeth Dole received from '91-'94 came "from groups with a stake in policy matters pending before Congress." An analysis of Bob Dole's Senate income-disclosure reports "shows the Doles have retained a substantial part of Mrs. Dole's speaking fees." From '91-'94, the Doles kept \$147,663 in cash from Mrs. Dole's fees -- after speech-writing costs and federal income taxes were paid. An additional \$243,830 was placed in Mrs. Dole's retirement account, and \$405,513 was contributed to a Red Cross charity. Dole aides "did not dispute" the findings. Dole campaign spokesperson Christina Martin: "We are not aware of a reason to amend the senator's statements at this time. Sen. Dole has filed

amendments in the past and would do so again, should a review prove such a step is necessary. The senator is a firm believer in full disclosure, as his demonstrated by his release of tax returns dating back 29 years." At least 16 of the groups that retained Mrs. Dole to speak from 1991 to 1994 maintain lobbying offices in DC and have business pending before the fed. govt. Campaign spokesperson Nelson Warfield: "No one gains Bob Dole's favor by hiring his wife. In the senator's words, he hasn't the foggiest idea who she speaks to" (1/30).

LIDDY'S RESPONSE: Mrs. Dole, on the \$148,000 she kept: "My intent clearly is to give that money to the Red Cross. If I find out the accountant didn't do that, it will go to the Red Cross just as my instructions were given." On her appeal as a speaker because of her husband, Mrs. Dole: "I have a totally separate career. Bob Dole is handling every issue before the public. That's stretching it to say you can't be involved in anything if you're husband is senate majority leader. ... Everything has been laid out through 29 years of tax returns. Full disclosure. There's nothing that worries me about anyone looking at my situation" (Sturrock, CONCORD MONITOR, 1/30). Mrs. Dole is "due to start doing more high-profile interviews as her husband's secret weapon" (Orin, N.Y. POST, 1/30).

NY BALLOT ACCESS: Dole and Forbes lawyers spent hours 1/29 "arguing over the contents and the validity" of Forbes' nominating petitions for the NY GOP primary. Dole atty Thomas Ognibene: "This is what happens when you have a campaign like the Forbes campaign that wants to buy its way on the ballot without getting valid signatures, without any grass-roots support." Forbes' lawyer Thomas Spargo: "What you're seeing in New York is an extraordinary effort to make sure that only Bob Dole gets on the ballot" (Hicks, N.Y. TIMES, 1/30). N.Y. POST editorial: "[Dole] would be wise to focus on beating his competitors, not by legal challenges, but at the ballot box. ... We commend Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan for fighting -- against long odds -- to get their names on the ballot" (1/30).

ON THE OTHER HAND: W. POST's Dionne: "Dole's problem is that he has been far too successful in telling the Republican primary electorate what all those pundits and handlers said that electorate wanted to hear. When Dole faithfully played that message back, the very same pundits and handlers realized it sounded scratchy and tinny. Their response was to shoot the messenger, the speech writer, the lighting technician and anyone else nearby. What's really old and tired in this story is not Bob Dole but the message he and all his Republican opponents have chosen to carry" (1/30).

TO NH AND BEYOND: W. TIME's Don Lambro: "If he doesn't win [NH], I think he can come back because he would do very well against Forbes in the South. He's very strong in the Mid-Western states. In the big ones [IL, OH, MI]. He has a super lead over Forbes. So, in the long run I don't see Steve Forbes winning the nomination" ("Direct Line," NET, 1/29).

*5 BUCHANAN: LASHES OUT AT "JUDICIAL DICTATORSHIP"
To "elevate the visibility" of social issues and himself,

Pat Buchanan "lashed out" at a "judicial dictatorship" he said was in "active opposition" to the wishes of the majority. Speaking at the Heritage Foundation, Buchanan "dwelled most on the role of Federal judges in social matters, criticizing court decisions imposing busing to desegregate schools, legalizing abortion and preventing organized prayer in schools." He accused Federal judges of spurning the majority's will by protecting "criminals, atheists, homosexuals, flag burners, illegal aliens -- including terrorists -- convicts, and pornographers." In his "fullest account yet" of how he believes the Supreme Court seized excessive power after "the much-maligned 1950's," Buchanan took "repeated jabs" at Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Buchanan: "[The SC] has been in the vanguard of an intellectual elite that believes the prevailing social order of middle-class America is deeply flawed, unjust, corrupt." He "said that appellate and district court judges should be vulnerable to recall by voters" (Bennet, N.Y. TIMES, 1/30).

PROFILE: Balto. SUN's Witcover writes, "By [Buchanan's] own account, the life and death of the Cold War has been the most powerful motivating force in his life." Buchanan's politics "were shaped, he says, by the Alger Hiss spy case, 'the fall of China' to the Communists, development of the Soviet Union's atomic bomb, the Korean War and the firing of Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur." The end of the Cold War "spawned the ideas -- he calls them 'economic nationalism' -- that now drive his candidacy." Buchanan: "All the trade concessions we used to make to countries like Korea and Japan and nations in Europe in order to build them up after World War II into staunch anti-communist allies -- we can't afford to make those kinds of concessions anymore at the expense of American workers and American businesses." These "views" began forming when he was a "conservative news analyst," but "came together emotionally for him" at a 12/91 campaign stop inside the James River Paper Co. in Groveton, N.H. When one of the "angry-looking workers" said "Save Our Jobs," according to Buchanan, "It just went right through me. It was very genuine. It wasn't talk or discussion. It was just a plea" (1/30).

*6 GRAMM: SUPPLANTED BY FORBES, ATTACKS FLAT TAX AND OP-EDS

Phil Gramm is "far away from where he expected to be" at this stage of the campaign. Gramm "thought he would have established himself as the only man capable of knocking down" Bob Dole. But "it hasn't happened." Instead, Steve Forbes has received the "attention" accorded to being Dole's "prime challenger." Forbes "has neutralized much of what Gramm has going for him," like money. While Dole and Forbes "may dominate the polls and the airwaves," neither is "outhustling or outworking Gramm, a tireless campaigner with a steely resolve." Gramm has spent twice as many days in IA as Dole and five times as many as Forbes. Gramm: "We're starting to win this election. We're getting bigger and more enthusiastic crowds. We're coming on. We've got the ball I'm not going to fumble. ... When that buzzer goes off, our ball is going to go through the hoop and we're going to win" (Thommas, PHILA. INQUIRER, 1/30). Gramm said

Forbes and his "TV-touted flat tax ultimately will be rejected by American voters as they learn more about them." On the 1/29 NH Pew Research poll showing Forbes and Dole tied for first-place: "That poll shows very clearly that there is really no front-runner in this race. Bob Dole's front-runner status is tissue-paper thin." On Forbes' flat tax: "When the American people understand what it does to them, to the value of their homes, to their chance of ever building or buying their own home, they're going to say no" (Williams, Nashua TELEGRAPH, 1/30). Two "top" members of NH's real estate industry endorsed Gramm "because his flat-tax plan ... keeps the deduction for home mortgage interest." NH Real Estate Commis. Arthur Slattery: "Must we sacrifice the dream of every American owning a home in order to achieve this (tax) reform?" (Timberg, CONCORD MONITOR, 1/30). Gramm "criticized" Forbes' views on social issues, saying when voters learn more about Forbes' positions on gays in the military and abortion, they "will find he fits the mold of a Rockefeller-style Republican." Gramm mentioned Forbes' editorials which "supported Ford over Ronald Reagan" in the GOP primary, "a \$1.50-per-gallon gas tax, allowing gays to serve in the military, and backed President Jimmy Carter's economic policies" (TELEGRAPH, 1/30). Gramm: "I think as they look at Steve Forbes, they are going to find that this is a person who looks more like Nelson Rockefeller than like Ronald Reagan" (Tolme, AP, 1/30).

HE'S NUMBER ONE! Gramm had "the worst attendance record in the Senate last year," according to a Congressional Quarterly study. He missed 11% of votes (Hutcheson, FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, 1/30).

SC STRATEGY: Until now, Gramm's campaign "has shown about as much sign of catching fire as a bowl of ice-cream." A possible Gramm plan: He wins the 2/6 LA caucus and six days later finishes "a strong second" in IA, "weakening" Dole. Forbes "saps" more strength from Dole's campaign in NH, and on 3/2 Gramm wins SC "and he's on a roll to triumph in southern and western states." Gramm: "There isn't a road home for me that doesn't lead through South Carolina. I can't imagine that anybody is going to lose the South Carolina primary and go on and win the Republican nomination." Dole backer/SC Gov. David Beasley: "This is the end of the fight for Bob Dole if he wins South Carolina. This is the beginning of the fight for Bob Dole if he loses South Carolina" (Schwinn, HEARST/Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 1/28).

*7 LUGAR: ACCOUNT REMEMBERS LUGAR HELPED AVERT VIOLENCE

BOSTON GLOBE's Zuckman harkens back to 4/4/68, when then-Mayor of Indianapolis, Dick Lugar, attempted to dissuade the staff of pres. cand. Robert Kennedy from holding a rally in a dangerous neighborhood. When he got word that Dr. Martin Luther King had been shot in Memphis, Lugar worried that the crowd would become violent when it heard the news during the Kennedy rally. Lugar set up a command center at the hotel where RFK was staying to ensure that RFK and his staff were safe. RFK told a crowd of 2,500 that King had died and implored them against meeting violence with violence. When RFK returned to his hotel, Lugar "turned his full attention to his city, one of the few that did

not erupt with riots and fires in the wake of King's death. Many believe violence was avoided because of Kennedy's speech and Lugar's efforts in church basements and on street corners, talking to residents about their concerns and trying to defuse tension." Zuckman also notes that during Ronald Reagan's presidency, Lugar voted with him more often than any other senator (1/29).

PROFILE: W.S. JOURNAL's Perry profiles Lugar, noting that he "relentlessly presses an agenda that is virtually ignored: American foreign policy in the chaotic new world that grew out of the end of the Cold War." Perry writes, "Almost surely, he must know, too, by now, that he isn't going to win the Republican nomination. But he also believes he is playing an important role in the 1996 presidential debate, reminding voters there is a dangerous world out there, beyond America's borders" (1/30).

***8 DEBATES: DATES AND FORMATS SET FOR THREE PRES., ONE VEEP**

The Commission on Presidential Debates, an independent panel, announced its proposed sites and dates for the '96 general election pres. and VP candidate debates:

PRES. DEBATE I: Weds., 9/25

Washington University, St. Louis, MO

VP DEBATE: Weds., 10/2

Civic Center, Hartford, CT

PRES. DEBATE II: Weds., 10/9

Bayfront Center, St. Petersburg, FL

PRES. DEBATE III: Weds. 10/16

Univ. of San Diego, CA

Trinity College will be a partner in the CT debate and the Univ. of South FL will be a partner in St. Pete. Student volunteers will work at all of the debates as they did in '92. The CPD is non-partisan and co-chaired by ex-DNC chair Paul Kirk and ex-RNC chair Frank Fahrenkopf. In '88 and '92, exit polls showed "more Americans based their votes on the debates than on any other single issue." The proposed debates will be 90-min. long and will feature a single moderator. During the first pres. debate and the VP debate, the candidates and moderator will be seated; during the second debate, citizens will question the candidates in a town meeting format; during the third debate, the candidates will stand behind traditional podiums (release 1/29). The St. Pete debate will be a "town meeting," similar to the one in which the candidates sat on stools and took questions from an audience of citizens. This is the first debate to be held in FL. The ST. PETE TIMES, which coordinated the proposal to the CPD, will guarantee the \$500,000 cost of the event and will seek other sponsors (Troxler, ST. PETE TIMES, 1/30). HARTFORD COURANT's Daly & Lightman note the 10/2 VP debate is the "first national election debate every held in New England." It is expected to draw as many as 2,000 journalists to the city and be watched on TV by as many as 85 million people. In selecting CT, "it couldn't hurt" that Sen. Chris Dodd (D), is co-chair of the Dem

Party, Sen. Joe Lieberman (D), heads up the DLC, and Barbara Kennelly (D-01) is the "highest ranking woman" in the House. While they had competed for a pres. debate, CT leaders said they were "happy to be chosen" for the VP contest (1/30). Many in Hartford "saw the debate as a way to boost the city's image" (Rabinovitz, N.Y. TIMES, 1/30).

*9 IOWA: CLINTONS ARE COMING; WEATHER TO HELP CONSERVATIVES?

Pres. Clinton will visit IA prior to the 2/12 caucuses, according to WH pol. dir. Doug Sosnik. Other Dems said the trip likely will take place 2/10-11, with Clinton spending Saturday night in Sioux City. IA Dems also said Hillary Rodham Clinton is expected to visit the state this coming weekend, when she will attend three campus rallies in an "effort to bolster turnout at the caucuses, which are expected to be poorly attended because Clinton is unopposed." Hers is the latest in a series of visits by the admin. to attempt "to counter GOP attacks on Clinton." Dem strategists contend that students are a "key to Clinton's re-election" because of objections they have to GOP reductions of student aid. Sosnik noted that while Clinton will visit IA and NH, he does not plan a "great deal more campaigning for now." He said he had been assuming that a GOP nominee would be selected by the end of 3/95 and that the GOP ticket would be in place by Memorial Day. But Sosnik said the falling poll numbers of Bob Dole have "called those assumptions into doubt": "You're talking about seven out of 10 Republican primary voters not supporting [Dole] right now, and this is not a case where they haven't gotten to know him" (Norman/Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 1/30).

WEATHER OR NOT? GOP organizers said that bad weather on caucus night is "likely to benefit the most conservative candidates" in the GOP pres. race. Privately, Dole's aides are worried about the weather on that night, when thousands of Iowans would traipse to a neighborhood caucus. Aides say they need to remind Dole supporters not to take his front-runner status for granted, especially in light of his recent slip in the polls. IA GOP chair Brian Kennedy: "It's clear that weather could affect the turnout. Bad weather is going to benefit the candidates whose supporters are more passionate and motivated to vote for their man." Steve Forbes also may be hurt by the weather since "much of his support is believed to be coming from newcomers who might be discouraged by bad weather." Also, his organization is not as strong as some other cand. Those who may benefit from bad weather include Phil Gramm, Pat Buchanan and Alan Keyes (Yepsen, REGISTER, 1/30). Iowa Falls Mayor Dan Brown, on Dole's planned visit to Iowa this weekend: "I think he is concerned about his standing" ("Today," NBC, 1/30).

LEND THEM YOUR EAR: QUAD-CITY TIMES' Obradovich writes that Iowans, frustrated with their gov't, the political process and the media's campaign coverage, are complaining that the pres. cand. are "not providing enough substantive information to the voters." One Iowan said, "They're tossing a lot of rhetoric around that means absolutely nothing." Citizens recently gathered in town meetings also "knocked the media for focusing on personalities" rather than issues. Obradovich notes a final town

hall event is scheduled for 2/9, to be followed by a nationally televised forum where citizens will pose the questions and asks the cand., "What better way to show your respect for the citizens of Iowa than to meet them directly, in front of a national audience?" (1/29).

*10 VEEPSTAKES: WILL ENGLER'S BARBS PUT HIM ON THE DOLE?

Under header "Engler Proves He's Got Pit-bull Bite as a Presidential Running Mate," the DETROIT NEWS' Weeks writes: "To hotly partisan audeinces at opposite ends of the country, Gov. John Engler has demonstrated that he has the bite to be Bob Dole's Bob Dole -- the attack dog on a presidential ticket." Engler "was in national ticket form during speeches attacking" Pres. Clinton to the RNC in San Diego and at a DC gala fundraiser, where he took a shot at Hillary Rodham Clinton: "Her next book will be titled, It Takes a Subpoena." Referring to his 1-year-old triplets, Engler said in a speech: "To them, Whitewater is a warm bottle of milk. And travelgate is what they have to climb over to get into the kitchen." Then he said his daughters "have learned to scream, to cry and to pout. I tell folks they sound kind of like Bonior, Gephardt and Gore" (1/28).

*11 GOP CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

	1/30	1/31	2/1	2/2	2/3
ALEXANDER	BrIngame				
	CA	IA	IA	IA	n/a
615-327-3350	IA				
BUCHANAN	Waterloo		Merrimac,		
	IA	IA	Concord	n/a	
703-848-1996			NH		
DOLE	DesMoines	ME			
	Burlingtn	NH	NH	n/a	n/a
202-414-6400	IA				
FORBES	Derry,		Council	DesMoines	
	Windham	n/a	Bluffs,IA	IA	n/a
908-781-5111	NH		Atlanta		
GRAMM	Wilmngtn,		DesMoines		
	DE	SC	CedarRpds	IA	n/a
202-467-8600			IA		
KEYES	Mason C.,	Dubuque,	Iowa Cty,	Cedar Rp,	Ottumwa,
	IA	IA	F. Madsn,	Muscatne,	DesMoines,
503-463-1818			IA	IA	IA
LUGAR	DesMoines	Sioux Cty			
	IA	IA	DC	DC	n/a
202-544-3636					

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|DesMoines| NH | IA |Omaha NE| NH
800-930-4668 | IA | | | |

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

***12 CLINTON: HOUSE GOP MAY CREATE A WELFARE-REFORM CHOKEHOLD**

N.Y. TIMES' Pear reports "many leading House Republicans" said they now want to pass the Senate's welfare reform plan, a move which could cause Pres. Clinton "intense political difficulty." Clinton vetoed the bill presented to him out of the House-Senate conference. But earlier, while he said the House's version was too harsh, he stated that he could accept the Senate's version -- "though he later voiced concerns about the possibility that [the Senate bill] would impoverish hundreds of thousands of children." House GOP leaders now "say they believe they can exploit that veto ... by confronting Mr. Clinton with the proposal he supported in the past." House Ways & Means subcmte chair Clay Shaw (R-FL): "I favor taking the Senate bill up, passing it, sending it over to the Senate and then sending it to the President." Rep. Jimmy Hayes (R-LA), a recent party-switcher, lays out the political bind for Clinton: "If he signs the bill, he will put himself at odds with many members of his own party ... On the other hand, if he vetoes it, he will put himself at odds with his own past statements and show that he's not serious about welfare reform." WH aide Rahm Emanuel, was purposely sketchy about whether Clinton would sign the Senate version now: "The President thinks the Senate bill is a good foundation for welfare reform, but we can do more." Still, other GOP members "fear" that if they send Clinton the Senate version, he'll sign it "and take credit for improving the welfare system, depriving Republicans of a potent election issue." Speaker Newt Gingrich said he and his party were still deliberating over what to do. Of course, some House GOP conservatives oppose the Senate version. The Senate version, which had the input of Dem "moderates," passed in 9/95 on an 87-12 vote; 35 Dems, including Sen. Min. Leader Tom Daschle and DNC Co-chair Chris Dodd (D-CT) voted for it. Those who oppose both versions: Sen. Pat Moynihan (D-NY) and the Children's Defense Fund (1/30).

***13 HILLARY: WH AIDE SAYS SHE MAY RETURN FOR MORE GRAND JURY Q'S**

L.I. NEWSDAY's Zehren reports WH officials "anticipate" that Hillary Rodham Clinton "may be called to make a second appearance" before the federal grand jury looking into Whitewater. One "official": "We assume there will be even more questioning." The official added that she may have "follow-up" questions to answer, either in-person or in a deposition from the WH. She testified for approximately 3 1/2 hours before the panel on 1/26. "Over the last few days, [WH] officials said that during her grand jury appearance, [HRC] conferred with her attorneys during routine breaks, never invoked her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, answered every question posed by Starr and his assistants, and faced no inquiries relating to the Castle Grande development" (1/30).

TRAVELGATE: A new GAO audit shows that the new management system employed by the Clinton WH "still can't pay its bills on time." By not being able to balance its books for an 8-month period last year, the office was temporarily unable to account for \$200,000. House Govt. Reform & Oversight chair Bill Clinger (R-PA), who requested the audit and is investigating the travel office: "Ironically, this is the same reason for which the seven travel office workers were fired" (Hedges, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 1/30).

KIDNAPPED! WH Whitewater spokesperson Mark Fabiani was abducted by two men at gunpoint 1/26 from Alexandria, VA, and taken to DC where he was forced to withdraw \$1,500 from money machines. At first, the men took Fabiani's briefcase, Rolex and cellphone, but gave them back after he made the withdrawals. Fabiani: "It was a perfect ending to a very long week" (W. POST, 1/30).

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

***14 KANSAS: ROBERTS MAKES IT OFFICIAL**

Rep. Pat Roberts (R-01) launched his campaign to succeed retiring Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R) with a "rousing conservative call to arms aimed at dispelling any doubt about his desire to move to the Senate." Roberts: "The campaign that begins today is about values. Kansas values. Where the values of God, work, family and the integrity of the individual are valued above all." The widespread support for his candidacy "sent a clear signal that any other Republican would face an uphill battle against Roberts." With the departure of ex-state Sen. Eric Yost (R) from the race (see HOTLINE, 1/24), Roberts is the only announced GOPer running. Roberts "saved his toughest remarks" for Pres. Clinton, whom he said had "failed the nation" (Kraske, K.C. STAR, 1/28). Treas. Sally Thompson (D) said she will formally announce her candidacy on her birthday, 2/17. Thompson, on Roberts: "I really wonder if he understands Kansans. He's lived in Washington for the last 30 years and has amassed a \$4 million pension." Thompson also attacked KS GOPers who have accused her of losing \$20M in alleged "unwise investments" as treasurer. Thompson said "she's actually saved taxpayers \$234 million in 1994 and \$500 million in the past three years" (Dekker, LAWRENCE JOURNAL-WORLD, 1/26). Possibles: retiring Rep. Jan Meyers (R-03), stockbroker Jill Docking (D) and Dole aide Dan Stanley (R). Filing deadline: 6/10. Primary: 8/6.

***15 MAINE: BALDACCI BACKS OFF, CITING BRENNAN CANDIDACY**

Frosh Rep. John Baldacci (D-02) announced he would not run for the seat of retiring Sen. Bill Cohen (R), saying he "feared a difficult and divisive" Dem primary contest against ex-Gov. Joe Brennan (D). Baldacci "came close" to announcing his candidacy last week, and had met with and talked to dozens of supporters across the state about running. He had "all but announced he would run" when Brennan began talking up his own candidacy and "reconsidered" after Brennan declared on 1/25. Baldacci: "I was very torn, and it was a difficult decision for me. But once it

became more than a nuisance primary, I knew that it would require a lot of my attention. I just didn't think I could run a full-scale primary and do my work as a congressman at the same time." His decision "disappointed" many Dems, "some of whom scrambled to find another candidate" to challenge Brennan in the primary. Brennan is considered the frontrunner for the nomination, "but some Democrats think he can't win a general election"; he lost the '90 and '94 gov. elections. ME Dem chair Victoria Murphy, who, like Baldacci, "tried to dissuade Brennan from running," predicted more Dems would run: "I think there's a desire to have a spirited primary about the future of the Democratic Party." Possible Dems include House Speaker Dan Gwadosky and state Sens. Rochelle "Chellie" Pingree & Sean Faircloth. Gwadosky: "I think there's a concern among Democrats in the state about whether Joe has the capacity to win a general election." Univ./Southern ME's William Coogan said of Brennan, "I think he probably has a lock on the Democratic nomination. I can't think of another Democratic candidate who is available and who has the statewide name recognition to take on Joe Brennan. But I can't imagine that he would win a general election. There's so much voter fatigue with Joe Brennan." Dems already running: ex-state Sen. Phil Merrill, journalist Jean Hay, and businessman Jerald Leonard. On the GOP side, state Sen. John Hathaway has formed an exploratory cmte, joining ski resort owner Les Otten (R). Businessman Robert Monks, the '76 GOP Senate nominee, has already announced. GOP possibles: '94 gov. nominee Susan Collins and state Sen. Joel Abromson (Campbell, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, 1/30). Filing deadline: 3/15. Primary: 6/11.

*16 MASSACHUSETTS: HIGH-PROFILE WELD DRAWS EVEN WITH KERRY

A BOSTON HERALD/WCVB poll, conducted by Univ. of NH 1/26-27, surveyed 416 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.8%. Tested: Sen. John Kerry (D) and Gov. Bill Weld (R).

GENERAL ELECTION NOW DEM IND GOP FAV/UNFAV 11/95 (ALL)

Kerry	44%	67%	40%	12%	55%/ 28%	46%
Weld	44	18	48	85	53 / 34	38
Undecided	12	15	12	3	---	16

SHOULD THERE BE A SPENDING LIMIT?

Yes	79%
No	16
No Opinion	5

ANALYSIS: HERALD's Battenfeld writes Kerry has "squandered" his early advantage over Weld, and their bitterly fought Senate battle "is now deadlocked." The dead heat "is due almost entirely to a shift in moderate and independent voters" to Weld over the last two months. Pollster Kelly Myers: "[Voters] are taking Weld seriously." Weld's rise in the polls "has coincided with a highly public effort to focus attention on his agenda": welfare, crime and taxes. He has also "sought to soften his conservative image by acknowledging middle-class job insecurity." Myers: "Weld is so much more visible now. People have started

focusing on him and the issues" (1/29).

NOT NEWT: Weld has declined an invitation to speak at a 2/1-3 conference in Nashua, NH organized by GOPAC, "putting further political distance between himself and the controversial House Speaker" Newt Gingrich. Weld campaign officials "claim he never intended to go" and "denied the governor was trying to distance himself from Gingrich." Kerry has attacked Weld for being a "soulmate" of the speaker (Battenfeld, HERALD, 1/26).

***17 MISSISSIPPI: SIX MORE YEARS FOR COCHRAN**

Sen. Thad Cochran (R), who ran unopposed in '90, drew only "token" opposition in his bid for a fourth term. He will be opposed in the GOP primary by retired auto worker Richard O'Hara. O'Hara's son Shawn is running as a Dem, as is James "Bootie" Hunt. Both O'Haras ran for gov. in '95 (AP/Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 1/27). Primary: 3/12.

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

***18 MISSISSIPPI: 13 CANDIDATES SEEK TO SUCCEED MONTGOMERY**

With the 1/26 filing deadline having come and gone, attention is now focused on the 3rd CD being vacated after 30 years by Dem Rep. Sonny Montgomery (AP/Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 1/27). Primary: 3/12.

MS 01: Frosh Rep. Roger Wicker (R) is unopposed for renomination. Running in the Dem field are paralegal Henry Boyd, Rex Weathers and Talmadge Littlejohn.

MS 02: Danny Covington, an aide to ex-Rep. Webb Franklin (R), is the GOP favorite to take on Rep. Bennie Thompson (D).

MS 03: Republicans have targeted the seat of Montgomery, a conservative who is retiring. Nine GOPers have filed: state Sens. Mike Gunn & Dean Kirby, ex-state Rep. Bill Crawford, farmer Dutch Dabbs, ex-Thad Cochran aide Keith Heard, Michael Lang, Trent Lott aide Chip Pickering, teacher Jim Yonge and contractor Harold Cross. The four Dems are state Sen. Rob Smith, ex-state Rep. Gary Staples, atty John Arthur Eaves Jr., and ex-Montgomery aide Melanie Barber.

MS 04: Rep. Mike Parker (R), who switched to the GOP in 11/95, has no primary opposition but will face a spirited Dem effort to oust him. Dems: Jackson City Councilmember Margaret Barrett, Heines Co. Planning Dir. Kevin Antoine and teacher Dennis Fortenberry.

MS 05: Rep. Gene Taylor (D) should have no trouble with Arlon "Blackie" Coate in the Dem primary. GOPers: ex-state Rep. Dennis Dollar and Robert Esher.

***19 MT AT-LARGE: MUDD WON'T FLY FOR WILLIAMS' SEAT**

'94 Senate nominee Jack Mudd (D) announced he will not run for the seat of retiring Rep. Pat Williams (D). Mudd: "Having just gone through a major race, and not being a politician ... it just doesn't work for me to run a race at this time." Mudd lost to Sen. Conrad Burns (R) 62-38% in '94 (AP/Kalispell DAILY INTER LAKE, 1/29). Announced: Yellowstone Co. Auditor Leo Hudetz (D), ex-Burns aide Dwight MacKay (R), rancher/enviro. consultant Alan Mikkelson (R) and businessman Rick Hill (R). Dem possibles: MT

Auditor Mark O'Keefe, ex-state Sen. Bill Yellowtail, state Sens. Steve Doherty, Mignon Watterman & Greg Jergenson, state Rep. Jim Elliot, '94 ind. Sen. cand. Becky Shaw and MT Dem chair Kelly Addy. Filing deadline: 3/21. Primary: 6/4.

***20 RHODE ISLAND: A FREE RIDE FOR KENNEDY?**

"If things don't change soon, the Republicans are not going to have any chance at all" of regaining the 1st CD, which then-Rep. Ron Machtley (R) vacated in an ill-fated gov. run and Patrick Kennedy (D) won the seat in '94. Kennedy has been "quietly going about his business" while GOPers "trip all over themselves" running for the 2nd CD seat being vacated by Senate candidate Jack Reed (D). No GOPer has yet come forward to challenge Kennedy. RI GOP chair John Holmes: "I don't have anybody yet. I wish I could tell you I had somebody." In the race to replace Reed, LG Bob Weygand (D) has "notched the first labor endorsement," winning the backing of the RI Building and Construction Trades Council (Providence JOURNAL-BULLETIN, 1/22). Filing deadline: 6/26. Primary: 9/10.

***21 UT 02: ANDERSON IS FIRST DEM TO ANNOUNCE**

Ross Anderson (D), an atty "known for defending the downtrodden and the disaffected," became the first Dem to announce for the seat of embattled frosh Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz (R). Anderson said Waldholtz's problems "had no bearing on his decision": "I'm running because I am concerned about the divisiveness and stalemate in our government and I believe that I will be a very effective voice for the people of this district." He has held "top positions" with the ACLU and UT Common Cause, but he said of those who might attempt to "paint him as an ultra-liberal," "They're in for a big surprise. I'm not somebody who can be so superficially tagged with a label." He is a "true-blue Democrat" on abortion and the environment, "but he sounds Republican -- or perhaps State-of-the-Union Clintonian -- about debt and deficits." Waldholtz has not announced her '96 plans (Maddox, SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, 1/30). Likely Dem: atty Jim McConkie. Potential GOPers: ex-Waldholtz aides David Harmer & Greg Engeman, state Sen. Stephen Rees, UT Community Developer dir. Carol Nixon, atty Paul Hatch, businessman Ken Woolley, and CPA Todd Neilson. Other possible: Merrill Cook (I). Filing deadline: 3/18. Primary: 6/25.

***22 HOUSE HUNTING: FOGLIETTA FACES PRIMARY CHALLENGE**

AR 01: Atty Warren Dupwe (R), who won 47% against retiring Rep. Blanche Lincoln (D) in '94, has officially announced; he is considered the GOP frontrunner. On the Dem side, ex-state Sen. Jim Wood (D) said he is considering a bid. Announced Dems: state Sen. Mike Everett and union mgr. Kirby Smith. Other possible Dems: Clinton Ag. liaison Marion Berry, farmer Jim Malone, DC lobbyist Ann Pride and ex-West Memphis Mayor Keith Ingram (AR DEM-GAZETTE, 1/26). Filing deadline: 4/2. Primary: 5/21.

LA 07: Atty Tyron Picard (D) announced he will run for the seat being vacated by Senate candidate Jimmy Hayes (R); Picard has hired Ray Strother to handle media and paid communications.

Two-time cand. David Thibodaux (R) has also announced, and atty Jim Slatten (R) has formed an exploratory cmte. Slatten, on his possible candidacy: "I want to go to Washington to be a foot soldier in the fight for freedom." The CD was redrawn following a reapportionment decision with "more Democratic" parishes added to the district (Baton Rouge ADVOCATE, 1/28). Filing deadline: 7/19. Election: 9/21.

PA 01: Rep. Tom Foglietta (D) "has a big war chest but faces a challenge." Foglietta has about \$400,000 and is "making sure he has enough cash on hand to fend off any challengers." Foglietta will face ex-Judge John Braxton, state Sen. Hardy Williams, and community activist Sultan Ahmad in the 4/23 Dem primary (Williams, PHILA. INQUIRER, 1/23). Filing deadline: 2/13. No GOPers have announced in this solidly Dem district.

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

***23 INDIANA: ON TV, THE EARLIER THE BETTER**

Ex-IN GOP chair Rex Early (R) aired his first ad -- "a warm 'n fuzzy highlighting his conservatism" -- in the Indy media market during the Super Bowl. Early's media is being done by Stuart Stevens, the media strategist for Bob Dole's pres. campaign. The spot "trumpets Early's business experience and understanding of efficiency" (IN LEGISLATIVE INSIGHT, 1/29). Other GOPers: Indy Mayor Stephen Goldsmith and newspaper publisher George Witwer. LG Frank O'Bannon is the likely Dem nominee. Gov. Evan Bayh (D) is term limited; he is expected to run against Sen. Dan Coats (R) in '98. Filing deadline: 2/23. Primary: 5/7.

***24 NEW YORK: PATAKI MAY DUMP HIS LG AMID SENATE SPECULATION**

N.Y. POST's Dicker reports that Gov. George Pataki (R) has "repeatedly refused" to say if he wants LG Betsy McCaughey Ross to be on his ticket in '98, "increasing speculation he may be looking to dump" her. Pataki, asked if he wants McCaughey Ross on his ticket, insisted, "I am not thinking politics. ... We'll look at the politics of '98 when we get there." Pataki's "stunning non-endorsement" of his LG came in the wake of a POST report on 1/29, citing GOP sources, that McCaughey Ross was considering challenging Sen. Al D'Amato (R) in '98. Pataki and other GOP officials are said to be "furious" with McCaughey Ross over the Senate speculation, and "have begun looking for a replacement," possibly Parks Commis. Bernadette Castro, the '94 GOP nominee against Sen. Pat Moynihan (D). McCaughey Ross "repeatedly insisted" she wasn't planning to challenge D'Amato, who "helped lift her from political obscurity in 1994 and make her Pataki's running mate" (1/30). McCaughey Ross: "There have been a series of unfounded rumors about various offices for which other people may have said I am running. But I am not running for another office. I am very focused on being an excellent [LG]" (Slackman, L.I. NEWSDAY, 1/30). The rumors have led some GOPers to call it "the most blatant example of political ingratitude they've ever seen." GOP "insiders" have described her as "unreliable, eccentric and mendacious." Advisers to D'Amato, Pataki and the state GOP said McCaughey Ross has "no

chance" of defeating D'Amato in a primary. They added that NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R) "may be behind the effort to encourage" her to consider the race (N.Y. POST, 1/29).

BYE GEORGE? NY Dem chair Judith Hope said that a "mutual friend" told her that GEORGE Editor-in-Chief John F. Kennedy Jr. is interested in running for D'Amato's seat, but the mutual friend in question denied having such a conversation with Hope. GEORGE spokesperson Nancy Haberman: "John Kennedy is not thinking of running for the Senate. John Kennedy is thinking about running George." Hope said she "expected to talk" with Kennedy next month about his "possible entry" in politics; Haberman said no such meeting has been scheduled (AP/BOSTON GLOBE, 1/27).

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

*25 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted ABC pol. dir. Hal Bruno. NBC's "Today" hosted Tim Russert, NH GOP chair John Stabile, and IA Falls, IA Mayor Dan Brown. "FOX Morning News" hosted THE STANDARD's John Podhoretz, Dem consultant Tad Devine and USA TODAY's Susan Page.

LAST NIGHT: "NewsHour" led with Bosnia. CNN led with the last French nuclear test. NBC led with the F-14 crash in TN. ABC led a new drug targeting obesity. CBS led with its interview on tobacco. CNN's "Moneyline" hosted retiring Rep. Jack Fields (R-TX). CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Traditional Values Coalition's Andrea Sheldon and Sexuality Information Council's Debra Haffner. CNBC's "Russert" hosted NBC's Gwen Ifill and L.A. TIMES' Doyle McManus. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted L.A. TIMES' Ron Brownstein and W. POST's Dan Balz. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted retiring Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NJ).

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on Pres. Clinton's SOTU address: "The president made one mistake the other night in his speech. Remember the part that calls for removing residents from government sponsored housing if they commit even one small criminal offense, remember one strike and you're out of public housing? Has he thought that through? I mean, isn't the White House 'government housing?' Sounds like Hillary's going to have to get out of there." Leno, on Dole's SOTU follow: "What did you think of Bob 'Ebenezer' Dole's response? ... I don't want to imply that Bob Dole is old, but at the end of every speech don't you expect him to go and say 'Fixadent, and forget it!'" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 1/29). There was no Letterman Top Ten.

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GREEN, MY FAVORITE COLOR | SPOTLIGHT |

As 4th Quarter FEC filings |
come rolling in, Clinton and | THE UNTHINKABLE |
Dole both find themselves at |
about \$25M in their haul for | What if Bob Dole is not |
the year. Forbes aside, Dole | the GOP nominee? |
spent more in 1995 than each of | That question is now less |
his GOP rivals raised. (#9) | an egghead exercise and |
| more a real possibility. |

HIT 'EM WHEN THEY'RE UP ... | Here are some recent |
The Forbes campaign denies | developments that throw a |
questions about contributions | monkey wrench into |
from the family publishing | conventional wisdom: |
company. (#9) | (#2) (#3) (#9) |

| NH: A BOSTON GLOBE/WBZ |
BAD KOREA MOVE | poll shows Steve Forbes |
Samsung America, joining the | "has surged into the lead" |
likes of Hyundai and Korean | by nine points over Dole, |
Air, admits it funnelled | "dramatically reshaping the |
illegal campaign contributions | race" (Note: ARG tracking |
to Rep. Jay Kim (R-CA). (#9) | poll still has Dole ahead). |

| IA: County GOP chairs |
OUTTA THE HOUSE | give on-the-record stinging |

Meet the 39 House members | critiques of Dole, saying |
 (26D, 13R) who won't be | his advantage is slipping. |
 returning in 1997. (#9) | LA: Dole is avoiding the |
 | 2/6 caucuses. Good choice: |
 http://PoliticsUSA.com | a new poll has him fourth. |
 For/against a clean debt | | THE OTHER CANDIDATES: |
 limit bill? Send Domenici, | | They're attacking Forbes |
 Kasich, Gingrich, and Dole | | like he's the front runner, |
 an on-line petition. | | not the second-placer. |

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

"I don't think Dole's done losing. He can lose more."

-- KRC polling's Gerry Chervinsky, Boston GLOBE, 2/1

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

Abiding by the old political proverb "Iowa goes first," the caucus in the Louisiana town of Iowa will begin a half-hour earlier than anywhere else in the state. The town is pronounced (lo-WAY) -- courtesy COX News Service.

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

***1 FEC REPORTS: CLINTON STARTS '96 WITH \$13M IN HAND**

The following information is derived from the 4th Quarter FEC reports of the GOP pres. candidates. Filing period: 10/1-12/31/95.

	4TH Q	4TH Q
CANDIDATE	RECEIPTS	SPENT
Clinton	6,633,695	4,249,147
Forbes	Refused to disclose	
Dole	5,793,041	8,359,831
Gramm	1,905,822	5,389,400
Alexander	2,883,664	3,492,025
Buchanan	2,924,561	3,174,977
Lugar	1,778,051	1,870,865
Taylor	1,576,425	1,594,367

	YEAR-TO-DATE	YEAR-TO-DATE		
CANDIDATE	RECEIPTS	SPENT	DEBT	CASH-ON-HAND
Clinton	25,468,765	5,953,030	388,800	13,436,897
Forbes	Refused to disclose			
Dole	24,364,905	16,095,758	759,480	4,351,601
Gramm	15,636,212	12,567,941	911,215	1,181,592
Alexander	10,116,583	8,384,070	1,584,927	605,099
Buchanan	6,683,834	7,115,024	1,435,792	107,662
Lugar	4,518,671	4,943,971	1,427,589	275,189
Taylor	28,751	4,499,165	4,600,252	9,938

The following campaigns listed debts owed to them, a category that may include matching funds: Clinton: \$9,033,183. Buchanan: \$4,656,194. Lugar: 2,507,551. Alexander: 3,232,827. Gramm: \$8,525. The Year To Date receipts does not include loans to the cmte.

***2 NEW HAMPSHIRE: POLL SHOWS A FORBES NINE PT. LEAD OVER DOLE**

A BOSTON GLOBE/WBZ-TV poll, conducted 1/29-30 by KRC, surveyed 400 likely GOP primary voters (292 GOP, 108 indie); margin of error +/- 5% (2/1). The American Research Group tracking poll, conducted 1/29-31, surveyed 468 likely GOP primary

voters; margin of error +/- 4.5% (2/1). Primary 2/20, 16 Dels.

	GLOBE/WBZ		ARG TRACKING		
GOP PRIMARY	1/29-30	1/7-10	1/29-31	1/28-30	1/27-29
Forbes	31%	17%	19%	18%	18%
Dole	22%	33	25	27	29
Buchanan	11	11	14	13	13
Alexander	9	5	6	5	6
Gramm	7	5	8	8	7
Lugar	3	2	7	8	7
Keyes	1	2	3	3	2
Taylor	1	1	2	2	1
Dornan	0	1	--	0	0
DK/other	15	24	16	15	16

ANALYSIS: Less than three weeks before the NH primary, Steve Forbes "has surged into the lead," passing Bob Dole in a new GLOBE/WBZ survey and "dramatically reshaping the race for the nomination." The poll suggests Forbes' appeal "is based increasingly on his status as an outsider to Washington politics," even as support for his flat-tax plan slipped. KRC's Gerry Chervinsky: "Forbes maintains tremendous momentum. He continues to grow as the Dole campaign basically collapses. ... But no one should assume Forbes is going to win New Hampshire. He's the front-runner of the moment in a very fluid race." Chervinsky, on Dole's prospects: "Getting ahead again will be very difficult because he's been the front-runner for so long. ... I don't think Dole's done losing. He can lose more." The reason "appears plain." Of the 22% who are backing Dole, 36% said they could change their minds, "meaning the potential exists for him to lose another third of his support." More Chervinsky, on Dole: "The State of the Union thing was devastating. Now all of a sudden people are worried about Dole's age; they're worried about him being an insider." Dole's favorability rating "dropped significantly," and the number of voters who see him in an unfavorable light climbed." The number of those who consider Dole too old for the WH increased and most voters now disapprove of the job he has done as Senate Maj. Leader in conducting budget negotiations" with the Clinton admin (Rezendes, GLOBE, 2/1).

MORE ON FORBES: "According to the poll, Forbes has several strengths that helped him rush into the lead. More than half of those surveyed said they view him favorably, while less than a quarter said they see him in a negative light." Still, "most said they want to know more about Forbes." More than 85% noted that they have seen Forbes' TV ads and most said the ads "either made it more likely they would vote for Forbes or they had no impact." But, the poll "also suggested possible weak spots for his campaign." As aforementioned, support for Forbes' flat tax "dipped dramatically" and more than half the survey respondents also indicated they believe all pres. candidates should make public their personal income-tax returns. Dole has done so, Forbes has refused. Chervinsky: "Forbes' support is soft. He could easily peak and start going the other way. ... To me, this race presents a real challenge to the news media. Forbes is not

very well defined right now. The question is, can the news media explain what he's all about?" (Rezendes, GLOBE, 2/1).

REAX: NBC's Bloom: "A stark reversal of fortunes for Forbes" NBC's Curry: "Political novice Steve Forbes appears to be closing in on frontrunner Bob Dole" ("Today," 2/1). ABC's Poussaint: "Forbes is gaining ground, and while an assortment of polls may call into question just how far he's come, Forbes is clearly mounting enough of an effort to make Senator Robert Dole notice" ("GMA," 2/1).

THE WEIGHT: A Pew NH poll released earlier this week found Forbes leading Dole 29% to 24%. However, the Pew poll was criticized for surveying a large number of independents, who "tend to favor Forbes over Dole." The Pew sample was 54% GOP, 46% indie. The GLOBE/WBZ poll was 73% GOP, 27% indie.

*3 LOUISIANA: BUCHANAN BESTS OTHERS IN 2/6 BAYOU STATE CAUCUS

A WDSU/KATC-TV poll, conducted 1/27-29 by Mason Dixon, surveyed 829 registered LA voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsamples: 330 likely 3/12 GOP primary voters, +/- 5.6%; 113 likely 2/6 GOP caucus voters; +/- 9% (2/1). (Caucus: 2/6, Delegates: 21) (Primary: 3/12, Delegates: 9)

	2/6 GOP CAUCUS		3/12 GOP PRIMARY			
	ALL	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Buchanan	23%	18%	22%	14%	41%/ 22%	97%
Gramm	19	16	17	15	37 / 16	91
Forbes	17	21	25	17	47 / 13	90
Dole	12	22	18	26	45 / 17	99
Keyes	7	1	1	1	16 / 4	37
Alexander	6	6	5	7	23 / 4	52
Lugar	--	1	1	1	12 / 5	49
Dornan	--	--	--	--	8 / 10	37
Taylor	--	--	--	--	4 / 3	25
Undecided	16	15	11	19		

CLINTON JOB		CLINTON RE-ELECT	
Exc/good	43%	Re-elect	33%
Fair/poor	57	Consider another	27%
	Replace		40

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

Clinton	43%	Clinton	46%	Clinton	41%	Clinton	43%
Dole	42	Gramm	39	Forbes	38	Dole	34
				Perot	11		

*4 MARYLAND: DOLE FIRST, FORBES SECOND ON NAT'L MEDIA ALONE

A WJLA-TV poll, conducted 1/25-27 by Mason-Dixon/PMR, surveyed 810 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsample: 244 likely GOP primary voters; +/- 5.8% (2/1). Primary: 3/5. Delegates: 32.

	GOP PRIMARY	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Dole	31%	42%/ 22%	100%
Forbes	23	36 / 14	89

Gramm	14	31 / 21	91
Alexander	6	19 / 6	69
Buchanan	5	30 / 33	94
Keyes	3	27 / 16	81
Lugar	1	15 / 6	59
Dornan	--	9 / 7	49
Taylor	--	6 / 7	32
Undecided	17		

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

Clinton 49%	Clinton 51%	Clinton 45%	Clinton 49%
Dole 38	Gramm 32	Forbes 32	Dole 36
	Perot 6		

*5 FORBES: THE MORE, THE MERRILLER

When NH Gov. Steve Merrill (R) "opened fire on Steve Forbes on behalf of his favorite Presidential candidate," Bob Dole, no "great shudder of fear rippled through the Forbes camp." The feeling among the Forbes campaign is that "the more Merrill and Bob Dole attack Forbes, the more attention and credibility Forbes acquires, and the more Dole looks like the angry Dole of old." Since the senator began "attacking Forbes" in TV ads and in person, Dole's negatives "have inflated big time" (DiStaso, Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/1). Merrill "indicated" that the final three weeks of Dole's NH campaign "will sound hauntingly familiar to state voters well acquainted with Merrill's own mantra of taxes, taxes, taxes." Merrill, on Forbes' flat tax: "When you sit down and run the numbers, you don't save money. This is a very clever young man and a very energetic young man with a get-rich-quick scheme." Merrill "criticized" the flat tax "in part for eliminating a credit for local property taxes," saying that it would be "especially hard" on NH, which has a high percent of residents who own homes. Ultimately, the governor said Dole "will not lose to Forbes" in NH (Elrick, CONCORD MONITOR, 2/1). Lamar Alexander "dismissed" the Forbes surge "as 'media covering media' and complained that the publisher is not getting tough scrutiny": "This is the most outstanding political development I've ever seen, that someone would spend this much money, from that background and get this far and be taken this seriously by the news media" (Glover, AP, 2/1).

FEC WOES? The FEC "is questioning whether Forbes Inc. gave its president ... thousands of dollars in illegal corporate contributions in the form of advances from the company that were later repaid by the campaign." The Forbes campaign said "its dealings with Forbes Inc. complied with the election law" and added that "it paid fair market value for its use of Forbes facilities and paid the company up front -- as required -- for the use of its corporate aircraft." The FEC stated, "It appears that the [campaign] committee may be reimbursing the corporation for expenses spent on the committee's behalf." Forbes campaign gen. counsel Paul Sullivan said that "although the payments were noted on the campaign report as 'reimbursement,' in fact they were made before the flights": "All of it was done in compliance

with the regulations" (Marcus, W. POST, 2/1).

NEWT DISPUTES BELTWAY CW ON FORBES: The "rapid rise" of Forbes "has prompted" GOP leaders "to reassess his presidential candidacy." The "clearest sign of their new attitude" came at the annual Salute to Congress dinner in DC when Speaker Newt Gingrich "dismissed as inside the Beltway conventional wisdom the view that Forbes cannot be nominated." Gingrich: "This city, being a remarkably insular place, is convinced Steve Forbes can't win because he doesn't have the experience, he doesn't have the practical background, he's not uniquely qualified to be an insider." Gingrich's comments "stopped well short of an endorsement" and the Speaker said "nothing to undermine" Bob Dole's candidacy (Balz/Merida, W. POST, 2/1). Analyst Stu Rothenberg: "This was something of a slap. When you ignore the front-runner ... and say something nice about an insurgent who is a major challenger, it's an obvious statement about who has the potential to carry the revolutionary banner" (Phillips, USA TODAY, 2/1).

INTERVIEW W/LARRY: CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted Forbes during its first half hour. Forbes, asked about Dole's new attack ad concerning his Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe role (see HOTLINE, 1/31): "We did a fantastic job. One of the things I did was to put an Inspector General's Office in Munich to make sure that there is no wrongdoing, and when there are charges made or abuses are uncovered, we want to uncover them and do something about them, and when I'm President ... we're going to try to do it, and do it for the whole government." On staying in the race until the end: "As an outsider, I can't pick and choose caucuses, I can't pick and choose primaries. I have to compete where it is open and honest and move forward. There's no other way for an outsider." On IA expectations: "If I get a strong fourth or a good third, I'll be very happy." On NH: "We're going for third or second in New Hampshire. ... We're looking [to win] in Arizona." On his VP considerations: "As you know, somebody like Senator Dole, everywhere he goes, he tells the local official he's on a short list for Vice President. Must be about 8,000 names now. So, Larry, you are on my short list" (1/31).

WOULD YOU BELIEVE, MORE ADS! Forbes launched two new spots 1/31, one of them "an attack on Gramm." TEXT: "Last fall, Phil Gramm voted against Senate consideration of a flat-tax. Phil Gramm also voted with Bob Dole nine times to raise our taxes. ... Phil Gramm even voted for special tax loopholes for his oil industry campaign contributors." Forbes has spent "more than \$10 million on ads, about two-thirds of which has been negative." Many of Forbes' ads "bear the imprint" of Tom Ellis and Carter Wrenn, former campaign aides to Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) (Kurtz, W. POST, 2/1). RNC member Harry Singleton, who is black, called on Forbes "to fire" Wrenn, "who was responsible for a 1990 political ad that some charged was racist" (AP, 2/1).

REAX: Under header "Steve Forbes: The Political Blank Slate," W.S. JOURNAL's Hunt: "More than any other serious presidential candidate in modern times -- save perhaps Ross Perot -- little is known about his character, judgment or how responds in a crisis. ... It's a ridiculous reach to measure him for

president of the United States on the basis of how he has run a company and magazine that he inherited" (2/1). Under the header, "The Faberge Egghead," N.Y. TIMES' Dowd writes that Forbes' "flat-tax monomania makes past New Hampshire oratory, like 'Message: I care,' seem poetic" (2/1). SACRAMENTO BEE's Jacobs: "That this monied, Wall Street man of privilege should suddenly be seen as the insurgent in the race, as the 'populist,' is what makes American politics so confusing, so unpredictable and so downright weird as it reaches the millennium" (2/1). AR DEM-GAZETTE's Brummett: "Forbes thus is a candidate for his time. He is nothing less than the very personification of the trivialization of American presidential politics" (2/1).

*6 DOLE: PREDICTS NEW HAMPSHIRE WIN, END-OF-MARCH WRAP UP

Despite polls showing the race is tightening, Bob Dole in NH "voiced confidence he would triumph in early states": "We're going to win in New Hampshire. We're going to win in Iowa and we're going to wrap this up by the end of March." Dole was in NH two days before Pres. Clinton's visit. Dole: "[Clinton] talks right and governs left. ... If there is a question-and-answer session, ask him why he vetoed the first balanced budget we sent to him" (Annis/McCool, Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/1). Dole, responding to WMUR's Cameron: "I'm the frontrunner in this race." (1/31). Dole: "I feel pumped up about our chances" (N.Y. TIMES, 2/1). DALLAS MORNING NEWS' Leubsdorf: "Only the Iowa outcome and its impact on the final week of the New Hampshire campaign will demonstrate which candidates have enough strength there to maintain their candidacies until primary day and whether any can catch Mr. Dole" (2/1).

TOP OF THE TREE, IF NO LONGER THE POLLS: CONCORD MONITOR's Timberg: "Dole has rediscovered his anger, and not a moment too soon." At Londonderry's Top of the Tree Baking Company, "Dole's perma-tan and dark, furrowed brows were back. He pounded the podium." Dole's speech "mainly recalled his campaign in 1988, when he invoked his humble Kansas roots and declared himself 'One of us.' Then Dole's target was George Bush, a product of the Eastern moneyed establishment. In 1996, it's Steve Forbes, also a product of Eastern money, though far more of it" (2/1). Dole: "If there's anything to say about Steve Forbes, I'll not be saying it. We have plenty of good surrogates up here. Let them take him on, or lay out the facts as I like to say it, lay out the facts for the people" (WMUR, 1/31). Dole, on Forbes: "It's like a new restaurant. Everyone rushes down to see what they're serving. And after a few weeks they complain about the gravy" (W. POST, 2/1). "Dole's comments on Mr. Forbes have run hot and cold in recent weeks" (Seelye, N.Y. TIMES, 2/1). Header over CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Hardy story: "Ghost of '88 haunts Dole's presidential bid" (1/31).

THE SIPPLE/STEVENS WATCH: Nashua TELEGRAPH's Landrigan writes, "Inquiring minds want to know what" Dole general chair/NH Gov. Steve Merrill "was talking about with" Dole deputy chair Bill Lacy "at an airport terminal" 1/29. Also participating in

that "rendezvous was an aide to Dole media consultant Stuart Stevens, Merrill's "ad man" since he first ran for gov. in '92. "Could it have been about press reports that Dole campaign insiders had decided to put Stevens on the sidelines in favor of" Dole media adviser Don Sipple, "and move beyond the flat tax to other weaknesses in the Forbes' campaign?" Landrigan also reports ex-NH Sen. Warren Rudman will appear in a TV ad for Dole to offset ex-NH Sen. Gordon Humphrey's endorsement of Forbes and to directly "appeal to independents and GOP moderates, who could make the difference if this race remains tight" (2/1).

AD WATCH: N.Y. TIMES' Lewis examines Dole's new ad, "Gravy Train," in which attacks Forbes for wasting gov't dollars when he oversaw Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty (see HOTLINE, 1/31 issue). The ad "may or may not succeed in damaging Mr. Forbes's image, but, whatever happens, Mr. Dole is not likely to suffer as his connection to the advertisement is well submerged. The underlying particulars of the complaint about Mr. Forbes's tenure at the broadcasting board are also consonant with efforts to portray Mr. Forbes as a plutocrat insensitive to waste" (2/1).

TASTES GREAT, LESS BITTER? Dole visited the Nutfield Brewing Company in Londonderry, NH. On questions about his staff having earlier cancelled a visit there because it brews Old Man Ale, Dole: "I didn't cancel. I'm here." Dole, on Old Man Ale: "I just tried it. It's young and fresh." Old Man Ale is named after NH's oldest resident, the Old Man of the Mountain (Annis/McCool, UNION LEADER, 2/1). The event "underscored the tension inside his campaign in recent days." The visit returned to its original schedule after Merrill "intervened and other senior aides said the stop presented a perfect opportunity for a light moment after a tense week" (King, AP, 2/1).

CHINA GROVE: Dole is "putting together a big speech on China policy." DC insiders say he's "planning to take a tough stance on China's application to join the World Trade Organization -- arguing" that the U.S. "should not agree to let Beijing in unless it eases political repression and further opens its markets. With such a speech, Dole would be giving a nod toward the constituency" of Pat Buchanan (L.A. TIMES, 2/1).

LIDDY: Balto. SUN's Baer profiles Elizabeth Dole. E. Dole: "I would not be co-president." Baer: "We all know what she's really saying: She would not be Hillary Rodham Clinton (2/1).

OPINIONS: William Safire writes, "A contested organization needs a contested primary to shake down and shake up. The Dole campaign was in danger of sailing smoothly into stagnation. Now it is running scared -- which is the only way to run" (N.Y. TIMES, 2/1). FOSTER'S DAILY DEMOCRAT editorial: "The attacks against Dole magnify the inability of his opponents to offer anything in the way of positive and focused leadership during the next four years and beyond" (1/31).

*7 KEMP: WHO WILL GET THE GOLDEN ENDORSEMENT?

Steve Forbes, appearing on CNN's "LKL," commented on his 1/31 meeting with Jack Kemp and the fact that he has not made a presidential endorsement. Both Forbes and Bob Dole are seeking Kemp's backing. Forbes: "He will make up his own mind in his own

time. I can't speak for him, but when I got into this campaign, I made it very clear I was not in the endorsement game. ... When I saw him, I wasn't going to twist Jack's arm. You don't twist Jack Kemp's arm" ("LKL," CNN, 1/31). Kemp: "I'm going to keep my neutrality for now" (N.Y. POST, 2/1). CNN's Woodruff: "His [Jack Kemp] endorsement, or lack thereof, is the talk of this town and of New Hampshire." CNN's Randall: "Dole returned without something he very much wants." Analyst Stu Rothenberg: "Forbes has more to gain [than Dole] because of Kemp's stature in the party, because of Kemp's position as the Godfather of lower taxes, flatter taxes and conservative fiscal policy" ("IP," 1/31).

*8 CLINTON: COMMENT ON RESTORING DEM POWER RAISES EYEBROWS

L.A. TIMES' Richter reports that "a new breach is opening" between Pres. Clinton and many top Dems over what "they see as a reluctance to throw his full weight behind efforts to retake control" of the House in 11/96. House Dems, who recently were "warmly praising" Clinton for his stand in the budget impasse, "turned angry with him" for suggesting in a W. POST interview that he can have "only a limited benefit in campaigning to return them to office" (see HOTLINE, 1/31) (2/1). W. POST's Yang & Devroy report, on the other hand, top Dem lawmakers said they were not bothered by Clinton's 1/30 comments. Nonetheless, WH press sec. Mike McCurry still sought to reassure Dems of the president's support and desire to return them to power (2/1). CNN's Blitzer: "McCurry claims the President has and will continue to work hard to get Democrats elected." McCurry: "The point the President made is it's not enough just to say, 'We're Democrats. Vote for us.' What's important is to say, 'Here's what we will do. Here's why our vision counts and here's where we would propose to lead,' because that's what will win elections for the Democratic party" ("IP," 1/31). McCurry pointed out that Clinton raised \$1M in the effort to elect Rep. Ron Wyden (D-OR) to the seat of resigned Sen. Bob Packwood (R-OR) (W. POST, 2/1).

MIXED DEM REVIEWS: DNC co-chair Sen. Chris Dodd (D-CT), on Clinton's comments: "It shouldn't come as any great shock or surprise. If the President has said otherwise it would have been shocking news that his primary objective as President is to elect people to Congress" ("IP," 1/31). DCCC spokesperson Tricia Primrose, on Clinton: "He's been a huge help" (AP/Balto. SUN, 2/1). When House Dem Caucus chair Vic Fazio (CA) called the pres. to voice his "concern" over his statements, he said Clinton assured him of his support for the Dems (W. POST, 2/1). But an "exasperated" Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) said, "it's absurd -- recapturing the Congress has to be a primary goal," adding "dryly" that some Dems "won't want the president to campaign for them." Rep. Charles Schumer (D-NY): "There's a weariness between the House and the president." One Dem strategist said he received a "flurry of calls from irate would-be donors across the country and astounded House Democrats grouched that Clinton's 'triangulation' strategy -- to portray himself as a centrist

above the fray -- "has gone too far" (Rauber, N.Y. POST, 2/1). But retiring Rep. Pat Williams (D-MT) said, "The problem is not with Clinton -- it's that too many house Democrats scurry away from him" (L.A. TIMES, 2/1).

GOP REACTION: GOPers "pounced on the president's remarks" (W. POST, 2/1). NRCC chair Bill Paxon (NY): "It's clear that Bill Clinton considers House Democrats dead-weight to his 1996 strategy." An NRCC header reads, "Clinton to House Dems: See Ya!" (release, 1/31).

GENTLE REMINDER: Analyst Charlie Cook: "Keep in mind, you had the White House, a week or two before the '94 elections, suggesting that maybe it wouldn't be so bad to lose control of Congress, that it would help the President's chances of getting re-elected, so party loyalist he scores pretty low on" ("IP," CNN, 1/31).

COMEBACK KID CAMPAIGNS: Clinton, the first Dem to win NH in the general election since '64, returns to the state 2/2 to begin his '96 re-election campaign "in earnest." The two-day visit will be his first to NH in seven months and will be followed by another on 2/17, three days before the 2/20 NH primary. "The trips are unabashedly political, designed to gain media exposure and steal some thunder" from Bob Dole, Steve Forbes and others. Clinton faces no Dem opposition and "one could argue it would be wiser to focus on larger states that will be key to his efforts" in 11/96. But focusing on NH is "nothing new for Clinton, who says he holds a special place in his heart for the state where he campaigned virtually non-stop for months" in preparation for the '92 Dem primary, in which he finished second. "Whether it's because of his dedication to [NH] voters' apprehension with the Republican Congress or his Presidential record, Clinton remains popular in the state" (Tolme, AP/Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/1).

*9 BUCHANAN: FORBES REPLACES DOLE AS BUCHANAN BULL'S-EYE

Pat Buchanan campaigned in NH. WMUR's Andy Hershberger: "With a win in Alaska's straw poll in his back pocket, a confident Patrick Buchanan wasted no time in trying to turn that victory into momentum in New Hampshire, and he focused his attack on primary surprise Steve Forbes." Buchanan: "We won, and I think what it demonstrates is that there is one candidate in this race who can beat Steve Forbes and beat him not by talking about how much money he's got, but beat him on the issues. ... We're going to have a full head of steam right here because our issue of stop exporting American jobs and bringing them home is going to catch on" (1/31). Buchanan called Forbes a "dove" on stopping illegal immigration. Forbes spokesperson Gretchen Morgenson replied, "Forbes is definitely not a dove on illegal immigration" (Sobieraj, AP, 2/1). Buchanan jabbed at Forbes' inherited wealth: "I'm not going to attack the fact, however much money he got from his dad" (Cousineau, Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/1). Forbes spokesperson Paul Collins: "I wouldn't call winning the [AK] caucuses by two percentage points a great triumph. Clearly he came out ahead, but we're right on his heels. And as you well know, Senator Dole was a very, very distant third" (WMUR, 1/31).

MORE AK: UNION LEADER editorial: "It is apparent that a

majority of Republicans in Alaska and elsewhere want someone other than Bob Dole as their party's nominee. That the putative leader of the party, the nation's highest elected Republican, is able to command less than a third of his party's support is a devastating indictment. The plain meaning of the Alaska result is clear: Pat Buchanan is the conservative alternative to Bob Dole" (2/1). BOSTON HERALD editorial: "For those who think money is everything in presidential politics, Pat Buchanan's impressive win in the Alaska Republican caucuses offers an instructive lesson" (1/31). WMUR's Hershberger: "In 1992, Patrick Buchanan gained a lot of attention and a lot of New Hampshire primary votes campaigning against then-President Bush. But in 1996, he is just one of the pack hoping for something that'll help him catch Bob Dole and Steve Forbes" (1/31).

***10 GRAMM: TOUTS CONSERVATIVE CREDENTIALS, NO PRO-CHOICE VP**

Phil Gramm "stepped up his attacks" 1/31 on Bob Dole and Steve Forbes, saying "neither matches his conservative credentials." In a departure from a past statement, Gramm said he would not consider an abortion-rights advocate as a running mate, noting that he wants a conservative. In 2/95 Gramm told CNN's Frank Sesno that he would not rule out a pro-choice VP: "I'm not going to set a litmus test on who I'm going to choose on any one issue." Gramm "dismissed" Dole and Forbes, "predicting both would fade as voters began to focus on the race." He said Dole's support was "tissue-paper thin" and called Forbes an "impossible candidate" who supports abortion rights and gays in the military. Gramm noted that he sees Dole, not Forbes, as his opponent in SC. Gramm, on current Dole support in SC: "Pretty soon you'll hear a splash as all these fannies hit the chairs. These people always rush to the front-runner. But when the going gets tough they sit down." Though Gramm "has not generated hearty enthusiasm with voters in general, his campaign is plodding along with the self-assurance that not all races are won by the swift or those who catch the fancy of the media." (Bandy, Columbia STATE, 2/1). Gramm is interviewed in USA TODAY (2/1). N.Y. POST's Deborah Orin opines that Gramm's "nasal drawl grates in New England and Granite Staters are furious that Gramm -- well aware he was going nowhere there -- encouraged other states to move up their primaries to compete with New Hampshire." N.Y. POST header: "Gramm could be the first to fall" (2/1).

*11 GOP CANDIDATE SCHEDULES:

	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5
CLINTON		Manchestr	Manchestr		
	n/a	Concord	M'rrimack	n/a	n/a
202-331-1996		NH	NH		

ALEXANDER	Dubuque,	Manchestr		Nashville	CedarRpd
	IA	NH	NH	TN	IA
615-327-3350					

BUCHANAN	NH				Monroe
	LA	LA	LA	LA	Alexandria
703-848-1996					LA

DOLE		Spartanbg			
	NH	Mt. Plsnt	n/a	n/a	n/a
202-414-6400		SC			

FORBES	Council	DesMoines			
	Bluffs	Newton,	n/a	n/a	n/a
908-781-5111	IA	IA			

GRAMM	Shenandoh	Sioux Cty	Nashua,		
	DesMoines	Le Mars,	Gilford,	n/a	IA
202-467-8600	Cedr Rpd	Shldn,IA	NH		

KEYES	Iowa Cty,	Cedar Rp,	Ottumwa,	Ames	IA
	F. Madsn,	Muscatne,	DesMoines	IA	LA
503-463-1818	IA	IA	IA		

LUGAR				Hanover,	Bedford
	DC	DC	DC	Gilford	Manchester
202-544-3636				NH	NH

TAYLOR		IA,			
	IA	Omaha NE	NH	NH	NH

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

***12 OREGON SPECIAL: THE SPIN IS IN ON WYDEN'S WIN**

Rep. Ron Wyden (D-03), who defeated state Sen. Pres. Gordon Smith (R) by a narrow 48-47% margin to claim the seat of the disgraced Bob Packwood (R), may be sworn in as early as 2/5. Pres. Clinton, in his congratulatory phone call to Wyden, called himself the "second happiest fellow on Earth." WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry called the victory a "good omen" for Clinton because Wyden "'very forcefully and articulately' hit upon issues such as the need to safeguard the environment, Medicare and Medicaid, and education" (O'Connor, Portland OREGONIAN, 2/1). Wyden's term expires in '98. NBC's Brokaw: "Democrats are celebrating" (1/31). ABC's Jennings: "Good day for the Democrats" (1/31). CBS' Rather: "The Republican majority in the Senate is going down by one" (1/31). DSCC exec. dir. Don Foley: "The political message here is that we're putting the brakes on the Republican march." OREGONIAN's Mapes writes this is the "first sign from voters that Democrats, in some states, at least, can start to reverse their big congressional losses of 1994. At a minimum, the win gave Oregon Democrats a leg up in the race to replace" Sen. Mark Hatfield (R) later this year (2/1). AFL-CIO pol. dir. Steve Rosenthal: "The point of this election is that Wyden did not run away from Democratic values and Smith scared people with his conservative values" (W. POST, 2/1). House Min. Leader Dick Gephardt called the win a "crushing blow to the extremist agenda that has dominated this Republican Congress." He added, "To say that this election does not have national implications is like saying that an elephant doesn't have ears" (N.Y. TIMES, 2/1).

SPEAKING OF ELEPHANTS: GOPers "argued that Wyden's narrow win in as liberal a state as Oregon should serve as a wake-up call" to nat'l Dems. NRSC spokesperson Gordon Hensley: "Smith came within a hair of defeating a liberal Democrat in a liberal state. The vast majority of states which the Senate campaigns will be waged in 1996 are far less liberal." Hatfield: "Tying back to the national issues or the national party leadership doesn't necessary play out in Oregon" (O'Connor, OREGONIAN, 2/1). Radio talk-show host G. Gordon Liddy: "It was a narrow victory that does not resonate outside the state of Oregon" (WJFK, 1/31). Rush Limbaugh blamed the minor-party candidates for Wyden's victory, arguing that the American and Libertarian Party candidates took votes from the GOP. Limbaugh: "What we have here is a classic example of how we beat ourselves by splitting our vote because the people of Oregon voted 51 to 49 percent against Ron Wyden. ... The problem is that 51 percent was spread among three candidates. ... The independent candidacies gave this election to a liberal Democrat who doesn't even know who's running Canada, who doesn't even know where Bosnia is on a map. ... [He] probably couldn't find Washington if he had to change planes on the way." More Rush: "Doesn't it seem to fit that our first mail-order senator would be a Democrat" (WMAL-Radio, 1/31).

HATFIELD SEAT: Smith mgr. Dan Lavey said Smith "does not

intend" to run for Hatfield's seat: "He's committed himself emotionally, physically and financially to this effort [against Wyden]. It's time to go back to his family and picking peas" (Mapes, OREGONIAN, 1/31). However, Smith "does not rule out running ... and pressure could mount on Smith to run by the May primary." Smith: "It is unlikely that I will, but I'm trying to listen to a whole lot of people who are urging me to consider it." He may "end up looking like the strongest GOP candidate." Ex-OR GOP chair Craig Berkman said many people believe the party lacks a "candidate who could win the general election" (OREGONIAN, 2/1). GOP primary cand./Labor Commis. Jack Roberts, on Smith: "He should take two weeks off, rest, relax, then get right back in the saddle." Roberts said if Smith decides against running, he is "strongly leaning towards running himself. Businessman Bill Witt (R) has already begun campaigning and state House Speaker Bev Clarno (R) is "exploring her choices." Another possible is OR GOP chair Randy Miller. On the Dem side, the current "frontrunner" is Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-04), who lost to Wyden in the primary; DeFazio is expected to announce his plans within two weeks (Esteve, Eugene REGISTER-GUARD, 1/31). Announced Dems: businessman/'90 Hatfield foe Harry Lonsdale and ex-OR Dem chair Joe Smith. Likely Dem: businessman Tom Bruggere. Filing deadline: 3/12. Primary: 5/21.

EDITORIALS: W. TIMES: "Any way you slice it, this is a win for the Democratic Party. But it is hardly the epochal triumph that Mr. Gephardt is attempting to claim. In tennis terms, though Mr. Wyden's win may be a point for the liberal team, it is hardly game, let alone set or match" (2/1). Balto. SUN: "The vote ... was so close that only a Democratic spin doctor could accord it national significance and only a very brave soul would proclaim the end to Oregonian idiosyncrasy" (2/1). PHILA. INQUIRER: "Don't bring out the donkeys just yet. Oregon, in fact, is not a microcosm of the country. It's loaded with tree-huggers and light on churchgoers" (2/1).

***13 OREGON SPECIAL: EXIT POLL RESULTS**

Voter News Service polled 1,192 people between 1/24-29 who either voted or were likely to vote in the Senate race between Rep. Ron Wyden (D-03) and state Senate Pres. Gordon Smith (R); margin of error +/- 3%.

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE		VOTED WYDEN	VOTED SMITH
Education	15%	60%	35%
Abortion	15	42	55
Taxes	14	35	58
Federal budget	13	14	78
GOP performance	12	57	39
Environment	12	72	22
Clinton performance	6	42	58

(Portland OREGONIAN, 1/31).

TOP ISSUE FOR WYDEN VOTERS		TOP ISSUE FOR SMITH VOTERS	
Education	19%	Budget	23%
Environment	17	Taxes	18

GENDER GAP (MoE: +/- 4%) THOSE WHO VOTED IN '96, BUT NOT '94

	MEN	WOMEN	(MoE +/- 5.5%)
Wyden	41%	52%	Wyden 49%
Smith	51	44	Smith 46

EFFECT OF CLINTON POLICIES ON VOTE

Support	28%
Oppose	25
No Effect	43

("Inside Politics," CNN, 1/31).

EFFECT OF GOP CONGRESS ON VOTE

Support Republican Agenda	21%
Oppose Republican Agenda	29
No impact	47

("Today," NBC, 1/31).

METHOD OF VOTING PREFERENCE

Mail	47%	Wyden	14%
Polling Place	19	Smith	12
No Difference	31	Both	72

(CBS, 1/31).

WHO MADE UNFAIR CHARGES?

*14 ALABAMA: DAVIS HITS BEDFORD ON ETHICS

Birmingham/Southern Univ.'s Natalie Davis (D) is charging one of her Dem primary opponents, state Sen. Roger Bedford, with "violating the spirit of the state ethics law by accepting contributions to his U.S. Senate campaign while the Legislature is still in session." She accused Bedford of "exploiting a loophole" in AL law, although soliciting campaign funds while seeking a federal office "is not covered" under the AL ethics law. Davis: "Though the law may technically apply only to state races, its intent was clear" (AP/BIRMINGHAM NEWS, 1/29).

EDITORIAL: DECATUR DAILY calls Rep. Glen Browder's (D-03) entry into the race for retiring Sen. Howell Heflin's (D) seat "a plus" for Dems who need "a strong candidate to counter surging Republicans." The editorial states that other Dems in the race -- Bedford, Davis, and Wayne Sowell -- "don't have the public image necessary to get elected in Alabama" (1/28). GOPers: physician Walter Clark, ex-Public Service Commis. Jim Zeigler, atty Frank McRight, AG Jeff Sessions, businessman Sid McDonald, '94 gov. primary cand. Winton Blount, state Sen. Albert Lipscomb, '92 nominee Richard Sellers, Birmingham City Councilmember Jimmy Blake, and businessman Charles Woods. Filing deadline: 4/5. Primary: 6/4.

*15 MAINE: OTTEN RESORTS NOT TO RUN

Ski resort owner Les Otten (R), who formed an exploratory cmte just last week, announced he would not seek the GOP nomination to succeed the retiring Sen. Bill Cohen (R). Otten said "that his business prevented him from pursuing a dream to run for public office": "I'm in the midst of achieving another

dream -- building one of the world's finest ski resort enterprises, headquartered here in Maine. I've got my hands full. Pursuing a Senate run at this point in time would mean abandoning that effort in midstream." Otten's decision leaves businessman Robert Monks (R), who ran for the Senate in '72 and '76, as the only declared GOP candidate. But it also may "entice" '94 GOP gov. nominee Susan Collins into the race "because they share many supporters from the business sector." Otten: "I think Susan has an eye for politics that is still twitching, so I wouldn't be surprised if she runs." For her part, Collins said that she is now "more likely to run." Other GOPers considering entering the 6/11 primary include state Sens. Joel Abromson and John Hathaway. The Dem field consists of ex-Gov. Joe Brennan, journalist Jean Hay, ex-state Sen. Phil Merrill and businessman Jerald Leonard. Dem possibles: ME House Speaker Dan Gwadosky and state Sens. Sean Faircloth & Rochelle Pingree. Others: ex-state Rep./Reform Party operative Stephen Bost (I), ME Taxpayers Party's Bill Clarke, and Green Party's John Rensenbrink (Campbell, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, 2/1). Filing deadline: 3/15.

*16 NEBRASKA: HAGEL HITS AIR; NELSON WON'T STUMP

Businessman Chuck Hagel (R) aired his first TV ad in his bid to succeed the retiring Sen. James Exon (D). PARTIAL TEXT of the 60-sec. spot: "I fought in Vietnam where my brother and I were wounded. I served President Reagan. I started my own business, creating hundreds of new jobs. Now, I'm running for the United States Senate because we don't need more career politicians in Washington. We need lower taxes, less government, a balanced budget and more personal responsibility. That's what I'll fight for" (release, 1/29). Hagel's GOP opponent, AG Don Stenberg, was endorsed by ex-Sen. Roman Hruska (release, 1/25).

HALF NELSON? The likely Dem nominee, Gov. Ben Nelson, was asked about his campaign strategy: "If you believe, as I do, that good government is the best politics, then being a good governor is a great campaign strategy to run for the U.S. Senate. Am I out on the stump campaigning? I don't think so" (Kotok, OMAHA WORLD HERALD, 1/30). Filing deadline: 3/1. Primary: 5/14.

*17 NEW MEXICO: ANOTHER DEM ENTERS THE RACE

Atty/journalist Eric Treisman (D) announced he would seek the Dem nomination for the seat held by Sen. Pete Domenici (R). A former contributing editor of Harper's magazine, Treisman said his campaign "would stress development of a commercial spaceport" in NM and "expansion of the national space program as a way to create high-paying jobs." DNC member Art Trujillo and atty Francesca Lobato are also seeking the Dem nod (AP, 1/31). Filing deadline: 2/13. Primary: 6/4).

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

*18 OUTTA THE HOUSE: DEPARTURES REACH JACK BENNY PROPORTIONS

The list of those not returning in '97 now stands at 39 (26 Dems, 13 GOPers). Not every Senate candidate listed below has officially announced. In addition, Rep. Walter Tucker (D-CA 37)

has resigned, Rep. Ron Wyden (D-OR 03) may be sworn into the Senate as early as 2/5, and Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-MD 07) will leave, effective 2/15. Current makeup of the House: 236 R, 197 D, 1 I, 1 vacant.

TOTAL OUTTA THE HOUSE -- 39 (26D, 13R)

RETIREEES -- 27 (18D, 9R)

AL 04	Bevill (D)	MS 03	Montgomery (D)
AR 01	Lincoln (D)	MT AL	Williams (D)
AR 02	Thornton (D)	NV 02	Vucanovich (R)
CA 24	Beilenson (D)	NC 07	Rose (D)
CA 27	Moorhead (R)	OK 03	Brewster (D)
CO 01	Schroeder (D)	PA 05	Clinger (R)
FL 02	Peterson (D)	PA 16	Walker (R)
FL 19	Johnston (D)	TX 02	Wilson (D)
IL 07	Collins (D)	TX 08	Fields (R)
IN 07	Myers (R)	TX 12	Geren (D)
IN 10	Jacobs (D)	TX 15	de la Garza (D)
KS 03	Meyers (R)	TX 16	Coleman (D)
MA 10	Studds (D)	WI 03	Gunderson (R)
MO 07	Hancock (R)		

RUNNING FOR THE SENATE -- 12 (8D, 4R)

AL 03	Browder (D)	NJ 09	Torricelli (D)
CO 04	Allard (R)	NJ 12	Zimmer (R)
IL 20	Durbin (D)	RI 02	Reed (D)
KS 01	Roberts (R)	SD AL	Johnson (D)
LA 02	Jefferson (D)	TX 01	Chapman (D)
LA 07	Hayes (R)	TX 05	Bryant (D)

***19 AZ 06: OWENS HAS "UPHILL BATTLE" AGAINST HAYWORTH**

ARIZONA REPUBLIC's Willey writes that ex-AZ Dem chair Steve Owens has an "uphill battle" in his race against frosh Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R), especially since Hayworth's "Limbaugh-style intonations" sell well in the district. However, Owen's internal polling reveals "significant Hayworth vulnerabilities." One-third of the CD's likely voters say they have a "negative opinion" of the incumbent. Also, Owens has raised nearly \$116,000, more money than any AZ Dem cong. challenger has "raised this early." It ranks Owens' war chest "among the six or eight richest" of Dem challengers in the country (1/31). Filing deadline: 6/27. Primary: 9/10.

***20 CA 41: SAMSUNG PLEADS GUILTY ON ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTION TO KIM**

Samsung America, indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of "illegally funneling contributions" to Rep. Jay Kim (R) in '92, has agreed to plead guilty. A month ago, two other Korea-headquartered companies, Hyundai Motor American and Korean Air Lines, "pleaded guilty to similar charges and paid fines totaling \$850,000, the largest ever levied for campaign finance fraud." Samsung admitted using five employees as conduits for a \$10,000 contribution to Kim; the five were reimbursed by the company. Kim, first elected in '92, is the first Korean-American

elected to Congress; he has not been charged with any crime. Kim, in a statement: "Neither my campaign nor I had any knowledge that Samsung America reimbursed the personal contributions of its employees. As this was an internal corporate action, there is no way my campaign or I could have known about such reimbursements" (L.A. TIMES, 2/1). Dems: atty Richard Waldron and Bruce Robbins. Primary: 3/26.

***21 CO 01: MONEY-RAISER ANNOUNCES FOR SCHROEDER OPEN SEAT**

State Rep. Doug Friednash (D), who has a "reputation for raising money and building consensus," will seek the seat being vacated by Rep. Pat Schroeder (D). Friednash: "People feel alienated. They're angry and feel disconnected from Washington." A "handful" of Dems are expected to seek the party's; community activist Les Franklin (D) has already announced (Kelly, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 1/31). State Rep. Glenda Lyle (D), who announced her candidacy "within hours" of Schroeder's retirement announcement, will not run. After "sizing up the competition" she has "apparently changed her mind" (Blake, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 1/31). Dem possibles: state Rep. Diana DeGette, Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and/or his wife, Wilma Webb. GOPers: paramedic Dan Stewart and atty Joe Rogers.

***22 GA 02: BULLDOG GOFF MAY BARK UP BISHOP'S TREE**

Ray Goff, who was recently ousted as the football coach of the Univ/GA, said he is "considering" a race for Congress, but has not disclosed his party preference: "I'm very interested. I still need to talk to a lot of people and figure out if it's something that's right for me." Top Dems have encouraged Goff's entry into politics, but if he runs from his hometown he would face Rep. Sanford Bishop (D), one of GA's three black incumbents, in the Dem primary. House Speaker Tom Murphy (D) said he would "support" Goff if he runs against Bishop: "Whatever he decided to do, I'd be glad to help him." Wayne Newton, a Colquitt Co. Dem, said, "We down here would elect him overwhelmingly. We feel strongly Sanford Bishop has been a good congressman, but when Ray Goff's name comes up, it's a whole new ballgame." But GA Dem exec. dir. Steve Anthony said the "predominantly white party leadership is 'absolutely not' trying to recruit Goff to challenge Bishop." Goff said he could run in the 11th CD, where the only announced cand. is Rep. John Linder (R), who moved there from his 4th CD because the state's entire cong. map was redrawn; 11th CD incumbent Cynthia McKinney (D) will run in the 4th. Of course, Goff could also run as a Republican. GA GOP chair Rusty Paul said the party wants "somebody from their part of the state that can represent their ideas and their viewpoints. Ray Goff's name immediately came to mind." Goff led the GA Bulldogs to the '77 Sugar Bowl (Alexander/Barnhart, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 2/1).

***23 OR 03: TWO DEMS READY TO BATTLE FOR WYDEN SEAT**

State Sen. Shirley Gold (D), who said she was running even before Rep. Ron Wyden (D) was elected to fill the vacant Senate seat (see HOTLINE, 1/31), "fired up her fax machine as soon as the election results were in" and said her campaign was "hitting

high gear" (AP, 1/31). She will officially declare her candidacy today. Portland City Commissioner Earl Blumenauer (D) plans to announce in the next couple of weeks. Both have already assembled volunteers, begun raising money and hired staff. Gov. John Kitzhaber (D) will decide by next week whether to conduct a primary election or simply have the parties choose nominees for the remainder of Wyden's term. A special general election could coincide with the state's 5/21 primary (Portland OREGONIAN, 2/1). Dems have held the seat since 1955.

*24 UT 02: COOK MAY RETURN TO THE GOP KITCHEN

Merrill Cook (I), who left the GOP eight years ago "in a fit of disillusionment," may return to the Republican fold and run for the seat of embattled frosh Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz (R). Gov. Mike Leavitt (R) "threw out the welcome mat" last week, and if enough GOP leaders follow suit, Cook's "days as an independent spoiler are over." Cook ran against Waldholtz and then-Rep. Karen Shepard (D) in '94, winning 18% of the vote. It was his sixth failed attempt to win public office and, he said, his last. But then Waldholtz's "promising career imploded amid allegations of financial wrongdoing." Leavitt: "I told him that if he wanted to join the party again he would be welcome. ... If he runs for office, he needs to be willing to go through the same process as anyone else." But "therein lies the hangup for Cook: the process. And the possibility that other Republicans may not be as forgiving as Leavitt," whom Cook challenged for gov. in '92, winning 265,000 votes as an ind. The risk for Cook is that at a GOP convention, he "may be torpedoed by activist rank-and-file who consider him a turncoat" (Maddox, SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, 2/1). Other GOP possibles: ex-Waldholtz aides David Harmer & Greg Engeman, state Sen. Stephen Rees, UT Community Developer dir. Carol Nixon, atty Paul Hatch, businessman Ken Woolley, and CPA Todd Neilson. Announced Dem: atty Ross Anderson. Likely Dem: atty Jim McConkie. Waldholtz has not announced her '96 plans. Filing deadline: 3/18. Primary: 6/25.

===== POLL UPDATE =====

*25 CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP: CLINTON GETS BIG SOTU BUMP

1,216 adults surveyed 1/26-29; margin of error +/- 3%
 Subsamples: 1,039 registered voters, +/- 3%. 473 registered GOPers, +/- 5% (release, 1/31).

(among RVs)

GOP PRIMARY	NOW	1/12-15	GENERAL	NOW	1/12-15
Dole	47%	55%	Clinton	54%	48%
Forbes	16	12	Dole	42	49
Gramm	8	6			
Buchanan	7	5			
Lugar	3	2			
Alexander	3	3			
Dornan	1	--			
Keyes	1	3			
Undecided	14	14			

(among all)

CLINTON JOB	NOW	1/12-15
Approve	52%	46%
Disapprove	42	47

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

*26 THIS MORNING: "FOX Morning News" hosted Reps. Chris Shays (R-CT) and Earl Pomeroy (D-ND). "Imus in the Morning" hosted Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) and MA Gov. Bill Weld (R). CNBC's "Capital Gains" hosted Sen. John Breaux (D-LA) and Rep. John Boehner (R-OH).

LAST NIGHT: ABC, CBS, NBC and "NewsHour" led with the Fed's rate cut. CNN led with terrorism in Sri Lanka. "NewsHour" focused on farm subsidies with House Agriculture chair Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND). "NewsHour" also interviewed retiring Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NJ). CNN's "Talk Back Live" hosted Morry Taylor, AP's Mike Glover, Dem pollster Jeffrey Pollack and conservative activist Genevieve Wood. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Sens. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Russ Feingold (D-WI). CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Clarence Page. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted Steve Forbes. ABC's "Nightline" examined the Kennedy/Kassebaum health insurance reform proposal with Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS), ex-Senate Maj. Leader George Mitchell (D-ME) and AEI's Norm Ornstein.

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on Sen.-elect Ron Wyden (D-OR) succeeding Bob Packwood: "That is a lot of pressure on Wyden -- that's a mighty big tongue to replace. Unlike Packwood, Wyden said he will only use his tongue for good, not evil." Leno, on Clinton's interview with the W. POST: "Clinton said today in his second term he wants to be a new kind of Democrat. Maybe just getting a second term would make him a new kind of Democrat." Leno, on Clinton's support for school uniforms to help curb violence: "Do you think uniforms cut down on violence? It works so well at the post office" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 1/31).

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

"I'm trying to figure out a way to worm my way
back into the Clinton camp."

-- Don Imus, after predicting that nobody will be able to beat
the president in '96, WFAN, 2/1

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A quick look at how much some |
candidates spent during 1995 in | AS MAINE GOES, |
a couple of key early states on | SO GOES ANDREWS? |
the road to the WH. |

| Many ME Democrats have |
A PROXY MATE (#3) | not been shy at expressing |
Trying to avoid resurrecting | dismay over the prospect of |
the angry ghosts of '88, Dole | ex-Gov. Joe Brennan leading |
employs NH Gov. Steve Merrill | them into the '96 Senate |
to be his surrogate striker in | race. The entry of |
a new ad critical of Forbes. | Brennan, loser of the last |
| 2 gov. races, forced out |

GREEN DAY (#14) | Rep. John Baldacci (D), |
Check out Part I of HOTLINE's | called the party's best |
listing of Senate FEC reports | chance to win the seat of |
and learn how much loot is in | the retiring Bill Cohen. |
each candidate's coffers. | MAJOR TOM: Up steps ex- |

| Rep. Tom Andrews (D), the |
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But from the wrong Bill. | Amer. Way. He cited |

After having toured around DC | concerns over the Dem field |
with HRC tormentor Al D'Amato, | and said he may get in -- |
MA Gov. Weld's defense of the | but he himself was routed |
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well with the NRSC chair. | ON THE OTHER HAND: The |
| GOP choice may be between |
<http://PoliticsUSA.com>	Robert Monks, who got	
Need a hotel room in IA?		creamed by Ed Muskie in
Need a map of a NH county?		'76, and Susan Collins, its
Then see "Campaign 96:		'94 gov. nominee who took
Special Report."		just 23% of the vote. (#16)

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

"Watching Republicans bash Forbes for being rich
is like watching sumo wrestlers call each other 'Fatso.'"
-- ST. PETERSBURG TIMES' Howard Troxler, 2/2

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INFLATION

At this point in their battle for the '76 GOP nomination, Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan each spent \$1.5M. In the '96 cycle, Bob Dole has spent \$20.8M; Phil Gramm, \$19.4M; and Lamar Alexander, \$11M. God only knows how much Steve Forbes has spent.

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

*1 CALIFORNIA: DOLE LEADS FORBES, CLINTON LEADS BOTH

A S.F. EXAMINER Poll, conducted 1/27-30 by Mason Dixon/PMR, surveyed 807 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsample: 252 likely GOP primary voters, +/- 6% (2/2). Primary: 3/26. Delegates: 163.

GOP PRIMARY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Dole	30%	27%	33%	47%/ 24%	100%
Forbes	18	20	16	36 / 22	93
Buchanan	9	12	6	25 / 38	96
Gramm	7	9	5	31 / 27	94
Alexander	5	4	6	19 / 12	70
Dornan	4	6	2	15 / 15	68
Keyes	2	3	1	12 / 7	50
Lugar	1	1	1	12 / 8	62
Taylor	--	--	--	5 / 6	34
Undecided	24	18	30		

GENERAL ELECTION

Clinton 50%	Clinton 53%	Clinton 48%	Clinton 47%
Dole 37	Gramm 29	Forbes 36	Dole 35
		Perot 10	

CLINTON RE-ELECT	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	FAV/UNFAV
Re-elect	42%	31%	53%	Clinton 47%/ 32%
Consider another	24	23	25	
Replace	34	46	22	

*2 NEW HAMPSHIRE: POLL SHOWS THREE-WAY STATISTICAL DEAD HEAT

The American Research Group tracking poll, conducted 1/30-2/1, surveyed 473 likely GOP primary voters; margin of error +/- 4.5% (2/1). Primary 2/20, 16 Dels.

ARG TRACKING

GOP PRIMARY	1/30-2/1	1/29-31	1/28-30	1/27-29
Dole	24%	25%	27%	29%

Forbes	17	19	18	18
Buchanan	16	14	13	13
Gramm	9	8	8	7
Lugar	6	7	8	7
Alexander	5	6	5	6
Keyes	3	3	3	2
Taylor	2	2	2	1
Dornan	--	--	0	0
DK/other	17	16	15	16

*3 DOLE: BRINGS OUT THE BIG GUN TO ATTACK FORBES

"At long last, Bob Dole and his campaign handlers have rolled out their ace in the hole, their big gun -- Gov. Steve Merrill. And not a moment too soon." Merrill hit the NH airwaves 2/1 in a new Dole TV ad blasting Steve Forbes and his flat tax plan just as a BOSTON GLOBE/WBZ poll was released showing Forbes nine points ahead of Dole among likely NH GOP primary voters (see HOTLINE 2/1). In the final 18 days before the 2/20 primary, Merrill said he'll "assume a much higher profile" in contrasting what he called Dole's "positive message" to Forbes' negative one, and in attacking the Forbes flat tax, which he contended "raises our taxes in New Hampshire." Merrill: "Three weeks is more than enough time to clarify the differences between Bob Dole and any other candidate because now is when they're serious. ... I'm delighted that Steve Forbes is going to get even more scrutiny." Despite the GLOBE poll results, Dole "appeared unfazed" during his NH campaign stops yesterday. Dole: "I'm not going to worry about polls. ... We're going to win this. ... If I worried about every poll, I'd probably have an Excedrin headache." But "behind the scenes the mood [in the Dole camp] was quite different." One top Dole supporter commented, "They're scared to death." Regardless, Merrill indicated in an interview that Dole "will no longer personally attack Forbes, on the campaign trail, as he did in Iowa earlier this week." Merrill said Dole "is aware that he should not appear bitter and angry" (DiStaso, Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/2).

MERRILL'S PRESTIGE ON THE LINE: AP's King writes "sending Merrill into battle against Forbes is part of a calculated Dole campaign effort to leave sharp attacks on Forbes to surrogates or other candidates and have Dole focus on a more upbeat message focused on contrast with Pres. Clinton. ... But the decision to put Merrill's prestige on the line in the effort to blunt Forbes reflected the volatility of the GOP race" (2/2). CNN's Shaw: "The Dole campaign is on the attack against Forbes" ("IP," 2/1). WMUR's Carl Cameron: "With Dole sagging in the polls, there's a new high-powered attack on Steve Forbes" (2/1). More Cameron: "Bob Dole finally broke down and began bashing Steve Forbes' flat tax." Dole, at a campaign stop: "I'm not a rocket scientist, but it occurred to me, that, you know, that there may be some snake oil here somewhere" (2/1). N.Y. POST's Orin notes that Dole "carefully avoided mentioning Forbes by name" in his "snake oil" comment (2/2).

AD TEXT: Text of Dole's new 30-sec. NH TV ad (producer: Stuart Stevens): AUDIO: Merrill: "The Steve Forbes income tax

plan increases the deficit and raises our taxes. The typical New Hampshire household will pay \$2,000 more in taxes -- and we lose our property tax deduction and our mortgage interest deduction. That's bad for New Hampshire taxes and bad for our economy. Bob Dole has been fighting Bill Clinton for a balanced budget that cuts taxes and spending. That's the strong conservative leadership we need" (release, 2/1).

AD FACT CHECK & SOME REAX: Under header, "Merrill's Analysis of Forbes Tax Flawed," CONCORD MONITOR's Timberg writes that the analysis on which the ad claim was based "ignored exemptions that all homeowners would receive. If those exemptions are included --\$36,000 for a family of four -- the real tax bill would be more than \$4,400 lower, not higher as Merrill claims" (2/2). UNION LEADER's DiStaso notes when Merrill calls Forbes' flat tax plan the "Forbes income tax," it was designed to "liken the Forbes plan to state income tax proposals boosted by GOP and Democratic [gubernatorial] candidates Merrill handily defeated in 1992 and 1994" (2/2).

THE STRATEGY: The Dole camp says it now has two "primary goals": "fuel voter doubts about Forbes as untested and out-of-touch with ordinary people," and "remind voters why they were for Bob Dole back when he was the clear front-runner: by stressing his leadership and experience and presenting him as trustworthy" (Orin, N.Y. POST, 2/2). The Dole camp released another new ad in NH which "highlights Dole's inspiring personal history, including his dramatic sacrifice in World War II" (Vick, W. POST, 2/2).

THE DOLE CAMP REACTS TO THE GLOBE POLL: Dole: "Polls are polls, we love them when we're ahead. When we're behind, we don't talk about them." WMUR's Cameron: "So don't expect to hear much about polls from Dole, because as New Hampshire's primary nears, it's looking like more and more like the term 'frontrunner' may no longer accurately describe Bob Dole." Gov. Steve Merrill, asked about the volatile polls: "Nothing surprises me in New Hampshire. In the last few weeks of a race, they always get close. There's always a horse race in New Hampshire, that is what makes this state such a good one" (2/1). NBC's Bloom: "Dole never flinched. ... [He] tried to project himself as a man above it all." Dole: "My advice would be, 'Don't buy a pig in a poke'" (2/1).

OTHERS REACT: BOSTON GLOBE's Nyhan: "Dole ... is coming down like an ancient fir on the backside of Mount Washington. The Dole campaign -- the wheels are off and they're dragging Bob back to town at this point" ("Inside Politics," CNN, 2/1). GOP strategist Ed Rollins: "The expectations game now works to Bob Dole's advantage. People would have said before if he would have got 50% of the vote in Iowa, they would have said, 'Gee, should have had seventy'" ("Crossfire," CNN, 2/1). THE STANDARD's Bill Kristol: "I think Dole's in trouble, but I think he will come back. ... Dole is now about to come back. ... He could even survive a loss in New Hampshire and win, because I think he beats Forbes one-on-one ultimately." ABC's Roberts, on whether it's over for Dole if he loses NH to Forbes: "Well, it might not be. ... Keep in mind New Hampshire does go for these characters who are not the most charismatic of people. Paul Tsongas won New

Hampshire" ("GMA," ABC, 2/2).

NO SHOW OF TEMPER: During a stop in NH, "one reporter tried to prod Dole into a show of temper, asking whether Forbes was 'lying about your record.'" Dole didn't bite, answering quietly, "He's not being very accurate" (UNION LEADER, 2/2).

*4 FORBES: VISITS IA TO BOOST HIS NEW STRENGTH

In IA, Forbes "added a ground game to his campaign" as he began a bus tour across the state. On the recent BOSTON GLOBE poll which showed him leading Bob Dole by nine points, Forbes told reporters his own internal campaign polls show the race to be "much closer than that. ... But I think the trend is very clear." In IA, the news "is nearly as good." Polls show Forbes "gaining in the race," and local county GOP officials report Dole "is slipping and Forbes is gaining." One reason for Forbes' "surge" is "all the first-timers who are joining his campaign" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 2/2). Forbes "encountered enthusiastic and relatively large crowds," as well as "tough questions on divisive social issues" like abortion and same-sex marriages. While there appeared to be "general support" in IA for Forbes' economic proposals, there was "less obvious" agreement on his approach to social questions. Forbes, asked whether he approves of same-sex marriages: "I'm afraid I'm hopelessly conventional. If you want to live together, that's fine. If you want to have a life together, fine. But all I can say is compassion is not approval." Later, Forbes "said he was opposed" to same-sex marriages (Hines, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 2/2). NBC's Bloom: "The multi-millionaire publisher rolled through frigid Iowa with new confidence" (2/1). N.Y. TIMES' Tollerson: "[Forbes'] sugar coated ridicule for his rivals is drawing enthusiastic applause and robust laughter from voters" (2/2).

GA FUND-RAISER: Forbes "interrupted" his campaign schedule in IA to fly to Atlanta for a \$1,000-a-plate chicken dinner with 150 "well-heeled Atlantans." The dinner is part of his effort "to deflect charges that he is trying to buy the nomination." Forbes: "Citizens want to participate with their own resources to get the message of growth and opportunity out to the American people" (Sherman, COX/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 2/2).

FINANCING NEWS: Forbes said "he might pay for his general election campaign with his own money" if he wins the GOP nomination. Under federal law, the GOP and Dem nominees will be given \$60M each in taxpayers money if they don't fund-raise and agree to spend no more than that amount. If Forbes refuses public funds, "he could spend as much of his estimated \$400 million estate as he wished." Forbes: "I'm going to make a challenge to the Democrats, when I win, not to take taxpayers' money. If they turn down the challenge and take the taxpayers' money, we'll make the decision on this based on the best way to beat Bill Clinton" (Rezendes, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/2). According to Forbes press sec. Gretchen Morgenson, the cand. "has no intention of someday recouping the money" he's spent on the campaign. She "labeled 'erroneous' various reports that Forbes intends to repay himself the money from his campaign either with federal funds or contributor funds" (DiStaso, Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/2).

BAD HANDS: AP's Keil reports that in the mid-80s, Forbes' campaign advisers Carter Wrenn and Tom Ellis ran a non-profit group that was "stripped of its tax-exempt status" after authorities concluded "it had not delivered the projects it promised donors and had engaged in politics." As co-directors of the non-profit Coalition for Freedom, they raised more than \$1M from direct-mail appeals to conservatives. Wrenn and Ellis did not return calls to comment on the story (2/2).

CAN HE BE THE NOMINEE? ABC's Roberts, on whether Forbes can be the GOP nominee: "Stranger things have happened." THE STANDARD's Kristol: "We've seen people like Steve Forbes win Senate races, that is a rich businessman gets in and spends a lot of money on TV ... I don't think it can be done at the presidential level" ("GMA," 2/1). Dem strategist Bob Beckel: "I don't believe that Forbes is going to win either Iowa or New Hampshire" ("CBS This Morning," 2/2).

GANG TACKLE: On Forbes' ads, Dick Lugar: "The sheer quantity is indefensible. It is overwhelming. It is turning people off to politics altogether" ("IP," 2/1). Gramm general chair Charlie Black: "What people are only beginning to learn is that Forbes agrees with Clinton on all the important social issues -- abortion and gays in the military. All this is going to come out. People are going to learn this guy is an ordinary garden-variety liberal Republican" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 2/2). Forbes' GOP rivals "are attacking him with the sort of raw, 'class warfare' tactics GOP critics have long ascribed" to Dems. Dole: "[The election] doesn't go to the person who goes to work in a helicopter." At the "very least, the attacks are a rhetorical departure" for GOPers "who have traditionally denounced" Dems "for attempting to fan voter resentment of the wealthy" (Chandler, W. POST, 2/2). St. PETE TIMES' Troxler: "Watching Republicans bash Forbes for being rich is like watching sumo wrestlers call each other 'Fatso'" (2/2).

BITS & PIECES: BOSTON GLOBE's Nyhan: "Forbes is going to come down big in the next couple of weeks as his compatriots in the race turn their fire on him. ... The more people are exposed to [the flat tax], the more they turn off it. [NH] got the flat tax flu before everybody else and they're going to get the cure before everybody else." CNN's Shaw: "Conventional wisdom claimed Steve Forbes had about as much chance of winning the Republican presidential nod as a snowball in Hell. Well, that snowball is on a roll" ("IP," 2/1). WMUR's Cameron: "While Forbes calls himself an outsider, he retains two lobbying firms: Ingersoll Bloch and Public Affairs Consultants and has financed 23 congressional campaigns with nearly \$45,000, twice exceeding the legal limit. Forbes also won't release his tax returns or campaign spending totals. Not illegal, but questionable for a self-proclaimed outsider" (2/1). PHILA. INQUIRER editorial: "The Forbes campaign is one part idea-mongering, one part character assassination" (2/2). NBC's Myers: "Forbes, the 'Outsider,' has run more misleading ads than any candidate in this race." ("Today," 2/2). N.Y. TIMES' Lewis: "My guess is that he will look increasingly flaky. ... [His] real contribution should be to make us think of ways to overcome the Supreme Court's misguided

1976 decision that limiting how much political candidates can spend on themselves violates their freedom of speech" (2/2). W.S. JOURNAL's Gigot: "The most striking fact about Mr. Forbes's rise is how well he's doing among the middle class and independents, not the Republican rich" (2/2). AMES DAILY TRIBUNE's Gartner: "Forbes like Perot before him, doesn't seem to understand. So he's spending tens of millions of dollars of his own money and when it's all over -- when Bob Dole gets the nomination -- Forbes will have learned two things: Politics isn't business. It's serious business" (DES MOINES REGISTER, 2/2).

*5 BUCHANAN: PREDICTING A FORBES/BUCHANAN RACE

Reacting to Steve Forbes' rise in the polls, Pat Buchanan "said he was the only true leader in the race." Buchanan: "Steve Forbes has a temporary parking place for voters looking for leadership outside of Washington. They're going to get it. We will do well so that it comes out a Buchanan-Forbes race. ... If Senator Dole doesn't do better than he's doing now, I don't see how [his candidacy] goes national because his [strength] was inevitability." Buchanan "hit" Forbes "as insensitive to the American worker": "[People] are getting to know the real agenda of Steve Forbes. Steve Forbes represents transnational corporations who send American jobs overseas by the millions" (Elrick, CONCORD MONITOR, 2/2). Behind Dole and Forbes, Buchanan "now appears to lead the rest of the pack" (Sobieraj, AP, 2/2).

PRO-LIFE RUNNING MATE: Buchanan told the NH Legislature he will choose a pro-life running mate and be the most pro-life president in U.S. history (Tibbetts, Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/2). Nashua TELEGRAPH's Merritt: "On the whole, Buchanan got a rousing reception from the Legislature, considering he has endorsements from only 12 state representatives and two senators" (2/2). Buchanan "derided" President's Day for making Americans "look up to Chester Arthur, Millard Fillmore and Franklin Pierce." Buchanan was "apparently unaware -- or uncaring -- that Pierce was the only pres. to come from NH and that the state capital is home to Franklin Pierce Law School" (AP).

PROFILE: CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Armstrong profiles Buchanan: "He often profits from the very things he criticizes, whether it's the media's love of conflict, the savagery of politics or even the purchase of foreign products." Buchanan: "I'm leading the conservative movement in a new, populist direction" (2/2).

*6 GRAMM: VOLUNTEERS KEY TO GRAMM'S STRENGTH IN IOWA

L.A. TIMES' Hill-Holtzman writes that "volunteers are emerging as the pillar" of Phil Gramm's campaign. While he has been "lagging" behind Steve Forbes, Gramm's "foot soldiers may help change the standings in Iowa." Opposing strategists and independent analysts "believe that Gramm might just be able to pull off" a first- or second-place finish in the 2/12 caucuses. "The reason, they say, is the strength of his county-by-county organization." Univ/IA's Peverill Squire: "If I had to bet money, I would expect Forbes to do not as well as surveys show and Gramm to do better" (2/2).

LOOKING TO LA: Gramm is already making his "final appeal"

to voters in the 2/6 LA caucus (21 delegates). The senator predicted a "convincing win" over Pat Buchanan and Alan Keyes, the only other candidates campaigning in LA: "Winning is a habit, and I'd like to get into the habit early on." Gramm also dismissed the results of the AK straw poll, which Buchanan won and Gramm "placed a dismal fifth": "I've won straw polls from Maine to California, from Louisiana to Michigan. If straw polls make you president, I've won the election." While Gramm "did seek to downplay expectations of a blowout" in LA, he said winning by one delegate would be like "kissing your sister" (Grace, N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE, 2/1). He also fought attempts by an anti-gambling coalition to link him with the gambling industry. Gramm: "I don't know of any person who is a leader in that industry who has supported me. I don't have the ability to go back and see. ... This is not an interest that is in support of me." Gramm's LA campaign mgr Jimmy Owens: "The people who contribute to us have to accept our philosophy. We don't have to accept theirs." The anti-gambling coalition "has been equally critical" of Bob Dole (Cooper, Shreveport TIMES, 2/2).

NOT WORRYING ABOUT MONEY: Despite finishing the year with one quarter the cash on hand as the Dole campaign, Gramm general chair Charlie Black "sounded undaunted." Black said the campaign has enough money to carry it through the 3/2 SC primary, "the kickoff for two bunched sets of primaries in the South where Mr. Gramm is expected to outperform Mr. Dole and Mr. Forbes" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 2/2).

ARIZONA: Maricopa Co. Superior Court Judge Christopher Skelly has ordered Sec/State Jane Hull to remove Dem and Libertarian cand. from the state's 2/27 pres. primary ballot, making it a GOP-only election. Skelly granted the request by state Dem and Libertarian parties to remove six little-known Dems and two Libertarians who signed up for AZ's first-ever pres. primary. Party leaders argued AZ new election statute could not force them to take part in the election. The "ruling is bound to sharpen criticisms from Democrats and Libertarians, who contend the primary was engineered by Gov. Fife Symington [R] and Republican lawmakers to boost the changes" of Phil Gramm (2/2).

***7 ALEXANDER: ADS SAY HE'S HUMBLE, NICE AND HE'D BEAT CLINTON**

Lamar Alexander launched three new 30-sec. TV ads in the last two days. All were produced by Murphy Pintak Gautier. The first spot, "Atlantic, Iowa" was aired 2/1 in IA. ALEXANDER, over images of him driving through IA farmland and speaking to "mostly young parents and children": "The two most important words to me are personal responsibility. If our children are not learning to read, we can read to them. If the television comes on and it's trash, we can turn it off. We should spend a lot less time thinking about what this country can do for us, thinking about who we can blame for what's going on, and a lot more time accepting the consequences for our own actions" (Buzbee, AP, 2/2). "Mudballs" debuted in IA and NH 1/31. ALEXANDER, wearing a shirt and tie, "again trying to persuade voters that he is a nicer candidate than his rivals": "With all the mudballs these other candidates are whipping at each other, I

thought I'd take a minute to tell you what I'd actually do as president. I'd cut taxes and unleash free enterprise to create good new jobs. I'd help parents make our schools as good as our colleges and I'd help us learn expect less from Washington and ask more of ourselves. I'm Lamar Alexander. If you're looking for new Republican leadership instead of mudballs, I'm your candidate." The ad is a "direct shot at Steve Forbes, who has spent more on negative advertising than anyone else" (Becker, CONCORD MONITOR, 2/2). A third ad, "New Hampshire Party," is airing in NH; it is similar to the spot Alexander ran in IA during the Super Bowl. The ad has shots of the WH with a "voice imitating a jubilant" Pres. Clinton reacting to the nominations of Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, and Forbes (See HOTLINE 1/29 for text). CONCORD MONITOR's Becker notes "a few factual problems with the ad. First, the latest polls don't show anyone but Dole beating Clinton and even he doesn't do so consistently. Also, with Forbes on the rise it's hard to group him in with the rest without being more specific." The campaign is spending approximately \$35,000/week on WMUR and "upwards of" \$90,000/week in Boston to run three ads (2/2).

NYHAN FOR VP: BOSTON GLOBE's Nyhan, on Alexander's hopes in NH: "The person who can bust through and take it all here, with a couple of more breaks like he's been getting, is Lamar Alexander, who has the best positive/negative ratio of anybody in the field except Forbes and the Forbes thing is unrealistic, fueled by TV money. ... [Alexander] has the most room to move. If he moves up, as his people claim, in Iowa, ... he could be the ultimate surprise here" ("IP," CNN, 2/1). Nyhan, in his column, writes "The lumberjack's lusty 'Timberrrrr' echoes through the North Woods today, signaling the imminent fall of the biggest tree in the GOP forest. The Bob Dole for President campaign is coming down like an ancient White Mountain spruce" (GLOBE, 2/2).

*8 LUGAR: TALKS FARM BILL IN IOWA

Campaigning in Sioux City, Dick Lugar "expressed confidence" that he'll surge as more voters get to know him. Lugar: "I still need name and face recognition, as well as recognition of my programs in many counties in Iowa." Lugar "said 55,000 Iowans have been sent a 15-minute campaign video tape" (Dreeszen, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL, 2/1). Lugar "is hoping to tap into" the Congressional farm vote "to help lift his flagging campaign." Lugar: "None of the other candidates even have a slight familiarity with the issues. Agriculture issues are very complex, and farmers here are very sophisticated people. They understand better than most all the complexities. I suppose the other candidates would be reduced to saying, 'Let the free market work or I'm against controls or some other bromide of that variety'" (Holmes, N.Y. TIMES, 2/2). Lugar is airing a NH TV ad pushing his national-sales tax as a replacement for the federal income tax (CONCORD MONITOR, 2/2).

*9 CLINTON: TRAVELS TO GRANITE STATE TO DOMINATE HEADLINES

Although he has no primary challenger, Pres. Clinton's 2/2-3 NH visit will ensure that "voters hear his vision of the future

above the cacophony of the Republican voices that will dominate" state and nat'l news between now and 2/20. For months, the NH Clinton campaign -- "the largest Clinton operation in the country" -- has sent in surrogates for the pres. to offer Granite Staters a "competing vision and a spirited defense of Clinton's record." Clinton's trip is "highly unusual" since "no uncontested president in recent history has visited" NH prior to the primary. George Bush, who was challenged by Pat Buchanan, only came twice. Clinton already has made three visits to the state prior to this one. Ex-Gov. Hugh Gregg (R), NH chair of Bush's '92 campaign, on Clinton's visit: "It's an excellent political strategy. Wherever the president goes, everyone likes to meet him, whether they're Democratic or Republican. ... He'll block out the Republicans entirely. And he'll have a chance to let independent voters know that there's another party out there." More Gregg: "Never before have the Democrats been up here much before November. It shows they are serious about things. That's why the Republicans are going to have a hard time once this primary is over" (Becker, CONCORD MONITOR, 2/2).

CHILLY WELCOME: A Manchester UNION LEADER editorial by Nackey Loeb: "Please don't insult us with your old line that the federal government can do a better job than we can when it comes to handling our own affairs. After all, if you expect us to have faith in you, you must have faith in us" (2/2). Another UNION LEADER editorial questions why an unchallenged Clinton is coming to NH: "Perhaps he thinks he's a Republican. ... But no, the President isn't confused, we suspect, though this would not be terribly surprising for someone who reinvents himself more frequently than he changes underwear (boxers or briefs?). Nope. Bill is just a liberal Democrat in Republican drag" (2/2). A CONCORD MONITOR editorial, on Clinton's visit to Concord: "He's got unwavering supporters here. ... Clinton's day in [NH] schools will strike a nonpartisan tone. His stature as president makes his coming an exciting event in its own right. But his trip will also offer a contrast to the Republican drumbeat about getting government off people's backs and out of their lives" (2/2).

STRONG POSITION: HOUSTON CHRONICLE's Mathis: "Just a year after being written off as politically irrelevant, the president is in a far stronger position than most Democrats ever could have imagined" (2/2). USA TODAY's Nichols writes now that the Clinton campaign's "fondest wish has come true" -- a primary season without opposition -- the game plan will be to energize Dem activists and grassroots support and develop a "coherent tone and message for the larger campaign to come." Clinton will "undoubtedly be held" to the '84 standard of Ronald Reagan, who also was uncontested for re-election, for total vote and turnout. Reagan got 86.1% of the vote and 43% of registered GOPers turned out. If Clinton "dips below those numbers, look for the media to start hinting at re-election troubles" (2/2). W. TIMES header: "Clinton aims for the middle in NH primary campaign." Subhead: "Democratic base key, but fringes need wooing too" (2/2).

STIRRING TROUBLE IN THE GOP PRIMARY I: Re-evaluating its strategy, the WH now acknowledges that Steve Forbes may be the "star worth watching." WH press sec. Mike McCurry, on Forbes:

"He comes closest to being someone who's got a clear vision" (Bedard, W. TIMES, 2/2). More McCurry: "He talks a lot like Bill Clinton." The Clinton camp "normally avoids even the appearance of taking sides in the GOP contest," but with Forbes "surging" in NH, the WH "seemed only too happy to help diminish Dole's standing in the race" (Fournier, AP, 2/2). The Dole campaign issued a press release following McCurry's statement listing eight examples why Forbes "talks a lot like Bill Clinton" (release, 2/2). CNN's Shaw, on Forbes: "The White House has started paying attention publicly to this candidate on the move." Clinton: "I have seen no flat-tax proposal which I could support because I can't support going back to the early years of the '80s ... and I can't ... support a system that would raise taxes on all Americans with incomes under \$100,000" ("IP," 2/1).

STIRRING TROUBLE IN THE GOP PRIMARY II: W. POST's Devroy writes that last week Clinton strategist Dick Morris sent polling data to the Dole campaign to try to convince the senator that the only way to win IA and NH is to make a deal with Clinton to balance the budget. In a secret memo citing the polling data, Morris wrote: "Dole cannot win in either [NH] or [IA] UNLESS there is a budget deal." The polling numbers showed that Dole could beat Forbes "handily" if a budget agreement with Clinton were reached. Dole campaign mgr Scott Reed said Morris' overture was "immediately rejected" and not even mentioned to Dole. Reed: "We have been saying all along that Clinton is playing politics with this entire budget process and this proves the point." Reed called it a "cynical attempt to blackmail us into a deal regardless of principle." McCurry explained that Morris sent the memo without Clinton's approval and that the president was "disappointed and angry" when he found out. In an interview, Morris said he was only trying to help Clinton get a balanced budget deal, but that he made a mistake: "The president chewed me out." This is the second case of Morris "directly seeking to influence the campaigns of other potential or announced candidates." In 10/95, Ross Perot consultant Gordon Black said Morris called him offering help in getting Perot's political party on the ballot in CA. Morris agreed they had a conversation, but "denied Black's interpretation" (2/2).

*10 PEROT: GIVES DES MOINES SPEECH BUT EDGES AWAY FROM RUNNING

Ross Perot was the keynote speaker at the annual Des Moines Chamber of Commerce dinner. KCCI-Des Moines' Martin Augustine, who interviewed Perot: "He did sound a lot like a man who wants to take on Washington, but he claims he doesn't want to run for President. Rather, he wants to help form a third political party that will be a watchdog for restoring trust in government, reform campaign finance, and set ethical standards for government." Asked if he'll run for President, Perot: "No. What we're trying to do is create a new party to give 62 percent of the American people who want a new party a voice. ... All the wonderful people out in the snow getting petitions signed across the country -- they will in a very fair and open way select their candidate for president. ... We will back the candidate who is absolutely committed in writing these reforms. ... We can and we will

provide the swing votes that will get virtually 100 percent of them elected. I don't criticize people and I don't try to single them out." Augustine: "If some of that sounds familiar, it is. Perot said a lot of similar things before he decided to run for President in 1992" (2/2).

REFORM-PARTY UPDATE: During a taping for IA public TV, Perot said that "he will not run for president this year": "We are busy creating a new party that will belong to the people of the United States and not to the special interests. My job is to help the people create that new party and we're working day and night." Perot said his party will endorse congressional candidates "if they endorse the independent party's agenda" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 2/2). NBC's Curry: "He sounded a lot like a candidate, but said he is not running for president" ("Today," 2/2). Both parties "are closely watching Perot for a decision on his intentions this year." Pres. Clinton's "strategists have said they are building into their political planning the assumption that there would be major candidates beyond the two parties" (Glover, AP, 2/2). Reform Pty has won ballot access in CA, ND & UT. "Perot forces are fighting with state officials" in OH & ME to get on the ballot, and "are considering petitions" in SC & AR (Edsall, W. POST, 2/2).

*11 FLAT TAX: REALTORS LAUNCH AD CAMPAIGN

The National Assn of Realtors launched a \$275,000 campaign in NH and IA to retain the mortgage deduction. The campaign includes radio/newspaper ads (producer: Robinson, Lehrer, Sawyer, and Miller) and direct mail. TEXT from the direct-mail piece: "Important information for Republicans taking part in the New Hampshire primary on February 20! Our tax code should be simpler and more fair. That's a goal all Americans -- including homeowners -- should support. Some Republican Presidential candidates have proposed a flat tax, eliminating all itemized deductions, including the Mortgage Interest Deduction. That would 'flatten' your home. Ideally, none of the Republican Presidential candidates would ever support any proposal that eliminates the Mortgage Interest Deduction. Unfortunately, at least some of the candidates have already proposed a flat tax with absolutely NO deductions, including the Mortgage Interest Deduction. That's wrong. ... When any candidate asks for your support, make sure he knows that you expect him to support you... Don't let the political stampede 'flatten' your home!" (release, 2/1).

*12 STATE-BY-STATE SPENDING: THE LATEST NUMBERS

	CLINTON	DOLE	GRAMM
AZ	\$ 0	\$ 46,629	\$ 86,100
DE	6,154	485	40,065
IA	25,280	209,960	246,380
LA	0	4,066	47,794
MA	53,549	23,298	123,385
NH	20,788	154,284	133,093
SC	0	79,049	122,334

50 STATE TOTAL

\$1,717,655	\$2,520,028	\$1,616,613
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	BUCHANAN	ALEXANDER	LUGAR
AZ	\$ 25,568	\$ 569	\$ 344
DE	0	474	0
IA	194,558	420,586	211,652
LA	29,617	0	504
MA	2,040	708,023	0
NH	187,615	170,928	71,930
SC	15,646	7,698	7,500

50 STATE TOTAL

\$608,976	\$2,417,859	\$380,945
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*13 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES:

	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6
CLINTON	Manchestr	Manchestr			
	Concord	M'rrimack	n/a	n/a	n/a
202-331-1996	NH	NH			

ALEXANDER	Manchestr	Nashville	CedarRpd	DesMoines
	NH	NH	TN	IA
615-327-3350				NH

BUCHANAN				Monroe
	LA	LA	LA	Alexandra
703-848-1996				LA

DOLE	Spartanbg	Dubuque	Spencer	Ames
	Mt. Plsnt	Marion	Cncl Blfs	IA City
202-414-6400	SC	IA	IA	IA

DORNAN				
	DC	DC	DC	DC
703-644-2600				

FORBES	DesMoines			
	Newton,	n/a	n/a	IA
908-781-5111	IA			

GRAMM	Sioux Cty	Nashua,		
	Le Mars,	Gilford,	n/a	IA
202-467-8600	Shldn,IA	NH		

KEYES	Cedar Rp,	Ottumwa,	Ames	IA
	Muscatne,	DesMoines	IA	LA
503-463-1818	IA	IA		

LUGAR			Hanover,	Bedford
			DesMoines	

| DC | DC | Gilford | Manchestr | IA
 202-544-3636 | | | NH | NH |

 TAYLOR | IA, | | | NH
 | Omaha NE | NH | NH | NH | IA
 800-930-4668 | | | |

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

*14 FEC REPORTS: SENATE RACES, PART ONE

The following information is based on year-end filing reports of candidates for the U.S. Senate with the Federal Election Commission. The period covers 7/1-12/31/95. Some candidates had not started raising funds at the beginning of the period and others were raising money before the period began. The "net raised" and "net spent" figures pertain only to second-half 1995 numbers. States not included here will run next week in the HOTLINE. Sources: campaign releases, Senate Public Records.

ALABAMA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	DEBT	CASH ON HAND
Bedford (D)	436,346	143,471	29,450	200,425	680,486
Browder (D)	56,905	21,773	21,000	0	204,842
Clark (R)	181,990	124,702	1,500	0	164,154
Davis (D)	283,592	67,952	12,875	21,079	215,775
McDonald (R)	1,014,906	546,414	33,450	0	469,241
McRight (R)	347,755	280,913	10,000	0	66,842
Sessions (R)	519,610	79,579	45,200	0	441,781
Zeigler (R)	7,150	8,501	0	1,001	.01

ARKANSAS	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	DEBT	CASH ON HAND
Bryant (D)	368,475	86,575	72,800	0	335,903
Hardin (D)	65,055	158,214	3,000	50,000	38,938
Huckabee (R)	249,705	63,141	20,250	0	186,763

COLORADO	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	DEBT	CASH ON HAND
Allard (R)	290,461	184,880	143,527	0	394,913
Norton (R)	204,208	169,148	9,000	69,352	80,279
Strickland (D)	303,120	177,357	2,916	0	125,763

GEORGIA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	DEBT	CASH ON HAND
Cleland (D)	416,033	114,841	43,500	14,230	301,586
Isakson (R)	292,198	31,975	23,700	0	262,623
Millner (R)	69,227	142,043	3,350	0	227,357

IDAHO	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	DEBT	CASH ON HAND
CRAIG (R)	462,746	258,933	144,348	0	600,182
Minnick (D)	233,262	101,169	0	0	132,092

Craig said that 7,870 individuals have contributed to his campaign, which he claims is a record for any ID statewide campaign at this point (release, 1/31).

ILLINOIS	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	CASH DEBT	ON HAND
Durbin	735,905	367,887	171,329 0	705,063	
Gibbs	23,667	30,065	0 17,101	23,922	
Krislov	177,265	174,721	0 21,432	2,544	
Kustra	793,764	335,058	225,826 0	547,234	
Quinn	55,653	72,262	250 26,921	9,201	

IOWA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	CASH DEBT	ON HAND
Grubbs (R)	183,906	154,040	2,500 21,040	65,755	
HARKIN (D)	840,914	549,166	238,055 0	1,529,918	
Tinsman (R)	120,380	122,706	1,400 0	20,828	

MASSACHUSETTS	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	CASH DEBT	ON HAND
KERRY (D)	1,434,834	1,173,575	2,285 130,309	2,327,823	
Weld (R)	532,398	26,256	2,000 7,983	506,141	

MICHIGAN	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	CASH DEBT	ON HAND
LEVIN (D)	1,380,230	583,144	165,166 0	1,724,990	
Nicholson (R)	764,272	332,652	11,565 720,000	1,151,620	
Romney (R)	468,116	252,610	3,800 0	344,615	

Nicholson claims to be the best-financed Republican challenging an incumbent Dem senator (Weeks, DETROIT NEWS, 1/30).

MINNESOTA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	CASH DEBT	ON HAND
Boschwitz (R)	934,201	637,973	95,951 57,944	443,166	
McKasy (R)	132,134	93,426	2,050 0	86,971	
WELLSTONE (D)	1,335,601	888,096	183,211 0	1,063,790	

MISSISSIPPI	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	CASH DEBT	ON HAND
COCHRAN (R)	232,900	62,122	173,000 0	892,118	

MONTANA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	CASH DEBT	ON HAND
BAUCUS (D)	649,078	395,566	249,304 0	1,320,770	
Rehberg (R)	229,309	95,081	44,182 0	134,314	

NEBRASKA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	PAC \$	CASH DEBT	ON HAND
Hagel (R)	224,423	409,086	14,300 200,000	169,420	

Nelson (D)	369,724	17,895	178,881	0	352,134
Stenberg (R)	117,355	132,860	7,349	18,559	18,183

Hagel is on track to break the spending record for a primary that was held by then-Sen. David Karnes (R), who spent \$1.3M in his successful effort against then-Rep. Hal Daub (R) in '88 (Kotok, OMAHA WORLD HERALD, 1/26).

NEW HAMPSHIRE	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	NET PAC \$	CASH DEBT	CASH ON HAND
Smith (R)	336,591	118,895	161,109	0	666,383
Swett (D)	193,131		39,500		

The candidates are expected to break NH's Senate spending record (Elrick, CONCORD MONITOR, 1/31).

NEW JERSEY	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	NET PAC \$	CASH DEBT	CASH ON HAND
DuHaime (R)	145,720	100,769	0	0	44,951
Torricelli (D)	1,088,854	123,329	233,500	0	2,203,286
Zimmer (R)	1,020,665	496,587	153,225	5,029	1,753,693

Both Torricelli and Zimmer are said to be in better financial shape than any non-incumbent Dem or GOPer running for the Senate (Wald, Newark STAR-LEDGER, 1/28). Torricelli transferred \$1,236,744 from his House account. Zimmer transferred \$26,251 from his House account.

NORTH CAROLINA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	NET PAC \$	CASH DEBT	CASH ON HAND
Gantt (D)	974,223	420,777	7,000	20,000	584,780
HELMS (R)	1,243,000	789,065	210,494	129,689	1,052,232
Sanders (D)	381,947	393,380	36,185	519,575	886,923

RHODE ISLAND	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	NET PAC \$	CASH DEBT	CASH ON HAND
Mayer (R)	52,360	9,591	7,450	0	42,769
Reed (D)	536,062	183,746	213,339	105,795	531,887

SOUTH CAROLINA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	NET PAC \$	CASH DEBT	CASH ON HAND
Close (D)	752,517	256,218	0	0	495,798
THURMOND (R)	407,367	162,347	148,328	0	532,515

SOUTH DAKOTA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	NET PAC \$	CASH DEBT	CASH ON HAND
Johnson (D)	572,455	493,963	173,550	0	412,987
PRESSLER (R)	796,981	800,311	274,522	0	1,302,898

VIRGINIA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	NET PAC \$	CASH DEBT	CASH ON HAND
Byrne (D)	35,716	16,311	2,000	30,070	49,487
Miller (R)	220,024	322,385	5,250	0	65,242
Warner (R)	813,147	696,039	291,006	0	848,771

Warner (D) 829,255 527,830 1,625 0 301,652

WEST VIRGINIA	NET RAISED	NET SPENT	NET PAC \$	CASH DEBT	CASH ON HAND
ROCKEFELLER (D)	778,071	460,053	221,615	0	1,217,252

***15 LOUISIANA: NO CLEAR FAVORITE IN BATTLE TO SUCCEED JOHNSTON**

A WDSU/KATC-TV poll, conducted 1/27-29 by Mason Dixon, surveyed 829 registered LA voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (2/2). Tested: ex-Treas./'95 gov. cand. Mary Landrieu (D), ex-Gov. Dave Treen (R), Rep. Jimmy Hayes (R-07), AG Richard Ieyoub (D), state Rep./endorsed GOP cand. Woody Jenkins, Rep. Bill Jefferson (D-02), '90 Senate cand. David Duke (R), N.O. Councilmember Peggy Wilson (R) and oil company head Pat Taylor (R). Sen. J. Bennett Johnston (D) is retiring.

ELECTION		RUNOFF			
Landrieu	23%	Landrieu	47%	Landrieu	45%
Treen	13	Treen	28	Hayes	31
Hayes	11	Undecided	25	Undecided	24
Ieyoub	10				
Jenkins	8	Ieyoub	41%	Ieyoub	38%
Jefferson	6	Treen	30	Hayes	33
Duke	4	Undecided	29	Undecided	29
Wilson	3				
Taylor	2				
Undecided	20				

SHAPELESS RACE: Even before the poll was released, N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE's Kelso writes that the race is a "muddle with no clear front-runner in sight." The election of Gov. Mike Foster (R) means the GOP "should have its best chance in years" to elect a senator, which it has not done this century. But the party "continues to be split between the religious right and mainstream Republicans." Jenkins has the official party endorsement and "might well make the runoff, but he could have a hard time winning the election." As for David Duke, contrary to '91, he may not figure "as prominently" this year. Democrats have a similar challenge to the one they faced in last year's gov. race: a "strong" black candidate, like Reps. Cleo Fields (D-04) or Jefferson, "can win the primary with strong support from black voters, but loses too many white voters in the runoff to win." Sen. John Breaux (D), who "is reportedly trying to persuade" Landrieu to run, must "persuade" Jefferson and Fields to agree not to. While Jefferson is reportedly "cooling to the idea of making the race," Fields "is another matter. He's likely to run if Jefferson doesn't" (2/1). Other possible GOPers: ex-Gov. Buddy Roemer, state Rep. Chuck McMains, Sec/State Fox McKeithen, Rep. Richard Baker (R-06), ex-GOP official Bill Linder, ex-Reps. Clyde Holloway & Henson Moore, state Sen. Max Jordan, and ex-Dem state House Speaker Bubba Henry. Other Dem possibles include Insurance Commis. Jim Brown and Grand Isle Mayor Andy Valence.

Filing deadline: 7/19. Election: 9/21. Runoff: 11/5.

***16 MAINE: ANDREWS SAYS HE MAY RUN**

Ex-Rep. Tom Andrews (D), who got "clobbered" in his '94 bid for the Senate, said he is reconsidering his earlier decision not to run for the seat being vacated by the retiring Bill Cohen (R). Andrews, who nine months after his defeat to now-Sen. Olympia Snowe (R) was elected pres. of People for the American Way, added, "I can tell you that I'm concerned about the strength of the field. I'm very concerned about what's happening in Washington and the desperate need for the status quo to be challenged." An Andrews candidacy would pit him against ex-Gov. Joe Brennan (D), which "could be one of the liveliest battles in Maine Democratic politics in recent years." Univ/Southern ME's Oliver Woshinsky: "I think it would be a bitter and divisive primary. It would pit people with very different personalities and different philosophies against each other. Added Bates College's Doug Hodgkin, "I think you'd have a battle royal." Andrews is considered "more liberal" than Brennan and "tends to attract a younger following, while Brennan is popular among older Democrats." Many Dems think Brennan, who has run for office 13 times over the last 30 years, including two successive unsuccessful races for gov. in '90 and '94, "would win the Democratic primary ... but would lose the general election." But "similar questions could be raised about Andrews," given his 60-36% loss to Snowe. Other Dems in the race: ex-state Sen. Phil Merrill, businessman Jerald Leonard and journalist Jean Hay. Potential Dems: state Sens. Rochelle Pingree & Sean Faircloth, and House Speaker Dan Gwadosky. Businessman Robert Monks, the '76 GOP nominee who also ran in the '72 primary against the late Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R), is the only declared Republican. Three other GOPers are considering the race: state Sens. Joel Abromson & John Hathaway, and '94 gov. nominee Susan Collins (Campbell, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, 2/2). Filing deadline: 3/15. Primary: 6/11.

***17 MASSACHUSETTS: WILL WELD'S DEFENSE OF HRC D'ISTURB D'AMATO?**

Gov. Bill Weld (R), who only one week ago was being "escorted" through a crowd of DC lobbyists and GOP financial givers by NRSC chair Al D'Amato, gave Hillary Rodham Clinton a "warm endorsement" and praised her "rock-like integrity." Weld, appearing on "Imus in the Morning," "said he would gladly be a character witness for Mrs. Clinton, a promise she may well want to take up if D'Amato hauls her before his committee for some tough grilling." Weld told Imus "that he doubted very much that Mrs. Clinton has done anything wrong in the Whitewater affair": "I'd be a character witness for Hillary Rodham Clinton and beyond that it's hard for me to see where it's going to go." Some Weld aides worried that the comments might not please D'Amato, who chairs the Whitewater Cmte and who controls the purse strings at the campaign cmte. But the "political upside" for Weld is that his defense of HRC "will boost his standing among women voters who appear in polls to favor" his Dem opponent for the Senate, incumbent John Kerry. In fact, Susan Kennedy Weld, the gov.'s

wife, donated \$200 to the Clinton's legal defense fund in '95. The gov. "seemed sympathetic" regarding the unexplained appearance of HRC's billing records. "I can understand how it happened," Weld said, "and proceeded to relate that he once had lost a pair of tennis socks in his house and they had mysteriously reappeared, under his feet" (Phillips, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/2).

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

*18 CT 02: RE-RE-RUN POSSIBLE FOR GEJDENSON, MUNSTER

After defeating state Sen. Ed Munster (R) by only two votes in '94 -- which increased to 21 following an appeal to the state Supreme Court -- Rep. Sam Gejdenson (D) "must either increase the 43 percent he received" or "face almost sure defeat." Gejdenson: "I plan to at least double my margin." To do so, it looks like he will have to once again get by Munster, who got 49% against him in '92 and ended up in a near-tie in '94. The close call "has increased interest among Republicans eager to replace Gejdenson," whom they will "attempt to link" to what they see as the "unpopular policies" of Pres. Clinton. Dems said they will tie Munster or whoever the GOP nominee is to what they call the "radical" policies of Speaker Newt Gingrich. Gejdenson, on GOP House leaders: "I think it's pretty clear this group's gone too far." Munster, however, insisted, "I'm not in lock step with anybody." David Bingham, who won 15% of the vote as the A Connecticut Party nominee in '94, plans to run this year as a pro-choice, fiscal conservative GOper. If Munster doesn't get the nomination, the feeling is that it would go to state Rep. Andrew Norton (R), whom some Dems said "would be a tough challenger" to Gejdenson. Other possible: Liquor Control Commis. Gary Koval (R), an ally of Gov. John Rowland. State Rep. Lenny Winkler (R), considered by some to be the strongest possible GOP cand., decided not to run, blaming GOP policies that would "hurt innocent people" (MacDonald, HARTFORD COURANT, 1/31). Primary: 9/10.

*19 MT AT-LARGE: DEMS LOSE THEIR "BEST CHANCE"

Auditor Mark O'Keefe (D), who was considered the Dems' "best chance" for keeping MT's lone House seat, announced 1/31 he will not run because he is "unwilling to sacrifice his family to the grind of a congressman's job." Rep. Pat Williams (D) "shocked the state" when he announced his retirement. The only Dem in the race now is Yellowstone County auditor Leo Hudetz. Vying for the GOP nod are Rick Hill, Dwight MacKay, and Alan Mikkelsen. O'Keefe's decision not to run "opens the door" to at least seven other Dems who have expressed interest: MT Dem chair Kelly Addy, state Sens. Steve Doherty & Mignon Waterman, state Rep. Jim Elliot, '94 Senate hopeful Becky Shaw, ex-state Rep. Dave Wankenried, and ex-state Sen./EPA reg. dir. Bill Yellowtail (AP, Great Falls TRIBUNE, 2/1). Filing deadline: 3/21. Primary: 6/4.

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

*20 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted its political roundtable

of Cokie Roberts, Bill Kristol and S.F. EXAMINER's Chris Matthews. "CBS This Morning" hosted Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and its political panel of Dem strategist Bob Beckel and THE STANDARD's Fred Barnes. "FOX Morning News" hosted Bay Buchanan and Forbes campaign's Joshua Gilder.

TONIGHT: CNN's "Inside Politics" hosts USA TODAY's Walter Shapiro. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosts Dem consultant Bob Squier, CNBC's Mary Matalin, NEW REPUBLIC's Andrew Sullivan and MTV's Tabitha Soren. ABC's "Nightline" goes on the campaign trail with Steve Forbes, and interviews rivals Lamar Alexander, Dick Lugar, Pat Buchanan, Alan Keyes, Bob Dornan and Morry Taylor. C-SPAN -- 7p: Live Clinton speech in Salem, NH. 8p.: Ross Perot from Des Moines, IA.

THIS WEEKEND: CBS' "Face the Nation" hosts Perot and Pat Buchanan. NBC's "Meet the Press" hosts NJ Gov. Christie Whitman (R), MI Gov. John Engler (R), and CO Gov. Roy Romer (D). CNN's "Evans and Novak" hosts Pat Buchanan. CNN's "IP Weekend" hosts Forbes. CNN's "Reliable Sources" hosts CBS' Barbara Cochran. CNN's "Capital Gang" hosts Engler. CNN's "Crossfire Sunday" examines the OR Sen. race. CNN's "Larry King Weekend" hosts Govs. Evan Bayh (D-IN), Bill Weld (R-MA), Romer and Whitman. C-SPAN's "Road to the White House" follows Bob Dole and Bill Clinton in NH, and airs the latest '96 ads.

LAUGHS: David Letterman, on Bob Dole's age: "Dole was taking a stroll on his lunch break and he walks by the Smithsonian. And a couple of guards at the museum grab him because they thought he was an exhibit" ("Late Show," CBS, 2/1). Jay Leno: "Actually the polls aren't looking too good for Dole, he is now 3 points behind that John DuPont guy" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 2/1).

TOP TEN SIGNS YOUR WRESTLING COACH IS NUTS

10. Every time he shows you a hold, you notice he has one less finger.
9. He orders wrestling outfits from Victoria's Secret.
8. He teaches you a hammerlock involving a real hammer.
7. Once a week he says, "The uniforms are in the wash. We'll have to wrestle naked."
6. He's hoping and praying there will be a "Biodome" sequel.
5. When he demonstrates a hold, he says "Pretend you're Siegfried and I'm Roy."
4. Compulsively refers to himself as "the most powerful man in American broadcasting."
3. Refers to voices in head as "my tag team partners."
2. His "secret wrestling move": tickling.
1. His TV is always on CBS ("Late Show," CBS, 2/1).

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

"New Hampshire does go for these characters who are not the most charismatic of people -- Paul Tsongas won New Hampshire."

-- Cokie Roberts, saying it might not be over for Dole if he loses NH to Forbes, "GMA," ABC, 2/2

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