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Two of three NH polls give	
Forbes a slight edge over Dole,	AD NAUSEAM
but does either have intensity	
of support? One point of	Dissatisfaction with Bob
consensus: Buchanan's climbed	Dole as the GOP nominee-
into double-digits. Meanwhile,	apparent is not new. The
everybody's waiting for Dole to	excitement over non-
lose his cool. (#1)(#5)	candidates like Colin
	Powell or Newt Gingrich was

FOSTERING A FRIENDSHIP	a clear sign that many
LA Gov. Mike Foster says he's	Republicans were looking
voting for Buchanan. Will	elsewhere. Perhaps that
others follow suit in tmrw's	explains how Steve Forbes
Bayou caucuses? (#2)	has become the flavor du
	jour.

WHAT HAVE YOU DUNN?	FLAT ATTACKS: But few
Rep. Jennifer Dunn (R-WA)	were prepared for the
files ethics complaint against	deluge of negative ads that
House Min. Ldr. Gephardt. (#13)	have engulfed the campaign.
	Reagan hit Ford on the

A PITCHER, NOT A BELLY ITCHER | Panama Canal, and Bush |
 Ex-big leaguer Jim Rooker (R) | called Reagan's plans |
 to challenge Rep. Ron Klink (D- | "voodoo economics," but |
 PA). '79 Pirates mgr. Chuck | it's been a long time since |
 Tanner is campaign chair. (#16) | the GOP nod has been this |
 | nasty. |
<http://PoliticsUSA.com> | WHICH BEGS THE QUESTION: |
 For special dispatches from | With negative ads bound to |
 IA and NH, read "Campaign | drive everyone's negatives |
 Tales," now in "Campaign | up, what will the GOP |
 '96: Special Report." | nomination be worth? |

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

"We're the overwhelming favorite candidate
 for people's second choice"
 -- Dole comm. dir. Mari Maseng Will, on NH's best alternative
 to Steve Forbes, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/2

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

Tomorrow, Ronald Reagan turns 85. Only four ex-presidents lived beyond their 85th birthday: James Madison (85 years, 104 days), Harry Truman (88 years, 232 days), Herbert Hoover (90 years, 71 days), and John Adams (90 years, 247 days).

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

*1 NEW HAMPSHIRE: FORBES GAINS IN MONITOR, HERALD POLLS

Three polls: 1) A CONCORD MONITOR Poll, conducted 1/30-2/1 by Mason Dixon/PMR, surveyed 442 likely GOP primary voters (82% GOP, 18% indie); margin of error +/- 4.8% (2/4). 2) A BOSTON HERALD/WCVB-TV Poll, conducted 1/31-2/1 by the UNH Survey Center, surveyed 413 likely GOP primary voters (74% GOP and 26% indie); MOE +/- 5% (2/2). 3) An American Research Group tracking poll, conducted 2/2-4, surveyed 496 likely GOP primary voters (85% GOP, 15% indie); MOE +/- 4.4% (2/5). Primary 2/20. Delegates: 16.

	MONITOR		HERALD	
GOP PRIMARY	NOW	1/16-17	NOW	12/20
Forbes	26% 20%	29% 16%		
Dole	22 36	24 35		
Buchanan	13 12	11 --		
Alexander	13 10	6 --		
Gramm	5 7	5 --		
Lugar	4 3	2 --		
Taylor	1 0	1 --		
Keyes	0 0	0 --		
Dornan	0 0	1 --		
Undecided	16 12	20 --		

ARG TRACKING

GOP PRIMARY	2/2-4	2/1-3	1/31-2/2	1/30-2/1
Dole	25% 25%	23% 24%		
Forbes	18 17	18 17		
Buchanan	18 18	18 16		
Gramm	10 9	9 9		
Alexander	6 6	6 5		
Lugar	4 4	4 6		
Keyes	2 2	2 3		
Taylor	1 1	1 2		
Dornan	0 0	0 0		
DK/other	15 17	18 17		

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM THE MONITOR POLL

SUPPORT FOR CAND.	FORBES	DOLE	BUCHANAN	ALEX. GRAMM
Definitely will vote for	38%	47%	45%	27% 52%
Likely will vote for	34	32	49	49 38
Might change my mind	28	21	6	24 10

DO FORBES' ADS MAKE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR HIM? DO THEY MAKE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR BOB DOLE?

More likely	22%	More likely	7%
Less likely	17	Less Likely	15
No effect	57	No effect	75

DO DOLE'S ADS MAKE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR HIM? DO THEY MAKE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR FORBES?

More likely	8%	More likely	8%
Less likely	20	Less Likely	11
No effect	68	No effect	76

IS DOLE AT 73 TOO OLD TO BE PRESIDENT?

Yes	26%
No	66

MONITOR ANALYSIS: Forbes is strongest among independents who say they will vote in the GOP primary; he gets 54% of these voters. Dole holds a 24-19% lead over Forbes among registered GOPers (MONITOR, 2/4). MONITOR's Timberg writes that Forbes' support is "both tentative and inflated by independent voters, a group sometimes unreliable on election day." The poll also finds that half of all likely GOP primary voters describe themselves as "unenthusiastic" about the field. Fewer than 40% believe any of them can beat Pres. Clinton. Pollster Brad Coker said that the lack of fervor may have encouraged voters to support Forbes: "None of the others seems to be catching their fancy, so why not vote for Forbes?" The only other cand. to show growing support is Lamar Alexander. Alexander press. sec. Dan McLagan: "This is great news for us. The Dole campaign is in free-fall. Forbes seems to have peaked. And Lamar keeps going forward." The poll shows that Alexander is well-known -- only 3% don't recognize his name -- but nearly half of those polled have a neutral opinion of him. No other cand. has "such a high rate of neutral opinions. That may mean Alexander has room to grow as more people form an opinion of him. It also suggests that his campaign has not yet connected with large segments of the electorate, despite heavy television advertising and campaigning in the state" (2/4). Pollster Del Ali: "The one candidate who has the most to gain from this situation is Lamar Alexander. If Bob Dole continues to fall in this race, Lamar Alexander becomes the true dark horse" (Nashville TENNESSEAN, 2/4). K.C. STAR's Kraske notes that the "more disturbing" numbers for Dole are those showing that only 47% of Dole backers will definitely vote for him on 2/20, leaving "another half who aren't so sure." Ali speculated that that number theoretically could "cut Dole's support" from 22% to 11%. On the other hand, the poll showed that Forbes' support "might be even softer than Dole's." Just 38% of Forbes' backers would

definitely vote for him (2/4).

HERALD ANALYSIS: HERALD's Battenfeld writes that the poll also shows that most NH GOP voters do not believe Forbes or Dole can beat Clinton, "dramatizing the lack of confidence Republican voters have in their party's front-runners." Pollster Kelly Myers: "Neither one of these candidates is seen yet as electable." But the poll "gives strong evidence that Forbes' money-driven TV advertising blitz has put him in a position to topple" Dole. The poll shows that Forbes' barrage of ads "has reshaped [NH] primary politics, which traditionally has relied on face-to-face campaigning. More than 95% of voters have seen Forbes' and Dole's TV ads, but only 5 percent have seen Dole on the campaign trail and just three people have seen Forbes." Myers: "This is the death of retail politics in [NH]" (2/2).

MEDIA ROLE: W. POST's Howard Kurtz: "What troubles me is the way there's been this sort of continuous feedback loop since Bob Dole gave that response to the [SOTU] in which one pundit after another, one talk show after another, have just pronounced him in deep trouble. ... Not a single vote has been cast. ... We change the dynamic of the campaign." SCRIPPS HOWARD's Martin Schramm added, "We take a poll after people have seen all of this in the newspapers and ... television, and then we say, 'So who do like?' and they say, 'Not Bob Dole'" ("Reliable Sources," CNN, 2/4).

CLARIFICATION: The 2/2 HOTLINE reported a \$275,000 ad campaign in NH and IA to retain the mortgage interest deduction. The campaign is led by the Coalition to Preserve Home Ownership, which is supported by the National Assn of Realtors, the Nat'l Assn of Home Builders, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac.

*2 LOUISIANA: FOSTER BACKS BUCHANAN, GRAMM NEEDS A WIN

(2/6 caucus; 21 delegates) Pat Buchanan and Phil Gramm "are in a toe-to-toe fight for delegates in Louisiana, hoping for some momentum from first-in-the-nation caucuses." Alan Keyes is also participating. Registered GOPers will vote in 42 locations around the state, with the polls open from 4:00p to 8:00p. There is no straw poll or direct presidential vote tied to the caucuses. Instead, the delegates will be listed under the name of the presidential hopeful they support. The top three vote-getters in each of the seven congressional districts go to the nat'l GOP convention (McMahon, Baton Rouge ADVOCATE, 2/5). N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE's Grace profiles Buchanan, Gramm, and Keyes. Grace: "Republicans who plan to vote ... will find more than just their choice of candidates limited. In a field noteworthy for its distinctive conservative tilt, the three candidates ... are bunched so closely together on most issues that they threaten to topple the scale" (2/4). Gramm, "with his regional appeal and deep organization, appears to have the edge, but Buchanan is making inroads with heavy television advertising and a pitch that stops just short of wrapping him in a Confederate flag. His trade protection themes also appeal in a state where even crayfish farmers are facing new competition" (Walters, PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/5).

A GIANT YAWNING SOUND: HOUSTON CHRONICLE's Freemantle: "The

stakes may be high for the candidates looking to grab a headline that could trigger a rise in the polls, but the entire exercise is producing a giant yawn in a state which normally takes its politics very seriously." LA political analysts "have predicted that only 5 to 10 percent" of LA's registered GOPers will vote (2/4). LA POLITICAL REPORT's John McGinnis: "What it's really turned out to be is the first-in-the-nation presidential boycott" ("IP," CNN, 2/4). Still, GOP leaders "hope a prominent spot in the presidential nomination calendar will create excitement within the state and increase party membership rolls." LA GOP consultant Rhett Davis: "We are boosting our image, we are boosting our attendance at meetings, helping our fund-raising and our candidates. We would have loved to have every candidate participate in the caucus. But we achieved our goal anyway" (Kellman, W. TIMES, 2/4).

BUCHANAN: LA Gov. Mike Foster said on 2/2 he would back Buchanan. Foster: "While his opponents are good people, I find that I agree with Pat Buchanan more." Foster praised Buchanan's "willingness to speak out to change the federal court system by stopping the lifetime appointment of federal judges, as well as his staunch support for pro-life and the 2nd Amendment (ADVOCATE). Foster said "he intended to vote for Buchanan, but did not consider it an endorsement" (Wilkie, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/4). Buchanan "has been spending big money on prime time" TV ads in the New Orleans market. Buchanan, "who was on a hectic weekend swing through the state," has been appealing to LA's "increasingly conservative white male voters with his attacks on affirmative action and foreign aid and his promises to make abortion illegal and to restore prayer to public schools" (CHRONICLE). NEWSWEEK's Fineman writes, "Concerned about Gramm's strong organizational presence in Iowa -- and his prospects in the South -- the Dole forces were giving advice to Buchanan" in LA. Buchanan campaign mgr Bay Buchanan "frequently talks with Dole campaign manager Scott Reed. 'We chat from time to time,' Reed laughs" (2/12 issue). Buchanan: "Gramm has taken the [LA] caucuses for granted. ... If we can take delegates away from Phil Gramm in a state where his men said they would get all the delegates, I think it will show we can win in the South, give us momentum in Iowa and momentum in New Hampshire" ("Face the Nation, CBS, 2/4). On reports that Gramm gets contributions from casino interests, Buchanan said, "I don't think he ought to take gambling money here in Louisiana where it's an issue. Why doesn't he stand up and say, 'Look, I'm going to give back the gambling money, and I support Pat Buchanan's view with regard to gambling.' He has not done that. I think it's a valid issue to raise down here, and we've raised it" ("Evans & Novak," CNN, 2/3).

GRAMM: LA "isn't shaping up as the easy slam-dunk win that partisans of Sen. Gramm had planned. ... The Gramm camp is playing down expectations" (Seib, W.S. JOURNAL, 2/5). Gramm: "I clearly need to win in Louisiana. But I've won straw polls from Maine to California, from Louisiana to Michigan. They hadn't gotten me that much" ("Brinkley," ABC, 2/4). Gramm spokesperson Gary Koops: "If we can get at least 11 delegates, a majority, we

will have the most delegates of any candidate for the Republican nomination. That will get us attention and it will give us a bounce going into New Hampshire" (W. TIMES, 2/4). Gramm general chair Charlie Black: "We're going to win Louisiana, no question about that. ... Pat's come in with a lot of sound and fury, and he's ginned up some excitement -- mostly from people who don't participate in the Republican Party" (INQUIRER, 2/4). CBS' Douglass: "By predicting victory in Louisiana, the stakes for him there are very high" ("This Morning," 2/5). AP's John King: "If Phil Gramm doesn't win most, if not all, the 21 delegates, he's going to have a lot of trouble. ... If Gramm stumbles in [LA] he's going to have a lot of trouble everywhere" (CNN, 2/4).

*3 FORBES: BLASTS DOLE ON "BOGUS" AD

Responding to a recent Bob Dole ad which says Forbes' flat tax "would raise the taxes" of NH families, Forbes "attacked" Dole, saying "he had used 'bogus arithmetic.'" He called on Dole "to stop broadcasting" the ad, which began running in NH 2/1. Forbes said the commercial "did not take into account" the standard personal exemptions his plan would include for each family member. Forbes: "When they use a good governor [NH's Steve Merrill] and put him on the air with false information, I think it shows the basic bankruptcy of the Dole campaign" (Bennet, N.Y. TIMES, 2/3). Merrill, the Dole nat'l campaign chair, replied, "The [CBO] is correct that about 28 million households around this country are going to pay \$2,100 more. And in a state like New Hampshire, where property tax deductions are so critical, those are the people that are going to be hurt" ("Brinkley," ABC, 2/4). CONCORD MONITOR header: "Merrill's analysis of Forbes's tax flawed" (2/3). Manchester UNION LEADER header: "Forbes Hammers as 'Bogus' Dole Ad Faulting Flat Tax" (2/3).

PEROT AND CON: W. POST's Edsall writes Forbes' surge in the GOP race "is based in part on his ability to forge a disparate alliance of the discontented," including '92 Perot supporters, talk radio listeners and moderate GOPers "angered over the growing power of conservative Christians" (2/3). TIME's Lacayo writes Forbes "is luring voters from the ranks of weak Dole supporters, undecided voters and even some from Phil Gramm's camp. But Forbes is especially appealing to the upscale and the socially moderate" (2/12 issue). David Broder, on why Forbes is doing so well: "Much of it is the outsider appeal. Much of it is that he is very upbeat in his personal campaigning. ... Republican constituencies love somebody who says, I'm going to cut your taxes. And Forbes explains his flat tax as a tax cut for everybody." E.J. Dionne: "One of the interesting things about some of these polls in New Hampshire is they show Forbes going up while the popularity of the flat tax is going down, which is why I think it's partly a symbol of frustration" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 2/4).

PUNDITRY: Howard Fineman: "He, if not the real frontrunner, is at least the virtual frontrunner" ("Cap Gang Sunday," CNN, 2/4). NEWSWEEK's Evan Thomas: "Forbes is a dweeb, but don't underestimate dweebs" ("Inside Washington," 2/3). AP's John

King: "The question ... going into New Hampshire is do they want to pick a president or do they want to have some mischief? New Hampshire has a history of rejecting Iowa's choice, and if that happens, and Mr. Forbes has all that money, this could go on a little ways" ("Late Edition," CNN, 2/4). Joe Klein: "He does have some serious meltdown potential. ... Ask any political expert and he or she will tell you the weaknesses will catch up to Steve Forbes. He's an amateur, he's the 'Flavor of the Week', he's peaked too soon, then again what do we know? Four years ago all us geniuses were saying that a certain Southern governor would never survive a sex scandal and a draft dodging controversy" (CBS, 2/4). CBS' Hughes: "There is still skepticism that Steve Forbes' polling figures can translate into votes come caucus night" ("CBS This Morning," 2/5). Bill Kristol: "I don't think the American people or Republican primary voters are willing to elect, for the Presidency, someone who has never held a responsible government position" ("Late Edition," CNN, 2/4). NEWSWEEK's Alter: "Even if he doesn't win the nomination, Free-Lunch Forbes has already maimed -- perhaps irreparably -- the Republican revolution and the larger cause of fiscal sanity" (2/12 issue). Cokie Roberts: "It shows that people are interested in an alternative. That's what the Colin Powell phenomenon was. That was what Newt Gingrich's little boomlet was and now it's Steve Forbes" ("Brinkley," ABC, 2/4).

*4 FORBES: REWRITING THE SCRIPT

S.F. EXAMINER's Matthews writes that if Steve Forbes "pulls the political upset of the century" and defeats frontrunner Bob Dole for the nomination, "GOP insiders can blame it on themselves." With over 70% of the delegates to be chosen by the 3/26 CA primary, the plan for a front-loaded schedule was designed to make it "nearly impossible for an under-financed nobody -- a Republican Jimmy Carter -- to exploit a surprise early win in Iowa or New Hampshire. The newcomer would simply not have enough time to raise money and buy ads in larger-state contests down the road." But nobody foresaw the entry of a candidate like Forbes, who is "ready and able to spend more money than any candidate in history," and who "threatens to turn the insiders' clever plot against them." If he beats Dole in NH, "he could make it extremely impossible for either Dole or any other candidate to catch him" (2/3). Indeed, everyone is bracing for the "expectations game" -- and failure to meet expectations "can damage, even destroy, a candidate." Right now, Forbes "is in the process of dismantling Mr. Dole's inevitability" (West, Balto. SUN, 2/5). TIME's Gibbs: "In every presidential campaign, there comes a moment when the Establishment wakes up one morning, blinks hard and realizes that someone it had barely noticed before is emerging. ... Last week it was the Republicans' turn again, as party elders arrived at work all over the country Thursday morning, scanned the papers and nearly spilled their coffee trying to fathom the idea that a man they'd scarcely heard of six months ago might just turn out to be their standard bearer against Bill Clinton" (2/12 issue). U.S. NEWS' Roberts: "A few party strategists are starting to say privately that Forbes could

win," but the "dominant view remains that he will fade" (2/12).

AD NAUSEAM: The "sheer size of Forbes' TV buy is hard to fathom." Forbes is "beaming 3,400 rating points a week at New Hampshire via Boston TV right now, so that the typical voter there is seeing his ads 34 times a week; Dole has just less than half that." A Dole aide: "Forbes is blowing everybody's door off." Forbes is "doing this in several states at once, and not only on local TV and radio stations, but on cable TV as well." IA House Maj. Leader Brent Siegrist: "He's on the radio all day at work; he drives you home and he puts you to bed" (Birnbbaum, TIME, 2/12 issue). N.Y. TIMES' Kolbert: "Forbes continues to set both the tone and the agenda of the campaign with his advertising. And his opponents complain that it has made the race an unusually bilious one" (2/3). MA Gov. Bill Weld (R): "The guy has a real sense of how policies produce results and that's coming through, that's part of the attraction" ("LKL," CNN, 2/3).

DOLE-DRUMS: AP's King notes that of the ads that appeared the week before last on Boston TV, Forbes had 516 to Dole's 71 (2/5). W. POST's Balz writes, "That kind of saturation television has not only undermined support for Dole but also has converted Forbes from a dark-horse candidate to a political phenomenon who may be more difficult to combat than his rivals have suggested." It's come to the point where a Dole adviser said that NH is not a "must win" state for Dole. Still, the Dole campaign said that "their internal polls show Forbes' rise has been halted, at least for now." They argued that Forbes' surge in NH "represents a blessing in disguise." Said one Dole official, on Forbes, "He's no longer operating the classic breakthrough model. He is now considered competitive with us in these early states. If he doesn't win or have strong showings, he's going to be seriously hurt" (2/5). Primary voters in general, and NH voters in particular, "savor the right to reserve judgment," which suggests that Forbes is "neither so flush nor Dole so wounded as last week's freeze frame suggests." While Forbes "has no real political record to help or haunt him, he is sure to have to answer for ideas he has promoted in his magazine," like his support of Ford over Reagan in '76 or a '93 column in which he "urged Bill Clinton to give Hillary a Cabinet position or to name her head of an agency" (TIME, 2/12). Other issues that rivals could use "to slow down his surging campaign" are his "support" of Clinton's moves to end the Pentagon ban on gays in the military, his proposal for a \$1.50-a-gallon gas tax and his abortion stance (Wilkie, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/2). George Will: "Forbes has been too successful for his own good, because now there's going to be a tremendous scrutiny" ("Brinkley," ABC, 2/4). The STANDARD asks, "Should a man who has never served in public office, never held a full time executive position in government, take as his first political job the presidency of the United States? ... Though the public remains disgusted with politics as usual, with elected officials in general, and with Washington in particular -- and though they are right to be so -- we suspect they will not, at the end of the day, turn over the reins of power so precipitously to someone so untested" (2/12).

issue). Forbes mgr. Bill Dal Col: "We expect the attacks will be personal and vicious." Forbes: "It's the hazing process of American politics. It's a sign of the progress we're making" (TIME, 2/12 issue).

FAMILY FEUD: Forbes may also be aided by a divided Christian conservative movement. Whereas in '88, when they were mostly united behind Pat Robertson's candidacy, this year they are bigger than ever -- but their support is split among several candidates, which "has created a vacuum" for Forbes, "whose social views Christian conservatives consider suspect, if not unacceptable." IA Christian Coalition chair Ione Dilley, who has personally endorsed Dole: "That's a concern. Scattered forces are not as strong as those who are walking hand in hand" (Bennet, N.Y. TIMES, 2/5). And Forbes may not be hurting himself by not focusing on social issues in NH. There, the "political presence of the religious Right is not as strong as it is in Iowa." And "as Forbes' position in the polls has strengthened, the social-values agenda of the Christian Right has been replaced somewhat with an economic discussion" (McRoberts/Anderson, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 2/5). NBC's Myers: "Ask Forbes if he is pro-life or pro-choice and he dodges. ... By most definitions, [Forbes is] basically pro-choice. On another hot-button issue, gay-rights, Forbes is middle of the road. He supports President Clinton's 'Don't ask, Don't tell' policy. ... Overall, his attitude seems to be tolerance" (2/2). Mona Charen: "On the right, he is distrusted by the pro-life activists within the party, who think that his position on abortion is insufficiently rigorous and his position on gay marriage is now up for grabs" ("Cap Gang Sunday," CNN, 2/4).

*5 DOLE: SHARPENS ANTI-ABORTION RHETORIC IN IOWA

"Under fresh pressure," Bob Dole in IA "sounded a sharply anti-abortion theme." Dole, to anti-abortion advocates in Dubuque: "In a Dole administration, abortion on demand will no longer be the policy of the federal government." Dole said he'd ban embryo medical research and support parental notification for minors. Dole "rarely focuses" on abortion, but aides said the message was intended to offer a "sharp contrast" to Forbes, even though Dole avoided mentioning Forbes. Flanked by Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL), Dole said he did not need to sign a pledge for a constitutional amendment banning abortion because his "record is good" on the issue (Glover, AP, 2/4). Dole "refused to pledge" to choose a pro-life VP. Hyde: "It would be a big mistake to pick a Christie Whitman or a Pete Wilson. That would be a disaster, and that would deflate all of us." Dole aide Marlene Elwell, who has "close ties" to the IA pro-life movement, said the speech was intended to quiet "doubts about Dole's pro-life stance" (Hines, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 2/4). Elwell: "If I wasn't so worried about Steve Forbes I probably wouldn't be here. Forbes isn't one of us. Supporting Bob Dole is the way to stop him" (NEWSWEEK, 2/12 issue).

KEEPING TABS: For Dole, heading off Forbes means "playing to a religious right that has long distrusted the senator -- and will certainly keep score." Fighting for "new Right" voters is

"not the game Dole wanted to be playing right now." Forbes pollster John McLaughlin: "All Dole is doing is trading votes back and forth with Gramm and Buchanan. That's just fine with us" (Fineman, NEWSWEEK). Pat Buchanan: "Dole's promise to reverse Bill Clinton's executive orders making abortion on demand the official policy of the U.S. government is welcome even if long overdue. It comes only ten days before the Iowa caucuses at a desperate pass for the Dole campaign" (release, 2/4).

DES MOINES ENDORSEMENT: D.M. REGISTER editorial under header, "Who Better than Dole?": "There's Bob Dole and then there is the rest of them. ... Each of the others has something to offer, but none has the depth of experience and proven governmental ability of Dole" (2/4).

TEMPER, TEMPER: Bob Novak writes on Dole's NH trip, "[Dole] refrained from his instinctive desire to assail [Forbes]. ... Instead, he portrayed himself as a warm father figure." One Dole aide: "I can't tell you how delighted we were to see him smiling." Still, "inside Dole's campaign," Dole's "reaction to his falling polls has been calamitous. His personal assaults on Forbes, the flat tax and even bias by the [AP] led one of Dole's sagest advisers to warn that this would solidify the image of meanness." A Dole aide: "He must show voters whether he has ice water or blood in his veins." NH Gov. Steve Merrill is "Dole's best hope for salvation. While Dole smiles, Merrill ... will savage Forbes" (W. POST, 2/5). NEW YORKER's Blumenthal writes aides have told Dole to "stop grumbling" publicly about polls, saying he sounds "too much like Bush." Dole adviser David Keene: "Forbes is exactly the kind of person he [Dole] would resent. He's a combination of Bush, Kemp, and Gramm rolled into one." If Dole survives this current Forbes crisis, "it will be the first time he has done so in presidential politics" (Blumenthal, NEW YORKER, 2/12 issue).

MR. ROGERS WITH AN UZI: Al Hunt: "In person, [Forbes] is very uplifting, then you have these TV commercials ... so if you're Bob Dole and company, it's so vexing because it's kind of like facing Mr. Rogers with an Uzi" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 2/3). Author Richard Ben Cramer: "I don't think he can go after Forbes as a rich man or somebody who doesn't really understand the lives of Americans. Dole's kind of got to calm down and ride it out" ("Press," NBC, 2/4). NEWSWEEK's "Conventional Wisdom" gives Dole a down arrow: "Help! I've fallen and I can't get up! But don't hit the panic button" (2/12 issue). NEWSWEEK's Klein writes, "Dole will have to walk that emotional tightrope these next few weeks, if he hopes to win the nomination. He will have to campaign on the brink of tears. He'll have to prove that he is more than just a barker in the Beltway Bazaar" (2/12 issue). Forbes aides say Dole attacks on Forbes will "reinforce doubts about Dole." Forbes pollster McLaughlin: "He'll just get meaner, and that will hurt Dole" (Dunham, BUSINESS WEEK, 2/12 issue).

DEVINE THING: Dole conferred with neutral ex-NH Gov. John Sununu (R) in his Sen. office 2/1. Supporters are "beginning to consider" how Dole could win the nomination without winning both IA and NH. Dole adviser Don Devine: "Iowa and New Hampshire are important, but they're not the whole thing. When we go down

South, if Phil Gramm is out the race and it's basically Dole and Forbes, I think we'll do very well against him." Devine said he suggested "very minor" change to the campaign; he did not disclose what changes he suggested (Zuckman, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/3).

REAX: If Forbes beats Dole in IA or NH, the race could "blow wide open." Alexander press. sec. Dan McLagan: "As Dole and Forbes beat each other into the dirt, Lamar's positive message will make him the alternative." Gramm SC dir. Jim Merrill: "Dole's falling precipitously, Forbes is flat. We're the main player right now" (Thompson, K.C. STAR, 2/4). Dole IA aide Tom Synhorst: "There's a solid base of support that is just unmovable no matter how many millions Forbes seems to spend attacking Dole. It's been that way from the very beginning" (K.C. STAR, 2/4). Dole comm. dir. Mari Maseng Will said of NH: "We're the overwhelming favorite candidate for people's second choice" (BOSTON GLOBE, 2/2). Merrill, asked on "Brinkley" if Dole has to win NH for the nomination: "I don't think so. He's got a national organization. But I think he will" (ABC, 2/4).

TAKING A TOLL: Forbes is "taking a toll" on Dole's NH strategy. He had planned to spend \$1 million on ads in NH, but Forbes' deep pockets "pushed the Dole media budget in the region to \$2.8 million -- money that has to come from elsewhere; the South, the Midwest or California" (Gibbs, TIME, 12/12 issue). U.S. NEWS' "Washington Whispers" reports Lyn Nofziger "quietly resigned" as Dole nat'l co-chair because he was "unhappy with the management of the campaign" (2/12 issue).

SILVER LININGS: NEW REPUBLIC's Sullivan: "Dole was always going to have a moment when it looked like he was stumbling and better for it to happen now than after New Hampshire" ("LKL," CNN, 2/2). W. POST's E.J. Dionne: "The only good thing for Bob Dole ... is no one expects him to win anymore" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 2/4).

*6 CLINTON: THE "COMEBACK KID" MOUNTS HIS HORSE

Pres. Clinton "made a late, languid entrance" to the NH primary 2/2, a trip "stark in contrast to the rousing days of strife that characterized his candidacy here in 1992." If the swing is "any indication," Clinton's biggest danger "may be a sense of ennui" (Farrell, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/3). Clinton returned to "the state that made him the 'Comeback Kid'," foreshadowing his campaign themes. He reiterated his SOTU theme that big gov't is over, but noted that Republicans "want a government that leaves people to fend for themselves." Clinton painted a "picture of a bright future in the information age." His stops "allowed him to do the kind of meet-and-greet politics he thrived on in 1992" (Backer, CONCORD MONITOR, 2/3). N.Y. TIMES' Purdum: "The President returned to remind voters here that, yes, he is still running after all these years and that whatever his vicissitudes since the Republican electoral sweep of 1994 he is ceding no ground" (2/3). In contrast to the GOP ad barrage, Clinton and WH aides crafted the first day to show him "engaging in traditional one-on-one, retail" NH-style politics (DiStaso/Cousineau, Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/3). Dole national chair/NH Gov. Steve Merrill: "If Pres. Clinton governed as he campaigned

in [NH] in 1992, he would be unbeatable" (AP/MONITOR, 2/4).

A WASTE OF TIME? MONITOR's Timberg notes, "Some still question whether a presidential visit to [NH] is worth the trouble when there's no primary to win." Analyst Charlie Cook: "Is that how allocation decisions will be made in this campaign? I'd like to think that he'd be a little more disciplined." The trip cost the campaign between \$20,000 and \$40,000. Cook said that money may have been better spent in mid-western states "crucial to success" in 11/96 (2/4). Clinton visits IA this week, returns to NH 2/17, then visits MI on 3/4. Hillary Rodham Clinton visited IA this weekend (MONITOR, 2/3). Balto. SUN's Germond and Witcover write that "thanks to the public financing system in place now, the president and his handlers have so much money they don't know what to do with it" (2/5). "Itching to stave off boredom," the WH press corps is "more likely to make tempests out of minor campaign flaps." And "so it was" 2/2, with the news of Clinton adviser Dick Morris' memo to the Dole camp (see HOTLINE, 2/2) (GLOBE, 2/3). "As he did four years ago, Clinton showed up hoarse and with a cold. The old scandals still cling to him, but in a more mute way. Clinton's advisers believe the 1992 election inoculated him to an extent, but the scandals remain alive as a character issue the GOP hopes to exploit in the general election" (Neikirk, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 2/4).

CA: Clinton has ordered aides to take a "fresh look" at buying more B-2 bombers, "certain to boost hopes" in CA and other key states where they're made. The move will cause "fits at the Pentagon." The WH says they need CA to win re-election. CA GOPers said that while adding more B-2 bombers may be "perceived as an obvious political giveaway" that does not "mean the move wouldn't be effective for Clinton" (Graham/Harris, W. POST, 2/4). A recent S.F. EXAMINER poll found that currently, Clinton "receives high marks from more voters than at any time in the past" (see HOTLINE, 2/2) (Marinucci, EXAMINER, 2/3).

BOSNIAN CASUALTY: "With almost eerie symbolism," the first death of a U.S. soldier in Bosnia came as Clinton campaigned in NH. "The fates of both missions are inseparable." Clinton and his advisers "know that a military debacle in Bosnia could dash his dreams of winning a second term" (REUTERS/PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/4). NBC's Miklaszewski: "This is the kind of thing the president's political advisers had feared all along, that a good day out on the campaign would be overshadowed by tragic news out of Bosnia. As long as American troops remain, so does the political risk" (2/3). CBS' Braver: "The President well understands that his own re-election could, in large part, hinge on the safety of American troops" (2/3). CNN's Shipman: "The President's political advisers ... see a steady stream of Bosnia bad news leaking out onto the campaign trail as the scenario most likely to snarl the President's new-found momentum" (2/3). GOP cand. expressed their sympathy for the soldier's family and underscored that they opposed the mission from the start (REUTERS/INQUIRER, 2/4).

MORRISKY BUSINESS: CBS' Braver reports on the Dick Morris secret memo: "Sources tell CBS News that the White House had, in fact, authorized Morris to open backdoor communications with the

Republicans. He simply overstepped his mandate, and it's the kind of mistake that undercuts Bill Clinton's claim to the high road" (2/3). CNN's Blitzer: "Morris' Republican critics, as well as his political rivals in the White House, are smelling blood, but top [WH] aides say the President still has confidence in his controversial adviser" ("IP," 2/2). Al Hunt: "Morris wants to be the big dealmaker who someday later can cash in on his contacts. ... [Clinton should] fire a guy for this kind of sleazy tactic, because if he doesn't all it does is reaffirm what people say about Clinton, 'He's like Dick Morris. He doesn't have any core beliefs or principles, except to win'" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 2/3). Mark Shields: "It has shades of manipulating ... the process" ("NewsHour," PBS, 2/2). CNBC's Mary Matalin, on Morris: "He gives pond scum a bad reputation and he is my least favorite person in the interplanetary system. He's a traitor" ("LKL," CNN, 2/2). W. TIMES editorial: "Be assured that Mr. Clinton had nothing to do with Mr. Morris' peculiar ploy; he never gave it the green light. Indeed, it would be ridiculous to think that Mr. Clinton would ever have anything to do with such a small-minded stunt. And it would be very rash to infer anything from the fact that Mr. Morris is still on the payroll, still the president's main man" (2/5). W. POST's Kamen reports that NRCC staffers "were taken aback" by a recent letter from the DNC soliciting the GOP cmte's views on what the Dems should do. The letter read, "NRCC, what should be our Party's official stance concerning the future of Social Security and Medicare ... or about affirmative action? about welfare?" NRCC's Craig Veith: "We didn't give any advice" (2/5).

TOUGH LOVE? Greg Weiner, the press sec. to Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-NE) has confirmed that the senator accused Clinton of being "an unusually good liar" in an article in the 1/96 issue of ESQUIRE Magazine. While verifying Kerrey had made the remarks, Weiner noted they were "made in a private conversation a year ago. ... He didn't expect to see them in print" (Lambro, W. TIMES, 2/4). Gov. Roy Romer (D-CO), on Kerrey's remarks: "I disagree with him. I think that any of us in public life have a very difficult time communicating how we feel." David Broder, on the Kerrey comments: "What goes on here is, first of all, two men who have been rivals for five years now, and really have a deep, deep distaste for each other. And also, Bob Kerrey just has a wonderful habit of blurting out, occasionally, what he really thinks" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 2/4). In response to Clinton's remarks last week that he would not focus on restoring Dem power to Congress, Broder writes that the president "also has to understand that if he hesitates to ask for a Democratic Congress, he is in effect asking for four more years of gridlock and frustration for himself and the country" (W. POST, 2/4).

*7 BUCHANAN: SAYS FORBES IS FLIP-FLOPPING ON ABORTION

Pat Buchanan launched attacks on Steve Forbes during weekend TV appearances. On CBS' "Face the Nation," Buchanan said, "Forbes is busy flip-flopping on positions he's taken. ... But he has been quoted three times at least in the Associated Press as saying he supports abortions right up to the third trimester.

That is a pro-abortion position. That is a Clintonite position." Forbes spokesperson Gretchen Morgenson: "Steve has been unwavering on his position on abortion since day one. He wants to move the issue forward to a point where abortion disappears in America" (W. POST, 2/5).

IT'S ... PAT: Asked if he could support Forbes if he were nominated, Buchanan said, "The fellow is a social liberal, he is wrong on abortion, wrong on illegal immigration, and he's wrong, quite frankly, on homosexuals in the military. He's got the Clinton position on that. You cannot take that position and have that known and survive in the Republican primaries." More Buchanan: "The attack ads on Mr. Forbes are beginning to bite. They are taking hold. And when Forbes' positions are known more and more and more, he's going to come down. ... I knew Steve Forbes when he headed that little bureau of broadcasting, that little part-time board, and he was coming in -- I'm sure we arranged an occasional photo op for him with the President. The idea that this was an integral adviser of Ronald Reagan's is laughable" ("Evans and Novak," CNN, 2/3).

EDITORIAL: Manchester UNION LEADER asks, "Think [NH] conservatives are out of the running in a primary that the national news media are painting as a Dole-Forbes race? Look again. There's Pat Buchanan coming up on the outside" (2/4)."

*8 GRAMM: PREDICTS DEM SWEEP OF CONGRESS IF FORBES IS NOMINEE

In a swing through IA, Phil Gramm attacked Steve Forbes: "When people look at the Forbes record, they're going to see two Steve Forbes. One is the conservative of the slick TV commercials, the other is the moderate and the liberal that writes magazine articles." Gramm cited a '73 Forbes magazine editorial written by Forbes which supported a health care bill sponsored by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA). Gramm: "Steve Forbes endorsed a bill that has more government, that costs twice as much, that would have had doctors and health care providers work directly for the federal government. ... Bill Clinton could run against Steve Forbes in the general election as the conservative in the race on health care." Gramm added, "I think there is a clear difference between the Steve Forbes who is running for president with the slick TV ads and the Steve Forbes who has a public record for 20 years in writing editorials" (Hartman, DES MOINES REGISTER, 2/3). Gramm, on ABC's "Brinkley": "Forbes would probably not get 35 percent of the vote in the general election. I think we would lose both houses of Congress if he were the nominee. I don't think there's any way you can sell his flat tax." More Gramm: "Bill Clinton could run to the right of Steve Forbes in the general election." Gramm, on negative TV ads: "I am the only candidate right now in this race that I'm aware of that is on with totally positive advertising" (2/4).

ONE WEEK TO GO: More Gramm on Forbes in IA: "He's spent four times the spending limit ... for a store-bought image completely at odds with what he's been saying for 20 years. But I've always doubted that money could buy love, or the presidency, either." IA GOP chair Brian Kennedy: "Forbes may bother Dole, though Dole clearly has the superior organization. But there's

no doubt that Forbes is pulling away in the race for second place. Forbes has become the alternative instead of Phil Gramm, and Alexander might squeeze into third place if Gramm's not pretty careful. Unlike Gramm, Forbes fits the model of a lot of the Republican candidates who won in 1994 -- highly successful in some other field, a Washington outsider, spends his own money." By Gramm's "own reckoning," a fourth-place finish in IA "would doom his chances, and even a third-place finish would bode ill for his prospects" in NH (Apple, N.Y. TIMES, 2/4).

UP FOR A GRAMMY? Gramm is airing a new 30-sec. TV spot in NH titled "Moral Meltdown." TEXT: ANNCR: "Crime, illegitimacy. A moral meltdown. Phil Gramm believes America's problems begin in Washington, DC." Gramm: "As we have turned to Washington to take care of us, we have turned away from our families and our faith. Washington can't keep starving working families with higher taxes. And rewarding people who don't work with welfare. To reverse America's moral decline, we've got to make Washington smaller. Government can't replace family, faith and freedom." Analysis: "Hoping that voters have grown tired of the negative ads Dole and Forbes have run against one another, Gramm's campaign is running sober ads that show him talking to families at kitchen tables or speaking about America's moral decline. Gramm has made Christian family values a central theme of his campaign. Playing to conservative white voters, Gramm has said welfare recipients should clean windows or pick up trash if they can't find jobs and that immigrants too often come to America with no desire to work. The message has not worked in New Hampshire, where Gramm has lagged behind Forbes and Dole in the polls. At least one poll showed that many voters think Gramm's message is harsh despite its soft delivery" (Tolme, AP, 2/3).

SENSE OF YUMA: ARIZONA REPUBLIC's Murphy previews the 2/27 AZ primary for 39 delegates. Analysts and even some Gramm supporters say Gramm "may have underestimated, perhaps fatally, the power of Forbes' media barrage." Gramm backer/frosh Rep. John Shadegg (R): "I think the Gramm people have badly misjudged timing and are in grave danger of losing this. It appears their miscalculation may have been that primaries are decided by primary voters, and they could wait and reach those voters later even if Forbes got way out front. And that looks to me to be a debatable proposition. ... If Gramm doesn't move [in the polls], I'm moveable. But not to Bob Dole." Gramm backer/AZ GOP chair Dodie Londen: "A lot of [Gramm supporters] feel he does have the best philosophy and plan for being president, but he doesn't translate across the television as well as Steve Forbes does." Gramm's AZ dir. Chuck Coughlin: "We've always felt we've been in a very good position in Arizona, because of our strong grass-roots support" (2/4).

*9 ALEXANDER: TALKS UP EXPERIENCE IN ATTACKS ON FORBES

Lamar Alexander targeted Steve Forbes while campaigning in NH 2/4, calling him "totally unprepared" to be president. Alexander: "Mr. Forbes is a decent person, but if his name were 'Forbes Malcolm' he wouldn't even be a serious candidate for a mayor in New Jersey. We don't pick Presidents this way. We

don't just reach down into a grab bag and pick out someone who inherited \$400 million ... and hired a couple of Jesse Helms ad makers and flood the New Hampshire primary with television ads. .. I would suggest that he might want to try the school board before he tries the Presidency" (DiStaso, Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/5). Alexander, appearing on NBC's "Today Show," said "It will be Senator Dole and me coming out of New Hampshire. ... Steve Forbes is persuading the people of Iowa and New Hampshire that Bob Dole is not the right man for the assignment, and Bob Dole is running a lot of negative ads that Forbes is unprepared. Well, I think Forbes and Dole are right" (W. POST, 2/5).

CAN HE RIDE FORBES' COATTAILS?: NPR's Nina Totenberg: "While I would never hire a brain surgeon to operate on me with no experience, it appears the American people are so fed up with government as we know it, that they're willing to go with anybody who advertises himself as an outsider, and my guess is that if Forbes falters, we'll see Lamar Alexander ... start to move up." But Carl Rowan disagreed: "I don't think there's any way Lamar Alexander can rise out of all this chaos" ("Inside Wash.," 2/3).

STAYIN' UPBEAT: Alexander plans to keep his TV ad campaign "up beat" in hopes voters will "tire" of the negative ads being lobbed back and fourth between Forbes and Bob Dole. Pew Research dir. Andrew Kohut cited Alexander's high favorability numbers as a chance for Alexander to emerge from the pack: "Alexander could be a bust through" (Tolme, AP, 2/3). "Alexander is a Roadrunner in the Republican presidential campaign: Beep, beep -- zoom, a blur of plaid, stopping on a dime -- BOING -- through the snowy canyons of New Hampshire politics" (Woodward, AP, 2/3).

*10 LUGAR: EARLY WINS ARE LIKE YEAST

Dick Lugar, interviewed 2/4 on "McLaughlin's One on One," said he must have a "breakthrough" in IA or NH to survive: "We have to have real success there in order to gain support. We're going to continue into the New England primaries in any event, but in order to win any of those or to make the kind of showing that will bring momentum, that will bring more givers of money to my campaign, we will have to do well in those initial contests."

FLAT EARTH SOCIETY: Lugar, on Steve Forbes' claim that an outsider can "clean up Washington": "I can't understand why anyone would pay attention to such nonsense" (Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/5). More Lugar: "As people have heard about his flat tax, they thought initially they were going to save money. Now, they're finding they won't. The middle income people in America lose money in the Forbes plan. They don't like that and they won't like Forbes after awhile" ("One on One," 2/4).

*11 PEROT: REFORM PARTY BEGINS NEBRASKA PETITION DRIVE

A petition drive to gain a ballot spot in NE for the Reform Party will start 2/5 in Omaha. Just 5,773 signatures are required to form the new political party and place the name of its nominees for pres. and VP on NE's general-election ballot. The Reform Party already has qualified in CA, UT, and ND, and is awaiting certification in AR. Petitions have been gathered in SC (AP, 2/3).

LOOKING UNDER THE HOOD: Ross Perot, appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," asked if he would run as the Reform Party's cand.: "I have said what I have said since September of '95. I've said it to you this morning. I am working night and day to help get this new party created. That is my mission" (2/4). Under header, "Perot waiting in the wings, ready to fly in," USA TODAY's Benedetto suggests a scenario for a Perot run: "By summer, the political field will be littered with Republicans and Democrats wounded in the nasty budget fight. And many voters will be so disgusted with both parties that Perot, a master at articulating in everyday language what people don't like about politics and politicians, will once again command center stage." Perot pollster Gordon Black: "I've assumed from the beginning that he will be the candidate once he gets the party off the ground" (2/5). CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Hardy analyzes Perot's 2/1 speech to the Des Moines CoC (see HOTLINE, 2/2): "Compared to the stump patter of the GOP candidates, Perot sounded shrill and cynical, rushing through his Chicken Little "The Sky is Falling" speech. ... Contrasted with the Forbes flat-tax message of 'hope, growth and opportunity,' it was easy to see why the geeky publishing magnate attracts large audiences of curious voters looking for an alternative, while Perot sounds downbeat and redundant" (2/4).

*12 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES:

	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9
ALEXANDER	CedarRpd	DesMoines		DesMoines	Davenport
	IA	IA	n/a	IA City	Burlington
615-327-3350		NH		IA	IA
BUCHANAN	Monroe				
	Alexandra	LA	n/a	n/a	n/a
703-848-1996	LA				
DOLE	Ames				
	IA City	DC	n/a	n/a	n/a
202-414-6400	IA				
DORNAN				Sioux Cty	DesMoines
	DC	DC	n/a	IA	IA
703-644-2600					
FORBES			DesMoines		
	IA	IA	IA	n/a	n/a
908-781-5111					
GRAMM		DesMoines			
	IA	IA, then	IA	n/a	n/a
202-467-8600		LA			
KEYES	IA	LA			
	LA	MD	IA	IA	IA

503-463-1818 | | | |

LUGAR |Bedford |Des Moines|Davenport|CnclBlufs|Des Moines
|Manchestr| IA | Clinton | IA | IA
202-544-3636 | NH | | IA |Omaha, NE|

TAYLOR | | NH | IA City | Dubuque |Ft. Dodge
| NH | IA | Vinton | Clinton | Ames
800-930-4668 | | | IA | IA | IA

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

***13 GEPHARDT: REP. DUNN FILES ETHICS CHARGE**

Rep. Jennifer Dunn (R-WA) filed an ethics complaint against House Min. Leader Dick Gephardt (MO) questioning whether he evaded federal taxes and violated House rules on a "profitable seaside land deal." Dunn also asked the House ethics cmte to "launch an investigation of Gephardt's use of campaign funds to benefit a company owned by a land developer who lent him money to buy an \$800,000 vacation home on North Carolina's Outer Banks." Dunn filed documents that allegedly show Gephardt spent "tens of thousands" of campaign dollars on catering to a firm owned by Richard Brindley, the developer who initially lent Gephardt \$304,205 for the NC lot on which the vacation home was built. Federal law and House rules prohibit use of campaign funds to relieve members from loan obligations. Dunn's documents ostensibly show Gephardt "avoided paying federal taxes on capital gains of about \$79,500" when he swapped an NC condo he already owned for the seafront property (Archibald, W. TIMES, 2/4). Gephardt spokeswoman Laura Nichols said the complaint is a "rehash of old and discredited allegations" that appeared last August in "Insight," a magazine published by the company that owns the Washington Times. The complaint holds that Gephardt called the condo a secondary residence not used for rental purposes, but when he swapped the condo for the unimproved lot he characterized both to the IRS as investment properties. By making the transaction an exchange and not a sale, Gephardt was able to avoid capital gains tax. Later, in order to secure a bank loan, Gephardt once again characterized the seafront lot, called Corolla Light, as a second residence, not an investment. Dunn said Gephardt's different characterizations of the property mean "he has either violated the Ethics in Government Act or the Internal Revenue Services code" (AP/W. POST, 2/4).

***14 COVER TO COVER**

NEWSWEEK (pic Magic Johnson): "New Hope for Living Longer With HIV: It's more than Magic" (2/12 issue).

TIME: "Magic's Formula for Living With HIV" (2/12 issue).

U.S. NEWS: "Beating the Odds: How more people are fending off AIDS" (2/12 issue).

BUSINESS WEEK: "The Big Bet: Morgan Stanley is pushing into the Third World. Will it pay off?" (2/12 issue).

THE NATION: "America's House of Cards: How the casino economy robs the working poor" (2/19 issue).

WEEKLY STANDARD: "End of Ambition." Picture of four milk cartons with pictures of missing candidates Bill Bennett, Colin Powell, Dan Quayle and Jack Kemp (2/12 issue).

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

***15 KENTUCKY: BARLOW KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN**

"Admitting he has an uphill battle," ex-Rep. Tom Barlow (D) launched his campaign for the Dem nod to face Sen. Mitch McConnell (R). Barlow has been selling insurance since losing his bid for re-election in '94 to Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-01). Dem rival/ex-LG Steve Beshear has the backing of Gov. Paul Patton (D). Barlow said that Beshear "will have problems if he decides to ignore a grassroots campaign that Barlow plans to take to each county." Barlow noted that he has raised about \$30,000 since he announced his intentions last year. Conceding he might fare better if he attempted to regain his House seat, Barlow said, "I don't go for comfortable odds, I go for the deep challenge." He said he wants TV debates with Beshear and already has suggested spending limits. But he insisted that his "real adversary, however, is McConnell, whom he blames for orchestrating Whitfield's candidacy" (Malone, Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 2/3). Other possible: '92 Perot spokesperson James Squires (I). Primary: 5/28.

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

***16 PA 04: ROOKER MAKES PITCH FOR HOUSE**

Former Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Jim Rooker will seek the GOP nomination to challenge Rep. Ron Klink in the district located in and around Pittsburgh. To win, Rooker will have to "overcome publicity" from three drunk-driving convictions. Rooker: "I'm glad (the arrests) happened, because of the direction I was headed. I got kicked in the rear-end. It straightened me out" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/4). Although the district is heavily Democratic and blue-collar, Rooker has "certain assets." He pitched eight years with the Pirates, including their World Champion team in '79. His campaign chair is Chuck Tanner, the man who managed the Pirates to that championship. Rooker is currently known for announcing games for ESPN and Pittsburgh's KDKA (Weisskopf, W. POST, 2/4).

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

***17 TIME/CNN: DOLE STILL UP, BUT FORBES SHOWS BIG GAINS**

Yankelovich Partners surveyed 985 GOP and GOP leaners 1/27-30; margin of error 3% (release, 2/4).

GOP PRIMARY	NOW	10/31-11/6	2ND CHOICE (NOW)	FAV/UNFAV
Dole	47%	45%	19%	70%/ 23%
Forbes	17	4	16	41 / 16
Gramm	9	8	15	38 / 24
Buchanan	6	6	11	36 / 38
Alexander	3	3	4	17 / 14
Keyes	3	3	2	

Lugar	1	2	3
Dornan	1	1	1
Undecided	13	23	27

SUPPORT FOR CAND. DOLE FORBES GRAMM BUCHANAN

Strong supporter	20%	11%	13%	20%
Moderate supporter	48%	52	42	51
Weak supporter	31	36	45	29

SATISFIED W/FIELD OF GOP CANDS. GOP NOMINEE SHOULD BE ...

Satisfied	60%	Conservative	54%
Not satisfied	38	Moderate	39

VOTE FOR BILL CLINTON? WHO IS CLOSEST TO YOUR

Definitely vote for 11% VIEWS ON MAJOR ISSUES?

Definitely vote against	72	Dole	40%
Might vote for/against	14	Forbes	20

DOLE IS A ...	FORBES IS A ...
Conservative 47%	Conservative 31%
Moderate 41	Moderate 30
DK 12	DK 39

GOPers in CONGRESS ARE GOING TOO FAR IN CUTTING BACK PROGRAMS

NOW 10/31-11/6

Agree	39%	38%
Disagree	59	58

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

*18 THIS MORNING: "FOX Morning News" hosted hosted GOP pollster Ed Goeas, Dem consyultant Jennifer Laszlo, TIME's Michael Duffy and frosh Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA).

PREDICTIONS: LA: "McLaughlin Group's" unanimous pick -- Gramm (2/3). CNBC's Mary Matalin -- Gramm. Dem consultant Bob Squier and MTV NEWS' Tabitha Soren -- Buchanan ("LKL," CNN, 2/2). IA: "Group's" unanimous pick -- Dole. For 2nd place, McLaughlin picked Forbes, the rest chose Gramm (2/3). Matalin, Squier, and Soren -- Dole ("LKL," CNN, 2/2). NH: Clarence Page and Fred Barnes -- Dole. Tony Snow and McLaughlin -- Forbes ("Group," 2/3). Matalin -- Dole. Squier and Soren -- Forbes ("LKL," CNN, 2/2). AZ: Snow and Eleanor Clift -- Forbes. Page, McLaughlin and Barnes said it would depend on NH and IA ("Group," 2/3).

LAUGHS: Mark Shields, on OR's vote-by-mail: "You can now buy a senator for 32 cents" ("IP Weekend," CNN, 2/3). Jay Leno, on Groundhog Day in DC: "Hillary Clinton came out of the White House, saw Al D'Amato's shadow and realized, six more weeks of Whitewater." Leno, on DC's weather: "It was so cold that Phil Gramm's lips were actually frozen to the president of the NRA's rear-end. ... It was so cold, you could actually see the last breath coming out of the Dole campaign. ... It was so cold in Iowa that in the middle of a speech, Steve Forbes' tongue got stuck to the silver spoon in his mouth" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 2/2). David Letterman, also on the winter weather: "It was so cold in New Hampshire today that ... Steve Forbes actually said

'No new taxes, read my breath'" ("Late Show," CBS, 2/2).

TOP TEN SIGNS YOUR SPOUSE IS HAVING AN AFFAIR ON THE COMPUTER

10. Lately she sits at the computer naked.
 9. After signing off, he always has a cigarette.
 8. The giant rubber inflatable disk drive.
 7. In the morning, the computer screen is all fogged up.
 6. He's gotten amazingly good at typing with one hand.
 5. She makes sarcastic remarks about your "software."
 4. Lipstick on the mouse.
 3. During sex she screams "A colon backlash enter insert!"
 2. The jam in the laser printer is a pair of underpants.
 1. The fax file is filled with pictures of some guy's ass
- ("Late Show," CBS, 2/2).

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

"It's kind of like facing Mr. Rogers with an Uzi."

-- W.S. JOURNAL's Al Hunt, on how the GOP field
sees Steve Forbes, "Cap Gang," CNN, 2/3

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FORBES SCORE AND \$18M AGO (#4)		SPOTLIGHT	
1995 wasn't about pinching			
pennies, as jaws drop over		BORED ON THE BAYOU	
Forbes' FEC filing. \$10M spent			
on radio/TV in the 4th Q alone.		It's not the Mardi Gras	
		spectacle they hoped for,	
A STEVE UP DOLE'S SLEEVE (#3)		but the fight for the GOP	
Forbes challenges Dole to		nomination finally reaches	
debate the veracity of his flat		the voters, courtesy the	
tax attack ad. Dole camp says		Louisiana GOP. Fewer than	
talk to the star of the ad, NH		40,000 are expected to show	
Gov. Merrill. Meanwhile, some		up at 42 caucus sites	
say Merrill's hits may be		around the state.	
stunting Forbes' NH growth.(#2)		AT STAKE: 21 delegates	
		today, nine more in the	
GUILT BY ASSOCIATION ... (#7)		3/12 primary.	
That's the image the WH is		NO-SHOWS: In deference	
worried about as the President		to IA, most cand. have	
gets subpoenaed to testify in		pulled a Bayou boycott.	

the criminal trial of his | But for Gramm and Buchanan, |
Whitewater associates. | it could be make or break. |
 | GREAT EXPECTATIONS: Pro- |
DISPLEASURE FROM PAYNE? (#15) | Gramm forces moved up LA on |
Another moderate, Rep. L.F. | the calendar, and anything |
Payne (D-VA), calls it quits. | less than a big win may |
Know of any Goode successors? | hurt him in IA & NH; he won |
 | a 1/95 LA straw poll with |
<http://PoliticsUSA.com>		72%. Buchanan, armed with
"In Focus" provides inter-		a vote from Gov. Foster,
active links to bios of the		calls Gramm a booster of
House members emerging as		higher taxes and racial
the biggest power players.		quotas. (#1)

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

"A political shrimp cocktail, to be polished off before
Iowa and New Hampshire serve up the surf'n turf entree."
-- COX's Tom Baxter describing today's LA caucuses,
ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 2/5

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Last time Louisiana had a presidential primary, LA Reps.
Billy Tauzin (R) and Jimmy Hayes (R) endorsed Bill Clinton.

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

*1 LOUISIANA: GRAMM IS IN A MUST-WIN SITUATION

The first real step in choosing the '96 GOP pres. nominee starts today in LA, where caucuses will select 21 delegates. With light turnout expected, LA is "starting the process with more of a whimper than a bang." Only three candidates -- Phil Gramm, Pat Buchanan and Alan Keyes -- have campaigned in the state, with frontrunners Bob Dole and Steve Forbes "conspicuously absent. Even more conspicuous has been the overwhelming lack of attention on the part of the voters" (Grace, N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE, 2/6).

STRATEGY BACKFIRE: It all begins at 4 p.m. Eastern time, in the "two-traffic-light" town of Iowa (LA), followed an hour later by 41 other caucus sites. Although "there is more interest from the national media than among Louisiana voters," and though what was meant to be a "national political Mardi Gras" has become "little more than a sideshow," Gramm, Buchanan and Keyes have made serious efforts; the rest, in deference to the other Iowa -- and its traditional first-in-the-nation caucuses -- have stayed away. The event was designed generally to have a southern state lead the way, and specifically to give "early momentum" to Gramm, but some say the Texan "may be surprised." LA POLITICAL REPORT John Maginnis: "It's already backfired on Gramm. He failed to lure Dole and Forbes and the others down here, and he bred resentment in Iowa and New Hampshire. And now Buchanan has a shot at winning. I think he will win." Last month Buchanan said of Gramm, "We're going to bury him in the swamp with the alligators," but lately has talked about walking into a "stacked deck": "This is Phil Gramm's back yard. He won last year's Louisiana straw poll almost 10 to one over me. He's got the organization. He's got the state party sort of behind him, and he's got the congressmen behind him" (Attlesey, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 2/6). Gramm campaigned in the state accompanied by LA GOP Reps. Richard Baker and Bob Livingston (Baton Rouge ADVOCATE,

2/6). Nine additional delegates will be awarded following the 3/12 primary.

EXPECTATIONS: COX's Baxter writes that the caucuses are simply a "political shrimp cocktail, to be polished off before Iowa and New Hampshire serve up the surf 'n turf entree." The caucuses "may have been reviled and ridiculed," but "whoever wins here tonight will act as if he pulled off a political triumph to put up there beside the great political triumphs of our time." Gramm "seemed a few weeks ago to have it wrapped up, and therefore he has the most to lose. Already struggling, if Gramm falls short here, his campaign will be severely wounded before he even gets to the states where he has put in the most effort. A substantial victory, on the other hand, might be a signal that he has forged a grass-roots organization capable of pulling a surprise next week in Iowa. But the candidate who seems to have the big 'mo' is Buchanan. He has the big Mike, as well" -- newly-elected Gov. Mike Foster, who said he will vote for Buchanan (2/6).

GRAMM'S MOMENT OF TRUTH: During the '95 gov. race, Buchanan was the only candidate who endorsed Foster, who at that time was way back in the pack. Balto. SUN's Witcover: "A failure by Mr. Gramm to win the Louisiana caucuses handily would be a major blow to his campaign going into next Monday's Iowa caucuses. ... Gramm faces a moment of truth in the Louisiana caucuses. He was expected at the outset to enjoy a cakewalk that would have him claim the early delegate lead going into [IA and NH]. ... But the arrival on the scene of Steve Forbes ... pushed Mr. Gramm back to third place or worse in [IA and NH] polls. A poor showing in Louisiana would be a blow to his chances of surviving into the Southern primaries next month" (2/6). USA TODAY's Benedetto: "Gramm must get most of the 21 delegates, or head for the Feb. 12 Iowa caucuses seriously wounded" (2/6). Ex-RNC chair Frankahrenkopf: "Because everyone else has boycotted, except Buchanan and Keyes, it has now come down to a situation where, as far as I'm concerned, Phil Gramm can only lose" ("FOX Morning News," 2/6). Gramm: "If we win convincingly in Louisiana, that process is going to turn into an avalanche" (N.Y. TIMES, 2/6). Gramm LA mgr. Jimmy Owens said that if Buchanan doesn't win in LA, "he's out of the race." He "said that Buchanan has thrown so many of his relatively scant resources into the Louisiana race that a loss would be embarrassing and financially punishing." Owens: "He might not have enough money to fly home" (Booth, W. POST, 2/6).

TURNOUT: Turnout is expected to be low, with estimates everywhere from 10,000 to a most optimistic 40,000. CNN's Morton: "These so-called caucuses are about as mysterious as the bayous in the Atchafalaya basin -- 42 polling places across the entire state." Maginnis: "A lot of people have no idea where to go, plus voting is on a Tuesday -- people in Louisiana are used to voting on Saturdays -- and it's cold and wet outside, so this probably won't be a very good turnout at all" ("Inside Politics," 2/5). Even Gov. Foster has "taken a shot" at the caucus. The GOP is "pinching pennies" with the caucuses, trying to stay

within a \$40,000 budget. Foster: "I think we could do it a little better. It does have a significance and it's gonna mean something, but I would hope we could do this on a much better scale if we're gonna do it" (Caldwell, Baton Rouge's WAFB-TV, 2/5). But LA GOP consultant Rhett Davis said that the number of delegates or the turnout won't matter: "The issue will be who won and who lost and who has early momentum" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 2/6).

*2 NEW HAMPSHIRE: POLLS SHOW VOLATILITY; NO CLEAR LEADER

Three polls. 1) WMUR-TV poll, conducted 1/29-2/4 by Dartmouth College, surveyed 556 NH residents; margin of error +/- 4.2%. Subsample: 421 likely GOP primary voters (60% GOP, 36% indie); margin of error +/- 4.7% (2/5). 2) N.Y. POST/WNYW-TV tracking poll, conducted 2/2-5 by the John Zogby Group Int'l, surveyed 511 likely GOP primary voters (73% GOP, 27% indie); MOE +/- 4.5% (2/6). 3) American Research Group tracking poll, conducted 2/3-5, surveyed 492 likely GOP primary voters (84% GOP, 16% indie); MOE +/- 4.4% (2/5). Primary 2/20. Delegates: 16.

	WMUR		N.Y. POST/WNYW	
GOP PRIMARY	1/29-2/4	1/7-10	2/2-5	2/1-4
Forbes	29%	18%	24%	23%
Dole	25	37	24	22
Buchanan	12	10	10	11
Alexander	10	7	10	7
Gramm	6	5	5	7
Lugar	3	2	3	4
Taylor	1	0	1	1
Keyes	0	3	1	1
Dornan	0	0	0	0
Undecided	12	12	23	22

	ARG TRACKING			
GOP PRIMARY	2/3-5	2/2-4	2/1-3	1/31-2/2
Dole	25%	25%	25%	23%
Forbes	18	18	17	18
Buchanan	17	18	18	18
Gramm	10	10	9	9
Alexander	6	6	6	6
Lugar	4	4	4	4
Keyes	2	2	2	2
Taylor	1	1	1	1
Dornan	0	0	0	0
DK/other	16	15	17	18

GENERAL MATCHUPS (WMUR; Among All)

	1/29-2/4	1/7-10	1/29-2/4
Clinton	54%	43%	Clinton 50%
Dole	34	38	Forbes 36

ANALYSIS: WMUR's Carl Cameron: "The poll shows voters are watching the race closely right now but changing their minds a lot. With two weeks left, the only thing certain is a typically

unpredictable New Hampshire conclusion" (2/5). CONCORD MONITOR's Elrick: "Another day, another poll showing Steve Forbes overtaking Bob Dole. More importantly, however, the findings indicate a still volatile Republican presidential primary with no clear front-runner." Dartmouth pollster Linda Fowler: "In the long run, what we think the poll means is the race is very volatile and things are going to move around a lot for the next 10 days" (2/6). Differing results between the competing polls "may owe some of their difference to the estimates of how many independent voters will exercise their right to vote" in the GOP primary (Landrigan, Nashua TELEGRAPH, 2/6). The Zogby Group notes that if its GOP primary sample were to be adjusted -- from 73% GOP, 27% indie to 80% GOP, 20% indie -- Dole and Forbes would be tied at 23% each (release 2/5). Pollster John Zogby: "it doesn't get any closer than this -- fasten your seat belts" (Orin, N.Y. POST, 2/6).

ARG ANALYSIS: In its poll release, ARG highlights three finding of the most recent tracking poll. 1) Dole has stopped his slide among likely GOP primary voters, and his daily numbers show a "small rebound." 2) Forbes is "stalled" at 20% and the daily numbers "do not show any strong positive movement: and the Dole/Merrill anti-Forbes ad is "limiting the growth of support" for Forbes. 3) Buchanan, "in almost an exact repeat" of his '92 tracking performance is "hovering" in the high teens -- this is Buchanan's "non-Bush protest vote base" (2/6).

THE AGENDA: WMUR's Cameron: "The 18 million dollar Forbes ad blitz, flat tax and plan to clean up Washington is making quite a mark in New Hampshire." NH GOP exec. dir. Charles Arlinghaus: "He's dramatically shaped the agenda. We're not talking about what we were talking about six months ago." Cameron, on what Dole must do: "Nationally, critics say, the GOP revolution and Contract With America are being upstaged by a flat tax that won't work, a point, experts say, Dole must make to defeat Forbes." Dartmouth's Fowler: "He has to raise doubts about the flat tax and about Forbes' experience, as he is doing now, but in a way that's not going to sound mean-spirited" (2/5).

*3 DOLE: OFFERS UP MERRILL TO DEBATE FORBES OVER FLAT-TAX SPOT

Steve Forbes, upset over Bob Dole's flat-tax ad featuring NH Gov. Steve Merrill, challenged Dole to defend the spot in a debate, or withdraw it. "Dole accepted the challenge. He would favor a debate," but only if Merrill could do the debating for him. Forbes campaign mgr Bill Dal Col: "This is another dodge for the Dole campaign. The fact is Senator Dole has got to be able to defend this ad, or pull it." So, "instead of a debate featuring Forbes vs. Dole, or Forbes vs. Merrill, there will be no debate until the one scheduled for WMUR" on 2/15. Merrill: "Steve Forbes has challenged my record and attacked me personally." The Forbes campaign "has no interest in debating Merrill, perhaps the most popular politician in a state Forbes hopes to win. He and his aides have carefully avoided making any disparaging comments about Merrill directly, even though he stars in the ad and, according to two campaign aides familiar with its production, wrote the script himself. As for Dole, he has

consistently avoided face-to-face confrontations with other candidates." Asked if Dole would accept Forbes' challenge, Dole dep. chair Bill Lacy: "Absolutely not, but Governor Merrill will be delighted to debate." Dal Col responded, "Dole can't defend the ad, and Dole can't defend his positions. ... That's their way of ducking the debate. It's a typical Dole move" (Timberg, CONCORD MONITOR, 2/6). Dole mgr Scott Reed: "Obviously, we've hit a nerve. Steve Forbes has spent millions on his attacks ads, but it only took one ad featuring Governor Merrill telling the truth about his tax plan before the air started rushing out of the Forbes balloon" (AP, 2/6). Forbes: "Dole, if he believes still in that ad that is based on false information, should be willing to defend it on a one-one debate. We'll debate him anytime, anywhere, tomorrow, on that subject. We'll see if he has the courage of his convictions on it" (WHO-Des Moines, 2/5). A Dole "campaign official" said Dole "does not want to elevate" Forbes' stature so close to the 2/20 NH primary (Kellman, W. TIMES, 2/6).

THE DISPUTE: In the ad, Merrill tells viewers that under Forbes' 17-percent flat-tax plan, "the typical New Hampshire household will pay \$2,000 more in taxes." But the analysis on which Merrill based the ad did not consider Forbes' personal exemptions, which total \$36,000 for a family of four. Including the exemptions, the same typical household saves \$4,420 in federal taxes -- "not paying more as Merrill claims." Forbes and House Majority Leader Dick Armey have called for the ad's withdrawal because of that error (MONITOR, 2/6).

THE HIGH ROAD: Dole, on refusing to pull the tax ad: "We've taken a lot of flak. I ought to get another purple heart before this is over. ... The American people aren't going to just say, well, someone with absolutely zero experience and a lot of money ought to be president" (Hines, Ratcliffe, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 2/6). Dole: "the people of Iowa have had about all the negative ads they can take." The "contrast between Dole's attempts at being sunny on the campaign stump and savage on the airwaves underscores the fact that the first step in his final attempt to win the presidency has proven far more difficult than was once thought." Dole comm. dir. Mari Maseng Will: "He's connecting in a personal way with the voters, talking about the values that drive him" (Tackett/Hardy, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 2/6). Lacy: "Voters have huge doubts about Steve Forbes' ability to serve as president and about his ability to handle a crisis as president" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/6). NBC's Ifill: "Dole has only two weeks to rescue a lifetime's worth of ambition. ... Behind the scenes, Dole's advisers have been repositioning their candidate. ... But Dole's potential problem runs deeper than Steve Forbes. No matter how hard he works he just can't seem to build a fire under his supporters. Dole has failed to convince many voters that he has a vision for his presidency" (2/5).

A QUICK SKIRMISH: Header over a Forbes news release received via fax at HOTLINE at 4:38p 2/5: "Forbes Challenges Dole to Flat Tax Debate Tomorrow." Header over a Dole news release received via fax at HOTLINE at 5:59p 2/5: "Dole Campaign Accepts

Forbes' Debate Challenge."

NEW AD: Another Dole TV ad quotes news media reports criticizing earlier Forbes ads attacking the senator on social security as "untrue" and "misleading." ANNCR: "Now, he's distorting Bob Dole's commitment to seniors. But Steve Forbes plans to end Social Security as we know it. He supports forced retirement at 65. Court records show Steve Forbes was sued for age discrimination by his 65-year-old secretary. ... Steve Forbes. Untested. Not truthful." ANALYSIS: Forbes "does not support forced retirement, either at his magazine or as a matter of policy. Forbes spokesperson Gretchen Morgenson: "Until recently there was an 82-year-old sales representative at Forbes magazine." Forbes' Social Security plan "would preserve benefits for older workers, while rerouting a portion of revenue from the existing payroll tax to personal retirement accounts for younger workers, giving them greater control over the money. A Forbes secretary did sue for alleged discrimination. The suit was settled, Morgenson said" (Canellos, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/6).

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE: Roll Call's Kondracke reports a second Merrill ad will show him "more in sorrow than anger, 'We've had one untested president raise our taxes. Let's not make that mistake again.'" From a Merrill interview: "I'll tell you two secrets about what's wrong with Forbes: He's peaked too soon and he's gone negative too soon" (2/5 issue).

IN IA: CNN's Crowley: "Rattled perhaps, but rolling still, Bob Dole puddlejumped through Iowa ... a tour which left the media in the dust, but put Dole in touch with the people he needs most right now" ("IP," 2/5). Dole, "reaching out to undecided voters," used "electoral math to make his case and said the Midwest "will be the battleground" with Clinton (Glover, AP, 2/6). Dole also charged that congressional Democrats are delaying passage of a farm bill to embarrass him in the IA caucuses (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 2/6). When Dole spoke in Ames, "reaction was tepid and the turnout remarkably poor. ... No one interrupted to applaud during Mr. Dole's speech" (West, Balto. SUN, 2/6). But Dole backer/IA Gov. Terry Branstad said, "People I talk to in my state say we certainly don't want Forbes as our nominee, not with the views he's taken on abortion and gays in the military" (W. TIMES, 2/6).

*4 FORBES: SPENT \$18M IN 1995, \$12.5M ON TV AND RADIO

Steve Forbes spent "more than \$18 million last year in his quest to win the nomination." According to a campaign spending report released by the FEC, all but \$1.5M of Forbes' expenditures came from his "personal fortune." During the final three months of '95, Forbes spent more than \$14M -- compared with \$8.4M by Bob Dole, \$5.4M by Phil Gramm, \$3.5M by Lamar Alexander and \$3.2M by Pat Buchanan" (Marcus/Pincus, W. POST, 2/6). Of Dole's \$8.4M, less than \$2M "appears to have gone to TV ads" (Braun/Chu, L.A. TIMES, 2/6). The figures released "do not include millions of dollars that Forbes has spent on television and other campaign promotion since" 1/96. In what is the "most breathtaking part" of Forbes' report, he recorded spending \$9.7M to buy TV and radio

time from 10/1-12/31, bringing his total TV and radio buys to the "staggering sum" of \$12.5M for '95. Colby College prof. Anthony Corrado: "Wow. That's pretty serious spending. That amount on media is comparable to what past presidential candidates have spent in total on media during the course of their presidential [primary] campaigns." The Dole campaign calculated Forbes had spent \$1.3M each week since he announced his candidacy 9/96, compared with \$543,000 weekly for the Dole campaign. The report also "offered the first real glimpse of those contributing to the Forbes's campaign." The \$1,000 donors include "many Wall Street executives," including Saul Steinberg, Richard Gilder and Alan Greenberg (W. POST, 2/6).

HIS OTHER IDEAS: After reviewing all 557 of Forbes' editorial columns written over the past 20 years, BOSTON GLOBE's Kaplan writes Forbes "has more ideas than just the flat tax, and many of them set him apart dramatically from the rest" of the GOP field. For instance, "he believes mothers should not be taken off welfare just because they fail to find a job within a certain time. He thinks that high budget deficits are no big deal, and that the Federal Reserve keeps interest rates too high. He thinks owners of the worst-polluting cars should be given 'big-cash incentives' to turn them in for scrap. He wants to help fill America with more immigrants" (2/6). For more on Forbes' issue stances, see USA TODAY's Hasson, under header "For Forbes, that's then, this is now: Candidate takes a right turn" (2/6).

NOTES FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL: "Dueling from distant corners" of IA, Forbes and Dole "traded barbs ... over their electability and the likely economic impact of a flat tax -- themes dominating the Iowa caucus campaign as it enters its final fractious week." For the first time in recent weeks, Forbes appeared "on the defensive" as other candidates "tried to chip away at Forbes' standing with Christian conservatives on social issues" (L.A. TIMES, 2/6). NPR's Arnold: "Forbes is getting a taste of his own medicine and he doesn't like it" (2/5). Responding to a "growing flurry of critical mailings and attacks by several rival campaigns and fundamentalist activist groups over his social views," Forbes "insisted he opposes same-sex marriages" and defended his company's private display of a seascape by "controversial photographer" Robert Mapplethorpe (L.A. TIMES, 2/6). According to W. POST's Balz & Barnes, Bill Horn, "an Iowan official" with a CA-based group "opposed to gay rights" charged that it is Forbes' yacht that includes a work of art by Mapplethorpe. Horn: "Why is Steve Forbes patronizing a homoerotic artist?" (2/6). Campaigning in Sioux City, IA, Forbes was asked about his choice for a running mate: "The kind of person I'm going to be looking for is not necessarily going to be from those who are currently active in political life. It's going to be a wider net than that" (Neubauer, AP, 2/6). CNN's Crowley, on Forbes' IA organization: "Things are hopping at Forbes headquarters. ... The newcomer on Iowa's political block has had to make friends who have friends in a hurry. ... The 'King of the Airwaves' seemed confident he has things on the ground under control." Forbes: "We have people out in the field. We're going to have people out in all the precincts. We've got

phone banks going, identifying supporters, helping them get to the caucuses" ("Inside Politics," 2/5).

OPINION: Rush Limbaugh, on Phil Gramm's charge that Forbes is a Rockefeller Republican: "I don't know how you can say that he is that given his economic bent" ("Limbaugh," WMAL-Radio, 2/5). Tom Mashberg: "Dole's only prayer now is that his bring-out-the-vote troops in New Hampshire load up those vans with senior citizens and get them to the polls. If Forbes is smart, he'll buy a bus company today and ensure that his cars are big and comfy" (BOSTON HERALD, 2/5). DETROIT NEWS' Bray: "[Forbes] is also just about the last person I would have picked to be the Republican front-runner in New Hampshire at this point. But then four years ago at this time, I was confidently asserting that there was no way the small-time governor of a drink-water Southern state like Arkansas could gain the Democratic nomination, much less be elected president" (2/4). W. POST's Cohen: "He will go away eventually, but not before he has made most of the other candidates do that first" (2/6). W. POST's Dionne: "The most obvious conclusion from Forbes's abrupt rise is how weak this Republican field is among Republican primary voters" (2/6). L.A. TIMES' Scheer: "Steve Forbes for president. I love it. Who could be more perfect as the standard bearer of what has become the party of greed than a spoiled child of the rich with the gumption to buy an election in order to destroy the progressive income tax? ... Steve Forbes, populist for president. Yeah, and Madonna is the Virgin Mary" (2/6). EDIT REAX: N.Y. TIMES: "Forbes's spending spree should become an occasion for reform, not an excuse to trash a system that, despite its shortcomings, has worked reasonably well over the last two decades to curb the impact of big money in Presidential races" (2/6).

GROUP GRIPE: ABC's "Nightline" examined Steve Forbes' impact on '96 with interviews with Forbes, Lamar Alexander, Pat Buchanan, Phil Gramm, Alan Keyes, Dick Lugar, Bob Dornan and Morry Taylor. Bob Dole did not want to participate. The major issue discussed was Forbes' unprecedented amount of spending. Keyes: "You can buy commercials, you can't buy substance. You can't buy a real heart for the issues that matter most to this country." Gramm: "Can you buy an election in America? ... I don't believe he's going to be able to pull this off." Buchanan: "His attacks on Dole have been devastating, and on Gramm, have been devastating. ... Steve Forbes cannot carry his message into the South. ... He's a flash in the pan." Alexander: "I'll put my 100 mile walk up against his \$2 million of negative ads any day. ... Forbes, who I know is a good person, is totally unprepared to be the President" (2/5).

*5 CLINTON: MAKES '97 BUDGET PROPOSAL, GETS HARSH REACTION

Pres. Clinton sent Congress his 1997 budget proposal 2/5. "In any other year, the budget ... would have generated huge headlines. ... But this is not an ordinary year, and the 1997 budget ... isn't an ordinary proposal. Like much of everything in Washington, the budget process has fallen victim to the never-ending battle between the White House and Congress over the 1996

budget" (Kessler, L.I. NEWSDAY, 2/6). Clinton's '97 budget "marks a radical change from the one he announced a year ago, drafted long before he announced 'the era of big government is over.' ... It makes official the concessions that Republicans have wrung from him." The '97 proposal "accepts the need" to balance the budget by 2002, calls for slower growth of spending on Medicare and Medicaid and "trims other government programs sharply." By 2002, the '97 proposal calls for "roughly eight times" the savings included in the WH's '96 budget. But "much of the pain would be deferred" until after a possible second Clinton term (Calmes, W.S. JOURNAL, 2/6).

A PLEA TO THE GOP: Clinton "coupled release of the bare-bones proposal with a plea" for GOPers to compromise on the '96 budget impasse. "But both the president's plea and his proposal are likely to fall on deaf ears." House Budget chair John Kasich blasted the WH proposal as "warmed-over status quo": "It's a spend-now, save-later scheme that is wholly inadequate" (Gosselin, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/6). GOPers "said they will not resume talks" until Clinton produces "a more serious proposal, with greater specifics" (Purdum, N.Y. TIMES, 2/6). Reception of the plan "gave new meaning to the 'dead on arrival' budget cliché that for years characterized the doomed proposals Republican presidents submitted to Democratic Congresses" (Devroy, W. POST, 2/6). Senate Budget chair Pete Domenici called it "a disappointing document that is more rhetoric than real" (USA TODAY, 2/6). RNC chair Haley Barbour: "Clinton today offered a business-as-usual budget that dooms Medicare to bankruptcy" (release, 2/5).

DID SOMEONE SAY "POLITICS"? Under the header "Bottom line on Clinton budget not numbers, but politics," W. TIMES' Bedard writes that Clinton's proposal "is less of a budget and more of a political document that puts meat on his skeletal 'New Democrat'-sounding State of the Union address." Progressive Policy Institute pres. Robert Shapiro: "What's at stake now is not the policy, but the politics." Brookings Institution's Stephen Hess: "What he's doing is putting out a [campaign] flight plan" (2/6). Paul Tsongas called the Clinton budget "cynical" and "intellectually dishonest": "What is driving the White House is re-election. ... [The plan] front-loads the joy and back-loads the pain" (W. POST, 2/6).

IMPROVED ELECTORAL PROSPECTS: S.F. CHRONICLE's Yoachum: "As he did four years ago, Bill Clinton once again appears to hold the key to turning the Republicans' 'lock' on the Electoral College." Despite the "so-called GOP lock" on the electoral college, Clinton has been "quietly storing away states for the winter. Although Clinton's revival may have more to do with disaffection with his competitors than resounding confidence in him, the president's rally in key states represents a startling change in the nation's political picture." The general election "could be decided by as few as two votes," depending on whether PA votes Dem or GOP. "Compared to the Electoral College outlook of a year ago, today's picture represents either a remarkable comeback" for Clinton or a "stunning drop in public confidence" in the GOP, notably Bob Dole. CA pollster Mervin Field: "If you

look at the [U.S.] map, you have an 'L' that is vertically the upper Midwestern states and horizontally the Southern states. Not long ago, that 'L' was solid Dole. But now, the 'L' is checkered, which really is phenomenal." The South remains "fertile ground" for GOPers, but the present picture suggests that "even the South may not be the sweep for the GOP that was formerly evident. The Rocky Mountain states also remain Republican turf -- but where Clinton has made apparent gains are in the large states," particularly in the industrial Midwest and CA. Analyst Curtis Gans, noting the new Steve Forbes factor: "It's only February folks. But when the national polls are a wide gap, the country is pretty likely to follow. When it's a narrow gap in national polls -- usually within the margin of error -- then it's a contest of 50 separate states." Analyst Stu Rothenberg: "If you were to tell me on October 1 that the toss-up states are" OH, NM, GA, NC, and MT, "I would say that doesn't look like a very good set of states for the Republicans. If the toss-up states are" CA, CT, AR, WA, and WI, "I'd say that doesn't sound like the Democrats are going to win. If California is in play, the Democrats are in trouble" (2/6).

SPEAKING OF STATES: A Sumter ITEM editorial quotes Sen. Fritz Hollings (D-SC), who lamented that SC does not have a strong Dem party. Hollings said SC Dems are running from the pres.: "Clinton's as popular as AIDS in South Carolina" (1/14).

*6 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES:

	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10
ALEXANDER	DesMoines	Durham,	DesMoines	Davenport	
	IA	Cncrd,	IA City	Burlingtñ	n/a
615-327-3350	NH	Nw Lnd,NH	IA	IA	
BUCHANAN					
	LA	IA	IA	IA	IA
703-848-1996					
DOLE					
	DC	NH	NH	n/a	n/a
202-414-6400					
DORNAN			Sioux Cty	DesMoines	
	DC	n/a	IA	IA	n/a
703-644-2600					
FORBES		DesMoines			
	IA	IA	n/a	n/a	n/a
908-781-5111		VA			
GRAMM	DesMoines			IA	
	IA, then	IA	IA	ND	n/a
202-467-8600	LA			SD	

KEYES	LA				
	MD	IA	IA	IA	n/a
503-463-1818					

LUGAR	Des Moines	Davenport	Cncl Bluffs	Des Moines
	IA	Clinton	IA	IA
202-544-3636		IA	Omaha, NE	

TAYLOR	NH	IA City	Dubuque	Ft. Dodge
	IA	Vinton	Clinton	Ames
800-930-4668		IA	IA	IA

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

***7 WHITEWATER: CLINTON SUBPOENA BRINGS CASE TO CENTER STAGE**

"In a startling ruling" that puts the WH "ever closer to the core of the Whitewater scandal," U.S. District Judge George Howard ordered Pres. Clinton to testify at the 3/4 criminal trial of Gov. Jim Guy Tucker (D) and his ex-business associates, James and Susan McDougal (Cannon/Denniston, Balto. SUN, 2/6). Howard, who approved requests by Tucker's co-defendants to allow the pres. to be subpoenaed, said Clinton's testimony would be "vital in affording defendants a fair trial and an adequate defense." The judge left open the possibility that Clinton would not have to appear in person. Howard, a Carter-appointee, wrote that if "it is concluded that the president's personal appearance is not tenable, counsel are directed to consider other options for presenting the president's attorneys about scheduling Clinton's testimony, for example, via videotape or satellite" (Manson, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 2/6). Clinton "promptly indicated" that he will comply with the order. According to WH sources, Clinton's attys decided not to resist a subpoena because they "did not want the president to be accused of failing to cooperate in the primary criminal trial" growing out of his Whitewater investment with the McDougals (Fritz, L.A. TIMES, 2/6). Under federal law, Clinton could challenge the request for his testimony if he chose (Mitchell, N.Y. TIMES, 2/6).

"VICTORY" FOR SUSAN MCDUGAL: The judge's order is a "major victory" for Susan McDougal, whose atty argued that Clinton's testimony was necessary to rebut the testimony of the govt's star witness, David Hale. Hale is expected to testify that he was acting under pressure from then-Gov. Clinton when he made an improper loan of \$300,000 from his federally-backed small business investment corp. to the McDougals (Fritz, L.A. TIMES, 2/6). Clinton has called the allegations a "bunch of bull" and has said he does not recall talking to Hale about money (Hohler, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/6).

FIRST WITNESS: CNN's Blitzer: "No one is making any direct allegations against the President. He's not being subpoenaed because he's under investigation or is a target of this investigation. He's only being subpoenaed to testify, in effect, as a character witness for Susan McDougal" (2/5). While he is not a defendant, his appearance runs the risk that "he would be thrust into the midst of a scandal that Republicans have seized

on to attack his character." He has testified three times under oath for Whitewater special prosecutor Kenneth Starr, but this time Clinton could find himself "facing hostile cross-examination" (SUN, 2/6). CBS' Rather: "The Republican Whitewater offensive against President Clinton is taking on a whole new dimension. The case now involves a tactic rarely employed against any sitting President" (2/5). CBS' Braver: "I would suspect the President would try to testify on tape, but this might be a little bit different because, like it or not, he's being pulled a little more into the Whitewater web" (2/5).

ELECTION IMPACT: The subpoena is "bad political news for Clinton, as Whitewater continues to haunt him as the 1996 presidential campaign begins." Nevertheless, neither Pres. Clinton nor his wife has been charged in connection with their investment in the venture (Cannon/Epstein, PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/6). A personal appearance "would provide the public spectacle in an election year of the president and the first lady being called before jurors who are considering cases in which the Clintons' own actions are at issue." Hillary Rodham Clinton testified under subpoena before Starr's Whitewater grand jury last month (Devroy/ Schmidt, W. POST, 2/6). NBC's Brokaw: "Two weeks ago, it was Hillary Clinton. ... Tonight, another subpoena, this one for the President himself" (2/5). While there is precedent for Presidents to provide testimony or information for criminal trials, there is no precedent for a "sitting president to testify personally" (Phillips, USA TODAY, 2/6). NBC's Russert: "Any time an issue of character like this arises, it hurts politically" ("Today," 2/6). ABC's Compton: "This opens a myriad of ramifications" ("GMA," 2/6).

D'AMATO: CNN's Blitzer: "This comes at a very sensitive moment. ... Senate Whitewater committee chairman ... D'Amato has already called this an extraordinary turn of events and he says he's going to get to the bottom of it, so politically, it's a sensitive matter, and as a result, White House officials acknowledge the President would rather be doing something else" ("Inside Politics," 2/5). D'Amato said the subpoena "underscores once again the need to get all the facts." The Whitewater cmte resumes its hearings today (Seper, W. TIMES, 2/60).

OPINION: The NATION's Doug Ireland writes, "Clinton defenders like to talk of a 'cover-up without a crime.' Choosing to ignore that a cover-up is a crime when it involves lying to federal investigators and Congress, destruction or concealment of documents and interference with federal agencies investigating possible wrongdoing, all of which appear to have occurred. These crimes have a name: obstruction of justice. ... The constitutional issues of Watergate and Iran/contra may not be present in this Administration's transgressions, but ethical and moral breaches are no less troubling" (2/19 issue).

***8 GOVERNORS: TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON MEDICAID AND WELFARE**

With "extraordinary bipartisanship," the nation's governors on 2/5 reached "tentative agreement" on Medicaid and welfare reforms which they urged Pres. Clinton and Congress to embrace as a way to break the federal budget deadlock (Chen, L.A. TIMES,

2/6). The bipartisan group of govts expect to seal agreements today in a formal vote. Natl Governor Association chair Gov. Tommy Thompson (R-WI) said the agreement on Medicaid and the "consensus" on welfare was a "giant step forward" (Milbank/Stout, W.S. JOURNAL, 2/6).

BUDGET IMPACT: The proposal came just as Clinton released a "sketchy seven-year balanced budget" modeled on his last offer to GOPers a month ago before budget negotiations collapsed. The pres. "appeared conciliatory and increasingly anxious" to get a balanced-budget deal. Clinton spoke before the 47 govts at their DC meeting: "I want the governors now to work with us to balance this budget, and I am very hopeful that we can achieve a balanced budget this year." While Clinton said he was open to the govts.' Medicaid plan, he seemed "adamant as ever" against anything that does not include an unconditional federal guarantee: "We must maintain a commitment, a national commitment, to seniors, to pregnant women, to poor children, to people with disability, that they will receive the quality health care they are now receiving" (Hill, W. TIMES, 2/6). Sen. Maj. Leader Bob Dole and Speaker Newt Gingrich have indicated that they would accept a compromise reached by the govts (Superville, AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/6).

REAX: Thompson said, "I got the distinct impression after listening to the president that he was impressed," but that he wanted more details on the proposals. Thompson added that the compromise plan "may raise some eyebrows" among conservatives in Congress who want to turn \$700B of Medicaid funds to the states in block grants with "few strings attached." Thompson: "Strong conservatives may say we are marshmallows." But after they look at the proposal, they will conclude "it's a very rational and common sense approach." WH spokesperson Mike McCurry: "We need to wait and see whether the governors, in fact, have got a detailed proposal. I'm not certain that on Medicaid they will find the type of consensus that allows them to say they have agreement" (W. TIMES, 2/6).

SPECIFICS: The L.A. TIMES reports that the Medicaid proposal, which stated that the govts. would "make a concession" to Dems by retaining guarantees of health care for poor pregnant women and for children as well as establishing a "rainy day" fund to help states cover increases in caseloads during recessions and emergencies. The measure also includes a health benefits package for recipients, including family-planning services. But the proposal also meets GOP demands that the states be given broad authority to otherwise design their own programs with a minimum of federal gov't oversight or interference. A complex funding formula will determine the amount of federal dollars each state would receive (2/6).

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

*9 ALABAMA: SESSIONS, BROWDER LEAD IN PRIMARY FIGHTS

BIRMINGHAM NEWS-HUNTSVILLE TIMES poll conducted 1/23-2/1 by Southern Opinion Research, surveyed 201 likely GOP primary voters (margin of error +/- 8%) and 282 likely Dem primary voters (MOE +/- 6%). Tested: AG Jeff Sessions (R), Rep. Glen Browder (D-03), businessman Sid McDonald (R), ex-Public Service Commis. Jim

Zielger (R), Birmingham/Southern Univ.'s Natalie Davis (D), state Sen. Roger Bedford (D). Filing deadline: 4/5. Primary: 6/4.

GOP PRIMARY	DEM PRIMARY
Sessions 30%	Browder 30%
McDonald 11	Davis 26
Ziegler 11	Bedford 17

ANALYSIS: "Name recognition -- not money raised -- seems to be the driving factor in the still developing campaign." Sessions has a "decided advantage" in name ID among GOPers. Name ID "also helps explain" why Browder and Davis lead the Dem primary field. Most candidates have not started TV advertising; Clark starts his this week (Gordon, BIRMINGHAM NEWS, 2/4).

*10 ILLINOIS: KRISLOV AND HIS BANKBOOK LEAVE THE RACE

Atty Clint Krislov (D), citing the petition-signature challenge filed by Rep. Dick Durbin (D-20), announced his withdrawal from the race for the seat being vacated by Sen. Paul Simon (D). Krislov said he planned to stay in the political arena and would file a lawsuit to challenge IL's ballot access system (release 2/6). His campaign was described as what-could-have-been: "As a true outsider, he could appeal to the anti-Washington crowd. And as a wealthy lawyer, he had enough money to give the front-runners fits" (Fegelman, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 2/6). But analysts considered Krislov an "underdog." Analyst Paul Green: "All it does is take away an irritant from Durbin." Durbin has been endorsed by Simon, Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, the state party, and Reps. Bobby Rush & Cardiss Collins. Ex-Treas. Pat Quinn (D), who leads Durbin in the polls, said Krislov was right to criticize ballot access procedures: "Voters are best off with competition. Politicians hate competition" (Nordgren, AP, 2/6). Krislov's campaign "sputtered" when the Durbin camp objected to 9,200 of its 10,080 submitted petition signatures. Krislov contended he had "more than enough" signatures, but acknowledged the challenge "sapped resources from his campaign" and with six weeks to go before the 3/19 primary, the "little known Krislov was running out of time." Krislov: "Losing six weeks from Christmas to now and the next two weeks that the challenge will continue has left us with an insufficient window within which to bring my message to the voters" (TRIBUNE, 2/6).

ON THE AIR: CHICAGO SUN-TIMES' Neal writes, with the launch of his first TV ad last week, Durbin is "gaining ground" and "threatening to overtake" Quinn in the polls. In the ad, Durbin is "annointed" by Simon, who is IL's "most popular Democratic officeholder." Durbin is also targeting African-American voters with radio ads that will air on black stations. As a downstater, Durbin's "biggest problem is that he isn't known in the Chicago area." But the ads are "expected to significantly boost his name recognition." Despite support of the IL Dem establishment, "some Democratic politicians doubt Durbin can win the Senate seat in a general election because of his liberal voting record in the House" (2/5). An NRSC release notes "Durbin votes with liberal House leadership 93% of the time" (2/5). Other Dems: businessman

Paul Park and PR exec. Ronald Gibbs.

BOY IN LAHOOD: LG Bob Kustra (R) was endorsed by Rep. Ray LaHood (R-18). LaHood said Kustra "will work to see that the changes we are making in Washington are changes best made for the people of Illinois. He will be a true partner to our efforts in the House." Kustra has already been endorsed by Gov. Jim Edgar (release, 2/2). Other GOPer: state Sen. Al Salvi.

*11 LOUISIANA: DEMS FIND IT HARD TO UNITE AFTER GOV BATTLE

Baton Rouge ADVOCATE's McKinney reports "rumors persist" that Sen. John Breaux (D) is "trying to pare down the potential Democratic field" in the race to succeed retiring Sen. Bennett Johnston (D). Breaux "presumably [wants] to clear the way" for ex-Treas./95 gov. cand. Mary Landrieu (D) in the 9/21 open primary. "In his public declarations, however, Breaux is not declaring favorites. But anyone trying to rally the party behind Landrieu has two problems here" -- black Reps. William Jefferson (D-02) and Cleo Fields (D-04) -- both of whom are "hostile to a Landrieu candidacy." Fields, who narrowly topped Landrieu for the second runoff spot in last year's gov. race, claims Landrieu "forgot the party-loyalty tradition and did nothing to help" him in his runoff against now-Gov. Mike Foster (R). Now the LA Dem "establishment" wants to "persuade Fields and Jefferson to understand a black candidate cannot yet win statewide." Fields' reaction: "Where was the Democratic establishment in Louisiana when I ran for governor? I didn't know we had one. ... The only Democratic establishment in my campaign was the national establishment, which came down to the state ... If we have a Democratic establishment in Louisiana, I want to know who the players are ... I couldn't find Mary Landrieu with a search warrant." Fields added that if Jefferson runs for the Senate, he will support him "110 percent." Fields said he was unsure if he will run if Jefferson opts not to. Jefferson agreed it is in the party's "best interest to unify behind a single candidate," but said "it's going to be very difficult to pull all the factions of the party together for Mary Landrieu" (2/4). Other possible Dems: AG Richard Ieyoub, Insurance Commiss. Jim Brown and Grand Isle Mayor Andy Valence. Possible/likely GOPers: ex-Gov. David Treen, Reps. Jimmy Hayes (R-07) & Richard Baker (R-06), state Rep. Woody Jenkins, N.O. Councilmember Peggy Wilson, ex-state Rep./90 Senate cand. David Duke, oil company head Pat Taylor, ex-Gov. Buddy Roemer, state Rep. Chuck McMains, Sec/State Fox McKeithen, ex-GOP official Bill Linder, ex-Reps. Clyde Holloway & Henson Moore, state Sen. Max Jordan and ex-Dem state House Speaker Bubba Henry. Filing deadline: 7/19. Runoff: 11/5.

*12 MAINE: DIVISIVE PRIMARIES + DISCONTENT = BOOST FOR BOST?

BANGOR DAILY NEWS' Day writes on ex-Dem state Rep./92 Perot ME organizer Steve Bost and his ind. bid for the seat of retiring Sen. Bill Cohen (R): "If you believe in astrology, the constellations seem to be aligning themselves for a ... strong independent candidacy this year." Ex-Rep. Tom Andrews (D), "after saying he would not run for the Senate ... is now hot to trot because the likely nominee" is ex-Gov. Joe Brennan (D).

Andrews and Brennan are polar opposites of the ME Dem Party. Their supporters "can't stand each other." The winner of a primary between Andrews and Brennan "would stagger to the November finish line with 20 daggers in his back." GOPers "could face a similar, but more genteel primary clash." '94 gov. nominee Susan Collins (R) is assessing her chances against businessman Robert Monks (R), and ski resort mogul Les Otten "reportedly has promised to bankroll Collins' campaign." Brennan and Monks are both announced candidates; Andrews and Collins are considering the race. Regardless, "the leading major party candidates read like a rogues' gallery of losers." Monks lost his two previous Senate bids by landslides. Collins, in '94, received the lowest GOP gov. vote total in ME history. Andrews lost by a landslide in '94 to now-Sen. Olympia Snowe (R). And Brennan is coming off two consecutive gov. defeats. Factor in DC gridlock, the election of an ind. gov. in '94, and local interest in the recent Reform Party petition drive, plus the divisive primaries, and Bost says, "I start out looking at a base of between 20 and 25 percent" for an ind. candidate (2/4). Other Dems: ex-state Sen. Phil Merrill, journalist Jean Hay, and businessman Jerald Leonard. Other possible Dems: House Speaker Dan Gwadosky and state Sens. Rochelle Pingree and Sean Faircloth. Possible GOPers: state Sen. John Hathaway. Filing deadline: 3/15. Primary: 6/11.

*13 WYOMING: DEM POLL SHOWS KARPAN LEADING IN NOVEMBER MATCHUPS

A Hickman/Brown Poll, conducted 1/20-23 for the DSCC, surveyed 400 likely WY voters; margin of error +/- 4.9% (release 2/5). Tested: '94 Dem gov. nom./ex-Sec. State Kathy Karpan, ex-state Sen. Dan Sullivan (R), Casper physician Dr. John Barrasso (R) and state Rep. Eli Bebout (R).

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

Karpan 45%	Karpan 42%	Karpan 46%
Sullivan 38	Barrasso 37	Bebout 29
Undecided 17	Undecided 21	Undecided 25

DEM'S THE WORD: DSCC's Steve Jarding: "Clearly Kathy Karpan would be a strong candidate for the Democratic Party. She is viewed as effective and independent and as someone who puts Wyoming values first" (release, 2/5). Other mentioned cand.: ex-state Sen./ex-gov. cand. John Perry (R), '94 House primary cand./ex-Wallop staffer Rob Wallace (R), state Sen./ex-House & Senate hopeful Pete Maxfield (D), Dem state Sens. Greg Phillips & Guy Cameron, atty/'94 House nominee Bob Schuster (D) and atty Gene Spence (D). Filing deadline: 6/7. Primary 8/20.

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

*14 OK 03: GOP POLL BOOSTS WATKINS

An internal poll conducted by Cole, Hargrave, Snodgrass & Assoc. for ex-Dem Rep. Wes Watkins (R) showed Watkins is "well known and well liked" in the district with 98% name recognition and a 69%-19% fav/unfav rating. Watkins is seeking the GOP

nomination for the seat of retiring Rep. Bill Brewster (D). Likely Dem candidates include ex-LG Robert Kerr Jr. and state Sen. Darryl Roberts. In ballot tests, Watkins leads Kerr 45-31% and Roberts 54-26% (release 2/5). Filing deadline: 7/10. Primary: 8/27.

***15 VA 05: PAYNE LATEST TO RETIRE; AN LG BID IN '97?**

Rep. L.F. Payne (D), a "compromiser in an increasingly caustic Congress," has joined the chorus of those House members who will not seek another term. The moderate-conservative Payne "said many things played a part in his decision," including a desire to spend more time with his family, but he added, "It's important to know that I'm not seeking re-election because I'm mad at somebody." Many Dems said "they believe Payne will run for lieutenant governor next year as a way to position himself for a run at the governorship in 2001." Univ/VA's Larry Sabato said LG Don Beyer (D), the Dem gov. frontrunner, "clearly wants Payne on the ticket. He thinks having Payne on the ticket will deliver rural voters, and certainly rural voters have never gone for Beyer in a great way." AEI's Norm Ornstein, on why more moderate Dems are leaving Congress: "Partisanship. There's simply a sense that the middle is a lonelier place to be, though it's a necessary place to be. And the moderate Democrats, especially, are feeling less at home anywhere" (Jackson/Foster, ROANOKE TIMES, 2/6). State Sen. Virgil Goode (D), who challenged Sen. Chuck Robb (D) for renomination in '94, announced his candidacy this morning. Shortly after Payne's announcement, atty George Landrith (R), who held Payne to 53% in '94, declared his candidacy. Other possible GOPers: state Del. Frank Ruff, UPS employee Eric Thompson. Filing deadline: 4/12. Primary: 6/11.

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

***16 THIS MORNING:** NBC's "Today" hosted Tim Russert. "FOX Morning News" hosted Gannett's Deborah Mathis, Dem media consultant Frank Greer and ex-RNC chair Frank Fahrenkopf.

TONIGHT: C-SPAN simulcasts the New Orleans CBS affiliate WWL-TV at 11p. for results and a recap of the LA caucuses.

LAST NIGHT: All nets led with the President's subpoena. "NewsHour" focused on the Kassebaum-Kennedy health insurance bill with Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS) and HIAA's Bill Gradison. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted OH Gov. George Voinovich (R). CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted public issues analyst Richard Harwood. PBS' "Charlie Rose" hosted Bill Kristol and NEWSWEEK's Evan Thomas. ABC's "Nightline" examined Steve Forbes' impact on '96 through interviews with Lamar Alexander, Pat Buchanan, Phil Gramm, Alan Keyes, Bob Dornan and Morry Taylor. Bob Dole did not want to participate.

LAUGHS: David Letterman, on the discovery of an unknown galaxy by the Hubble telescope: "It's 14 billion light years away from earth. Now let me put that into perspective. 14 billion light years, that's the distance between Pat Buchanan and the White House" ("Late Show," CBS, 2/5). Jay Leno, on the weather: "It's so cold in Washington, Hillary Clinton actually

welcomed the hot breath of Al D'Amato breathing down her neck"
("Tonight Show," NBC, 2/5).

TOP TEN INSULTS FOR DAVID LETTERMAN

(Delivered by Don Rickles)

10. "Do yourself a favor, Letterman -- make an appointment with a brain surgeon."
9. "Who picks your clothes -- Stevie Wonder?"
8. "Why are you always speeding Letterman? It's not like you've got people holding their breath till you get there."
7. "Personally, I liked you better when you were on the cover of MAD magazine."
6. "Don't look now Dave, but something died on your head Dave."
5. "This is the part of the show where I wonder to myself, 'I wonder what Koppel's doing tonight?'"
4. "Ball State -- now there's a real hotbed of rocket scientists."
3. "If Drew Barrymore hadn't flashed you, you wouldn't have any sex life at all."
2. "Hey, Dave, I'm having an Oscar party this year. I hope you won't be working that night."
1. "Letterman. Let's face it -- you put the 'suck' in success" ("Late Show," CBS, 2/5).

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

"Perhaps if we would stop trying so hard to convince the world that Mr. Forbes' campaign is an aberration from which we will all soon recover he, and it, would go away"
-- ABC's Ted Koppel, "Nightline," 2/5

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IN EVERY CLOUD, A SILVER LINING | SPOTLIGHT |
Yesterday's Bayou outcome |
prompts the NATIONAL REVIEW to | MEET THE NEW FRONTRUNNER |
endorse Gramm, warning that |
Buchanan "threatens to derail | If the name of the game |
the GOP's progress." | is winning delegates, then |
| the leader is Pat Buchanan, |
FINALLY, A FAIR FIGHT | who shocked Phil Gramm in |
Forbes gets verbally roughed | LA to win the opening event |
up by a gang of street toughs: | of Campaign '96. Buchanan |
the GOP gov's. (#6) | won 13 delegates to Gramm's |
| eight. (#1) |
CONFUSED BY THE NEGATIVITY | WHAT IT MEANS: Before |
New numbers from IA show huge | you make plans for Pat's |
undecideds with gameday rapidly | inauguration, the real |
approaching, but some discredit | story may be the weakness |
poll methodology. Has Forbes' | of the Gramm campaign. |
mo been stalled? Maybe in IA, | He's from nearby TX, his |
but not in AZ. (#2) (#3) | allies concocted the early |

| LA caucuses, and he was a |
 ANOTHER NIXON REFERENCE? | big favorite to take most, |
 The WH suggests "political | if not all, the delegates. |
 enemies" are making "political | WHAT'S NEXT: Gramm limps |
 hay" out of Whitewater. Top of | into Iowa and now must |
 the enemies list? You guessed | explain why he missed a key |
 it, Sen. Al D'Amato. (#13) | Senate vote on the farm |
 | bill. And in AZ, another |
<http://PoliticsUSA.com>		state moved up early by
Think you know the order of		pro-Gramm forces, the
finish in IA? Then go to		latest poll shows him well
"Office Pool" to make your		back in the pack, 32 points
predictions, in "Rec Room."		behind Steve Forbes. (#3)

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

"It's not a victory for a man, it's a victory for a movement,
 a victory for the conservatism of the heart."
 -- Pat Buchanan, on his LA victory, Shreveport TIMES, 2/7.

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"IOWA," FIRST-IN-THE-NATION

The first person in the nation to cast a binding vote in the '96 pres. election was an Iowa, LA chiropractor named Jim Racca, who voted for Phil Gramm (courtesy Baton Rouge ADVOCATE, 2/7).

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

*1 LOUISIANA: BUCHANAN DEALS GRAMM CRUSHING DEFEAT

In the 2/6 LA caucuses, Pat Buchanan "scored a decisive and surprising victory" over Phil Gramm in the Texan's back yard (Grace, N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE, 2/7). Buchanan, on his win that "dealt a potentially fatal blow" to Gramm's pres. aspirations: "The battle of the Bayou is over, and it's a great triumph for the Buchanan brigade. ... It's not a victory for a man, it's a victory for a movement, a victory for the conservatism of the heart." The win gives him a "big boost" going into the 2/12 IA caucuses. Some analysts said that if Gramm fails to regroup in IA, "his presidential campaign is over" (Cooper/Hill, Shreveport TIMES, 2/7). Coupled with Buchanan's narrow straw poll win in AK last week, the LA result "was significant in that it positioned him as the conservative alternative to either of the more moderate frontrunners" -- Steve Forbes or Bob Dole. Buchanan won 13 of the 21 delegates at stake; Gramm won the other eight and Alan Keyes, who also campaigned in LA, received none. Buchanan said, "This is a victory for a new conservatism of the heart that puts the values of faith, family and country first." His win "was tempered by a small field that lacked other key contenders" who deferred to IA's traditional first-in-the-nation caucuses. But his strength throughout the state "was a shocking blow to the presidential hopes of Gramm, who had once been considered the GOP's probable conservative alternative to Dole and who had predicted a huge win for himself in a contest he had helped engineer in Louisiana." Gramm conceded, "It is a setback for us, and a small step forward for Pat Buchanan, and I congratulate him on that. If we don't get one of the three tickets out of Iowa, we will have to take a long, hard look at where we are. But we have a 3-to-1 lead over Buchanan in Iowa. I don't have any doubt I'm the man to beat Bill Clinton." Gramm faces a "new problem" today when he returns to IA to continue campaigning, "because he missed a critical Senate vote on the farm bill" so he could campaign in LA; the attempt to cut off a Dem filibuster failed by

one vote. IA GOP chair Brian Kennedy: "Most Iowans haven't paid much attention to Louisiana. But to the extent people did, Phil Gramm is going to look silly because he was the one who came up with the idea of Louisiana jumping ahead of Iowa so that he could have a springboard" (Yoachum, S.F. CHRONICLE, 2/7). Monroe NEWS-STAR header: "Caucus losses give Gramm nose bleed going into Iowa" (2/7). USA TODAY header: "And they're off -- with Gramm far behind" (Shapiro, 2/7). W. TIMES' Kellman writes that Buchanan "emerged as the chief conservative rival" to Dole (2/7). ARG pollster Dick Bennett said that Buchanan's win "solidifies his position as the real conservative in the race" (Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/7).

BAYOU BUST? In a state with 4,000 precincts, there were only 42 caucus sites, and they were open for only four hours. Estimates of turnout have been between 21,000 and 35,000. CBS' Smith: "5% or less of registered Republican voter participated. ... It's not exactly like the people of Louisiana have spoken" ("CBS This Morning," 2/7). But CNN's Schneider reports: "Louisiana wanted headlines, attention, coming out of the ... caucuses. They got 'em" (2/6). WWL-New Orleans' Dennis Woltering: "Louisiana Republicans have started off the presidential election season with a stunner" (C-SPAN, 2/6). There also will be an LA primary on 3/12 which will determine the state's remaining nine delegates.

DID I REALLY SAY THAT? Gramm, quoted 1/29 on NPR's "Morning Edition": "To become president of the United States I have to win here in Louisiana." Gramm, quoted 1/30 on CNN's "IP Extra": "If I don't win in Louisiana, and if I don't show well in Iowa, I'm going to be out of this race" (1/30).

"HUMILIATING" LOSS FOR GRAMM: Gramm's loss in a state which he said he would win "was the result of an arrogance that alienated rank-and-file conservatives and underestimated Pat Buchanan's appeal to socially conservative Republicans in the state." RNC member Roy Brun of Shreveport, a Gramm backer, said the Gramm campaign leadership "treated conservatives like they were some form of bacteria." He blamed Gramm's "poor relations" with LA conservatives on his nat'l pol. dir., Richard McBride, who he said "never related to the conservative activists, was never comfortable in talking with them and ignored most of them. He never made them feel he cared about their support" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 2/7). CBS' Hughes: "What's still up for debate is whether Buchanan's win is as important as Phil Gramm's loss" ("CBS This Morning," 2/7). NBC's Russert: "It's a terrible loss for Phil Gramm. ... If he does not come in the top three in Iowa, his campaign's over" ("Today," 2/7). ABC pol. dir. Hal Bruno, on LA having been designed to boost Gramm: "It's kind of like a bomb that blew up in the hands of the man that made it" ("Nightline," 2/6). HOUSTON CHRONICLE's Freemantle & Ratcliffe call Buchanan's win a "humiliating setback" for Gramm (2/7). NPR's Engster: "Buchanan has dealt a major blow to Gramm's bid for the Republican nomination" (2/7). Brown Univ.'s Darrell West, on Gramm: "He's finished" (TIMES-PIC, 2/7). Univ/New Orleans' Susan Howell: "This could be the beginning of the end for Gramm." USA TODAY's Keen, writing that Gramm's campaign "is in deep trouble":

"Gramm's primary campaign strategy always began with Louisiana. Instead, the Texas senator's presidential hopes may have ended there" (2/7). L.A. TIMES' Shogan: "A devastating -- perhaps fatal -- blow to a candidacy that had once seemed rich in promise" (2/7). GANNETT's Raasch writes Buchanan's win "severely jeopardizes Gramm's presidential hopes and elevates Buchanan's claim as a conservative alternative" to Dole and Forbes. Gramm may not have a "chance to recover" until the 3/2 SC primary, and "between now and then, it could be four long weeks of fighting to stay alive" (2/7). LA analyst John Maginnis: "It knocks Gramm out of the race. If he can't win in his neighboring state, where can he win?" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 2/7). CNN's Shaw: "Buchanan's brigades have stormed Louisiana and they've steamrolled [Gramm]. Buchanan has scored a biting upset." CNN's Schneider reports Buchanan and Gramm "were like two scorpions in a bottle. One of them had to die and it looks like Phil Gramm got a fatal sting. ... It's a big blow to his chances of even surviving in Iowa, New Hampshire and getting to the South. ... He is a victim of a guerilla war by Pat Buchanan" (2/6).

GRAMM'S SPIN: Gramm: "The good news is, I've got eight more delegates than anybody else except Pat Buchanan" ("Early Edition," CNN, 2/7). Gramm, asked if this was the "end of the road": "We can still win in Iowa, the nomination is wide open. ... Anybody is not going to win the Republican nomination if they don't finish in the top three" ("Today," NBC, 2/7). More Gramm: "Obviously, I've got my work cut out for me" ("CBS This Morning," CBS, 2/7).

BUCHANAN'S SPIN: Pat Buchanan, asked about the significance of LA: "I've emerged as the first tier conservative challenger to Senator Dole" ("Early Edition," CNN, 2/7). More Buchanan: "Pat Buchanan can win this nomination" ("CBS This Morning," 2/7). Buchanan, asked how he'll do in IA: "We've got a fighting chance to do very well there and to do even better in the great state of New Hampshire." Buchanan, asked whether he has to do better than third in Iowa: "We let the pundits and the journalists do that kind of handicapping" ("Today," NBC, 2/7). NPR's Arnold: "It is a big win for Buchanan -- for about a week. He'll have a delegate lead until the Iowa caucuses" (2/7).

PILING ON: Dole press sec. Nelson Warfield: "Gramm's presidential campaign was boiled and peeled like a Louisiana crawfish tonight." Lamar Alexander NH adviser Tom Rath: "It's horrible news for Gramm. It looks like the Gramm candidacy is teetering on the brink. They set themselves up for a fall and in this business when you say you're going to do something you better do it" (Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/7).

*2 IOWA: POLL SHOWS HUGE UNDECIDEDS LESS THAN ONE WEEK OUT

The Univ./IA's Heartland Poll, conducted 2/1-5, surveyed 615 likely GOP caucus-goers (400 re-interviews from 12/95); margin of error +/- 4% (2/7). Caucus: 2/12. Dels: 25.

GOP CAUCUS		NOW	12/95
Dole	22%	35%	
Forbes	15	13	

Alexander	6	2
Gramm	6	7
Buchanan	4	3
Others	6	6
Undecided	42	34

ANALYSIS: DES MOINES REGISTER's Yepsen writes that support for Forbes "has peaked" in IA and "growing numbers" of likely GOP caucus-goers say they are undecided "because the campaign is so negative." Univ/IA's Arthur Miller said that "after spending millions of dollars" in TV advertising, Forbes' support decreased slightly since 12/95. Miller added, "Forbes is no longer rising in popularity among Iowa Republicans. As the other candidates mount their counter-offensive" against Forbes' ads, more Iowans appear to be examining his message rather than reacting to his style and outsider image. As they look more closely at Forbes, they are finding him less appealing. But then many of them are finding all the Republican candidates and the highly negative tone of the campaign are lacking appeal." L.A. TIMES' Braun, under header "Polls Show Dole's Decline in Iowa May Have Levelled Off," writes that the poll shows signs that the "well-financed" rise of Forbes is now "stalling" behind Dole's "shrunk lead." Though the poll "gave the impression Dole is on more solid ground, a showing in the mid-20s range would be a disappointing drop off from his 37% caucus victory in 1988." Regardless, Dole IA mgr Darrell Kearney "insisted" he's seen "clear indications" Dole IA slippage has stopped and he is "heading upward." Forbes mgr. Bill Dal Col: "It's still a two-man race between us and Dole." Dal Col, citing his internal numbers: "We're up in the mid-20s. Two weeks ago we were at, like 17." A private poll from another GOP cand. found Dole in first with a third of the vote, Forbes in second with a fifth and Alexander, Gramm, and Buchanan in a dead heat for third with about 10% apiece (2/7).

QUESTIONING RESULTS: Although IA GOP leaders "have expressed worry" in recent days about larger than expected numbers of undecided voters in the final days of the caucus campaign, there is some debate over exactly how large that number is. Earlier in the week IA GOP chair Brian Kennedy cited a figure around 20%. Kennedy expressed reservations over the Heartland Poll's methodology. Alexander pollster Whit Ayres, whose candidates saw the biggest bump from Miller's 12/95 results, also discounted the 42% figure: "That is exceedingly high. We get an undecided of 10% to 12%." Still, Kennedy and Miller both agreed "an unexpectedly large number of caucus goers had still yet to decide on a candidate with less than a week to go before voting Monday night" (L.A. TIMES, 2/7).

*3 ARIZONA: DOLE DROPS DOWN IN WEST'S FIRST PRES. CONTEST

A Northern AZ Univ. poll conducted 1/29-2/2 surveyed 601 registered GOPers; margin of error +/- 4.1%. Subsample: 340 likely GOP voters, MOE +/- 5.4%. (AZ REPUBLIC, 2/7). Primary: 2/27. Delegates: 39.

GOP PRIMARY	LVs	RVs	AZ State U
Forbes	44%	39%	35%
Dole	19	20	35
Gramm	12	12	4
Buchanan	5	4	6

ANALYSIS: Forbes' showing in the poll, his "best yet, reflects the power of his \$2 million advertising blitz, which began in September and shows no sign of slowing. By contrast, Dole has run a virtually subterranean Arizona campaign, with no television advertising and no personal appearances since he opened his headquarters Oct. 21." The survey also found that "enthusiasm for Forbes and Dole is soft, with more than half of both candidates' supporters saying they might change their minds" before 2/27 (Murphy, ARIZONA REPUBLIC, 2/7). Gramm has lined up the support of AZ's GOP establishment, including Sen. John McCain and Gov. Fife Symington.

*4 NEW HAMPSHIRE: POLLS SHOW RACE STEADY PRIOR TO LA FALLOUT

Two polls. 1) N.Y. POST/WNYW-TV tracking poll, conducted 2/4-6 by the John Zogby Group Int'l, surveyed 511 likely GOP primary voters (73% GOP, 27% indie); MOE +/- 4.5% (2/6). 2) American Research Group tracking poll, conducted 2/4-6, surveyed 503 likely GOP primary voters (83% GOP, 17% indie); MOE +/- 4.4% (2/5). Primary 2/20. Delegates: 16.

	N.Y. POST/WNYW TRACKING			ARG TRACKING		
GOP PRIMARY	2/4-6	2/3-5	2/2-4	2/4-6	2/3-5	2/2-4
Forbes	27%	24%	24%	18%	18%	18%
Dole	24	24	22	26	25	25
Buchanan	9	10	11	18	17	18
Alexander	9	10	7	6	6	6
Gramm	6	5	7	9	10	10
Lugar	2	3	4	3	4	4
Taylor	1	1	1	1	1	1
Keyes	1	1	1	2	2	2
Dornan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undecided	20	23	22	17	16	15

Pollster John Zogby notes that Dole and Forbes would "equally benefit from a possible Gramm decline -- both are virtually tied each with one-third as the second choice among Gramm voters, though Buchanan is poised to receive one in five" (release, 2/7).

*5 WASHINGTON: DOLE LEADS FORBES, BUT LOSES TO CLINTON

A Spokane SPOKESMAN-REVIEW Poll, conducted 2/3-5 by Mason-Dixon/PMR, surveyed 814 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsample: 219 likely GOP voters, +/- 6.5%. Primary: 3/26. Delegates: 36.

GOP PRIMARY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Dole	32%	26%	38%	43%/ 20%	100%
Forbes	15	18	12	28 / 21	92

Gramm	14	18	10	26 / 19	87
Buchanan	12	15	9	32 / 34	96
Alexander	4	3	5	15 / 13	71
Dornan	2	2	2	9 / 11	59
Keyes	1	1	1	11 / 10	58
Lugar	1	1	1	8 / 10	57
Taylor	--	--	--	3 / 9	34
DK	19	16	22		

GENERAL MATCHUPS

Clinton	49%	Clinton	51%	Clinton	48%
Dole	33	Gramm	29	Forbes	31
DK	18	DK	20	DK	21

Clinton	45%	Clinton	46%
Dole	30	Forbes	26
Perot	11	Perot	11
DK	14	DK	17

*6 FORBES: SURROGATES SAVAGE STEVE ON WELFARE AND FLAT TAX

At a news conference following the final day's meeting of the Nat'l Govs. Assn., Pete Wilson (CA), David Beasley (SC) and Steve Merrill (NH) -- all Dole supporters -- "were particularly critical" of Steve Forbes on welfare reform. Wilson "lambasted" Forbes, calling him "inexperienced and an opponent of welfare reform." Wilson: "We think the job of president is a little too important for on-the-job training and we are concerned when someone says he really doesn't care very much whether the budget is balanced or not." Wilson noted that Forbes has said welfare dependency "should be tackled as a cultural problem." Wilson: "He doesn't seem to understand that welfare has been driving the culture and if we do not reform it ... we will continue to see the kind of tragedy unfold that has led us [to higher rates of out-of-wedlock births]." There was "no immediate comment" from the Forbes campaign (Sample, SACRAMENTO BEE, 2/7). W. POST's Broder writes the govts. backing Dole "began a counterattack against" Forbes' "media blitz." CT Gov./Dole backer John Rowland "said he thought Forbes's self-financed, media-fed surge" has put NH "in jeopardy and raised the possibility of a long battle." Rowland: "Once you come out of New Hampshire, you regroup. You can win New Hampshire on one issue, if that issue is taxes. But it won't play as well in Connecticut. Dole will win Connecticut hands-down." "Similar views" came from pro-Dole govts. in other states like NY, IL and OH (2/7).

PILING ON: For the second time in less than a week, MA GOPers have "attacked" Forbes, saying he is "inferior" to Dole. MA Treasurer/Dole state chair Joe Malone and LG Paul Cellucci "laid aside their own political rivalry" to criticize Forbes "on an unlikely subject" -- welfare. They "said Forbes' opposition to time limits for welfare recipients" runs "contrary to" MA policy and the public's mood. Cellucci: "There's no question in my mind that the people of this state strongly support the kind of changes that we've been able to enact here." Forbes press sec. Gretchen Morgenson said the criticism "was part of a

concerted effort ... by Dole supporters to discredit Forbes" (Johnson, AP, 2/7).

DEBATE ... NOT: "Apparently, there will be no debate" between Forbes and NH Gov./Dole general chair Steve Merrill. Forbes, upset over a Dole campaign ad featuring Merrill saying the Forbes flat tax will hurt "middle-income Granite Staters," challenged Dole to a debate (see HOTLINE, 2/6). The Dole campaign responded by saying Merrill would accept the challenge. But the Forbes campaign "quickly" rejected that idea. Forbes mgr. Bill Dal Col called the offer "another dodge for the Dole campaign": "The fact is Sen. Dole has got to be able to defend and debate this ad, or pull it." In IA, Forbes "continued to challenge Dole to debate, but apparently to no avail" (Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/7).

ABORTION CRITICISM: "Seeking to slow the momentum" of Forbes in the final days leading up to the 2/12 IA caucuses, the IA Right to Life Cmte, "one of the most powerful antiabortion lobbying groups," released material tying Forbes to a GOP abortion-rights group. IA RTL said the material was leaked to the group by another candidate's campaign" (Scales, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/7). The cmte criticized Forbes, saying he "has clearly been and is now committed to abortion" (Hartman/Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 2/7). The material lists Forbes as co-chair of the Cmte for Responsible Govt, "a group whose mission is to support candidates who believe in equal rights and freedom of choice for women." Forbes, who "seemed taken aback when asked by a reporter about his association with the group," said the cmte was a "Republican group that does not influence my stand on abortion" (GLOBE, 2/7).

FLAT TAX CRITICISM: An internal poll conducted for the Lamar Alexander campaign by Whit Ayers & Assoc., shows support for Forbes' flat tax has "dropped dramatically" over the last week. The poll surveyed 300 Iowans who voted in the '94 gov. election and said they were "very likely" to participate in the 2/12 caucuses. The margin of error is +/- 5.7% (Alexander release, 2/6).

STEVE FORBES FLAT TAX?

2/5 2/4 1/29

Support 28% 33% 39%

Oppose 45 42 33

TELEGRAPH's Landrigan writes that the poll findings suggest the "pounding on [Forbes'] flat-tax plan is taking its toll" (2/7). Under header, "Tax Experts Wary of Flat Rate Plans," W. POST's Chandler reports "many tax analysts caution that, for most corporations, a Forbes-style flat tax would simply replace one set of possibilities for reducing tax liabilities with another. The end result: a huge, new bonanza for accountants, tax lobbyists and merger-and-acquisition specialists on Wall Street" (2/7). Herb Stein header in N.Y. TIMES op-ed on a flat tax: "We Can't Afford Voodoo 2" (2/7).

CONTRACT CRITICISM: W.S. JOURNAL's Seib finds it interesting that "with all the attention poured onto the Forbes

phenomenon in recent days, it's remarkable how little of it has noted that his candidacy calls into question the very priorities of the Newt Gingrich revolution in Congress" (2/7).

IA NEWS: The Forbes camp "is working feverishly on the nuts and bolts, and there are signs that the work is paying off" in IA. It is also "evident that the ubiquitous ads have served their purpose -- by softening up the electorate for a grassroots appeal at the eleventh hour" (Polman, PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/7). WHO-Des Moines's Scott Pope: "Forbes drew huge crowds ... but there are also indications that his TV ad blitz may be losing its effectiveness." Unidentified woman to Forbes: "I have one desire -- that you would clean up the negative ads. You'll lose more than gain more." Forbes, in response: "We try to do it on the issues" (C-SPAN, 2/6).

REAX: W. POST's Broder, on the GOP establishment: "They think Forbes's scorched-earth tactics hurt their friends, hurt the party and ultimately feed the public cynicism that is a threat to them, as it is to anyone in government" (2/7). Phil Gramm, on Forbes: "He endorsed gays in the military. Now he says if anybody in uniform asks him to change it, he could change it. He's as good at flip-flopping in two months as Bob Dole is after 35 years of practice" (C-SPAN, 2/6). Dem consultant Bob Squier, on Forbes' handling of the media: "I've never seen a candidate where the candidate was more on message than his advertising was. ... I see a person who is learning every day" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 2/6).

*7 ALEXANDER: LEGISLATIVE LEADERS LIKE LAMAR LOTS

"Key legislative leaders" in IA "threw their political arms" around Lamar Alexander, hoping to persuade GOP caucus voters to support him on 2/12. House Speaker Ron Corbett said a majority of IA GOP legislators support Alexander: "His message of returning control and power to the state is appealing to the legislature. We like him here." State Rep. Donna Hammitt Barry said Alexander's call for states' power is important to her and added, "Forbes scares me to death" (Nashville TENNESSEAN, 2/7).

KEAN THINKS LAMAR IS KEEN: In an interview with NH reporters, ex-NJ Gov. Tom Kean said that he is backing Alexander because he has "experience as a chief executive, cabinet member, private businessman and university president." Kean, on the differences between fellow Garden Stater Steve Forbes and Alexander: "Lamar is both better qualified and more electable. I think, frankly, that he (Forbes) would make an excellent member of Lamar's cabinet" (Landrigan, Nashua TELEGRAPH, 2/7).

IA PROSPECTS: Balto. SUN's Germond & Witcover write that Alexander's chances in IA and NH "depend heavily on whether he can cut Mr. Forbes down to size." If he succeeds, Alexander "might be able to finish a respectable enough second or perhaps a very close third [in IA] and thus be anointed as a serious contender in [NH]. But if he trails with less than 10 percent of the vote, his candidacy will lose much of its credibility in [NH]" (2/7). DES MOINES REGISTER's Offenburger: "My hunch is that Lamar Alexander has Iowa's Republicans right where he wants them" (2/6). But N.Y. TIMES' Nagourney writes that in IA,

"Alexander has attracted respectable crowds, but they are not particularly effusive. At some stops, he has not attracted a single television camera. With the exception of Mr. Forbes, he is rarely mentioned by his opponents, an accurate measure of the threat they consider him" (2/7). W. TIMES' Kellman profiles Alexander under the subhead: "Former governor, education secretary steers steady course as tortoise in GOP race" (2/7).

***8 DOLE: BAGS ANOTHER GOVERNOR, GETS TAX SCRUTINY**

WY Gov. Jim Geringer became the 22nd GOP gov. to back Bob Dole. Geringer: "Bob Dole is the only candidate with the experience and tested leadership this country needs in our next president" (release 2/6). ABC's "GMA" reported on a MONEY Magazine report that accuses Bob and Elizabeth Dole of participating in an "abusive" tax shelter. ABC's Mathisen: "Today, frontrunning Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole is likely to face questions about tax shelter investments he and wife Elizabeth made in the 1980s. Investments that, according to MONEY Magazine, slashed the Doles' taxes by nearly \$300,000 on an initial outlay of only \$17,000. Ironically, the tax savings between 1983 and 1994, started rolling in a year after Dole, then the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, had attacked the availability of sophisticated tax shelters to the wealthy. What's more, while the IRS has never disallowed the Doles' deductions, [MONEY] concluded that one of the shelters was clearly abusive by IRS standards." Mathisen noted ABC contacted Dole campaign officials 2/6 about the allegations, and were referred to Elizabeth Dole's atty Robert Davis, who said, "I would disagree strongly with the characterization of these as abusive." Mathisen concluded: "While there's no indication the Doles' moves were illegal, in a campaign dominated by a debate over tax fairness, Senator Dole will surely have to explain how a \$17,000 investment produced nearly a third of a million dollars in personal tax savings" (2/7).

***9 FIELD NOTES: CHARGE LEVELED AT LUGAR P3 FUNDING**

A "major sugar group" said 3/5 that a "wealthy commodities broker illegally funded advertising" for Dick Lugar during the "Presidency III" straw poll in Orlando, FL held 11/95. US Sugar Corp. said in a complaint filed with the FEC that Paul Tudor Jones had "channelled nearly \$1 million of his own money to fund advertising supporting Lugar" in the straw poll. US Sugar also said Jones did not register the Coalition for Good Government, the vehicle through which he allegedly gave the money to Lugar. A Jones spokesperson said Jones denied the allegations (Reuter/ BOSTON GLOBE, 2/6). KEENE SENTINEL's Caddell profiles Lugar under header, "Lugar makes pitch for 'common-sense' nominee" (2/6).

QUAYLE: With Bob Dole's polls "ebbing," Dan Quayle "has been telling friends he erred by foregoing the race." Quayle "boasts" that had he stayed in the race he would be "neck and neck" with Dole. Quayle confidants "think the ex-veep is deluding himself" (BUSINESS WEEK, 2/12 issue).

***10 CLINTON: DEMOCRATS SPENT \$15 MILLION ON PREZ ADS**

The DNC "has quietly spent nearly \$15 million" on TV ads to "burnish" Clinton's image. "Road-testing themes" that Clinton is "likely to employ this fall," the commercials have "painted the Republicans as extremists and portrayed Clinton as the principled defender of Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment." A series of 11 ads, running from 8/95 through last week, has aired in 20 to 25 states in markets aimed at "suburban swing voters." Dem officials "have said they plan to spend an additional \$10 million this year, which could drain resources from phone banks and grass-roots efforts." Although the DNC ads, are coordinated with the Clinton campaign, they do not advocate the president's reelection and thus do not "count against the roughly \$30 million the campaign can spend under federal limits before the general election" (Kurtz, W. POST, 2/7).

MORRIS: W. POST's Devroy reports that Clinton strategist Dick Morris "steered corporate business" to the GOP lobbying firm Black, Manafort, Stone and Kelly last year and the year before "in return for \$18,500 in finders fees from the firm." Morris listed one '95 payment in a financial disclosure form he submitted this week to the WH. Morris confirmed "that he had received another fee from the firm involving the same client in 1994 and an additional fee involving a second client, also in 1994." The payments from Black, Manafort "add new details to the portrait of a Washington consultant who has built a lucrative career playing both sides of the political street." Phil Gramm campaign chair Charlie Black said that Morris had sent eight to 10 possible clients to the firm, with two signing up. Meanwhile, after sending a memo to the Dole campaign with polling figures on the balanced budget, Morris "further angered" Dems by accusing senior adviser George Stephanopoulos of leaking the Dole story. "Sources said Morris told an angry Clinton that Stephanopoulos sent the Morris memo to James Carville, another campaign strategist, who in turn gave it to his wife," GOP strategist Mary Matalin. Morris said it was Matalin "who leaked the memo to the Washington Post." Later, Morris admitted "he had unfairly accused" Stephanopoulos: "George had nothing to do with it. I regret saying so. I apologized to him and the president" (2/7). Morris' disclosure form lists GOP clients in 1994, including MA Gov. Bill Weld and MA LG Paul Celluci (Nichols, USA TODAY, 2/7).

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON said she plans to play an active role in her husband's '96 campaign. HRC "said mobilizing women voters probably would be a part of her campaign role, but not the only part" (Lewis, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 2/7). AP's Gullo reports that taxpayers will pay about 80% of the \$69,360 in travel costs associated with HRC's book tour. She is flying on an Air Force jet because the Secret Service wanted her to use a gov't plane for security reasons. HRC's publisher, Simon & Shuster, will reimburse the gov't for the first-class equivalent of the trip, or about 20%. The Secret Service expense would be extra. HRC dep. press sec Neel Lattimore: "The security comes at some expense to the taxpayer and we regret that, but the Secret Service made a recommendation and we listened to them" (2/7).

*11 NGA MEETINGS: CLINTON AND DOLE PRAISE BIPARTISAN PROPOSALS

The Nat'l Govs' Assn (NGA) "unanimously endorsed plans that would make sweeping changes in the Medicaid and welfare programs" (Black, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/7). The plans continue to guarantee federal Medicaid funds, "a requirement insisted upon by President Clinton," but it reduces fed'l regulation and gives states "far more discretion in running the program." On welfare, the govts. "used the version of overhaul passed by Congress, which turns the main cash assistance into a block grant." However, the NGA plan would add \$4B in child-care funding and add \$1B to a "rainy-day contingency fund" (Milbank, W.S. JOURNAL, 2/7). The NGA welfare plan was a "revised version" of the welfare plan Clinton vetoed in 1/96, "and many of the provisions that he explicitly opposed remain part of the NGA's proposal" (Havemann, W. POST, 2/7).

CLINTON AND DOLE: In their back-to-back responses to the plan, Clinton and Bob Dole "ended up sounding like kindred spirits rather than the election rivals they may soon become. ... It underscores again how Clinton's increasing embrace of some conservative themes threatens to rob some of Dole's thunder, especially later in the year, when as the likely Republican presidential nominee, he would focus on more centrist voters." Clinton stressed the bipartisan agreement on gov't downsizing, welfare reform and personal values "and, in a departure, even noted their similarities of approach on some aspects of Medicare reform" (Richter, L.A. TIMES, 2/7). NPR's Liasson: "White House officials had been billing the [NGA] event as 'State of the Union, Part II,' but Clinton and Dole's appearances were anything but. There was no stark contrast of philosophies or programs and no partisanship. Instead, they took their cue from the bipartisan spirit of the Governors' meeting. ... When President Clinton spoke, he was as conciliatory as Dole and heaped praise on the governors for their proposals" (2/6). But the pres. "said he needs assurances that people who are eligible for benefits under the current Medicaid program would still be eligible under a new program that gives greater flexibility to the states" (Harris/ Devroy, W. POST, 2/7). Dole "embraced" the proposals as a "big, big plus" toward reaching a balanced budget and said Speaker Newt Gingrich "indicated to him that the Medicaid and welfare changes would be incorporated" in negotiations with the WH on a seven-year spending plan (GLOBE, 2/7). Dole "praised the bipartisan effort to save Social Security," but "hinted" that the WH and cong. Dems had so far "taken the opposite approach on Medicare by trying to frighten older Americans to gain a political edge" (L.A. TIMES, 2/7).

"POLITICAL BIND?" Some GOPers "clearly relished the feeling that the NGA offer puts Clinton in a political bind." Because Dem govts. have agreed to "revamp" welfare and Medicaid, "there is no way Clinton could not also go along without appearing as an obstructionist opposed to changes that a majority of the electorate desires." Dole made "barbed comments suggesting he shares this view." Dole said the question of whether Clinton wants a balanced budget "is the biggest parlor game in Washington other than trying to figure out who wrote 'Primary Colors.'" In the WH view, "the major question is whether congressional

Republicans will try to force Clinton's hand by passing the NGA plans or make them the basis for future budget talks" (Harris/Devroy, W. POST, 2/7). The NGA plan "drew criticism from some advocates for the poor." Clinton "thus finds himself again in a ticklish political position, trying to show voters that he can 'end welfare as we know it' without alienating an important bloc of supporters" (Pear, N.Y. TIMES, 2/7).

DOLE'S RECOVERY: Dole spoke first and "looked far more comfortable than he did during his lackluster State of the Union response" (Lambro, W. TIMES, 2/7). He "got a second chance yesterday to show skeptics that he's not outclassed as a television-era presidential candidate ... [and] demonstrated that he still has some kick left. Even White House officials ... allowed that the senator had acquitted himself well" for his SOTU response. Dole "started out with a joke": "I know you've had a couple of days of meetings and speeches, so I thought I might liven things up by giving my State of the Union response again" (Cannon, Balto. SUN, 2/7).

*12 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES:

	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11
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ALEXANDER	NH	Des Moines	Davenport		
	TN	IA City	Burlington	NH, IA	IA
615-327-3350		IA	IA		

BUCHANAN	Cedar Rapids	Creston	Strum Lake	Carroll	Des Moines
	D.M. Cedar	DM, Council	Sioux City	Stry City	IA
703-848-1996	Rpds IA	Bluffs IA	IA	D.M. IA	

DOLE	DC				
	NH	NH	n/a	n/a	n/a
202-414-6400					

DORNAN		Sioux City	Des Moines		
	DC	IA	IA	IA	IA
703-644-2600					

FORBES	Des Moines	Cedar Rapids	Mason City	Des Moines	
	Knoxville IA	n/a	Cedar Falls IA	IA Falls	IA
908-781-5111	VA		Phoenix, AZ	Des Moines IA	

GRAMM		Dubuque			
	IA	IA	Des Moines	n/a	n/a
202-467-8600			IA		

KEYES					
	IA	IA	IA	n/a	n/a
503-463-1818					

LUGAR	Davenport	Council Bluffs	Des Moines	Des Moines	Des Moines
	Clinton	IA	IA	IA	IA

202-544-3636 | IA | Omaha, NE | |

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| Vinton | Clinton | Ames | Davenport | IA
800-930-4668 | IA | IA | IA | IA |

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

***13 WHITEWATER: CLINTON WILL PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON VIDEOTAPE**

A federal court in Little Rock 2/6 issued a subpoena for Pres. Clinton's testimony in the fraud and conspiracy trial of Jim and Susan McDougal and AR Gov. Jim Guy Tucker (D). Clinton will testify via videotape (CNN, 2/7). The subpoena was sent to the office of David Kendall, Clinton's private atty. WH press sec. Mike McCurry "dismissed the possible effect on Clinton's re-election campaign": "I've seen absolutely no impact on the campaign because I can't detect much interest among the American people in these issues" (Phillips, USA TODAY, 2/7).

CASTLE GRANDE: Documents presented before the Senate Whitewater Cmte 2/6 suggest that Hillary Rodham Clinton "was a key player in legal decisions that helped facilitate" Castle Grande, a Madison Guaranty S&L real estate project that federal regulators called a "sham." The records show HRC billed Madison for legal conferences on the same three days that money was paid to the project's owner, Seth Ward, and a questionable purchase option facilitating the deal was drafted. The cmte is looking into concerns that HRC hid her role in Madison's legal representation to conceal her involvement in a sham transaction (Seper, W. TIMES, 2/7). Sen. Lauch Faircloth (R-NC) accused HRC of giving a "misleading" response last year when she did not recall working on the Castle Grande project. Later, HRC said she remembered the Castle Grande project by another name, the Industrial Development Corp. Faircloth: "It seems very difficult for me to believe, as smart a lady as the first lady is, that she wouldn't have been aware that they were interchangeable terms." (Lemons, AR DEM-GAZETTE 2/7). One time Rose Law Firm partner Webster Hubbell, who is now in prison, testifies today about the Rose firm's work at Castle Grande and what if anything he might know about the newly surfaced billing records. WH special counsel Jane Sherburne will testify 2/8 about the discovery of the records, as will Kendall (Schmidt, W. POST, 2/7).

"POLITICAL ENEMIES": McCurry said the Clintons' "political enemies are determined to make" Whitewater "an issue" in the campaign. McCurry, referring to Sen. Whitewater Cmte chair/Dole co-chair Al D'Amato (R-NY): "When the chair of the campaign of one of the President's rivals continues to raise these issues publicly and raises them in New Hampshire on behalf of that candidate, I think it's fair to say they're trying to make some political hay out of the issue." D'Amato spokesperson Lisette McSoud: "Mike McCurry's comments are ridiculous. The president was subpoenaed by a court in Arkansas. This had nothing to do with Senator D'Amato" (AP/Balto. SUN, 2/7).

TRAVELGATE: Rep. Bill Clinger, chair of the House Gov't Reform & Oversight Cmte, accused the WH of "stonewalling" his

subpoena requesting documents related to the 5/93 firing of the travel-office staff. Clinger "also revealed" that the WH "has refused to cooperate with a DoJ subpoena for similar papers during a grand jury probe of embezzlement charges" against Travelgate figure Billy Dale (Bedard, W. TIMES, 2/7).

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

***14 SOUTH CAROLINA: THURMOND ALLIES URGE MILES NOT TO RUN**

Supporters of Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC) warned Sec/State Jim Miles (R) not to challenge the senator in the GOP primary. State Sen./ex-Thurmond campaign chair John Courson: "Nobody who has run against Strom Thurmond in the past three decades has ever been elected to another political office." Thurmond's allies accuse Miles of a "pointless quest" that will gobble "precious resources" needed by Thurmond to defeat millionaire businessman Elliott Close (D). But Miles insisted, "I am very concerned that this seat is at risk. I'm getting prepared to run if I conclude we stand a substantial chance of losing this seat in November." Ex-Gov. Carroll Campbell (R) is among those who has warned Miles: "We'll bring out just about anything we need to bring out against anybody." The threats do not sit well with Miles: "That's a little bit sobering, when you have your party telling you not to run" (AP/Greenville POST & COURIER, 2/5). Other: college instructor Charlie Thompson (R). Filing Deadline: 4/30. Primary: 6/15.

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

***15 GEORGIA: COURT RULING A BLOW TO RACE-BASED DISTRICTS**

The U.S. Supreme Court "solved one-half of Georgia's redistricting puzzle" on 2/6, allowing GA to use its new cong. map for the '96 elections. In a one-sentence order, the justices refused to block implementation of a lower court-drawn map that reduces the number of majority-black CDs from three to one. Attys for the ACLU and the NAACP had asked the High Court to postpone the map's use until it ruled on their appeal (Sherman, COX/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 2/7). The action "dims, but does not preclude, the possibility that the full court will grant review to the challengers' former appeal. It is very unlikely that the court could agree to review the plan and find it lacking before the November elections" (AP/W. POST, 2/7). GA AG Michael Bowers (R): "That's probably the end of the debate on this." But ACLU atty Laughlin McDonald said he will submit that appeal "within the next several days." While leading black Dems complained the new map will reduce the strength of minority voting in GA, many white Dems said it will give the party a chance to take back some of the eight CDs now held by GOPers. Reps. Sanford Bishop (D-02) and Cynthia McKinney (D-11), the black Dems whose districts lost their black majorities, are "expected to have spirited contests" for re-election, both in the primary and in the general (ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 2/7). Filing deadline: 4/26. Primary: 7/16.

***16 TX 08: THORNBERRY AND FONTENOT PLAYING CHICKEN**

TX A&M poultry scientist Fred Thornberry (R) said that

hospital owner Gene Fontenot, one of his GOP rivals for the seat being vacated by Rep. Jack Fields (R) "is chicken" for not attending last week's cand. forum and for spending "millions on flashy radio and TV ads" to "dodge the real issues." Dr. Fontenot, who ran in the 25th CD in '94, said that Thornberry had "laid an egg;" Fontenot attended a candidate forum earlier in the day. Fontenot "spent at least" \$2.4M of his own money in his '94 effort and "avoided several debates and forums during the campaign" (HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 2/5). Other GOPers: state Sen. Don Henderson, state Rep. Kevin Brady, Daniel New (the father of the discharged army medic who refused to wear UN insignia), and Sealy Mayor Betty Reinbeck. Dems: atty Robert Musemeche and publicist Cynthia "C.J." Newman. Primary: 3/12.

*17 TX 09: DEMOCRATS TARGETING STOCKMAN SEAT

Five Dems have lined up to challenge Rep. Steve Stockman (R), who became "one of the more surprising victors" of '94 when he ousted 42-year Rep. Jack Brooks (D). Stockman "will discover this year if his conservative Republican message and headline-grabbing antics still appeal to a traditionally Democratic district that threw Brooks out over his support of gun control." Although Stockman has "amassed a considerable campaign war chest" from PACs and individuals, two of his Dem opponents --tax assessor Nick Lampson and atty Jack Cherry -- are "well-financed." The DCCC "has targeted" the 9th as "one of the 20 seats the party hopes to win to regain its congressional majority," and Stockman's challengers "are banking that the traditionally Democratic district doesn't agree with Stockman's convictions." Other Dems: teachers Geraldine Sun & Rusty Bertrand, and businessman Mat Safran (Benjaminson, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 2/2). Primary: 3/12.

*18 HOUSE HUNTING: ARNESON MAY NOT RUN AGAINST BASS IN NH

AR 01: Union official Kirby Smith announced his candidacy 2/3 for the Dem nomination for the seat being vacated by Rep. Blanche Lincoln (D). Smith becomes the third Dem in the race, joining state Sen. Mike Everett and Marion Berry. Warren Dupwe, who got 47% of the vote against Lincoln in '94, is the lone GOPer in the field (AP/AR DEMOCRAT GAZETTE, 2/5). Filing deadline: 4/2. Primary 5/21.

NH 02: Manchester UNION LEADER's Tibbetts hears that '92 Dem gov. nominee Arnie Arnesen "may in fact not run for Charlie Bass' [R] congressional seat. By the time the Democrats do decide who is running it will be way too late" (2/4). Filing deadline: 6/14. Primary: 9/10.

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

*19 INDIANA GOVERNOR: GOLDSMITH ANNOUNCES

Saying he would "dramatically reduce the size and bureaucracy of state government," Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith (R) on 2/5 announced his candidacy for the GOP nomination for governor. In his announcement, Goldsmith "talked in the themes of Republican candidacies across the country since the congressional campaigns of 1994." Goldsmith is running

against ex-IN GOP chair Rex Early and newspaper publisher George Witwer for the GOP nod in the 5/7 primary. LG Frank O'Bannon (D) is the only Dem candidate. Goldsmith has "gained national attention" for opening city services to competition and for making city gov't "more efficient." Goldsmith sounded "core Republican themes" in his announcement: "Every time government reaches into a pocketbook and takes out a dollar, it essentially is telling a family it can spend the family money better than they can. And that's generally not the case." On welfare Goldsmith said: "It can't be reformed, it needs to be scrapped and started over again." Goldsmith "acknowledged his campaign will be challenged in Southern Indiana" where "very few people are aware of my record." A poll conducted in late November showed Goldsmith leading Early 44% to 16%; Witwer got 2%. The poll of 811 registered voters (moe 3/5%) showed Goldsmith leading O'Bannon 41% to 34% in the general election. Goldsmith -- who has 'about \$3 million' cash on hand -- said this year's gov. race "probably will be the most competitive in the state's history." Early has "about \$1.1 million" on hand. O'Bannon, who will be able to save most of his money for the general election campaign, had "about \$2.2 million" on hand at the end of the year (Murphy, Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 2/6). Gov. Evan Bayh (D) is term limited. Filing deadline: 2/23.

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

*20 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Phil Gramm. NBC's "Today," "CBS This Morning" and CNN's "Early Edition" hosted Gramm and Pat Buchanan. "FOX Morning News" hosted NEWSWEEK's Howard Fineman, Dem media consultant Joe Trippi, and GOP media consultant Kim Alfano.

LAST NIGHT: "NewsHour" led with the NGA compromise on Medicaid and welfare. CNN led with Bosnian war crimes. ABC, NBC and CBS led with TV violence. "NewsHour" focused on the NGA meeting with Govs. Tommy Thompson (R-WI) and Bob Miller (D-NV). "NewsHour" also focused on the Clinton subpoena with AR DEM-GAZETTE's Rex Nelson and AMERICAN LAWYER's Stuart Taylor. CNN's "Moneyline" hosted Thompson. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted DNC chair Don Fowler and Reagan OMB Dir. Jim Miller. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted Dem consultant Bob Squier. ABC's "Nightline" profiled Bob Dole.

LAUGHS: David Letterman, on Newt Gingrich's TV career: "After 'Murphy Brown,' he's going to appear on an episode of 'Murder She Wrote.' He's going to go on there and cut Angela Lansbury's medicare benefits" ("Late Show," CBS, 2/6). Jay Leno: "Steve Forbes is furious over Bob Dole's latest campaign ads attacking that Forbes flat-tax thing. They say the last time Forbes got this angry, he was caught in traffic and he ran out of Grey Poupon." Leno, on both Bill and Hillary Clinton being subpoenaed: "Hillary asked the Senate, 'Look as long as you've got the president under oath, I'd like to ask him a couple questions about that Paula Jones thing'" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 2/6).

TOP TEN REASONS LIZ TAYLOR IS DIVORCING LARRY FORTENSKY:

10. "He kept asking for increases in his allowance."
9. "He was always whining about the chicken bones and empty soda cans in the bed."
8. "It dawned on her that she was married to Larry Fortensky."
7. "'20% OFF' coupon slipped under her windshield wiper by a local divorce lawyer."
6. "The liquor and pills finally wore off."
5. "He dozed off during their tenth daily screening of 'National Velvet.'"
4. "Every time they had sex she'd need a new hip."
3. "The 'ungodly stench' he complained about turned out to be her latest fragrance."
2. "Suddenly, Michael Jackson was available."
1. "Force of habit" ("Late Show," CBS, 2/6).

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

"A bomb that blew up in the hands of the man that made it."
-- ABC pol. dir. Hal Bruno, on Phil Gramm and the LA results,
"Nightline," 2/6

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DEAD MAN WALKING (#7) | REMEMBER THE MONEY PRIMARY? |

The AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN |
quotes a "top aide" saying | Dole comes to NH with an |
Gramm will drop out and back | IA win but little wind |
Dole before the week is out. | behind him. Still his camp |
Alexander and Buchanan circle | must be heartened that his |
over Phil's troops in GA. | ascending rivals -- Pat & |
| Lamar -- aren't exactly |

CENTS AND SENSIBILITY (#6) | rolling in dough. Meantime, |

After his 4th place finish in | best-funded rivals Forbes |
IA, Forbes abruptly cancels his | and Gramm came away from |
NH event for today to hold a | Iowa empty-handed. |
strategy session. | IN '84: Gary Hart failed |
| to put the \$ together fast |

GET SHORTY (#16) | enough to stop a weakened |

A HEARST survey of Clinton | -- but funded -- Mondale. |
cabinet members ranks Labor | Dole looks for a replay in |

Sec. Robert Reich as the "top performer." Any guesses as to who got "hazed" as the worst? '96, but in a much more compressed period of time. NH: Pat & Lamar have likely squirreled away NH

NIXON TV money. How much more Senate Whitewater Cmte time is even available on hearings resume today. WMUR this week anyway? AFTER NH: It's 7 days to <http://PoliticsUSA.com> AZ, then 4 days to SC, then Before moving on to NH, 3 days to Yankee (+ GA, CO) read the special caucus then 2 days to NY, then 5 wrap-up, reported from days to Super Tuesday, then the Iowa scene. a week to Rust Belt ...

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

"Another victory like this for Bob Dole and he'll join the pantheon of political losers like Edmund Muskie and John Connally."

-- THE STANDARD's Fred Barnes, "CBS This Morning," 2/13

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

Bob Dole received the lowest percentage of anyone who has won the IA caucuses in its history.

===== IOWA CAUCUSES =====

*1 RESULTS: DOLE WINS WITH 26%

Bob Dole won the IA caucuses, with Pat Buchanan finishing a strong second in the GOP straw poll. No national delegates were at stake last night -- delegates were elected to the 3/23 county conventions, which in turn will elect delegates to the 4/27 CD caucuses; the 25 delegates won't be selected until the 6/15 state convention. The "IA DELS." column is a preliminary allocation of delegates based on an AP analysis of the IA numbers. Results with 100% reporting (AP, 2/13):

GOP CAUCUS	VOTE	TOTAL	% OF VOTE	IA DELS.	TOTAL DELS.
Dole	25,378	26%	8	8	
Buchanan	22,512	23	6	19	
Alexander	17,003	18	5	5	
Forbes	9,816	10	3	3	
Gramm	9,001	9	2	10	
Keyes	7,179	7	1	1	
Lugar	3,576	4	0	0	
Taylor	1,380	1	0	0	
Dornan	131	0	0	0	
No preference	428	0	0	0	
Others	47	0	0	0	

*2 VNS ENTRANCE POLL: DISTINCT CONSTITUENCIES SEEN

On behalf of the TV networks and a bunch of papers, Voter News Service conducted a poll of 2,053 randomly selected IA caucus attendees as they entered 70 different caucus sites last night (W. POST, 2/13).

BREAKDOWN	TOTL	DOLE	BUCH	ALEX	FORB	GRAM	KEYS	LUGR
AGE								
18-29	13%	22%	19%	27%	11%	8%	8%	3%
30-44	29	17	26	14	10	15	12	4

45-59	31	24	25	17	11	9	7	4
60+	27	41	19	18	9	5	3	3

SEX

Men	57%	26%	23%	18%	10%	10%	7%	4%
Women	43	25	25	18	9	8	8	4

INCOME

Under \$30K	27%	24%	29%	18%	7%	8%	10%	2%
\$30-49K	30	27	25	14	9	11	6	5
\$50-75K	24	24	24	19	11	9	7	4
More \$75K	19	30	12	20	14	10	6	5

POLITICAL IDEOLOGY

Moderate	21%	29%	7%	28%	15%	5%	4%	8%
Somewhat cons.	41	30	21	20	10	9	5	4
Very cons.	34	22	37	6	6	14	14	1

IDENTIFY WITH RELIGIOUS RIGHT

Yes	35%	19%	42%	7%	5%	11%	14%	1%
No	61	30	13	24	13	8	3	5

MOST IMPORTANT DETERMINING FACTOR

DC experience	15%	80%	3%	4%	0%	5%	0%	8%
Cons. values	36	13	43	11	2	14	14	3
Can beat Clinton	16	33	7	46	7	5	1	1
Tax plan	6	6	2	10	58	12	2	7
Not career pol.	7	1	9	19	49	1	5	2
Abortion	8	7	51	6	5	14	14	2

WHEN DID YOU DECIDE

In last 3 days	23%	15%	24%	31%	7%	9%	7%	4%
In last week	19	16	31	21	10	6	8	7
More than week ago	56	34	20	11	12	11	7	2

WHICH TAX SYSTEM DO YOU PREFER

Flat tax	44%	17%	25%	14%	18%	13%	8%	3%
Graduated tax	48	34	21	22	4	6	5	4

SUPPORT GOP PLATFORM BAN ON ABORTION

Yes	45%	19%	38%	8%	5%	13%	14%	2%
No	44	33	8	27	15	7	2	6

WHAT IF A TV WAS ON IN THE CAUCUS ROOM? W. POST's Kurtz, under header, "On Television, It Was All Over But the Voting," notes that the networks and AP went with the results of the VNS poll right at 8:00p (EST), before any votes were actually cast. "Traditionally, the networks refrain from 'calling' an election while the polls remain open to avoid discouraging turnout" (2/13).

*3 DOLE: A WOUNDED FRONT-RUNNER?

Bob Dole "flew to New Hampshire Monday night with a far fainter political breeze at his back than he had hoped" (Thompson, K.C. STAR, 2/13). Dole, "a wobbly winner" on his home ground in IA, carries "little momentum" into the 2/20 NH primary with a "fresh tandem of opponents who threaten his path to the Republican presidential nomination that has eluded him for so long." Dole "left the two men who vexed him the most in 1995 and in the early weeks of 1996," Phil Gramm and Steve Forbes, "buried in the deep soil of the Iowa prairies." But Dole's failure to break 30% in the state where he decisively defeated George Bush

in '88 "forced him into what could be a tougher challenge in New Hampshire" (Broder, W. POST, 2/13).

HERE'S THE PITCH: ABC's Zelnick: "He still looks vulnerable" ("GMA," 2/13). THE STANDARD's Fred Barnes: "Another victory like this for Bob Dole and he'll join the pantheon of political losers like Edmund Muskie and John Connally. ... He won, but all he did was energize his opponents" ("CBS This Morning," 2/13). NBC's Russert: "A win's a win ... but he's a weak front-runner" ("Today," 2/13). CNN's Sesno: "[Dole] may be leaving this Hawkeye State more worried than ecstatic" ("Early Edition," 2/13). L.A. TIMES' Brownstein: "For Bob Dole, the best news in Monday night's Iowa caucus was not his own disappointing showing but an order of finish that kept the rivals he feared most from gaining a clear burst of momentum." Still, Dole's total "fell ominously below his 37% victory margin in 1988 -- and signaled that many Republican partisans retain serious doubts about him as the party's standard-bearer against President Clinton this fall" (2/13). Cleve. PLAIN DEALER's Diemer calls Dole's campaign "steady" but "often uninspiring" (2/13). COX's Baxter notes Dole is headed for NH "as his party's very shaky frontrunner" (ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 2/13). Balto. SUN's West: "Dole's strength was less than overpowering in a state where he is extremely well known. ... The narrowness of Mr. Dole's win could raise questions about his chances in next week's primary in [NH]" (2/13). ST. PETE TIMES' Troxler: "Dole held on for only a weak first place" (2/13). COPLEY's Condon: "Dole did little to impress Republicans who worry if he is strong enough to stand up to President Clinton in November" (2/13). N.Y. TIMES' Apple, under the header "Victory Laced With Caution," writes that while "it may be that Bob Dole's victory here will set him on the high road to nomination," the IA results "provide plenty of evidence that Mr. Dole could falter once again. In the crucial primaries ahead, he will not benefit from the next-door-neighbor status that benefited him in Iowa. There were signs here that his appeal is limited among those who, unlike the older generation, put relatively little emphasis on his World War II heroism and consider his long service on Capitol Hill a liability, not an asset" (2/13).

MORE: ABC's Greenfield: "If you win by less than you said you were, it's almost as if you've lost" (2/12). NBC's Brokaw: "Dole had to win here and he did -- but with under 30% of the vote" (2/12). WHO-Des Moines' Laurie Groves: "Caucus voters have spoken and it is certainly music to the ears of Bob Dole" (C-SPAN, 2/12). GOP strategist Ed Rollins: "Dole did what he had to do. He still doesn't quite show the strength that the others projected earlier on ... it's still a wide-open race. ... He has to gain momentum if he's going to be a strong challenger to the president." Dem media consultant Bob Squier: "Winning is everything and he won" ("LKL," CNN, 2/12). Dole backer/IA Gov. Terry Branstad: "Winning is what counts and I'm proud of the fact that Bob Dole carried the day" (WHO-Des Moines, C-SPAN, 2/12).

*4 BUCHANAN: CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS MARCH HIM TO SECOND PLACE
"Christian conservatives helped propel" Pat Buchanan to a

strong second place finish in the IA caucuses. "Long a force" in IA GOP politics, one in three Iowans who went to caucus sites were self-described Christian Conservatives. Buchanan, on his finish: "This is a victory for a cause that is larger than all of us ... a new spirited conservatism of the heart ... one that will speak up for the right-to-life of the unborn" (Thomma, KNIGHT-RIDDER, 2/13). More Buchanan: "I have emerged clearly from Alaska, Louisiana and Iowa, as the one standing conservative who can win this nomination" ("GMA," 2/13). NBC's Gumbel: "Pat Buchanan was, in many respects the biggest winner." NBC's Myers: "The voters of Iowa have given Pat Buchanan a very large megaphone" ("Today," 2/13). ABC's Zelnick: "Pat Buchanan ... may have been the night's biggest winner" ("GMA," 2/13). CBS' Hughes: "A sweet surprise for Pat Buchanan" (2/13) CNN's Sesno: "Pat Buchanan is Mr. Momentum" ("Early Edition," 2/13). AEI's Karlyn Bowman: "Buchanan has to be considered the victor" ("Capital Gains," CNBC, 2/13). Buchanan "came in startlingly second," buoyed by the most conservative chunk of the large undecided Iowa vote." IA GOP chair Brian Kennedy: "Buchanan and [Lamar] Alexander were both surprises. We didn't know what the undecided vote would do. That's where they landed" (La Ganga/Hill-Holtzman, L.A. TIMES, 2/13).

ABORTION IMPACT: Entrance polls showed caucus goers were "largely motivated" by their perception of a candidate's conservatism, experience and electability. "Less important" to the caucus goers were candidates' stands on taxes and abortion. Still, among those to whom abortion was paramount, Buchanan was the "clear favorite." Buchanan's second place finish came "largely on the strength" of his support from 41% -- more than twice that of Dole -- of the 35% of the electorate who described themselves as Christian conservatives. Buchanan led Dole 37% to 20% among the 44% of caucus goers who said they believe in the GOP plank supporting a Constitutional amendment banning abortion (Foverty/Roos, DES MOINES REGISTER, 2/13).

ON THE SCENE: "Tonight Iowa belonged as much to a jubilant Pat Buchanan as it did to the familiar neighbor from Kansas" (Walsh/Frankel, W. POST, 2/13). Buchanan chair Bay Buchanan: "It is a major victory. ... We're right on [Dole's] backside. ... Middle America is moving with Pat Buchanan." Bay Buchanan, on Steve Forbes: "People in America are looking for is not somebody with a lot of money but somebody with ideas and a vision" ("LKL," CNN, 2/12).

REAX: N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Nelson: "Pat Buchanan pushed himself into contention for the presidency last night by campaigning on the hard right of American culture and the hard left of American economics" (2/13). CBS' Rather: "Buchanan finishes second, helped mightily by the self-described religious right" (2/12). ABC's Jennings: "The surprise is Pat Buchanan" (2/12). CNN's Schneider: "Buchanan has become the candidate of the religious right. ... If he comes in strong throughout all these primaries, he's going to have to have a place at that convention and Republicans are real worried about that. They're worried about Pat Buchanan becoming their Jesse Jackson." Dem consultant Bob Squier: "Buchanan gets a ticket all the way to the convention."

GOP strategist Ed Rollins: "Buchanan did better than anybody anticipated. ... [He] is going to be in this thing until the end. He's going to be a 20%, 25% candidate. He's going to be the conservative candidate most of the way" (CNN, 2/12).

ON TO NH: The "traveling road show" of the campaign now leaves the cornfields and the "dominant social agenda" of IA behind and steps into the "dramatically different political landscape" of NH. Dartmouth College pollster Linda Fowler: "The Christian Right is relatively small and weak in this state. Abortion and family values are at the bottom of the list" of voter concerns. Candidates like Buchanan, Gramm and Keyes "must recast their message if they have any hope of survival in New Hampshire." Fowler: "Up here Buchanan's appeal in '92 was economic populism" (Connolly, L.A. TIMES, 2/14). Dem analyst Bob Beckel: "With Lamar Alexander and Bob Dole tearing up the moderate wing of the party, Pat Buchanan could very easily sneak through and win the New Hampshire primary" ("CBS This Morning," 2/13). Buchanan's win in the AK straw poll and the LA caucuses had "clearly placed him as the front-runner among the party's conservatives" prior to IA and had "all but taken the oxygen away from [Phil] Gramm's campaign, which will gasp into New Hampshire today with almost no money and little momentum" (Yoachum/Garcia, S.F. CHRONICLE, 2/13).

***5 ALEXANDER: BASKS IN THE GLOW OF SOLID THIRD PLACE FINISH**

Lamar Alexander said he would "carry the momentum" of his third place finish in the IA caucuses into next week's NH primary. Alexander, speaking to several dozen plaid-wearing supporters: "Iowa has done what Iowa was supposed to do. Iowa has said yes to a grass-roots campaign about the future of America, and no to negative mudslinging." In an interview, Alexander said Steve Forbes' fourth place finish indicates the millionaire publisher's fortunes are "quickly fading" (DES MOINES REGISTER, 2/13). NBC's Ifill: "Lamar Alexander's in much better shape in New Hampshire than he was in Iowa" ("Today," 2/13). ABC's Greenfield: "I think the most interesting guy to watch [in NH] is Alexander. ... Alexander's the one who, I think, finds himself where he hoped to be and now he has to figure out what his argument is" ("Imus," WFAN-AM, 2/13).

LAMAR SPEAKS: Alexander, on his finish: "Iowans really got turned off about the negative campaigning. ... Negative campaigning is not what Iowans want." Alexander, on Forbes: "He's going to have a difficult time in New Hampshire" ("LKL," CNN, 2/12). Alexander, on the impact of his performance: "I think I have a very good chance now to be nominated." Alexander, asked by ABC's Jennings if he would pledge never to use negative ads: "We need a vision contest in order to beat Bill Clinton and I hope that I can stay on that high road. ... It's not quite a pledge -- I'm in this to win" ("Nightline," 2/12).

MEDIA BOUNCE: NBC's Russert: "He's broken out of the lower tier" (2/12). CBS' Rather: "Alexander ... comes in a surprising number three" (2/12). WHO-Des Moines' John Bachman: "Alexander got his wish, a top-three finish easily edging out Steve Forbes" (C-SPAN, 2/12). Howard Fineman: "Alexander will be the new boy

on the block. He'll get a lot of press attention now" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 2/12). GOP strategist Ed Rollins: "Alexander gets another shot at this game and obviously he can go south" ("LKL," 2/12). KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL header: "Alexander Takes Third in Iowa" (2/13).

HOW HE DID IT: Alexander "derived the greatest benefit" of the many undecided voters who made up their minds in the days leading up to the caucuses. Entrance polls showed 23% of caucus goers made their choices in the final three days of the IA campaign with Alexander drawing 31% of their support. Alexander's gain in the final days "is significant, given the negative tone of the campaign" and Alexander's contrast of his "positive message" to what he called the "mud-slinging" of Dole and Forbes. The entrance poll found that "fully 62%" of Alexander supporters made their decisions in the final week with 40% choosing Alexander in the last 3 days (Fogarty/Roos, DES MOINES REGISTER, 2/13).

NEW NH AD: Alexander began running a new ad in NH 2/12 entitled "New Hampshire Switch." The ad, done by Murphy Pintak Gautier, is shot in black and white and features head shots of Bob Dole and Steve Forbes before switching to footage of Alexander campaigning. TEXT -- "Bob Dole. A Washington insider for 35 years. Steve Forbes. A Wall Street insider his entire life. ... There's a better choice: Governor Lamar Alexander. He'll shake up Washington with a part-time Congress where we cut their pay and send them home. Only Alexander has real experience creating jobs and fixing schools. Lamar Alexander. Better prepared than Forbes. Fresher ideas than Dole. New Hampshire's switching to Alexander. New leadership, prepared for the job." The ad is scheduled to "run often; the campaign is spending \$40,000 on WMUR and \$100,000 on Boston television stations." Alexander "returns to his earlier message" of a citizen congress. Alexander "skillfully plays off an ongoing ad barrage" between Dole and Forbes by using Dole's attacks on Forbes' "risky ideas" and using attacks on Dole's age with the "fresher ideas" line "without looking mean spirited." Alexander, who attributed much of his IA success to voter disdain for negative ads, now offers an ad which is "comparative without appearing to be negative" (Becker, CONCORD MONITOR, 2/13).

WORRIES FOR DOLE: TOPEKA CAPITAL JOURNAL headline: "Alexander, not Buchanan, worries Dole" (2/13). "The worry for Dole" is that Alexander "fits the profile of the 'new face' long-shot candidate who might be able to challenge Dole" (Brown, SCRIPPS HOWARD, 2/13). ABC's Zelnick: "A greater long-term threat to Dole may be Lamar Alexander. ... Should he upset Dole in New Hampshire, he could receive a flood of establishment support" ("GMA," 2/13). In NH Alexander will tout himself as "a more credible alternative to Dole than is Pat Buchanan" (Walsh/Frankel, W. POST, 2/13).

*6 FORBES: "FLUNKS HIS FIRST REAL TEST;" WILL NH PROVE BETTER?

CNN's Sesno reported this a.m. that Steve Forbes has "cancelled" his only scheduled NH appearance today in order to hold a strategy session with his advisers ("IP Extra," 2/13).

Meanwhile, KNIGHT-RIDDER's Schulte & Hess write that Forbes "flunked his first real test Monday night. Iowa voters rejected his candidacy." Forbes' vote total raises questions about "whether the multimillionaire publisher and his 'get America moving again' message have already begun to fade." After NH, Forbes "has virtually no field organization, no campaign staff, no volunteers, and no endorsements from party elders in several key primary states." When opponents in IA "attacked his murky social positions on abortion, gays in the military and same-sex marriages ... it was a direct hit." But those "attacks may not hit Forbes quite as hard in" NH (2/13).

FORBES TALKS: Forbes: "We've made a good springboard into New Hampshire. ... I'm very excited." Forbes, asked if his attack ads hurt him: "My ads have always been issue ads. I'm sorry the media's called them attack ads. I would expect that from my opponents." Asked if he made a mistake criticizing the Christian Coalition: "I never criticized the Christian Coalition. I just felt that the leadership brochure on some of my positions was misleading. I share many of the same goals" (CNN, 2/12). Forbes, on his poor showing: "We're going to continue to make progress. ... It's still a very fluid situation. ... We're in very good shape. ... We're going to use Iowa as a building block for New Hampshire" ("Nightline," ABC, 2/12).

REAX: WHO-TV Des Moines' Scott Pope: "You can't buy the Iowa caucuses like Steve Forbes had tried to do." IA political analyst Hugh Winebrenner: "This is a huge victory for Iowa as well. The national pundits were all saying that Steve Forbes was going to come in second here, that you could come into Iowa, turn the process around, turn it into a primary, buy the state and we have seen that did not happen" (C-SPAN, 2/12). Howard Fineman: "[His] money ended up burying him because all he could do was talk about the weaknesses of the other guy. Organizational retail politics survived, at least in Iowa" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 2/12). GOP strategist Ed Rollins: "He made a mistake last week attacking the Christian right and the biggest mistake he made is with too many negative commercials. He's still going to play this game. He's still got a very strong message. He needs to talk about his message in a very positive way. ... He's a player. ... He has to come in second [in NH]." Dem media consultant Bob Squier: "He didn't get his money's worth" ("LKL," CNN, 2/12). ABC's David Brinkley: "We've had so few rich boys running for president that, up to now, nobody had learned how to do it. And Forbes has not" ("Nightline," 2/12). ABC's Dean: "Forbes might have learned that money doesn't always talk." ABC's Zelnick: "He didn't even win a majority of the flat tax supporters." ABC's Greenfield: "Writing off Steve Forbes is a pundit's mistake." ABC's Roberts: "It's silly to write off Steve Forbes, he a guy with a lot of money" ("GMA," 2/13). NBC's Russert: "New Hampshire is make-or-break for Steve Forbes" ("Today," 2/13).

FROM THE DOLE CAMP: Dole's forces "were ecstatic that Forbes' money didn't buy him the support of Iowans at Dole's expense. But anyone who can write his own checks in the presidential race remains a potent force, and Forbes is likely to be a strong contender" in NH. Dole nat'l chair/NH Gov. Steve

Merrill: "Where Iowa is about values, New Hampshire is about economics" (Yoachum/Sandalow, S. F. CHRONICLE, 2/13). Balto. SUN's Baer writes, "Forbes' campaign ... raced to the top rungs of the presidential race. But last night it seemed to lose some steam. ... With counterattacks from Mr. Dole, and increasing voter irritation with the barrage of negative spots, Mr. Forbes lost ground in the last week. ... He is expected to do better in the tax-averse" NH (2/13). Forbes "spent more than \$4 million to go from nowhere to fourth place in Iowa. But the jury is still out on just how much his millions helped him or hurt him" (Lee, USA TODAY, 2/13).

DON'T MESS WITH TAXES: Under header, "Forbes's Taxes Are His Business," ex-Common Cause pres. Fred Wertheimer writes, "Forbes doesn't want to make his tax returns public. I don't blame him. ... Tax returns can contain sensitive information. They might, for example, list medical deductions that reveal that a member of an official's family has been treated for mental illness. ... And yet if Mr. Forbes expects to maintain credibility -- especially in his crusade to end the existing tax system -- he needs to disclose at least basic information about his tax returns soon" (N.Y. TIMES, 2/13).

FORBES' APPEAL: W. POST's Glassman writes the "appeal of Steve Forbes is that he views government, which, by definition, restricts liberty, as a necessary evil. It has only a few proper jobs, and it should concentrate on those because it's not doing them very well. ... Is Steve Forbes -- hunt-country scion, alumnus of Brooks and Princeton -- the best messenger for this, the most important message of our age? Of course not. But for now, he'll do fine -- as a messenger, not as president" (2/13).

PASS THE LAXALT AND PEPPER, PLEASE: Ex-Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-NV) "says shame" on Forbes "for running an ad implying" Ronald Reagan endorses his candidacy. Laxalt "said Reagan always said he had to remain neutral during the primaries and consistently refused to endorse other candidacies" (Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/13).

*7 GRAMM: AIDE SAYS GRAMM TO DROP OUT AND ENDORSE DOLE

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN's Herman reports, "Though Gramm insisted his campaign will continue in New Hampshire, a top aide said Monday night Gramm will pull out of the race and endorse front-runner Bob Dole before the week is over." The aide said Gramm will make the endorsement in order to "keep Pat Buchanan, who finished a surprisingly strong second here, from getting the nomination." Buchanan's victory in LA "embarrassed" the senator because Gramm, "confident of winning, helped push Louisiana to move its caucuses to the head of the list." As other candidates boycotted LA and expectations rose for Gramm, "the Texan was set up in a no-win fight with Buchanan, who rode conservative Christians to a victory." Gramm's aide, reflecting on the LA results, said, "Never rig an election you can't win" (2/13). If Gramm drops out, aides said he "would likely do it" in College Station, TX, where he announced for president a year ago. If he decides to endorse another candidate, "it would likely be done" in NH before the 2/20 primary. But Gramm general chair Charlie

Black said there has been "no discussion" about an endorsement. After a "tearful thank-you speech" before IA supporters, Gramm "said he planned to forge ahead with his struggling campaign." Aides, however, said the campaign "was being reassessed." Gramm nat'l field dir. John Weaver: "Beyond [NH], I'm not going to say" (Hillman, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 2/13).

PILING ON: "The bravado of a man certain he would be president is gone" (Thomma, KNIGHT-RIDDER, 2/13). "The big loser in Iowa: Phil Gramm. Iowans dealt a mortal blow to the Texas senator's presidential hopes just a week after he was wounded in a crushing loss in Louisiana. ... A fifth place showing is a devastating defeat for him" (Gunter, TAMPA TRIBUNE, 2/13). CBS' Rather: "Gramm, politically, may have gone from walking wounded out of Louisiana to walking dead here in Iowa" (2/12). WHO-TV Des Moines' Pope: "Gramm got buried" (C-SPAN, 2/12). ABC's Jennings: "His campaign is in real trouble" (2/12). GOP strategist Ed Rollins: "Gramm, who really invested a lot here, is finished. He's gone." CNN's Schneider: "People didn't like him. ... That's what it comes down to. He never caught on" ("LKL," CNN, 2/12). Dan Schnur, spokesperson for ex-cand. Pete Wilson: "Even if you agreed with everything Gramm said, he was never the kind of person you'd want to have over for dinner to talk about it. He was the political equivalent of fingernails on the chalkboard" (KNIGHT-RIDDER/AZ REPUBLIC, 2/13). TX GOP pollster David Hill said the longer Gramm stays in the race, the more "it looks like he's Don Quixote" (Hall, USA TODAY, 2/13). NBC's Ifill: "The biggest loser of all is Phil Gramm. His campaign right now has all the buoyancy of a rock" ("Today," 2/13). ABC's Dean: "Gramm is in deep trouble." ABC's Greenfield: "[IA] probably made a Gramm presidency somewhat unlikely." ABC's Roberts: "Gramm, you can argue, was the Newt Gingrich candidate in this race. He was the closest to what the Republican revolution in Washington has been all about and for him to just fall apart like that tells you something about how Republican voters are feeling about that revolution" ("GMA," 2/13). Political analyst Stu Rothenberg: "Gramm has had it. That campaign is over" ("Capitol Gains," CNBC, 2/13).

VULTURES: In GA, Alexander and Buchanan supporters have begun asking members of Gramm's state organization for support. They are predicting the "extensive support and organization Gramm built" for the 3/5 primary will be "up for grabs." Alexander's GA co-chair "already has had discussions with some of Gramm's prominent backers" (Sherman, COX/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 2/13).

DOG TIRED: Gramm: "I am a happy person. I have the best wife in America. I have one of the best dogs, best retrievers in the country. I wouldn't trade my dog for any dog on this planet. You only get one of those in a lifetime and I got one of them right now. If you get a really good dog in your life you're a very fortunate man" (KNIGHT-RIDDER, 2/13).

*8 LUGAR: VOWS TO CONTINUE

Despite being "mired in the also-ran tier of GOP candidates" -- he came in seventh place with 4% in the IA caucuses -- Dick Lugar "vowed to fight on." An aide said the campaign is funded

to "compete at least through" the 3/5 primaries (Raasch, GANNETT/Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 2/13).

*9 SPIN: THERE WERE WINNERS AND THERE WERE WINNERS

S.F. CHRONICLE's Yoachum & Sandalow write that "numerically, Bob Dole won the Iowa caucuses. But in the peculiar game of political expectations, the candidates who scored the biggest victories were Pat Buchanan and Lamar Alexander, while the biggest loser was Steve Forbes." IA GOPers "tepidly endorsed Dole while adamantly rejecting Forbes and his advertising blitz in a state that prides itself on person-to-person campaigning. Their last-minute enthusiasm was reserved for Buchanan and Alexander." Gramm "fared only slightly worse" than Forbes, but after Buchanan upset Gramm in last week's LA caucuses, Gramm's campaign "has been viewed by political experts, the media -- and now Iowa voters -- as damaged goods." Although Gramm has "vowed to press on, he is all but out of the race at this point, as is Richard Lugar and remaining candidates Alan Keyes, Morry Taylor and Bob Dornan. ... Perhaps one of the biggest surprises of the Iowa caucuses is not how many candidates were winnowed out, but how many are left." IA analyst Steffen Schmidt: "The big winner in Iowa was Alexander because the expectations for him were so low. The quasi-loser was Bob Dole, because he did not meet expectations" (2/13). CA GOP consultant Ken Khachigian: "People here are going to be taking a second look at everybody now. Their faith will be shaken. The front-runner barely won Iowa, even though he's from the neighbor state of Kansas. ... Now people will say, 'Maybe Pat Buchanan isn't so bad.' And there's this new guy, Alexander" (FRESNO BEE, 2/13).

HOW THEY SAW IT: Dole scored a "shaky" victory, with Buchanan "emerging as his principal opponent in the early race for the GOP presidential nomination" (Kauffman, QUAD CITY TIMES, 2/13). Buchanan "was the real winner," and Forbes "was the real loser" (Lalley/Obradovich, QUAD CITY TIMES, 2/13). Dole "got the most votes" but Buchanan "got the biggest bounce" (Yepsen/Hartman, DES MOINES REGISTER, 2/13). Dole "limped" to victory, "finishing only 3 points ahead of Pat Buchanan and bereft of the momentum he expected to gain here." Forbes' "dismal finish was attributed to his rejection of social conservative voters and backlash against his relentless negative advertisements." Buchanan's showing "establishes him as a powerful force" in the race, and Alexander "can now compete with the sizable part of the party that dislikes Mr. Dole and considers Mr. Buchanan unelectable." Gramm's "miserable finish stripped him of all remaining credibility as a genuine contender. ... It appears a quick exit is inevitable" (Kellman/Myers, W. TIMES, 2/13). USA TODAY's Keen: "The two rivals [Dole] feared most -- Steve Forbes and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm -- must now scramble to survive" (2/13). N.Y. TIMES' Berke calls it a "serious setback" for Forbes (2/13). KNIGHT-RIDDER's Enda & Thomma write Dole's "unimpressive showing suggests that he still must convince Republican voters that he deserves to be the GOP standard bearer." Forbes was "one of the biggest losers of the night. ... Another big loser" was Gramm (S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 2/13). ST. PETE

TIMES' Troxler: "Dole held on for only a weak first place" (2/13). L.A. TIMES' Shogan writes it was Buchanan "who got the biggest boost" out of IA, and that Dole's 26% "represented a dramatic comedown from the overwhelming lead" he had in the polls (2/13). L.I. NEWSDAY's Kessler: "Buchanan's surge all but ended the faltering campaign of Phil Gramm, once seen as Dole's most formidable competitor" (2/13). CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Tackett & Hardy call Dole's margin "clear but hardly convincing" and add that Alexander "provided perhaps the most electric result" (2/13).

***10 IOWA BOUNCE: DIFFERENT CONSTITUENCIES LEAVE NH UP FOR GRABS**

L.A. TIMES' Brownstein: "Rather than significantly resolving the Republican race, the Iowa vote instead set the stage for a volatile New Hampshire battle in which everything is up for grabs." Like the LA caucuses, Pat Buchanan in IA "demonstrated a powerful appeal to social conservatives that should make him a force in the race for weeks to come. But he still faces an uphill fight to convince less ideological voters that he is more than a protest candidate. The results are bound to provide a significant boost" for Lamar Alexander (2/13). The showings of Buchanan and Alexander throw them into "serious contention in this state where both candidates have strengths, and each may be ready to take off." Steve Forbes, meanwhile, could see his own WH "dream fade" in NH, "but this state also may be tailor-made for his comeback: He can outspend his rivals to promote his flat tax in a state that cares more passionately about taxes than anything else" (Kranish, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/13). Still, "fourth place may signal the beginning of the end" for Forbes (Feeney, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 2/13). S.J. MERCURY NEWS' Trounstein notes that the most "devastating impact" of IA may be that it has "dealt a death blow" to Phil Gramm, "who was never regarded as a strong contender in the Yankeeist of states" (2/13).

FOR BOB DOLE, "any celebrating will be as short as a winter thaw. The Senate majority leader now faces what some aides privately say he is dreading: a campaign return to [NH], where he twice has seen his presidential hopes die" (Kranish, GLOBE, 2/13). CONCORD MONITOR's Timberg writes, "Eight years ago, Bob Dole bounced out of the Iowa caucus looking like a world beater. Eight days later, the [NH] primary left his presidential hopes nearly dead. That memory couldn't have been far from Dole's mind last night." Now, as then, a NH win "could be all that stands between Dole and the Republican nomination." But this time around, Dole has the support of NH party loyalists, and the former backers of George Bush in '88 have "signed on with Dole's campaign in droves" (2/13).

PAT BUCHANAN, "having run well here in 1992 and riding a surprising tide of momentum out of Iowa, is likely to get the biggest boost because he will now be taken more seriously than in any time during his political career. He has the advantage of being on his second run in the primary here and once again has the backing of the state's largest newspaper. ... But Buchanan is viewed negatively by a majority of voters, according to recent polls, and his top issues -- opposing abortion and several recent free-trade agreements -- are not in sync with a majority of

[NH's] electorate. As for Buchanan's reliance on religious conservatives, analysts note that Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson came in second in Iowa in 1988 but fell to fifth place in the [NH] primary -- and subsequently dropped out of the race. With that history in mind, Buchanan plans to run here largely on economic issues" (GLOBE, 2/13).

LAMAR ALEXANDER, "may get the biggest rebound out of Iowa. His challenge here will be to persuade guarded moderates and independents that he's the only top-tier candidate who can beat President Clinton in November" (MERCURY NEWS, 2/13). With the backing of 72 NH state legislators, Alexander is "well-positioned" in the state, especially if he can "persuade a larger-than-usual number of independents to vote for him." His "next strategic push is expected to focus on his own tax plans, which so far have been vague. Alexander could take off if New Hampshire buy his pitch as the outsider" (GLOBE, 2/13).

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

*11 NEW HAMPSHIRE TRACKING POLLS

ABC joins the crowd today while CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP promises daily NH numbers beginning tomorrow.

	BOSTON GLOBE/WBZ				N.Y. POST/WNYW			
	2/12	2/11	2/10	2/9	2/12	2/11	2/10	2/9
Dole	26%	24%	25%	25%	21%	20%	20%	19%
Buchanan	17	16	14	15	16	17	17	17
Forbes	16	20	24	26	19	19	19	22
Lugar	6	4	4	3	3	2	2	2
Alexander	5	5	6	9	11	9	8	8
Gramm	5	7	5	4	3	4	4	4
Keyes	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	1
Taylor	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2
Dornan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
DK/other	21	20	18	15	19	21	24	23

	ABC AMERICAN RESEARCH GROUP TRACKING									
	2/12	2/12	2/11	2/10	2/9	2/8	2/7	2/6	2/5	
Dole	27%	27%	26%	25%	25%	26%	27%	27%	26%	25%
Buchanan	25	25	20	19	18	18	18	18	18	17
Forbes	20	20	18	18	17	15	15	16	18	18
Alexander	10	10	11	10	11	13	12	9	6	6
Gramm	5	5	3	3	3	5	6	8	9	10
Lugar	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	4
Keyes	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	
Taylor	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	
Dornan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DK/other	5	5	16	19	21	19	17	16	17	16

METHODOLOGIES (all 2/12 polling was finished before the results of the Iowa caucuses were known):

BOSTON GLOBE/WBZ, conducted by KRC Commun. Research, surveys 400 likely GOP primary voters over two nights (71% GOP, 29% indies); +/- 5%.

N.Y. POST/WNYW, conducted by the John Zogby Group, surveys

569 likely GOP primary voters (73% GOP, 27% indie); +/- 4.2%.

ABC NEWS surveys 580 likely GOP primary voters over two nights; +/- 5%.

American Research Group surveys 575 likely GOP primary voters over three nights (83% GOP, 17% indie), +/- 4.1%.

*12 GEORGIA: CLINTON AND DOLE IN DEAD HEAT

An Atlanta JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION poll, conducted 1/17-30 by Georgia State, surveyed 615 registered GA voters; margin of error +/-4% (2/12). Tested: Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, Newt Gingrich and Gov. Zell Miller (D).

GENERAL ELECTION

Dole	41%
Clinton	39
DK	19

JOB APPROVAL CLINTON GINGRICH MILLER

Approve	42%	38%	68%
Disapprove	48	51	22

OPINION OF HILLARY CLINTON

Favorable	31%
Unfavorable	45

GOPers "have confidently placed Georgia in their 'win' column as they projected" the '96 pres. elections. However, GA voters "aren't so sure they see it that way." Georgia State Univ.'s Gary Henry: "Basically, you're looking at a true dead heat. It looks like this election will go on independent voters and whether there's a third-party candidate." The poll "is dated" since it "straddled" Clinton's State of the Union speech and Dole's "widely criticized response. Clinton has risen in national polls since the speech (Sherman, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 2/12).

*13 MICHIGAN: DOLE STRONG, CLINTON STRONGER

A WZZM-TV poll, conducted 2/1-5 by Mason-Dixon/PMR, surveyed 803 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsample: 294 likely GOP primary voters, +/- 5.7% (release, 2/8).

GOP PRIMARY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Dole	31%	29%	33%	45%/ 27%	100%
Forbes	19	25	13	34 / 25	85
Buchanan	10	12	8	29 / 24	89
Alexander	6	5	7	19 / 7	54
Gramm	5	5	5	28 / 17	77
Lugar	3	3	3	12 / 3	41
Keyes	0	0	0	9 / 2	26
Dornan	0	0	0	8 / 4	33
Taylor	0	0	0	2 / 1	24
Undec.	26	21	31		

CLINTON JOB

CLINTON RE-ELECT

Exc./Good	42%	Reelect	39%
Fair/Poor	58	Consider another	32
	Replace	29	

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

Clinton	50%	Clinton	47%	Clinton	50%	Clinton	49%
Dole	38	Forbes	33	Gramm	30	Dole	32
				Perot	13		

SHOULD ENGLER ACCEPT DOLE VP OFFER IF ENGLER IS VP CANDIDATE

Yes	48%	More likely to vote GOP	37%
No	38	Less likely to vote GOP	22

*14 KENTUCKY: "CLINTON LOSING FAVOR IN STATE"

A Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL "Bluegrass" poll, conducted 2/1-6, surveyed 801 KY adults; margin of error +/- 3.5% (2/13).

CLINTON JOB NOW 9/95

Approve	48%	51%
Disapprove	49	42

Pres. Clinton's job rating in one of his targeted states "has taken a turn for the worse." The results "cannot be very encouraging to a president who carried the state in 1992 [with 45% to Bush's 41%] ... and has indicated that he considers that state a bellwether in the election. ... Clinton's numbers might have dropped even more if not for his visit to Louisville a week before the poll began" and TV ads in KY by the DNC "promoting his solutions to the budget standoff" (Cross, COURIER-JOURNAL, 2/13).

*15 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES:

	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17
ALEXANDER	Manchestr				
	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
615-327-3350					
BUCHANAN	Manchestr				
	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
703-848-1996					
DOLE	Concord	Nashua			
	Manchstr	Manchstr	n/a	n/a	n/a
202-414-6400	NH	NH			
FORBES	Wolfeboro				
	NH	NH	NH	NH	n/a
908-781-5111					

GRAMM |Manchestr|Wolfeboro|Concord | |
| Concord |Dover, |Portsmth| n/a | n/a
202-467-8600 | NH |Durham,NH|Mchtr, NH| |

LUGAR |Manchstr | Derry, | Concord | |
|Nashua | NH | Manchstr| NH | NH
202-544-3636 |Keene, NH| | NH | |

TAYLOR | Milford |Woodsvlle|Portsmth | Derry, | Lanconia,
| Keene |Lanconia |Exeter | Nashua | Meredith
800-930-4668 | NH |Berlin,NH|Salem, NH| NH | NH

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

***16 CABINET SURVEY: EXPERTS RATE REICH #1, O'LEARY AT BOTTOM**

A HEARST NEWSPAPERS survey of expert rated Labor Sec. Bob Reich as top performer in the Clinton cabinet and embattled Energy Sec. Hazel O'Leary as the worst. The survey asked experts and scholars to rate the 14 members of the Cabinet on seven categories on a scale of 1 to 4, with 4 being the highest (like grades in school). Here are the composite results:

Robert Reich (Labor)	3.20
William Perry (Defense)	3.11
Robert Rubin (Treasury)	3.07
Warren Christopher (State)	2.83
Donna Shalala (HHS)	2.80
Janet Reno (Justice)	2.58
Bruce Babbitt (Interior)	2.53
Ron Brown (Commerce)	2.24
Dick Riley (Education)	2.05
Henry Cisneros (HUD)	2.04
Dan Glickman (Agriculture)	1.99
Jesse Brown (Veterans)	1.72
Federico Pena (Trans.)	1.61
Hazel O'Leary (Energy)	1.53

REAX: WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry reacted to the study by saying Pres. Clinton is "very satisfied with his team." He noted that Clinton has made only three changes to his Cabinet so far and that by this time in his presidency, George Bush had made 6 moves, Reagan 5, Carter 7 and Nixon 8. McCurry: "There has been more stability in the Cabinet than is usually the case. That's a measure of the president's satisfaction" (Powell, HEARST, 2/12).

***17 BUDGET: DNC UNVEILS NEW AD**

The DNC has unveiled a TV spot, entitled "Challenges," which underscores Pres. Clinton's "desire for unity and action on balancing the budget." The ad uses footage of Clinton's SOTU address. TEXT: "America was built on challenges, not promises. And when we work together to meet them, we never fail. In this place, our responsibility begins with balancing the budget in a way that is fair to all Americans. To preserve the basic

protections of Medicare and Medicaid, I am ready to meet tomorrow and give the American people their balanced budget, a tax cut, lower interest rates and a brighter future. We should do that now and make permanent deficits yesterday's legacy" (release, 2/12).

***18 GEPHARDT: DENIES MISUSING FUNDS IN GOP ETHICS COMPLAINT**

Claiming that his financial disclosure forms "were truthful and that he did not turn political money to personal use," House Min. Leader Dick Gephardt denied charges that were part of a GOP ethics complaint initiated by Rep. Jennifer Dunn (R-WA). Dunn's complaint "contends that Gephardt provided contradictory information about his Outer Banks, N.C., vacation properties on official documents -- including House financial disclosure records." Gephardt atty Robert Bauer "responded that the standards for classifying property on House forms were different from those on other documents." Dunn noted that Gephardt's 1991 financial-disclosure "characterized his property in Duck, N.C., as a secondary residence not used for rental purposes." Yet, when Gephardt exchanged the property for an unimproved lot, the properties were classified as investments to the IRS and thus were tax-free. Gephardt avoided capital gains taxes by describing the properties as investments and Bauer "responded that the characterizations in the disclosure forms to the IRS -- although different -- were both correct" (Margasak, AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/10). Bauer called a "gross error" Dunn's claim that Gephardt "misused campaign funds to procure tens of thousands of dollars in catering services from a company owned by Outer Banks Ventures, developer of Corolla Light, 'with the purpose of improving the terms of the loan provided by OBV for the acquisition of that property'" (Archibald, W. TIMES, 2/10).

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

***19 DELAWARE: CLATWORTHY GETS SURPRISE BOOST IN STRAW POLL WIN**

Dover businessman Ray Clatworthy (R) "easily won" a straw poll of the DE GOP state cmte 2/7, getting a boost in his effort to win the party nomination to take on Sen. Joe Biden (D), who is seeking a fifth term. Clatworthy got 71 of the votes cast; state Sen. Colin Bonini (R), "thought by many to have the upper hand" in the straw poll, came in a "poor second" with 38 votes. Sussex Co. farmer Vance Phillips (R) received five votes and Wilmington retiree Wilfred Plomis got one vote. Clatworthy, who emphasized his "grass-roots support" prior to the vote, called the results a "tremendous win": "It's really a shock. We really believed this was our competitor's turf." Bonini said the results were "disappointing" but "not fatal" to his campaign: "We expected to do a little bit better. But Ray is a good candidate, and this is one brief snapshot in time." The straw poll came three months before the party holds its nominating convention, which will decide who will carry the GOP endorsement into the 9/7 primary battle. Clatworthy said he was the one GOPer with "the vision, the experience, the organization and the finances to beat Joe Biden" (Schneider, DELAWARE STATE NEWS, 2/8). Filing deadline:

7/27.

***20 MINNESOTA: GOP LAUNCHES ANTI-WELLSTONE RADIO ADS**

The MN GOP has begun a "statewide flight of radio advertisements sharply critical" of Sen. Paul Wellstone's (D) voting record. The three ads titled, "More Welfare, More Taxes," "Freedom to Farm," and "Local Control," criticize Wellstone's "ultra-liberal stances" on Workfare, tax increases, the balanced budget, the farm bill, and MN's Voyageurs National Park. The ads will be broadcast through "at least" 2/16 in an "intense \$15,000 statewide ad campaign" (release, 2/12). GOPers: ex-Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, ex-MN Commerce Commis. Bert McKasy, state Sen. Roy Terwilliger, and ex-Hamline law school dean Stephen Young. Filing deadline: 7/16. Primary: 9/10.

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

***21 PA 09: SLEEPOVERS MIGHT HAVE VIOLATED ETHICS RULES**

A 2/8 report in ROLL CALL "raised questions about the relationship" of Transportation and Infrastructure chair Rep. Bud Shuster (R) to his former aide Ann Eppard. In '95, Eppard left Shuster's staff after 22 years as his "top staff aide" to become a transportation lobbyist. At issue is whether Shuster, while in DC, "stayed rent-free at the [Alexandria] home of Eppard, "a professional lobbyist who also oversees Shuster's fund-raising for his re-election campaign." By not paying rent, Shuster "could be in violation" of a house rule barring members from receiving gifts. Other members of Congress, the House Ethics Cmte or any citizen "could file a complaint against Shuster with the Ethics Cmte (Thompson/Alaya, State College CENTRE DAILY TIMES, 2/9). Common Cause pres. Ann McBride: "You have a former staffer providing free lodging and raising money for him at the same time she is representing major interests that can be powerfully affected by the actions of the chairman." Common Cause plans to ask the Ethics Cmte "to look into the matter" (Kuntz, W.S. JOURNAL, 2/9). In a "detailed statement defending the relationship between his family and Eppard's family, Shuster did not answer questions raised about whether he paid rent" during his stays with Eppard. The statement "said his entire family was friendly with Eppard and her family" and added that he was "deeply distressed by the maliciously untrue innuendo" in the article (CENTRE DAILY TIMES, 2/9). Eppard: "I don't think I'm doing anything different from hundreds of other lobbyists" (W.S. JOURNAL, 2/9). Eppard is also running the fund-raising for Eppard's son, Bob, who is seeking election in the fifth district. Local political experts "say that despite Shuster's heated denial of allegations that his relationship with Eppard violates ethics rules of the House barring members from receiving gifts, the allegations could spell political trouble for both Shusters." Millersville Univ. Center for Politics and Public Affairs Dir. Terry Madonna: "This is certainly not going to stop Bud Shuster from being re-elected. The question is, do the sins of the father fall on the son?" (CENTRE DAILY TIMES, 2/9).

***22 TX 14: LAUGHLIN AND HIS NEW NEIGHBORS**

Republicans challenging GOP convert Rep. Greg Laughlin (R) are calling him a "Republican-come-lately" over his recent party switch and are trying to "pull the welcome mat out from under him" before the 3/12 primary. Laughlin, who said GOP leaders "couldn't have made him feel more welcome" in his new party, said it was "possible" he could win the primary without a runoff. However, one GOP strategist said that Laughlin still has to "sell himself" to many longtime GOP voters: "He's having the same problem that all party-switchers have. He doesn't know the party activists." Ex-Rep. Ron Paul (R) criticized Laughlin for accepting "significant" campaign contributions from special interest PACs. Rancher Jim Deats (R), another primary challenger who was the GOP nominee against then-Dem Rep. Laughlin in '94, said he has seen many of his endorsements and funding sources "dry up" since Laughlin became a GOPer. He said he has covered "about 300 miles a day" and has knocked on "almost 3,800 doors." Deats said, "I haven't seen Laughlin. I haven't seen hide nor hair of him" around the district. More Deats: "I've been a Republican for 27 years, and he's been one for about 27 minutes. I think there's a stark difference in what we've stood for over the years." The third challenger, electrical engineer Ted Bozarth, is running a "low-profile, shoestring" campaign (Robison, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 2/11). Dem: atty Charles Morris.

*23 HOUSE HUNTING: A CHANGE OF HART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GIBBONS

CO 01: State Rep. Diana DeGette (D), a "fast-rising member" of the legislature, announced her bid to fill the seat of retiring Rep. Pat Schroeder (D). DeGette "plans to fight for a fiscally responsible but compassionate" gov't emphasizing children and families. DeGette: "We must balance the federal budget and do it quickly. But, we must not allow the Republican extremists to use the goal of balancing the budget as a pretext for imposing a right-wing social agenda." DeGette, a second-term state legislator, has fought for passage of CO's "bubble-bill," which keeps abortion protesters at "more than arm's length" from patients at abortion clinics. Other Dem: state Rep. Doug Friednash. Others: paramedic Dan Stewart (R) and atty Joe Rogers (R). Filing deadline: 7/12. Primary: 8/13.

FL 11: County Commis. Chris Hart (R) may challenge his old ally Mark Sharpe, the '92 & '94 GOP nominee against Rep. Sam Gibbons (D); Hart chaired Sharpe's '92 effort. Losing to Gibbons in the middle of a GOP landslide year "has been a sore point for some" GOPers, including perhaps Hart. Hart: "Mark Sharpe is a good person and we're friends. But you have to question, when there was a tremendous Republican landslide and Mark had almost \$500,000, why he wasn't successful." Hart says he discussed the race with party leaders including '94 GOP gov. nominee Jeb Bush and Outback Steakhouse restaurant founder Chris Sullivan. Sharpe, who said he was prepared for a primary challenge, said he believes he can win in '96 because Gibbons is no longer chair of the House Ways and Means Cmte (March, TAMPA TRIBUNE, 2/9).

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

*24 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Pat Buchanan, Lamar

Alexander, Steve Forbes, and Jeff Greenfield, Cokie Roberts and W. POST's E.J. Dionne. NBC's "Today" hosted Forbes, Buchanan, Alexander, and Tim Russert, Gwen Ifill and Lisa Myers. "CBS This Morning" hosted Buchanan, Alexander, and THE STANDARD's Fred Barnes and Dem analyst Bob Beckel. CNN's "Early Edition" hosted Buchanan, Alexander and Dick Lugar. "FOX Morning News" hosted Forbes co-chair/ex-WY Sen. Malcolm Wallop, Dole adviser Don Devine, Dem pollster Stan Greenberg, TIME's Dan Goodgame and Forbes adviser Joshua Gilder. CNBC's "Capital Gains" hosted analyst Stu Rothenberg, Drake Univ.'s Hugh Winebrenner and AEI's Karlyn Bowman. "Imus in the Morning" also hosted Greenfield.

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on the movie "Broken Arrow": "It's about a psychotic who gets hold of a nuclear weapon. Now if you can't picture that, imagine Pat Buchanan as president" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 2/12). David Letterman, on IA polls: "20% of the people like Bob Dole, 10% of the people like Pat Buchanan, 5% of the people like Steve Forbes -- listen to this, and 65% of the people in Iowa say that they simply like saying the name 'Dick Lugar.'" Question from the "Late Show" Quiz Machine: "Bob Dole was shocked to discover that the vast majority of movies made today are: A) violent, B) sexually explicit, C) talkies" ("Late Show," CBS, 2/12).

TOP TEN THINGS OVERHEARD AT THE NBA ALL-STAR GAME:

10. "It's time to start -- Dennis Rodman's hair just turned green."
9. "Ladies and Gentlemen -- that last groin pull was brought to you by Nike!"
8. "Will the squeegee guy please report to Charles Barkley's head?"
7. "Shaquille, Hakeem. Hakeem, Shaquille."
6. "According to Mrs. Jordan, he always beats the 24-sec. clock."
5. "Daddy, how come there are no N.J. Nets here?"
4. "Hi, I own a Big & Tall Men's store" -- "Hi, I own a Big & Tall Men's store."
3. "Check it out -- They're mopping up the sweat with Letterman's hairpiece!"
2. "I'm sorry Mr. President, the dunking competition has nothing to do with donuts."
1. "I had sex with Madonna for luck." -- "Hey, me too!" ("Late Show," CBS, 2/12).

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

"With Lamar Alexander and Bob Dole tearing up the moderate wing of the party, Pat Buchanan could very easily sneak through and win the New Hampshire primary."
-- Dem analyst Bob Beckel, "CBS This Morning," 2/13

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GOODNIGHT, GRACIE		SPOTLIGHT	
A wave of speculation says			
Forbes may soon close up shop		GREAT SUCKING SOUND RETURNS	
and back Dole -- in exchange			
for a tax reform plank. Forbes		No, we're not talking	
camp denies, but admits "it's		about H. Ross Perot (even	
the ideas that count." (#9)		though TIME's Barrett has	

| the billionaire "leaning" |

OH GOD! YOU DEVIL! | toward another run). The |

Buchanan again dismisses talk | sound you hear is COLIN |

of GOP unity and pledges he'll | POWELL again sucking all |

fight on until San Diego. (#8) | the air out of the room -- |

Also: Buchanan claims some MO. | this time over the |

Show me results. (#1) | Veepstakes. (#10) (#11) |

| |

THE SUNSHINE BOYS | MOOT POINT? What America |

A new FL poll gives Dole a | loves about Powell is his |

sunny disposition for Super | straightforwardness. Would |

Tuesday tomorrow. (#2) | he trade in that image to |

| be a VP candidate in '96? |

A CIGAR AND IMPECCABLE TIMING | |

Just as the criminal trial in | WHAT TO DO? Dole faces |

Little Rock is getting under | not just Buchanan's dare |

way, "Blood Sport" puts the | over pro-life runningmates, |

Whitewater issue back on the | but Ralph Reed's too. He |

cover of TIME. (#16) | can show "independence" by |

_____ | naming a pro-choicer. |

| <http://PoliticsUSA.com> | |

| NEW FEATURE: The "Campaign | | ONLY ONE COLIN: TIME/CNN |

| Calendar" has everything | | has Dole trailing Clinton |

| that's happening in politics | | 49-40%, but Dole-Powell |

| everywhere and everyday. | | leads Clinton-Gore 47-45%. |

| _____ | _____ |

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

"I don't give a damn what the message is.

For all I care, you can go out and say you're for UFOs.

Just say you're for something."

-- Sen. Al D'Amato to Dole, TIME, 3/18

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WHITE HOUSE '96

RESULTS

Missouri: Show me Buchanan mo. (#1)

SUPER TUESDAY

Florida: Dole's got sunshine, poll shows. (#2)

Oklahoma: Largent completes pass to Dole. (#3)

Oregon: Mail-in ballots may be boost for Buchanan. (#4)

Tennessee: Dole not assured a sweep in vol state. (#5)

Texas: Debate passes with absent Dole unfazed. (#6)

CANDIDATE UPDATES

Dole: Start thinking about tomorrow. (#7)

Buchanan: Won't endorse Dole, vows to hang around. (#8)

Forbes: Might endorse Dole, will definitely push ideas. (#9)

Powell: The Dole camp's "first five choices" for Veep. (#10)

Veepstakes: More suggestions for Dole. (#11)

Abortion Plank: Will Dole try to issue half loafs? (#12)

Clinton: Current goal is to ignore the polls and Dole. (#13)

Perot: "Leaning" toward a run? Alleges "dirty tricks." (#14)

GOP Candidate Schedules (#15)

NATIONAL BRIEFING: Whitewater (#16); Cover-to-Cover (#17)

SENATE WATCH

LOUISIANA: Landrieu leads the expanded field. (#18)

TEXAS: New poll shows Bryant leading Dems. (#19)

POLL UPDATE: TIME/CNN: What a difference Colin makes. (#20)

TV MONITOR (#21)

???? OVERLOOKED ????

Four years ago today, this was HOTLINE's Quote of the Day:

"It's weird out there, man."

-- George Bush, on attention given to Pat Buchanan

===== RESULTS =====

*1 MISSOURI: SHOW ME BUCHANAN MO

"Backers of Pat Buchanan revived" his campaign 3/9 "with an upset victory" over Bob Dole in MO's GOP county caucuses. Buchanan supporters, "proclaiming he would preserve" the GOP's pro-life stance, showed up at the caucuses in strong numbers, particularly in the St. Louis area. With 95% of the 121 caucus sites reporting, Buchanan-backers accounted for 35% (381) of the 1,161 total county delegates selected, followed by Dole 30% (327), uncommitted 26% (291), Alan Keyes 9% (93), and Steve Forbes with under 1% (10). The uncommitted "figure included a large number of Buchanan backers." None of MO's actual San Diego delegates was selected in this first stage -- "it was impossible to determine how this tally would translate into final distribution" of MO's 36 convention delegates (Linecke, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 3/10). The results "could swing back to Dole's favor by the time the convoluted proces ends in May" (Kraske, K.C. STAR, 3/11). ABC's Brown, on MO: "It does not alter the

fact that since last Saturday night, the Republican race has changed dramatically and very likely for good" (3/9).

ANALYSIS: SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER's Edwards writes, "Political newcomers spanked the party establishment, and the anybody-but-Dole movement carried the day. A conservative coalition," led by Buchanan and Keyes backers -- "with many attending a caucus for the first time -- out-numbered and out-maneuvered the GOP veterans pushing" Dole. "Had the Buchanan and Keyes people tried for delegates without teaming up, Dole's camp would have won" (3/10). Dole was "the clear favorite because he was organized in every county and enjoyed a momentum from his big primary wins last week." Buchanan "forces said they were represented in 30 to 40 mostly large counties" and "their efforts were put together in less than two months." MO GOP chair Woody Cozad said caucuses "lend themselves to candidates who generate lots of enthusiasm, such as Buchanan": "The Dole campaign is more a spirit of professionalism and people who are longtime party activists" (Sentell, K.C. STAR, 3/10). On 3/7, the Dole camp "predicted a big victory while Buchanan's handlers all but conceded defeat." Dole activists said "optimism may have caused some supporters to stay home." Buchanan spokesperson John Brunner said he "played down his expectations to fire up his forces and keep the Dole supporters in the dark" (POST-DISPATCH, 3/10). Buchanan: "It came as a surprise. ... I think it came as a surprise to Sen. Dole, too" (HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/10).

BOND, KIT BOND: Dole MO chair Sen. Kit Bond predicted that when the final delegates are selected 4/13, Dole would capture

San Diego delegates from all the CDs "except the heavily conservative" 2nd CD in St. Louis. Buchanan's "strong stance against abortion seemed to help him in the St. Louis area, a longtime bastion of anti-abortion sentiment" (K.C. STAR, 3/10).

===== SUPER TUESDAY 3/12 =====

*2 FLORIDA: DOLE'S GOT SUNSHINE, POLL SHOWS

(98 delegates, closed primary, 3/12): A TAMPA TRIBUNE poll, conducted 3/8 by Mason Dixon/PMR, surveyed 425 likely GOP primary voters; margin of error +/- 4.9% (3/10).

SUPPORT

CHRIST. COAL. CUBAN-

GOP PRIMARY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	YES	NO	AMERCNS	FAV/UNFAV
Dole	52%	50%	54%	36%	59%	67%	57%/ 23%
Forbes	17	17	17	7	21	3	35 / 39
Buchanan	16	21	11	35	8	19	28 / 51
Keyes	2	2	2	4	1	--	20 / 21
Undec.	13	10	16	18	11	11	20 / 21

Bob Dole appeared to have picked up the support of almost all Lamar Alexander supporters, according to pollster Bob Joffe (March, TAMPA TRIBUNE, 3/10). W. POST's Booth writes that southwest FL is "Dole country," where senior citizens are the "largest, most active voting group, with those older than 65 representing a quarter of the likely GOP electorate" (3/10).

NO CIGAR: Steve Forbes targeted both FL and TX by radio with 60-sec. ads warning of a "Chernobyl-like disaster" from two nuclear reactors under construction in Cuba (Attlessey/Lee, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 3/10). Forbes, in an excerpt of the ad: "I'm calling on the president to: 1) Tighten the embargo on Cuba and impose tough sanctions on any government helping the Cuban Communists; 2) If the Russians continue to help Castro or try to ship uranium to Cuba, cut off all foreign aid. We must stop Castro from completing these dangerous reactors. The time to act is now" (release, 3/8). On 3/11, Forbes ran his sixth radio call-in show of the campaign and was introduced by Jack Kemp as "a Ronald Reagan, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson optimist." The show, broadcast from Tampa, also aired in northern FL and Miami (Moore, USA TODAY, 3/11). Forbes "reacted angrily" in Miami when he was questioned about calls from Dan Quayle urging him to drop out of the race: "It's not his decision to make. ... If this campaign simply was about personalities, he'd have a point. But this campaign is about issues" (Lenhart/Roth, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/10). Forbes canceled his participation in a Christian Coalition debate in Miami after Dole and then Pat Buchanan refused to participate; Alan Keyes was the lone remaining cand. Under the header, "Forbes' Dade stop plagued by missteps," MIAMI HERALD's Fiedler writes that Forbes' decision angered many Coalition members, who paid \$25 to attend the rally. Forbes mgr Bill Dal Col said Forbes didn't think it was appropriate for him to participate with "lesser-known rivals who have no realistic chance of winning the nomination." Later in

the day, the "Forbes family jumped ahead of a line of people waiting to eat at the Cheesecake Factory and had a 30-minute lunch" (3/10). ABC's Zelnick: "To Forbes, Florida is the whole ballgame. There are hints that a Super Tuesday shutout combined with some soothing words from Dole on flat taxes and growth could get him out of the race" (3/10).

PANHANDLE WITH CARE: Buchanan seems "likely to glean nine to 15" of the 69 CD delegates in northern FL, particularly in the Panhandle (Murray, W. TIMES, 3/9). Univ./FL's David Colburn: "One of the problems the Buchanan forces creates for the Republican Party looks just like what the (Rev. Jesse) Jackson forces do for the Democratic Party -- alienate the independents and the moderates. The Buchanan forces have got to be careful on that front" (Troxler, ST. PETE TIMES, 3/9). An ORLANDO SENTINEL analysis of FEC data found that FL maintained its status as a "coveted fundraising prize" for GOP pres. hopefuls, ranking fifth among states with \$2.9M in contributions of \$200 or more to GOP campaigns. Dole won the FL fund-raising race overall, raising about 1.2M, followed by Phil Gramm with \$821,615 and Alexander with \$608,071 (Holton, SENTINEL, 3/10).

CUBA LIBRE: N.Y. TIMES' Sack writes Dole suggested in Miami that Clinton "bore some responsibility" for the recent Cuban attack on private U.S. planes: "In a Dole administration, we will not cozy up to Castro." Dole is expected to "have little trouble among Cuban-Americans" on 3/12; he has the backing of two popular House members -- Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-18) and Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-21). And while Buchanan has beefed up his anti-

Castro oratory in recent days, many Cuban-Americans "sense xenophobia" in his words and policies, particularly his support for a five-year freeze on legal immigration (3/9).

***3 OKLAHOMA: LARGENT COMPLETES PASS TO DOLE**

(38 delegates, primary 3/12): Mason Dixon/PMR surveyed 831 registered voters 3/6-7; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsample: 360 likely GOP primary voters; +/- 5.3% (release, 3/8).

SUPPORT

CHRIST. COAL.

GOP PRIMARY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	YES	NO	FAV/UNFAV
Dole	52%	53%	51%	32%	65%	58%/ 15%
Buchanan	23	23	23	40	12	35 / 28
Forbes	12	9	15	6	16	31 / 27
Keyes	2	2	2	3	1	17 / 11
Undec.	11	13	9	19	6	

GENERAL ELECTION

Dole	44%	Clinton	47%	Clinton	51%	Dole	41%
Clinton	41	Buchanan	33	Forbes	34	Clinton	40
				Perot	8		

COMPLETION: Frosh Rep. Steve Largent (R-01) announced his support for Dole. In an handwritten letter, Largent wrote, "I wanted to wish you well in Tuesday's elections and let you know our family will be supporting you with our votes" (Martindale, TULSA WORLD, 3/10).

***4 OREGON: MAIL-IN BALLOTS MAY BE BOOST FOR BUCHANAN**

(23 delegates, closed primary, 3/12): As in the special Senate race, OR will conduct its primary by mail and "that means ballots have been in the hands of voters -- and in some cases returned -- since Feb. 23, just five days after" Pat Buchanan upset Bob Dole in NH and "for what turned out to be a short period, threw the GOP race into turmoil." OSU's Bill Lunch: "My guess is that when the results are toted up, it could be that Buchanan will actually do pretty well in Oregon relative to his showing in a number of other Super Tuesday states. It's counterintuitive, because this is a northern and relatively liberal state. But if you depress turnout enough, you have to ask, who is left? The answer in Oregon is the most reliable Republican voters are associated with the religious right." But Buchanan hasn't campaigned in OR since last year. Two weeks ago, however, his campaign began airing a radio ad in the Portland area criticizing Dole for not committing himself to a pro-life running mate. Dole stumped in OR in late 2/96, when ballots were being mailed out (Katz, L.A. TIMES, 3/10).

***5 TENNESSEE: DOLE IS NOT ASSURED A SWEEP IN VOLUNTEER STATE**

(38 delegates, open primary, 3/12): The withdrawal of Lamar Alexander -- from the race but not from the ballot -- "will not assure" Bob Dole a sweep of TN delegates, despite the backing of the ex-gov. and the state's leading GOP officeholders. TN GOP chair Jim Burnett: "The odds are that Bob Dole will earn the

lion's share (of delegates). But the scenario is there for Pat Buchanan to pick up some delegates, and if Alexander was to pull a fairly sizable complimentary vote, that might hold Dole below the 50 percent threshold." To claim every TN delegate, Dole will have to win more than 50% of the vote -- both on a statewide basis and in each of the state's nine CDs. Cands. getting 20% or more of the vote are eligible for delegates; Buchanan got 22.2% in '92 against George Bush. Dole has "scrambled" in TN and the South since Alexander's departure; he visited the state on 3/8 and his wife visited on 3/9 (KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL, 3/10).

***6 TEXAS: DEBATE PASSES WITH ABSENT DOLE UNFAZED**

(123 delegates, open primary 3/12): Pat Buchanan, Steve Forbes and Alan Keyes "touted their pet issues and fired away" at the absent Bob Dole during a "lively presidential debate" on 3/8, sponsored by the DALLAS MORNING NEWS and WFAA-TV. Dole, campaigning elsewhere, labeled himself the "presumptive nominee" and suggested that his rivals abandon the race (Attlesey, MORNING NEWS, 3/9). But Buchanan and Forbes vowed not to quit (Lenhart, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/9). At the debate, Buchanan, who is "badly trailing" Dole, insisted there was a "direct correlation" between violence in America and abortion, and demanded to know where Dole stood on the issue (Robison, CHRONICLE, 3/9). Forbes said Dole's failure to participate was a "missed opportunity" to match Dole's ideas against those of the challengers. Keyes, responding to a question on trade policies, also "took a whack at Dole": "The policies of surrender, of the Doles of the world, are wrong

because they destroy American jobs" (Attlesey, MORNING NEWS, 3/9). Nevertheless, BOSTON GLOBE's Wilkie writes that after a "series of acrimonious debates" in other states, "even Dole was spared heavy shelling." While his absence was noted by the three attending cand., only Buchanan was a "harsh critic" (3/9).

LOOKING FOR A SWEEP: Dole's TV spots were running in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Waco, with statewide radio ads running as well. Dole TX chair Richard Collins said he believes Dole will carry most of TX's 123 delegates. For a sweep, he would have to top 50% of the vote in each of the 30 CDs.

(Barta/Attlesey, MORNING NEWS, 3/9). TX GOP chair Tom Pauken:

"Dole may not be the candidate we view as the perfect candidate, but he has the best chance of beating Bill Clinton in November.

I think voters recognize that and just want to get on with the process." Buchanan can "score a share of the booty" if he wins more than 20% of the vote in any CD and limits Dole to less than 50%. In addition, Buchanan could get an "unintentional hand from Gramm," who is "advertising heavily" for re-election to the Senate but still is on the pres. ballot. He is "expected to draw a chunk of protest votes" (Katz, L.A. TIMES, 3/10). Despite Dole's big lead, the depth of his support "remains suspect"

(Yardley, COX/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 3/11). Although Forbes was in TX over the weekend, he has "mounted little effort" there, committing "no money" to a media campaign (Katz, L.A. TIMES, 3/10).

TX WALLFLOWER: The fact that Dole never stopped to meet a voter after Gov. George Bush's endorsement last week "reflects

the strange calculus of this Republican presidential primary season. Despite a rich load of 123 GOP convention delegates and an ascendant state party, Texas is political chopped liver." When Gramm "fizzled," TX "suddenly became a vacuum. And any chance that the country's second-largest state could play kingmaker evaporated last week after Dole's take-no-prisoners march through Junior Tuesday and New York." Dole does have a rally scheduled 3/11 "with actual Texas voters" (Yardley, COX/CONSTITUTION, 3/11). NBC's Ifill, on the TX primary: "The big vote on Super Tuesday is an anti-climax" (3/9). ABC's Simpson: "This Super Tuesday isn't looking so super" (3/10).

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

*7 DOLE: START THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW

Bob Dole "is on the cusp of locking up the nomination this week." He has "turned his sights from his flagging rivals" for the nomination "and aimed his campaign directly at President Clinton" (Myers/Price, W. TIMES, 3/10). TIME's Gibbs & Duffy report Dole mgr Scott Reed has sent his "best operatives" to the Midwest. Dole "has turned over his entire primary operations" in OH, IL, and WI "to the governors in those states," who are planning for his Midwest appearances this week (3/18 issue). ABC's Dean: "If the polls are right, Bob Dole will truly have a super Super Tuesday" ("GMA," 3/11). CBS' Roberts: "Dole is looking and sounding confident headed into the Super Tuesday

primaries. ... This could be the last day the nomination is in any real doubt" ("CBS This Morning," 2/11).

STRATEGY: NEWSWEEK's Klein writes Dole's strategy is "to make the campaign a choice between experience and callowness, between sacrifice and self-indulgence, between the most heroic American generation of the century and the most coddled, between the Comeback Adult and the Comeback Kid. It may be Dole's best chance to win: to turn this election into a referendum on baby-boom leadership" (3/18). U.S. NEWS' Roberts writes Dole "will be a lot more comfortable running against Clinton than against his fellow Republicans. ... Now he is freer to be himself, extolling the virtues of experience and compromise" (3/18 issue). Dole strategists will contrast Clinton's failure to serve in the military and character questions with Dole's WWII service and experience as leader. They will portray Clinton as a "big-spending liberal" (Berke, N.Y. TIMES, 3/11). W. POST's Edsall writes Dole "is better positioned" for the general than current polls would suggest. "The far more troubling question is whether he is intellectually and ideologically equipped to capitalize on the advantages available" to the GOP nominee (3/10).

BUCHANAN: W. POST's Broder writes Buchanan's continued attacks on Dole could lead to the "kind of scenario that helped weaken Bush" in '92 (3/10). Sam Donaldson: "The president will attempt to portray [Dole] ... as the extremist, as the right-winger. But with Pat Buchanan saying all these mean, awful, terrible things about Bob Dole -- Bob Dole looks moderate" ("Brinkley," ABC, 3/10). ORLANDO SENTINEL's Crawford reports

Dole "wants to make peace with Buchanan" and has directed aides to meet with Bay Buchanan (3/10). Scott Reed: "We can't let this Buchanan thing get out of control" (TIME, 3/18 issue). K.C. STAR's Kraske writes Buchanan "could make winning the presidency an outright impossibility" for Dole (3/11).

SPEECH PATTERNS: "Dole tends to comment on the campaign ... in a manner so postmodern it makes your head spin" (NEW YORKER, 3/18 issue). COPLEY's Condon reports the GOP is "plotting a fall campaign that will minimize the importance of Dole's oratory on the stump" (3/9). N.Y. TIMES' Seelye writes Dole's "list of things that the election is 'all about' is so vast now that he might save time by saying what the election is not about" (3/18). W. POST's Maraniss writes the "press corps has heard him stop a sentence abruptly with 'whatever' so often that someone made up T-shirts quoting his most colorful usage": "Blow in, blow out, blow off, whatever" (3/10). Dole nat'l co-chair Al D'Amato (R-NY), to Dole: "I don't give a damn what the message is. For all I care, you can go out and say you're for UFOs. Just say you're for something" (TIME, 3/18 issue). K.C. STAR's Goldstein writes Dole "has never met a sentence he couldn't abridge" (3/11).

FINAL WORDS ON KEMP: Al Hunt: "The flat tax is as dead as Jack Kemp's prospects in a Dole Administration." NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani: "Dole is going to need Jack Kemp ... to campaign for him" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 3/9). Fred Barnes: "Kemp will not be in Bob Dole's Cabinet" ("McLaughlin Group," 3/9).

EASY RIDER: RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH's Mercer writes on Dole's airplane "entourage": "Almost everybody is white and wears

a suit, although the young women staffers' skirts are short enough to scandalize the Christian right" (3/10).

A WIPE OF THE BROW: The GOP campaign "came and went in a four-week blur that had a shorter run than Colin Powell's book tour" (Berke, N.Y. TIMES, 3/10). U.S. NEWS' Barone writes "the best single decision of the race" came when Dole started running negative ads against Lamar Alexander in NH, stopping Alexander's rise (3/18 issue).

FOREIGN POLICY: THE STANDARD editorial: "Instead of criticizing each Clinton policy as it comes up," Dole should abandon the GOP's "anti-foreign policy stance" and argue "that our country has an active, and vital, global responsibility" (3/18 issue).

***8 BUCHANAN: WON'T ENDORSE DOLE, VOWS TO HANG AROUND**

"Defying the Republican Party leadership," Pat Buchanan said 3/10 he will not endorse Bob Dole before San Diego, "even if his own bid ... is clearly falling short" (Shogren/Sipchen, L.A. TIMES, 3/11). Buchanan on CBS' "Face the Nation": "My objective now is to not help Bob Dole at all. It is to defeat him for the Republican nomination because I believe I'm a superior candidate" (L.A. TIMES, 3/10). More Buchanan: "We are trying to hurt Bob Dole's chances to be the nominee. ... We're pointing out the differences with him all the way through until the nomination is secure in his hands. We'll take a look at that, if it is secure, after California or Pennsylvania" ("GMA," ABC, 3/11). In an AP interview, Buchanan "derisively" referred to Dole "as a hollow,

duplicitous candidate who has no ideas and has sold out the middle class." The mention of Dole's name "stoked anger in Buchanan" (SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER, 3/10). Buchanan, asked about campaign manager Bay Buchanan's comment that there is "bad blood" between the Dole and Buchanan camps: "That may be true but I don't think it should be relevant" ("GMA," 3/11)

DEMANDS: BOSTON GLOBE's Flint writes every time Buchanan tears into Dole, "his followers cheer wildly. But many Republicans determined to beat Bill Clinton only wince" (3/11).

Buchanan has "the attention of the party and the press. He has the adoration of his core supporters." And "beyond expecting to address the convention, Buchanan has a long list of positions he wants in the Republican platform" (Bennet, N.Y. TIMES, 3/11).

U.S. NEWS' Bowermaster writes if "Dole and the party chieftans" don't meet Buchanan's goals, "many Buchanan voters could defect -- to a third party, to the sidelines or even to President Clinton" (3/18 issue). Buchanan on San Diego: "We're going to do battle to keep this party a conservative party" (CNN, 3/11).

S.J. MERCURY's TROUNSTINE writes, "There's only one way" for Dole to respond to Buchanan's convention threats: "Do to Buchanan what Clinton did to Jesse Jackson in 1992. Make it clear that he is NOT the nominee, that he does NOT control the party and that he does NOT get to decide who's on the ticket, what's in the platform or much of anything else" (3/11). U.S. NEWS' "Washington Whispers" reports "some conservatives leaders" want the GOP "to adopt some" of Buchanan's "controversial views. As the price of their support," they want Dole "to pledge" that his

appointees "will restore the ban on gays on the military and prohibit women from combat." They also "insist that Dole's team forbid U.S. soldiers to serve under" UN command (3/18 issue).

ABORTION: In Baton Rouge, Buchanan said Dole "will sell out the right-to-life movement in the flicker of an eyelash" (Flint, GLOBE, 3/9). Buchanan said "he was staying in the race 'to pressure' Dole to keep the pro-life plank in the GOP"

(Lenhart/Roth/Ratcliffe, HOU CHRON, 3/10). N.Y. TIMES' Bennet writes, "Buchanan tailored his speeches to help detain apostates rather than win converts, a strategy that might maintain his leverage within the party but seems unlikely to revive his chances for the nomination" (3/9). GOP analyst Mary Matalin:

"Do you notice that it is only the Democrats and the press that are harping and obsessed with abortion. This is a pro-life party. There will be a pro-life platform, and it's not going to divide us" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 3/10). Buchanan, asked on CNN's "Evans & Novak" if he would run as a third party cand.:

"The folks who are in the right-to-life movement who I represent, if the Republican Party goes pro-choice in its vice president and abandons its pro-life plank, they will seek a new home" (3/9).

HOUSTON CHRONICLE's Roth & Lenhardt report in a Houston rally, Buchanan called "for more church militancy to help return Christianity to government." Buchanan: "We've had too much of the church Milquetoast and not enough of the church militants in America." He continued on to urge for a "more muscular Christianity" to "combat abortion and assisted suicides and to help return Bible lessons and prayer to public schools" (3/11).

POWELL: Buchanan, asked about Colin Powell: "If Bob Dole tries to put a Rockefeller Republican in line for the presidency who is pro-choice on abortion, he's going to have the fight of his life on in his own convention in San Diego. And I may be in the middle of the dust-up" ("Face the Nation," CBS, 3/10).

SUPER TUESDAY: MIAMI HERALD's Hiaasen: "Buchanan is a goner. ...Many of those who've felt the sting of Buchanan's barbs live in the big urban states where he must now take his campaign. That's why he'll lose in Florida, and in every place that matters from now on" (3/11). ABC's Gibson: "Buchanan ... expects a rough day tomorrow" ("GMA, 3/11). W. POST's Harden reports an "indication Buchanan's campaign is sputtering" is that Buchanan "and his dwindling media entourage will not charter a plane. Instead, the campaign plans to take commercial flights" (3/10).

MI: Buchanan said "he would advertise" on TV in MI, where Buchanan "hopes his 'America first' trade message will appeal to blue-collar workers." Buchanan: "We're going to try to make it something of a battleground" (Bennet, N.Y. TIMES, 3/9).

THE ENDGAME: Buchanan, asked on CNN's "Evans & Novak" if he would run as Perot's Reform Party candidate: "I may just go to the Reform Party and talk to those folks and tell them, 'You belong with a conservative ... why belong in one party? You and I belong in one party, even if you don't agree with Mr. Dole'" (3/9). S.F. EXAMINER's Matthews writes Buchanan will remain in the GOP and support Dole "but only on the condition that Dole and the party give full respect to him and his positions, especially on abortion and trade" (3/9).

***9 FORBES: MIGHT ENDORSE DOLE, WILL DEFINITELY PUSH IDEAS**

Steve Forbes "maintains he's still in the race to win, but a senior aide says Forbes may bow out in a couple of weeks if Dole accepts some Forbes tax reform ideas" ("GMA," 3/11). U.S. NEWS' Marks reports, "For the first time, at least one prominent campaign official has acknowledged that a Forbes endorsement of Dole might be forthcoming, should Dole consider putting the flat tax -- or at least some substantial tax reform -- into the Republican platform." The "future has arrived for the Forbes campaign, and it is about ideas, not the presidency, a refrain that will become more and more common as the defeats mount up." Anonymous official: "It's the ideas that count" (3/18 issue). USA TODAY's Keen writes Forbes "says he has no plans" to drop out, and he "said he'll stay in the race even if [Dole] promises to include support for a 17% flat tax" (3/11).

IN HIS OWN WORDS: Forbes, asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" if he'll stay in the race through CA: "These principles and issues are bigger than the candidate. I'm in for the duration to get them across to the voters." Asked if he would support Dole if Dole continues to reject his flat tax, Forbes: "If he is the nominee, I'd be honored to support him. He would be an infinitely better president than Bill Clinton" (3/10).

THROWING FOR THE END ZONE: Campaigning with Forbes in FL, Jack Kemp "said he is willing to help his friend close ranks with Dole any time" Forbes asks him to. Kemp: "I have a lot of friends in the Dole camp and maybe, if he asked me at the right

time to help him build a bridge to the party or to Dole, I could play that role." However, Kemp "insisted": "I'm not playing that role now" (Shields, ORLANDO SENTINEL, 3/11). Dole aides "would not say whether serious talks were underway with the Forbes camp" (Crawford, SENTINEL, 3/11). Dole, upon hearing Kemp's offer: "I didn't know I needed an intermediary. Well, that's what quarterbacks are for, I guess" (AP/K.C. STAR, 3/11).

STATE BY STATE STRATEGY: Forbes "intends to continue pursuing delegates in big states that have high delegate counts," such as TX and FL, followed by IL, MI, OH and WI on 3/19, CA on 3/26, and NJ on 5/4. Campaign chair Malcolm Wallop: "We would like to have sufficient numbers to get to the convention and promote what have widely been acknowledged in the press as Steve's ideas and Bob Dole's lack of them. But we have to have a compelling presence in those states or a big state strategy won't work." TX GOP strategist Karl Rove "said it's too late for Forbes to make a 'compelling impression'" in TX. Luntz Research VP Steve Wagner: "[Dole] is going into vitally important states, [MI, IL, CA], without the money to get his message out. In California, the Dole campaign is going to be dark. It's going to be off the airwaves" (Barta, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 3/10).

FLAT TAX: TIME's Stengel: "[Forbes] is in danger of becoming the flat-tax Don Quixote. Realistically, what Forbes seems to be seeking is no longer the nomination, but vindication. What keeps Forbes spending is an almost mythical attachment to the flat tax" (3/18 issue). Kemp: "Some version of the flat tax is going to be in the Republican platform. I think this issue is

going to be a victory for Steve no matter what happens and how far he takes it" (ORLANDO SENTINEL, 3/11). N.Y. TIMES' Johnston writes, "Tax experts say that on the day his flat tax became law, Mr. Forbes's tax liabilities would fall by \$240 million. ... Over Mr. Forbes's lifetime, his proposal could save him and his heirs \$1.9 billion in taxes." The reason: the flat tax would eliminate estate taxes. "Forbes's chances of winning the Presidency appear remote, but his spending, when viewed from the risk-reward perspective of an investor, looks shrewd" (3/10). ST. PETE TIMES' Troxler profiles Forbes and writes, "His campaign has the external passion of ... well, a turnip. But passion is not what he's running on. Forbes is running on pure ideas, backed with pure dollars, and he has had more success than most people expected" (3/9).

THE FUTURE: AMERICAN SPECTATOR exec. editor Wladyslaw Plezczynski on Forbes: "He's going to be around for 4, 8, 12 more years at least. ... Sometimes it's good in the long run for a candidate to have several goes at it. Even Pat Buchanan this year was much more effective than he was four years ago. Especially in the Republican Party, it means more if you kind of earned it" ("Capitol Watch," NET, 3/8).

***10 POWELL: THE DOLE CAMP'S "FIRST FIVE CHOICES" FOR VEEP**

TIME's Birnbaum writes, "When it comes to the vice presidency, says a senior Dole aide, '[Colin] Powell is our first five choices'" (3/18 issue). THE STANDARD's Barnes: "Powellmania is growing among Dole strategists who are impressed by Powell's

awesome poll numbers" (3/18 issue). But TX GOP chair Tom Pauken said, "I'd rather see Colin Powell as secretary of state, where he can prove his abilities as a new Republican" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 3/10). Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed: "Historically the road to victory for Republican nominees is to choose a vice presidential running mate that unites the party. That usually means picking somebody from the opposite wing from which they came." Jeb Bush, asked whether he, as a pro-lifer, could support a Dole-Powell ticket: "Absolutely I could. General Powell, to me, represents character and virtue, something that is lacking in our society, something that's lacking in public life" ("Face the Nation," CBS, 3/10). GOP analyst Mary Matalin, asked if Dole can persuade Powell to be his running mate: "Maybe he can persuade him to be secretary of state or something in this government. But ... he said he didn't want to do it. I don't think he will" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 3/10). Bill Bennett: "I'd sure take a very serious look at Colin Powell. ... With that conversation with Colin Powell, I think it also needs to be made plain to him that this party has a point-of-view, it has a platform. It is, for example, the pro-life party. It is a conservative party. He needs to understand that. There's some very careful driving that needs to be done by our nominee. You want to get the Buchanan supporters without embracing Buchananism" ("LKL," CNN, 3/8). W. TIMES' Josette Shiner, on challenging Buchanan with a Powell choice: "Dole has nothing to gain by taking on Pat Buchanan. He'll need the Pat Buchanan voters. He'll get them if he makes the right vice presidential choice. ... All Dole has to do though

is avoid a Christie Whitman or avoid someone who is pro-choice and go with a John Engler -- someone who has gotten the job done." Juan Williams, on what would happen if Dole picked Powell: "Dole would be the next president of the United States" ("Cap Gang Sunday," CNN, 3/10). Sen. Al D'Amato, Dole's national co-chair, said "he'll urge" Dole to pick Powell: "He would be a very powerful addition. ... If Buchanan wants to walk out, let him walk. So be it. We shouldn't be frightened by someone who threatens us with a walkout." N.Y. POST front-page screamer: "Al's Dream Ticket: Dole/Powell" (3/11). GOP consultant Roger Stone, on Buchanan's threats: "You can't have the tail wag the dog. The nominee must demonstrate that he is his own man and isn't going to be dictated to on his running mate, his platform or anything else." Bill Kristol: "I don't think an appreciable number of Republicans would bolt the party over a Dole-Powell ticket" (B. GLOBE, 3/10).

GOING FOR BROKE: GLOBE's Lehigh writes that Dole "needs to make a bold gamble" on a VP pick. The "party insiders" already are touting MI Gov. John Engler or ex-SC Gov. Carroll Campbell, but they represent "yesterday's politics," a decision that is part of a "terminally cautious mindset." And the choice would be "better used to send a national message than secure a single state." The "exception" would be CA, but "it's doubtful Gov. Pete Wilson, who remains radioactive at home after his aborted presidential campaign, could deliver the state." Conclusion: "The bold statement Dole needs to make goes by the name of Colin Luther Powell." Why does Dole "need" Powell? "Because much of

[Dole's] campaign has been a Faustian bargain with the right-wing zealots who claim to speak in behalf of 1990s Republicanism.

Dole has changed his church, renounced his gay supporters, amended his economic beliefs, surrendered his independence on taxes, pledged his troth to the [NRA], and sacrificed his judgment -- all to placate the organized ultra-conservatives who claim to own the party. To choose Powell would be to take a giant step toward redeeming his character, not to mention the moderate center" (3/10).

*11 VEEP: MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR DOLE

ENGLER: Fred Barnes writes, "Choosing Engler wouldn't be tricky at all. He's conservative, he's pro-life, and he comes from an important industrial-belt state that Dole might lose without Engler on the ticket" (THE STANDARD, 3/18 issue). TIME's dubs Engler a "Winner" this week: "The Governor, a fav with conservatives, is on the short list; so endorse Dole already" (3/18 issue).

WHITMAN: TIME's puts NJ Gov. Christie Whitman in the "Losers" column: "The Governor would close the gender gap, but there is the token question, Can she be President?" (3/18 issue).

KASICH: Arianna Huffington said on Nostalgia TV's "Issues & Answers" that she is backing House Budget chair John Kasich of OH for VP: "There is something about him that is so dynamic, so vibrant" (Nostalgia release, 3/8). Bob Novak reports that Dole's campaign managers are "talking about Kasich, who is 43 and looks younger, as an upbeat complement to the often dour Dole.

Kasich's downside is that he would call attention to the age of the 72-year-old" Dole (N.Y. POST, 3/9).

ABORTION: N.Y. TIMES' Toner writes that in picking a VP, Dole "could be caught in a vise" on abortion -- "pushed in one direction" by GOP "centrists, hoping for the broadest possible appeal for their ticket this fall, and pushed in the other by Mr. Buchanan and the other social conservatives who fear the diminution of a core principle" (3/10). USA TODAY's Susan Page: "The fact is, the pro-life forces are going to be a very powerful element of the convention. ... The Republican nominee will need them on their side." Evan Thomas: "I don't think the abortion folks are going anywhere. Maybe they won't turn out in droves. But Dole has been pretty careful to coddle them over the years. ... I don't think this is a non-issue, but we can easily exaggerate it" ("Inside Washington," 3/9).

AND WHAT DOES DOLE HAVE TO SAY? Dole said he will pick "somebody who shares my philosophy ... somebody I can work with, somebody who understands what it's all about: Congress, the government, private sector" (USA TODAY, 3/11). Frosh Rep. Helen Chenoweth (R-ID): "When Bob Dole says: 'What is a vision -- that fuzzy, blurry thing out there?' I'm telling you, he'd better pick a running mate that can articulate the vision if he can't" ("Dateline: Washington," NET, 3/10).

*12 ABORTION: WILL DOLE TRY TO ISSUE HALF LOAFS TO EACH CAMP?

U.S. NEWS' "Washington Whispers" reports CA Gov. Pete Wilson, Dole's CA chair, intends to try and remove the pro-life

plank from the platform. But Wilson will face "stiff opposition" from CA AG Dan Lungren (R), number two in the CA Dole camp. Wilson: "We are going to try [to remove abortion from the platform]. But the basic point is that a lot of people who are pragmatic in this party -- including some who are very conscientiously pro-life -- know that this has become something of an academic matter. The law is the law" (3/18 issue).

MORE SOLUTIONS: Bob Novak writes Dole's strategists are considering an "unprecedented effort" to avoid a "civil war" over abortion at the convention by "dividing responsibility for the issue." The "tentative plan" would be to appoint as platform cmte co-chairs pro-life Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) and pro-choice NJ Gov. Christie Whitman. Two problems with the plan: "intense hostility from social conservatives toward Whitman, who has not pulled punches in her denunciations of the religious right. The bigger problem is that pro-lifers want no change whatsoever in the 1992 party platform's unconditional denunciation of abortion" (N.Y. POST, 3/9). Cokie Roberts noted Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed went to SC "and helped keep a lot of people who might have otherwise voted for Pat Buchanan in line behind Bob Dole. Ralph Reed is now owed big time" ("Brinkley," ABC, 3/10). Reed said he "felt quite confident" his camp would prevail: "What's likely to happen is nothing. The party will remain pro-life. The platform will remain pro-life. And I would anticipate it will be a pro-life ticket" (Toner, N.Y. TIMES, 3/10).

*13 CLINTON: CURRENT GOAL IS TO IGNORE THE POLLS AND DOLE

TIME's Duffy & Gibbs write, "The unofficial start of the general election campaign comes at a high point for Clinton, since he has been floating above the fray, and at a low one for Dole, having had his head handed to him for months by his primary foes. ... No one at the White House, not a soul, will engage in an on-the-record discussion of a Dole-Clinton match-up. Many won't even do it on background." Clinton strategists "think it will be a tough, ugly, close election. They have a healthy fear of disaster in Bosnia, eruptions of bimbos, new Whitewater embarrassments, a host of other unpredictables. And they realize that while many of Clinton's strengths play to Dole's weaknesses -- their man's love of campaigning is surpassed only by Dole's discomfort with it -- the reverse is also true. That Dole appears reluctant to traffic in his personal tragedy and compresses his public thoughts lends him an aura of trustworthiness when faced with a president far more promiscuous with his confessions and promises" (3/18 issue).

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR: Many Dems believe a campaign against Dole will be "much tougher than it looks now." One reason will be the transformation of Dole's GOP primary "weaknesses" -- his "moderation, his Washington experience, his unexcitable personality" -- into "strengths" in the general (Devroy/Harris, W. POST, 3/9). TIME's Jay Carney: "A referendum on Clinton, Clinton probably loses. The White House needs to make it a choice between Clinton and Dole, a choice between ... the future and past" ("McLaughlin Group," 3/9). Bob Novak writes that Clinton strategist James Carville "has told friends that he

is worried about overconfidence and complacency at the White House" (N.Y. POST, 3/9).

WHICH ECONOMY IS IT, STUPID? BOSTON GLOBE features a "reality check" on Clinton's economic record based on claims he made in a 2/2 speech in NH. "The president used more than a dozen statistics to bolster his case. ... In other appearances, he has cited dozens of others. The Globe examined 50 of these statistics and discovered many of them stand up to scrutiny. But others seem selectively chosen, misleading, or --in a few cases - - just plain wrong" (Farrell, 3/10). NEWSWEEK's Turque writes, "By the numbers, Clinton's got a good case: unemployment is low, and the deficit is getting smaller. But public unease about stagnant wages and downsizing means numbers aren't everything, and the president must find a way to attack corporate greed without completely alienating business" (3/18 issue). The "biggest fight" in the WH is over how to handle the economy. There is a "faction" led by Harold Ickes and including the First Lady that is "desperate" for Clinton to talk about wage stagnation and "soaring corporate profits." This camp faces "fierce opposition" from "centrists," led by Dick Morris, "who are much more interested in emphasizing low inflation, low interest rates" and job creation. The Ickes-Morris rift "has only grown over the past few months, to the point where there are almost two sets of advisory teams in place. The Morris team is pre-eminent on message, but the Ickes team controls the operations, the logistics of the presidency and the re-election effort, and it can therefore sabotage Morris from the sidelines."

One WH aide said: "It's like Noah's Ark. We've got two of everything" (Duffy/Gibbs, TIME, 3/18 issue).

WELFARE POISON: BUFFALO NEWS' Turner writes, "Welfare reform is in a coma so deep you need Sunny von Bulow to find it." Clinton "finally had a way out" of being stuck with an unfulfilled campaign promise in the form of the NGA welfare plan endorsed this past February -- to which no Dem governors objected. But for reasons "no one really knows," Clinton chose to reject it (3/11).

FROM THE FOREIGN DESK: W. POST's Hoagland writes, "Clinton and his foreign policy advisers have recently begun their most serious effort at elaborating a unified view of the use of American force abroad. They have been moving from a just-in-time foreign policy approach to emergencies to the fashioning of a doctrine. 'Engaged, but not dangerously so,' would be the wordy bumper sticker of the emerging Clinton Doctrine "which would presumably drive a Volvo station wagon" (3/10). Clinton will travel to Egypt this week for a summit to combat terrorism and to reinforce the Middle East peace. S.F. EXAMINER editorial on Chinese human rights violations and weapons testing off the coast of Taiwan: "Clinton's coddling of the Chinese dictators has only made matters worse" (3/9). CHICAGO TRIBUNE editorial: "It is time for President Clinton to act -- not with his customary ambiguity. ... China's missile tests last week were the act of a rogue state, and attempt at armed intimidation that requires a proportional yet clear military response" (3/10).

MORE STAFF STUFF: DSCC exec. dir. Don Foley has accepted a

new post as manager of the '96 Dem convention under convo CEO Debra Delee. Foley will be replaced at the DSCC by Paul Johnson, who has been CoS for DSCC chair Bob Kerrey (release 3/8).

FRIENDS IN FUNNY PLACES: Paul Weyrich: "Frankly, were I a betting man at this point -- barring some Whitewater development that I don't see on the horizon right now -- but with that caveat, Bill Clinton is looking like a winner." AMERICAN SPECTATOR's Wladyslaw Plezczynski: "This is going to be a race of who is politically smarter, tougher and more skilled. And Clinton, as a presidential campaigner, is going to wipe out Dole" (NET, 3/8).

*14 PEROT: "LEANING" TOWARD A RUN? ALLEGES "DIRTY TRICKS"

TIME's Barrett writes, "There's good news for anybody worried that the Dole rebound will mean a dull presidential race. Though he hasn't made up his mind, Ross Perot is leaning toward taking another run at it." Perot "sees an opportunity and a rationale. Budget balancing, term limits, and the reform of Medicare and Social Security are all stalled in Congress or neglected so far as campaign issues." Perot: "I cannot live with myself knowing what these problems are and seeing the people in government not facing these problems" (3/18 issue). Clinton strategist James Carville: "The only thing Perot ought to run for is a psychiatrist's office" ("Meet," NBC, 3/10). "A top Dole aide": "If Perot gets in the race it will guarantee Clinton's re-election" (Fineman, NEWSWEEK, 3/18 issue).

DIRTY TRICKS: In an interview with W. POST's Balz, Perot

"said he spurned a request" in '93 from one of the two political parties to contribute \$1 million to finance a "dirty tricks campaign" in '94. Perot "repeatedly" refused to identify the party or provide details, "claiming he was only describing the incident to show the urgent need to reform the political system." Both parties issued "angry denials" prompting "several subsequent statements" from Perot to "explain" his allegation. RNC chair Haley Barbour called Perot to demand a public statement "making clear the Texan was not talking about Barbour." Perot, in response: "I have never had any conversation with Haley Barbour on this subject." RNC comm. dir Ed Gillespie, when asked if anyone from the RNC "participated in such a meeting": "No. Perot acknowledges that it wasn't the chairman, and only the chairman could deal with Ross Perot." Ex-DNC chair David Wilhelm "issued a similar denial," and Perot subsequently stated that neither Wilhelm or current DNC co-chair Sen. Chris Dodd "was involved" (Balz, W. POST, 3/10). GOP analyst Mary Matalin: "Claiming that either of the parties -- and he won't say which one it was -- offered him a million dollars for dirty tricks, is one of the most ugly things I've ever seen in politics" ("Meet," NBC, 3/10).

*15 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

|MON 3/11 |TUE 3/12 |WED 3/13 |THUR 3/14| FRI 3/15

BUCHANAN | Tulsa, | | | |

| OK | OK | OH | MI | MI |

703-848-1996 | | | | |

DOLE |FtLaud FL| | | MI |

 |SanAntoni| DC | IL | OH | OH

202-414-6400 | TX | | | |

FORBES |W.PalmBch| IL | | |

 | FL | W1 | n/a | n/a | n/a

908-781-5111 | | MI | | |

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

***16 WHITEWATER: NEW BOOK DISPUTES HRC'S "PASSIVE INVESTOR" ROLE**

A new book on Whitewater, "Blood Sport" by James B. Stewart, is excerpted by TIME and serves as the basis for its cover story. Instead of being the "passive investor" in Whitewater, as Hillary Rodham Clinton has claimed, the book depicts her as "the key financial manager in the final years of the Whitewater loan, maintaining the Clintons' investment even after they were urged to get out by their partners," Jim & Susan McDougal, in 1985. After the McDougals separated in '86, the McDougals "were only too happy to let [HRC] take over day-to-day management." She even signed some documents using the title of Whitewater "president." In '92, during the presidential campaign, HRC reportedly asked the McDougals to grant her power of atty over the entire matter. The book also includes suggestions of the

Clintons' marital troubles. Susan McDougal is quoted as saying that Bill Clinton "confided" to her that he loved being governors because, "Women are throwing themselves at me. All the while I was growing up, I was the fat boy in the Big Boy jeans." Additionally, there is a segment on Vince Foster which suggests his own marital problems and his depression over his new "staffer" relationship with HRC, whom he had considered to be his friend and colleague (TIME release, 3/9). Stewart will appear on ABC's "Nightline" tonight. WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry: "A Pulitzer prize winning journalist has spent months investigating the so-called Whitewater matter and has found precious little news to impart to his readers" (N.Y. POST, 3/11).

MORE ON THE BOOK: NEWSWEEK's Isikoff & Hosenball ask, "What could Susan Thomases have been thinking?" Thomases suggested to Stewart that he write the book, believing he would "exonerate" the Clintons. As a result of the book, HRC "won't be thanking [Thomases] any time soon" (3/18 issue).

TRIAL BEGINS: Opening arguments in the federal fraud trial against the McDougals and AR Gov. Jim Guy Tucker commence today in a Little Rock courtroom. The case features testimony from David Hale, whose credibility has been challenged by the WH. Pres. Clinton has been ordered to testify for the defense. While the McDougals want him to testify in person, the WH wishes to do so either by videotape or satellite. The judge is yet to make a final ruling regarding how the president will testify.

NEWSWEEK: "Ritalin: Are we overmedicating our kids?" Photo:
Mother handing a pill to a child (3/18).

TIME: "The Truth About Whitewater" Photo: close-up of
Hillary Rodham Clinton (3/18 issue).

U.S. NEWS: "America's Best Graduate Schools -- 1996 Annual
Guide" (3/18).

THE ECONOMIST: "Israel's abyss" Photo: Shimon Peres (3/9).

NATIONAL REVIEW: "The Decline of The GOP Establishment --
John Warner at Bay; -- Pat Buchanan at Fray" (3/25).

THE STANDARD: "Populist Plutocrat: Carville Cashes In"
Cartoon of James Carville in a pile of money (3/18).

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

***18 LOUISIANA: LANDRIEU LEADS THE (EXPANDED) FIELD**

A WDSU-TV poll, conducted 3/5-6 by Mason-Dixon/PMR, surveyed
835 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (3/7). Tested: ex-
Treas. Mary Landrieu (D), AG Richard Ieyoub (D), ex-Gov. David
Treen (R), Rep. Jimmy Hayes (R-07), Rep. Cleo Fields (D-04),
state Rep./ex-Sen. nom. Woody Jenkins (R), N.O. Mayor Marc Morial
(D), Insurance Commissioner Jim Brown (D), ex-Klansman/'90 Sen.
nom. David Duke (R), Rep. Bill Jefferson (D-02), N.O.
Councilmember Peggy Wilson (R), oil company head Pat Taylor (R),
state Rep. Chuck McMains (R) and ex-party official Bill Linder
(R). There has been no indication that Morial is considering
running, and some of the others listed may not run either.

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

ELECTION

RUNOFF

Landrieu	21%	Landrieu	44%	Landrieu	49%
Ieyoub	11	Treen	27	Hayes	28
Treen	10	Undec.	29	Undec.	23
Hayes	9				
Fields	8	Ieyoub	40%	Ieyoub	39%
Jenkins	6	Treen	29	Hayes	32
Morial	5	Undec.	31	Undec.	29
Brown	4				
Duke	3	Treen	40%	Hayes	39%
Jefferson	3	Fields	27	Fields	28
Wilson	1	Undec.	33	Undec.	33
Taylor	1				
McMains	--				
Linder	--				
Undecided	18				

*19 TEXAS: NEW POLL SHOWS BRYANT LEADING DEMS

A HOUSTON CHRONICLE poll conducted 3/5-6 by Mason-Dixon/PMR, surveyed 836 TX voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsample: 297 likely Dem primary voters, MOE 5.7% (release 3/9). Tested: Sen. Phil Gramm (R), Reps. John Bryant (D-05) & Jim Chapman (D-01), educator Victor Morales (D) and atty John Odam (D). Primary: 3/12; runoff 4/9. Other GOPers: businessman David Young and ex-state sen./'72 gov. nominee Hank Grover. Primary: 3/12.

DEM PRIMARY NOW 1/96 FAV/UNFAV ID

Bryant	22%	24%	24%/ 9%	53%
Morales	17	5	19 / 6	58
Chapman	16	17	17 / 10	51
Odam	3	6	10 / 7	38
Undec.	42	48		

GRAMM RE-ELECT NOW 1/96 GRAMM FAV/UNFAV

Re-elect 48% 37% 39%/38

Consider another 28 41

Replace 24 22

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

Gramm 51% Gramm 52% Gramm 51% Gramm 52%

Bryant 28 Chapman 33 Morales 31 Odam 25

Undec. 21 Undec. 15 Undec. 18 Undec. 23

ANALYSIS: Pollster Del Ali said the Dem primary "promises to be a low-turnout affair that will likely produce a runoff." Ali said the Dem nominee would face an "uphill battle" against Gramm. Odam spokesperson Chuck McDonald: "This is now the fourth poll that shows the majority of the voters in the Democratic primary are undecided. This race is wide open." Bryant spokesperson Margaret Justus said the numbers show Bryant as the "clear front-runner." Last week a poll showed Morales leading the Dem field (see HOTLINE, 3/7), but Bryant called that poll flawed because it surveyed too few Dem primary voters. "As with all other polls taken since the first of the year, the leading

vote-getter on the Democratic ticket was 'undecided' with 42%."

Dems cited Gramm's 39% unfav rating as "one crack in his armor."

Chapman spokesperson Tom Stewart: "The bottom line is, Texans are still unhappy with a fella that hasn't been paying attention to their business for the last two or three years" (Ramsey, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/9). Gramm is "so sure of re-election he's out stumping for Bob Dole. ... Gramm has both money and history on his side. With a bank account of \$3.45 million, he can run TV commercials at will, while the Democrats are forced to pick their targets carefully" (Holmes, AP/CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 3/10). Some say last week's Harte-Hanks TX poll which showed Morales in the lead was a "case of mistaken identity," with voters mistaking the little-known educator with better-known AG Dan Morales (Gonzalez, FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, 3/7).

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

*20 TIME/CNN: WHAT A DIFFERENCE A COLIN MAKES

826 registered voters surveyed 3/6-7 by Yankelovich

Partners; margin of error +/- 3.5%. GOP primary subsample: 340

GOPers & GOP leaners; +/- 5.5% (release, 3/10).

NOW 2/96

3-WAY

Clinton 49% 52% Dole/Powell 47% Clinton 46%

Dole 40 39 Clinton/Gore 45 Dole 33

Perot 14

Clinton/Gore 50% Clinton/Gore 51%

Dole/Engler 38 Dole/Whitman 40

(AMONG GOPers)

GOP PRIMARY SATISFIED W/GOP CANDS.? NOW 2/96

Dole 52% Keyes 5% Satisfied 49% 40%

Buchanan 18 Dornan 3 Want someone else 47 54

Forbes 14 DK/other 8

VP NOMINEE'S VIEW ON ABORTION?

Should support restrictions 40%

Should oppose restrictions 43

SHOULD BUCHANAN WITHDRAW? SHOULD FORBES WITHDRAW?

Withdraw 36% Withdraw 44%

Run in all primaries 50 Run in all primaries 45

(AMONG ALL)

WHO WOULD DO BEST IN FOLLOWING AREAS CLINTON DOLE

Protect Medicare 56% 30%

Help middle class 51 35

Handle economy 45 42

Foreign Policy 43 44

Dealing w/crime 42 41

Bring change to gov't 41 43

Reduce deficit 39 45

Improve moral climate	39	45
Ensuring honesty in govt.	37	41

(AMONG ALL)

EFFECT OF VP CHOICE ON LIKELIHOOD TO VOTE FOR GOP TICKET

POWELL WOMAN BLACK PRO-CHOICER

More likely	53%	33%	30%	34%
Less likely	19	16	9	34
No difference	20	46	55	27

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BAN ALL ABORTIONS

ALL GOP IND DEM ALL 2/96

Favor	21%	27%	18%	18%	24%
Oppose	70	62	77	75	70

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

*21 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" and CNN hosted Pat Buchanan.

"CBS This Morning" hosted Labor Sec. Robert Reich. "FOX Morning News" hosted Dem media consultant Dane Strother, Buchanan campaign's Bill Spadea, and ROLL CALL's Susan Glasser.

TONIGHT: ABC's "Nightline" interviews "Blood Sport" author James Stewart. The book explores "never-before-reported information on Whitewater."

OUTRAGES: Mark Shields, on ethics charges vs. House Min.

Whip David Bonior: "Why? Because Bonior has dared bring serious ethics charges against the House Republican leaders." Bob Novak, on U.S. Amb. to Ireland Jean Kennedy Smith's retaliation against foreign service officers: "Anybody other than a sister of the Kennedys would be fired." Al Hunt, on Jesse Jackson's call for the resignation of CBS hoop analyst Billy Packer, with whom Hunt attended college, for a questionable reference to a black player: "He is no racist, quite the contrary. Jesse Jackson, quit chasing ambulances" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 3/9).

LAUGHS: Mark Russell, on scientists now calling Pluto just a collection of gases far removed from the universe: "They may change the name from Pluto to Perot" ("IP Weekend," CNN, 3/9). Jay Leno, on reports Buchanan's financial support comes from white supremacists, anti-Semites and militia leaders: "He is reaching out to those more liberal than him" ("Tonight," NBC, 3/8). David Letterman, on the NY primary: "Forbes ... finished second, and he said, 'Well, the problem is I just could not compete with the Bob Dole machine.' And I'm thinking what is that, respirator or dialysis?" ("Late Show," CBS, 3/8). HOTLINE senior editor Howard Mortman: "Dole, at some point, probably had Jack Kemp on his vice presidential short list and I'm sure right now Jack Kemp is on a different kind of list that begins with the letter 'S'" ("Saturday Journal," C-SPAN, 3/9).

TOP TEN THINGS TO DO IN NEW YORK DURING A BLIZZARD

10. Hand out thermal turbans to cab drivers.
9. Visit Times Square's new outdoor strip club: "Chapped Laps."

8. Hook up team of rats and start your own Iditarod.
7. During high winds, spit off the Empire State Building and try to nail someone in Newark.
6. As a goodwill gesture, go down to Times Square and offer to de-ice a hooker.
5. Play prank on crackhead by selling him vial of snow.
4. Walk in front of CBS, slip on the ice, and Sue! Sue! Sue!
3. Throw snowballs at an archery target.
2. Stay home and fax people the finger.
1. Walk through Times Square with sign around neck that says, "Plow me!" ("Late Show," CBS, 3/8).

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

"The flat tax is as dead as Jack Kemp's prospects in a Dole Administration."

-- Al Hunt, "Capital Gang," CNN, 3/9

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GOODNIGHT, GRACIE		SPOTLIGHT	
A wave of speculation says			
Forbes may soon close up shop		GREAT SUCKING SOUND RETURNS	
and back Dole -- in exchange			
for a tax reform plank. Forbes		No, we're not talking	
camp denies, but admits "it's		about H. Ross Perot (even	
the ideas that count." (#9)		though TIME's Barrett has	
		the billionaire "leaning"	
OH GOD! YOU DEVIL!		toward another run). The	
Buchanan again dismisses talk		sound you hear is COLIN	
of GOP unity and pledges he'll		POWELL again sucking all	
fight on until San Diego. (#8)		the air out of the room --	
Also: Buchanan claims some MO.		this time over the	
Show me results. (#1)		Veepstakes. (#10) (#11)	
THE SUNSHINE BOYS		MOOT POINT? What America	
A new FL poll gives Dole a		loves about Powell is his	
sunny disposition for Super		straightforwardness. Would	
Tuesday tomorrow. (#2)		he trade in that image to	
		be a VP candidate in '96?	
A CIGAR AND IMPECCABLE TIMING			
Just as the criminal trial in		WHAT TO DO? Dole faces	
Little Rock is getting under		not just Buchanan's dare	
way, "Blood Sport" puts the		over pro-life runningmates,	
Whitewater issue back on the		but Ralph Reed's too. He	
cover of TIME. (#16)		can show "independence" by	
		naming a pro-choicer.	
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===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"I don't give a damn what the message is.
For all I care, you can go out and say you're for UFOs.
Just say you're for something."
-- Sen. Al D'Amato to Dole, TIME, 3/18

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Four years ago today, this was HOTLINE's Quote of the Day:

"It's weird out there, man."

-- George Bush, on attention given to Pat Buchanan

===== RESULTS =====

*1 MISSOURI: SHOW ME BUCHANAN MO

"Backers of Pat Buchanan revived" his campaign 3/9 "with an upset victory" over Bob Dole in MO's GOP county caucuses. Buchanan supporters, "proclaiming he would preserve" the GOP's

pro-life stance, showed up at the caucuses in strong numbers, particularly in the St. Louis area. With 95% of the 121 caucus sites reporting, Buchanan-backers accounted for 35% (381) of the 1,161 total county delegates selected, followed by Dole 30% (327), uncommitted 26% (291), Alan Keyes 9% (93), and Steve Forbes with under 1% (10). The uncommitted "figure included a large number of Buchanan backers." None of MO's actual San Diego delegates was selected in this first stage -- "it was impossible to determine how this tally would translate into final distribution" of MO's 36 convention delegates (Linecke, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 3/10). The results "could swing back to Dole's favor by the time the convoluted proces ends in May" (Kraske, K.C. STAR, 3/11). ABC's Brown, on MO: "It does not alter the fact that since last Saturday night, the Republican race has changed dramatically and very likely for good" (3/9).

ANALYSIS: SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER's Edwards writes, "Political newcomers spanked the party establishment, and the anybody-but-Dole movement carried the day. A conservative coalition," led by Buchanan and Keyes backers -- "with many attending a caucus for the first time -- out-numbered and out-maneuvered the GOP veterans pushing" Dole. "Had the Buchanan and Keyes people tried for delegates without teaming up, Dole's camp would have won" (3/10). Dole was "the clear favorite because he was organized in every county and enjoyed a momentum from his big primary wins last week." Buchanan "forces said they were represented in 30 to 40 mostly large counties" and "their efforts were put together in less than two months." MO GOP chair Woody Cozad said caucuses "lend themselves to candidates who generate lots of enthusiasm, such as Buchanan": "The Dole campaign is more a spirit of professionalism and people who are longtime party activists" (Sentell, K.C. STAR, 3/10). On 3/7, the Dole camp "predicted a big victory while Buchanan's handlers all but conceded defeat." Dole activists said "optimism may have caused some supporters to stay home." Buchanan spokesperson John Brunner said he "played down his expectations to fire up his forces and keep the Dole supporters in the dark" (POST-DISPATCH, 3/10). Buchanan: "It came as a surprise. ... I think it came as a surprise to Sen. Dole, too" (HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/10).

BOND, KIT BOND: Dole MO chair Sen. Kit Bond predicted that when the final delegates are selected 4/13, Dole would capture San Diego delegates from all the CDs "except the heavily conservative" 2nd CD in St. Louis. Buchanan's "strong stance against abortion seemed to help him in the St. Louis area, a longtime bastion of anti-abortion sentiment" (K.C. STAR, 3/10).

===== SUPER TUESDAY 3/12 =====

*2 FLORIDA: DOLE'S GOT SUNSHINE, POLL SHOWS

(98 delegates, closed primary, 3/12): A TAMPA TRIBUNE poll, conducted 3/8 by Mason Dixon/PMR, surveyed 425 likely GOP primary voters; margin of error +/- 4.9% (3/10).

SUPPORT

CHRIST. COAL. CUBAN-

	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	YES	NO	AMERCNS	FAV/UNFAV
Dole	52%	50%	54%	36%	59%	67%	57%/ 23%

Forbes	17	17	17	7	21	3	35 / 39
Buchanan	16	21	11	35	8	19	28 / 51
Keyes	2	2	2	4	1	--	20 / 21
Undec.	13	10	16	18	11	11	20 / 21

Bob Dole appeared to have picked up the support of almost all Lamar Alexander supporters, according to pollster Bob Joffe (March, TAMPA TRIBUNE, 3/10). W. POST's Booth writes that southwest FL is "Dole country," where senior citizens are the "largest, most active voting group, with those older than 65 representing a quarter of the likely GOP electorate" (3/10).

NO CIGAR: Steve Forbes targeted both FL and TX by radio with 60-sec. ads warning of a "Chernobyl-like disaster" from two nuclear reactors under construction in Cuba (Attlessey/Lee, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 3/10). Forbes, in an excerpt of the ad: "I'm calling on the president to: 1) Tighten the embargo on Cuba and impose tough sanctions on any government helping the Cuban Communists; 2) If the Russians continue to help Castro or try to ship uranium to Cuba, cut off all foreign aid. We must stop Castro from completing these dangerous reactors. The time to act is now" (release, 3/8). On 3/11, Forbes ran his sixth radio call-in show of the campaign and was introduced by Jack Kemp as "a Ronald Reagan, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson optimist." The show, broadcast from Tampa, also aired in northern FL and Miami (Moore, USA TODAY, 3/11). Forbes "reacted angrily" in Miami when he was questioned about calls from Dan Quayle urging him to drop out of the race: "It's not his decision to make. ... If this campaign simply was about personalities, he'd have a point. But this campaign is about issues" (Lenhart/Roth, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/10). Forbes canceled his participation in a Christian Coalition debate in Miami after Dole and then Pat Buchanan refused to participate; Alan Keyes was the lone remaining cand. Under the header, "Forbes' Dade stop plagued by missteps," MIAMI HERALD's Fiedler writes that Forbes' decision angered many Coalition members, who paid \$25 to attend the rally. Forbes mgr Bill Dal Col said Forbes didn't think it was appropriate for him to participate with "lesser-known rivals who have no realistic chance of winning the nomination." Later in the day, the "Forbes family jumped ahead of a line of people waiting to eat at the Cheesecake Factory and had a 30-minute lunch" (3/10). ABC's Zelnick: "To Forbes, Florida is the whole ballgame. There are hints that a Super Tuesday shutout combined with some soothing words from Dole on flat taxes and growth could get him out of the race" (3/10).

PANHANDLE WITH CARE: Buchanan seems "likely to glean nine to 15" of the 69 CD delegates in northern FL, particularly in the Panhandle (Murray, W. TIMES, 3/9). Univ./FL's David Colburn: "One of the problems the Buchanan forces creates for the Republican Party looks just like what the (Rev. Jesse) Jackson forces do for the Democratic Party -- alienate the independents and the moderates. The Buchanan forces have got to be careful on that front" (Troxler, ST. PETE TIMES, 3/9). An ORLANDO SENTINEL analysis of FEC data found that FL maintained its status as a "coveted fundraising prize" for GOP pres. hopefuls, ranking fifth

among states with \$2.9M in contributions of \$200 or more to GOP campaigns. Dole won the FL fund-raising race overall, raising about 1.2M, followed by Phil Gramm with \$821,615 and Alexander with \$608,071 (Holton, SENTINEL, 3/10).

CUBA LIBRE: N.Y. TIMES' Sack writes Dole suggested in Miami that Clinton "bore some responsibility" for the recent Cuban attack on private U.S. planes: "In a Dole administration, we will not cozy up to Castro." Dole is expected to "have little trouble among Cuban-Americans" on 3/12; he has the backing of two popular House members -- Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-18) and Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-21). And while Buchanan has beefed up his anti-Castro oratory in recent days, many Cuban-Americans "sense xenophobia" in his words and policies, particularly his support for a five-year freeze on legal immigration (3/9).

*3 OKLAHOMA: LARGENT COMPLETES PASS TO DOLE

(38 delegates, primary 3/12): Mason Dixon/PMR surveyed 831 registered voters 3/6-7; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsample: 360 likely GOP primary voters; +/- 5.3% (release, 3/8).

SUPPORT

CHRIST. COAL.

GOP PRIMARY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	YES	NO	FAV/UNFAV
Dole	52%	53%	51%	32%	65%	58%/ 15%
Buchanan	23	23	23	40	12	35 / 28
Forbes	12	9	15	6	16	31 / 27
Keyes	2	2	2	3	1	17 / 11
Undec.	11	13	9	19	6	

GENERAL ELECTION

Dole	44%	Clinton	47%	Clinton	51%	Dole	41%
Clinton	41	Buchanan	33	Forbes	34	Clinton	40
				Perot	8		

COMPLETION: Frosh Rep. Steve Largent (R-01) announced his support for Dole. In an handwritten letter, Largent wrote, "I wanted to wish you well in Tuesday's elections and let you know our family will be supporting you with our votes" (Martindale, TULSA WORLD, 3/10).

*4 OREGON: MAIL-IN BALLOTS MAY BE BOOST FOR BUCHANAN

(23 delegates, closed primary, 3/12): As in the special Senate race, OR will conduct its primary by mail and "that means ballots have been in the hands of voters -- and in some cases returned -- since Feb. 23, just five days after" Pat Buchanan upset Bob Dole in NH and "for what turned out to be a short period, threw the GOP race into turmoil." OSU's Bill Lunch: "My guess is that when the results are toted up, it could be that Buchanan will actually do pretty well in Oregon relative to his showing in a number of other Super Tuesday states. It's counterintuitive, because this is a northern and relatively liberal state. But if you depress turnout enough, you have to ask, who is left? The answer in Oregon is the most reliable Republican voters are associated with the religious right." But Buchanan hasn't campaigned in OR since last year. Two weeks ago,

however, his campaign began airing a radio ad in the Portland area criticizing Dole for not committing himself to a pro-life running mate. Dole stumped in OR in late 2/96, when ballots were being mailed out (Katz, L.A. TIMES, 3/10).

***5 TENNESSEE: DOLE IS NOT ASSURED A SWEEP IN VOLUNTEER STATE**

(38 delegates, open primary, 3/12): The withdrawal of Lamar Alexander -- from the race but not from the ballot -- "will not assure" Bob Dole a sweep of TN delegates, despite the backing of the ex-gov. and the state's leading GOP officeholders. TN GOP chair Jim Burnett: "The odds are that Bob Dole will earn the lion's share (of delegates). But the scenario is there for Pat Buchanan to pick up some delegates, and if Alexander was to pull a fairly sizable complimentary vote, that might hold Dole below the 50 percent threshold." To claim every TN delegate, Dole will have to win more than 50% of the vote -- both on a statewide basis and in each of the state's nine CDs. Cands. getting 20% or more of the vote are eligible for delegates; Buchanan got 22.2% in '92 against George Bush. Dole has "scrambled" in TN and the South since Alexander's departure; he visited the state on 3/8 and his wife visited on 3/9 (KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL, 3/10).

***6 TEXAS: DEBATE PASSES WITH ABSENT DOLE UNFAZED**

(123 delegates, open primary 3/12): Pat Buchanan, Steve Forbes and Alan Keyes "touted their pet issues and fired away" at the absent Bob Dole during a "lively presidential debate" on 3/8, sponsored by the DALLAS MORNING NEWS and WFAA-TV. Dole, campaigning elsewhere, labeled himself the "presumptive nominee" and suggested that his rivals abandon the race (Attlessey, MORNING NEWS, 3/9). But Buchanan and Forbes vowed not to quit (Lenhart, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/9). At the debate, Buchanan, who is "badly trailing" Dole, insisted there was a "direct correlation" between violence in America and abortion, and demanded to know where Dole stood on the issue (Robison, CHRONICLE, 3/9). Forbes said Dole's failure to participate was a "missed opportunity" to match Dole's ideas against those of the challengers. Keyes, responding to a question on trade policies, also "took a whack at Dole": "The policies of surrender, of the Doles of the world, are wrong because they destroy American jobs" (Attlessey, MORNING NEWS, 3/9). Nevertheless, BOSTON GLOBE's Wilkie writes that after a "series of acrimonious debates" in other states, "even Dole was spared heavy shelling." While his absence was noted by the three attending cands., only Buchanan was a "harsh critic" (3/9).

LOOKING FOR A SWEEP: Dole's TV spots were running in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Waco, with statewide radio ads running as well. Dole TX chair Richard Collins said he believes Dole will carry most of TX's 123 delegates. For a sweep, he would have to top 50% of the vote in each of the 30 CDs. (Barta/Attlessey, MORNING NEWS, 3/9). TX GOP chair Tom Pauken: "Dole may not be the candidate we view as the perfect candidate, but he has the best chance of beating Bill Clinton in November. I think voters recognize that and just want to get on with the process." Buchanan can "score a share of the booty" if he wins more than 20% of the vote in any CD and limits Dole to less than

50%. In addition, Buchanan could get an "unintentional hand from Gramm," who is "advertising heavily" for re-election to the Senate but still is on the pres. ballot. He is "expected to draw a chunk of protest votes" (Katz, L.A. TIMES, 3/10). Despite Dole's big lead, the depth of his support "remains suspect" (Yardley, COX/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 3/11). Although Forbes was in TX over the weekend, he has "mounted little effort" there, committing "no money" to a media campaign (Katz, L.A. TIMES, 3/10).

TX WALLFLOWER: The fact that Dole never stopped to meet a voter after Gov. George Bush's endorsement last week "reflects the strange calculus of this Republican presidential primary season. Despite a rich load of 123 GOP convention delegates and an ascendant state party, Texas is political chopped liver." When Gramm "fizzled," TX "suddenly became a vacuum. And any chance that the country's second-largest state could play kingmaker evaporated last week after Dole's take-no-prisoners march through Junior Tuesday and New York." Dole does have a rally scheduled 3/11 "with actual Texas voters" (Yardley, COX/CONSTITUTION, 3/11). NBC's Ifill, on the TX primary: "The big vote on Super Tuesday is an anti-climax" (3/9). ABC's Simpson: "This Super Tuesday isn't looking so super" (3/10).

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***7 DOLE: START THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW**

Bob Dole "is on the cusp of locking up the nomination this week." He has "turned his sights from his flagging rivals" for the nomination "and aimed his campaign directly at President Clinton" (Myers/Price, W. TIMES, 3/10). TIME's Gibbs & Duffy report Dole mgr Scott Reed has sent his "best operatives" to the Midwest. Dole "has turned over his entire primary operations" in OH, IL, and WI "to the governors in those states," who are planning for his Midwest appearances this week (3/18 issue). ABC's Dean: "If the polls are right, Bob Dole will truly have a super Super Tuesday" ("GMA," 3/11). CBS' Roberts: "Dole is looking and sounding confident headed into the Super Tuesday primaries. ... This could be the last day the nomination is in any real doubt" ("CBS This Morning," 2/11).

STRATEGY: NEWSWEEK's Klein writes Dole's strategy is "to make the campaign a choice between experience and callowness, between sacrifice and self-indulgence, between the most heroic American generation of the century and the most coddled, between the Comeback Adult and the Comeback Kid. It may be Dole's best chance to win: to turn this election into a referendum on baby-boom leadership" (3/18). U.S. NEWS' Roberts writes Dole "will be a lot more comfortable running against Clinton than against his fellow Republicans. ... Now he is freer to be himself, extolling the virtues of experience and compromise" (3/18 issue). Dole strategists will contrast Clinton's failure to serve in the military and character questions with Dole's WWII service and experience as leader. They will portray Clinton as a "big-spending liberal" (Berke, N.Y. TIMES, 3/11). W. POST's Edsall

writes Dole "is better positioned" for the general than current polls would suggest. "The far more troubling question is whether he is intellectually and ideologically equipped to capitalize on the advantages available" to the GOP nominee (3/10).

BUCHANAN: W. POST's Broder writes Buchanan's continued attacks on Dole could lead to the "kind of scenario that helped weaken Bush" in '92 (3/10). Sam Donaldson: "The president will attempt to portray [Dole] ... as the extremist, as the right-winger. But with Pat Buchanan saying all these mean, awful, terrible things about Bob Dole -- Bob Dole looks moderate" ("Brinkley," ABC, 3/10). ORLANDO SENTINEL's Crawford reports Dole "wants to make peace with Buchanan" and has directed aides to meet with Bay Buchanan (3/10). Scott Reed: "We can't let this Buchanan thing get out of control" (TIME, 3/18 issue). K.C. STAR's Kraske writes Buchanan "could make winning the presidency an outright impossibility" for Dole (3/11).

SPEECH PATTERNS: "Dole tends to comment on the campaign ... in a manner so postmodern it makes your head spin" (NEW YORKER, 3/18 issue). COPLEY's Condon reports the GOP is "plotting a fall campaign that will minimize the importance of Dole's oratory on the stump" (3/9). N.Y. TIMES' Seelye writes Dole's "list of things that the election is 'all about' is so vast now that he might save time by saying what the election is not about" (3/18). W. POST's Maraniss writes the "press corps has heard him stop a sentence abruptly with 'whatever' so often that someone made up T-shirts quoting his most colorful usage": "Blow in, blow out, blow off, whatever" (3/10). Dole nat'l co-chair Al D'Amato (R-NY), to Dole: "I don't give a damn what the message is. For all I care, you can go out and say you're for UFOs. Just say you're for something" (TIME, 3/18 issue). K.C. STAR's Goldstein writes Dole "has never met a sentence he couldn't abridge" (3/11).

FINAL WORDS ON KEMP: Al Hunt: "The flat tax is as dead as Jack Kemp's prospects in a Dole Administration." NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani: "Dole is going to need Jack Kemp ... to campaign for him" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 3/9). Fred Barnes: "Kemp will not be in Bob Dole's Cabinet" ("McLaughlin Group," 3/9).

EASY RIDER: RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH's Mercer writes on Dole's airplane "entourage": "Almost everybody is white and wears a suit, although the young women staffers' skirts are short enough to scandalize the Christian right" (3/10).

A WIPE OF THE BROW: The GOP campaign "came and went in a four-week blur that had a shorter run than Colin Powell's book tour" (Berke, N.Y. TIMES, 3/10). U.S. NEWS' Barone writes "the best single decision of the race" came when Dole started running negative ads against Lamar Alexander in NH, stopping Alexander's rise (3/18 issue).

FOREIGN POLICY: THE STANDARD editorial: "Instead of criticizing each Clinton policy as it comes up," Dole should abandon the GOP's "anti-foreign policy stance" and argue "that our country has an active, and vital, global responsibility" (3/18 issue).

*8 BUCHANAN: WON'T ENDORSE DOLE, VOWS TO HANG AROUND
"Defying the Republican Party leadership," Pat Buchanan said

3/10 he will not endorse Bob Dole before San Diego, "even if his own bid ... is clearly falling short" (Shogren/Sipchen, L.A. TIMES, 3/11). Buchanan on CBS' "Face the Nation": "My objective now is to not help Bob Dole at all. It is to defeat him for the Republican nomination because I believe I'm a superior candidate" (L.A. TIMES, 3/10). More Buchanan: "We are trying to hurt Bob Dole's chances to be the nominee. ... We're pointing out the differences with him all the way through until the nomination is secure in his hands. We'll take a look at that, if it is secure, after California or Pennsylvania" ("GMA," ABC, 3/11). In an AP interview, Buchanan "derisively" referred to Dole "as a hollow, duplicitous candidate who has no ideas and has sold out the middle class." The mention of Dole's name "stoked anger in Buchanan" (SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER, 3/10). Buchanan, asked about campaign manager Bay Buchanan's comment that there is "bad blood" between the Dole and Buchanan camps: "That may be true but I don't think it should be relevant" ("GMA," 3/11)

DEMANDS: BOSTON GLOBE's Flint writes every time Buchanan tears into Dole, "his followers cheer wildly. But many Republicans determined to beat Bill Clinton only wince" (3/11). Buchanan has "the attention of the party and the press. He has the adoration of his core supporters." And "beyond expecting to address the convention, Buchanan has a long list of positions he wants in the Republican platform" (Bennet, N.Y. TIMES, 3/11). U.S. NEWS' Bowermaster writes if "Dole and the party chieftans" don't meet Buchanan's goals, "many Buchanan voters could defect -- to a third party, to the sidelines or even to President Clinton" (3/18 issue). Buchanan on San Diego: "We're going to do battle to keep this party a conservative party" (CNN, 3/11). S.J. MERCURY's TROUNSTINE writes, "There's only one way" for Dole to respond to Buchanan's convention threats: "Do to Buchanan what Clinton did to Jesse Jackson in 1992. Make it clear that he is NOT the nominee, that he does NOT control the party and that he does NOT get to decide who's on the ticket, what's in the platform or much of anything else" (3/11). U.S. NEWS' "Washington Whispers" reports "some conservatives leaders" want the GOP "to adopt some" of Buchanan's "controversial views. As the price of their support," they want Dole "to pledge" that his appointees "will restore the ban on gays on the military and prohibit women from combat." They also "insist that Dole's team forbid U.S. soldiers to serve under" UN command (3/18 issue).

ABORTION: In Baton Rouge, Buchanan said Dole "will sell out the right-to-life movement in the flicker of an eyelash" (Flint, GLOBE, 3/9). Buchanan said "he was staying in the race 'to pressure' Dole to keep the pro-life plank in the GOP" (Lenhart/Roth/Ratcliffe, HOU CHRON, 3/10). N.Y. TIMES' Bennet writes, "Buchanan tailored his speeches to help detain apostates rather than win converts, a strategy that might maintain his leverage within the party but seems unlikely to revive his chances for the nomination" (3/9). GOP analyst Mary Matalin: "Do you notice that it is only the Democrats and the press that are harping and obsessed with abortion. This is a pro-life party. There will be a pro-life platform, and it's not going to divide us" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 3/10). Buchanan, asked on

CNN's "Evans & Novak" if he would run as a third party cand.:
"The folks who are in the right-to-life movement who I represent,
if the Republican Party goes pro-choice in its vice president and
abandons its pro-life plank, they will seek a new home" (3/9).

HOUSTON CHRONICLE's Roth & Lenhardt report in a Houston rally,
Buchanan called "for more church militancy to help return
Christianity to government." Buchanan: "We've had too much of
the church Milquetoast and not enough of the church militants in
America." He continued on to urge for a "more muscular
Christianity" to "combat abortion and assisted suicides and to
help return Bible lessons and prayer to public schools" (3/11).

POWELL: Buchanan, asked about Colin Powell: "If Bob Dole
tries to put a Rockefeller Republican in line for the presidency
who is pro-choice on abortion, he's going to have the fight of
his life on in his own convention in San Diego. And I may be in
the middle of the dust-up" ("Face the Nation," CBS, 3/10).

SUPER TUESDAY: MIAMI HERALD's Hiaasen: "Buchanan is a
goner. ...Many of those who've felt the sting of Buchanan's barbs
live in the big urban states where he must now take his campaign.
That's why he'll lose in Florida, and in every place that matters
from now on" (3/11). ABC's Gibson: "Buchanan ... expects a rough
day tomorrow" ("GMA, 3/11). W. POST's Harden reports an
"indication Buchanan's campaign is sputtering" is that Buchanan
"and his dwindling media entourage will not charter a plane.
Instead, the campaign plans to take commercial flights" (3/10).

MI: Buchanan said "he would advertise" on TV in MI, where
Buchanan "hopes his 'America first' trade message will appeal to
blue-collar workers." Buchanan: "We're going to try to make it
something of a battleground" (Bennet, N.Y. TIMES, 3/9).

THE ENDGAME: Buchanan, asked on CNN's "Evans & Novak" if he
would run as Perot's Reform Party candidate: "I may just go to
the Reform Party and talk to those folks and tell them, 'You
belong with a conservative ... why belong in one party? You and
I belong in one party, even if you don't agree with Mr. Dole'"
(3/9). S.F. EXAMINER's Matthews writes Buchanan will remain in
the GOP and support Dole "but only on the condition that Dole and
the party give full respect to him and his positions, especially
on abortion and trade" (3/9).

*9 FORBES: MIGHT ENDORSE DOLE, WILL DEFINITELY PUSH IDEAS

Steve Forbes "maintains he's still in the race to win, but a
senior aide says Forbes may bow out in a couple of weeks if Dole
accepts some Forbes tax reform ideas" ("GMA," 3/11). U.S. NEWS'
Marks reports, "For the first time, at least one prominent
campaign official has acknowledged that a Forbes endorsement of
Dole might be forthcoming, should Dole consider putting the flat
tax -- or at least some substantial tax reform -- into the
Republican platform." The "future has arrived for the Forbes
campaign, and it is about ideas, not the presidency, a refrain
that will become more and more common as the defeats mount up."
Anonymous official: "It's the ideas that count" (3/18 issue).
USA TODAY's Keen writes Forbes "says he has no plans" to drop
out, and he "said he'll stay in the race even if [Dole] promises
to include support for a 17% flat tax" (3/11).

IN HIS OWN WORDS: Forbes, asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" if he'll stay in the race through CA: "These principles and issues are bigger than the candidate. I'm in for the duration to get them across to the voters." Asked if he would support Dole if Dole continues to reject his flat tax, Forbes: "If he is the nominee, I'd be honored to support him. He would be an infinitely better president than Bill Clinton" (3/10).

THROWING FOR THE END ZONE: Campaigning with Forbes in FL, Jack Kemp "said he is willing to help his friend close ranks with Dole any time" Forbes asks him to. Kemp: "I have a lot of friends in the Dole camp and maybe, if he asked me at the right time to help him build a bridge to the party or to Dole, I could play that role." However, Kemp "insisted": "I'm not playing that role now" (Shields, ORLANDO SENTINEL, 3/11). Dole aides "would not say whether serious talks were underway with the Forbes camp" (Crawford, SENTINEL, 3/11). Dole, upon hearing Kemp's offer: "I didn't know I needed an intermediary. Well, that's what quarterbacks are for, I guess" (AP/K.C. STAR, 3/11).

STATE BY STATE STRATEGY: Forbes "intends to continue pursuing delegates in big states that have high delegate counts," such as TX and FL, followed by IL, MI, OH and WI on 3/19, CA on 3/26, and NJ on 5/4. Campaign chair Malcolm Wallop: "We would like to have sufficient numbers to get to the convention and promote what have widely been acknowledged in the press as Steve's ideas and Bob Dole's lack of them. But we have to have a compelling presence in those states or a big state strategy won't work." TX GOP strategist Karl Rove "said it's too late for Forbes to make a 'compelling impression'" in TX. Luntz Research VP Steve Wagner: "[Dole] is going into vitally important states, [MI, IL, CA], without the money to get his message out. In California, the Dole campaign is going to be dark. It's going to be off the airwaves" (Barta, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 3/10).

FLAT TAX: TIME's Stengel: "[Forbes] is in danger of becoming the flat-tax Don Quixote. Realistically, what Forbes seems to be seeking is no longer the nomination, but vindication. What keeps Forbes spending is an almost mythical attachment to the flat tax" (3/18 issue). Kemp: "Some version of the flat tax is going to be in the Republican platform. I think this issue is going to be a victory for Steve no matter what happens and how far he takes it" (ORLANDO SENTINEL, 3/11). N.Y. TIMES' Johnston writes, "Tax experts say that on the day his flat tax became law, Mr. Forbes's tax liabilities would fall by \$240 million. ... Over Mr. Forbes's lifetime, his proposal could save him and his heirs \$1.9 billion in taxes." The reason: the flat tax would eliminate estate taxes. "Forbes's chances of winning the Presidency appear remote, but his spending, when viewed from the risk-reward perspective of an investor, looks shrewd" (3/10). ST. PETE TIMES' Troxler profiles Forbes and writes, "His campaign has the external passion of ... well, a turnip. But passion is not what he's running on. Forbes is running on pure ideas, backed with pure dollars, and he has had more success than most people expected" (3/9).

THE FUTURE: AMERICAN SPECTATOR exec. editor Wladyslaw Plezczynski on Forbes: "He's going to be around for 4, 8, 12 more

years at least. ... Sometimes it's good in the long run for a candidate to have several goes at it. Even Pat Buchanan this year was much more effective than he was four years ago. Especially in the Republican Party, it means more if you kind of earned it" ("Capitol Watch," NET, 3/8).

*10 POWELL: THE DOLE CAMP'S "FIRST FIVE CHOICES" FOR VEEP

TIME's Birnbaum writes, "When it comes to the vice presidency, says a senior Dole aide, '[Colin] Powell is our first five choices'" (3/18 issue). THE STANDARD's Barnes: "Powellmania is growing among Dole strategists who are impressed by Powell's awesome poll numbers" (3/18 issue). But TX GOP chair Tom Pauken said, "I'd rather see Colin Powell as secretary of state, where he can prove his abilities as a new Republican" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 3/10). Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed: "Historically the road to victory for Republican nominees is to choose a vice presidential running mate that unites the party. That usually means picking somebody from the opposite wing from which they came." Jeb Bush, asked whether he, as a pro-lifer, could support a Dole-Powell ticket: "Absolutely I could. General Powell, to me, represents character and virtue, something that is lacking in our society, something that's lacking in public life" ("Face the Nation," CBS, 3/10). GOP analyst Mary Matalin, asked if Dole can persuade Powell to be his running mate: "Maybe he can persuade him to be secretary of state or something in this government. But ... he said he didn't want to do it. I don't think he will" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 3/10). Bill Bennett: "I'd sure take a very serious look at Colin Powell. ... With that conversation with Colin Powell, I think it also needs to be made plain to him that this party has a point-of-view, it has a platform. It is, for example, the pro-life party. It is a conservative party. He needs to understand that. There's some very careful driving that needs to be done by our nominee. You want to get the Buchanan supporters without embracing Buchananism" ("LKL," CNN, 3/8). W. TIMES' Josette Shiner, on challenging Buchanan with a Powell choice: "Dole has nothing to gain by taking on Pat Buchanan. He'll need the Pat Buchanan voters. He'll get them if he makes the right vice presidential choice. ... All Dole has to do though is avoid a Christie Whitman or avoid someone who is pro-choice and go with a John Engler -- someone who has gotten the job done." Juan Williams, on what would happen if Dole picked Powell: "Dole would be the next president of the United States" ("Cap Gang Sunday," CNN, 3/10). Sen. Al D'Amato, Dole's national co-chair, said "he'll urge" Dole to pick Powell: "He would be a very powerful addition. ... If Buchanan wants to walk out, let him walk. So be it. We shouldn't be frightened by someone who threatens us with a walkout." N.Y. POST front-page screamer: "Al's Dream Ticket: Dole/Powell" (3/11). GOP consultant Roger Stone, on Buchanan's threats: "You can't have the tail wag the dog. The nominee must demonstrate that he is his own man and isn't going to be dictated to on his running mate, his platform or anything else." Bill Kristol: "I don't think an appreciable number of Republicans would bolt the party over a Dole-Powell ticket" (B. GLOBE, 3/10).

GOING FOR BROKE: GLOBE's Lehigh writes that Dole "needs to make a bold gamble" on a VP pick. The "party insiders" already are touting MI Gov. John Engler or ex-SC Gov. Carroll Campbell, but they represent "yesterday's politics," a decision that is part of a "terminally cautious mindset." And the choice would be "better used to send a national message than secure a single state." The "exception" would be CA, but "it's doubtful Gov. Pete Wilson, who remains radioactive at home after his aborted presidential campaign, could deliver the state." Conclusion: "The bold statement Dole needs to make goes by the name of Colin Luther Powell." Why does Dole "need" Powell? "Because much of [Dole's] campaign has been a Faustian bargain with the right-wing zealots who claim to speak in behalf of 1990s Republicanism. Dole has changed his church, renounced his gay supporters, amended his economic beliefs, surrendered his independence on taxes, pledged his troth to the [NRA], and sacrificed his judgment -- all to placate the organized ultra-conservatives who claim to own the party. To choose Powell would be to take a giant step toward redeeming his character, not to mention the moderate center" (3/10).

*11 VEEP: MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR DOLE

ENGLER: Fred Barnes writes, "Choosing Engler wouldn't be tricky at all. He's conservative, he's pro-life, and he comes from an important industrial-belt state that Dole might lose without Engler on the ticket" (THE STANDARD, 3/18 issue). TIME's dubs Engler a "Winner" this week: "The Governor, a fav with conservatives, is on the short list; so endorse Dole already" (3/18 issue).

WHITMAN: TIME's puts NJ Gov. Christie Whitman in the "Losers" column: "The Governor would close the gender gap, but there is the token question, Can she be President?" (3/18 issue).

KASICH: Arianna Huffington said on Nostalgia TV's "Issues & Answers" that she is backing House Budget chair John Kasich of OH for VP: "There is something about him that is so dynamic, so vibrant" (Nostalgia release, 3/8). Bob Novak reports that Dole's campaign managers are "talking about Kasich, who is 43 and looks younger, as an upbeat complement to the often dour Dole. Kasich's downside is that he would call attention to the age of the 72-year-old" Dole (N.Y. POST, 3/9).

ABORTION: N.Y. TIMES' Toner writes that in picking a VP, Dole "could be caught in a vise" on abortion -- "pushed in one direction" by GOP "centrists, hoping for the broadest possible appeal for their ticket this fall, and pushed in the other by Mr. Buchanan and the other social conservatives who fear the diminution of a core principle" (3/10). USA TODAY's Susan Page: "The fact is, the pro-life forces are going to be a very powerful element of the convention. ... The Republican nominee will need them on their side." Evan Thomas: "I don't think the abortion folks are going anywhere. Maybe they won't turn out in droves. But Dole has been pretty careful to coddle them over the years. ... I don't think this is a non-issue, but we can easily exaggerate it" ("Inside Washington," 3/9).

AND WHAT DOES DOLE HAVE TO SAY? Dole said he will pick

"somebody who shares my philosophy ... somebody I can work with, somebody who understands what it's all about: Congress, the government, private sector" (USA TODAY, 3/11). Frosh Rep. Helen Chenoweth (R-ID): "When Bob Dole says: 'What is a vision -- that fuzzy, blurry thing out there?' I'm telling you, he'd better pick a running mate that can articulate the vision if he can't" ("Dateline: Washington," NET, 3/10).

***12 ABORTION: WILL DOLE TRY TO ISSUE HALF LOAFES TO EACH CAMP?**

U.S. NEWS' "Washington Whispers" reports CA Gov. Pete Wilson, Dole's CA chair, intends to try and remove the pro-life plank from the platform. But Wilson will face "stiff opposition" from CA AG Dan Lungren (R), number two in the CA Dole camp. Wilson: "We are going to try [to remove abortion from the platform]. But the basic point is that a lot of people who are pragmatic in this party -- including some who are very conscientiously pro-life -- know that this has become something of an academic matter. The law is the law" (3/18 issue).

MORE SOLUTIONS: Bob Novak writes Dole's strategists are considering an "unprecedented effort" to avoid a "civil war" over abortion at the convention by "dividing responsibility for the issue." The "tentative plan" would be to appoint as platform cmte co-chairs pro-life Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) and pro-choice NJ Gov. Christie Whitman. Two problems with the plan: "intense hostility from social conservatives toward Whitman, who has not pulled punches in her denunciations of the religious right. The bigger problem is that pro-lifers want no change whatsoever in the 1992 party platform's unconditional denunciation of abortion" (N.Y. POST, 3/9). Cokie Roberts noted Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed went to SC "and helped keep a lot of people who might have otherwise voted for Pat Buchanan in line behind Bob Dole. Ralph Reed is now owed big time" ("Brinkley," ABC, 3/10). Reed said he "felt quite confident" his camp would prevail: "What's likely to happen is nothing. The party will remain pro-life. The platform will remain pro-life. And I would anticipate it will be a pro-life ticket" (Toner, N.Y. TIMES, 3/10).

***13 CLINTON: CURRENT GOAL IS TO IGNORE THE POLLS AND DOLE**

TIME's Duffy & Gibbs write, "The unofficial start of the general election campaign comes at a high point for Clinton, since he has been floating above the fray, and at a low one for Dole, having had his head handed to him for months by his primary foes. ... No one at the White House, not a soul, will engage in an on-the-record discussion of a Dole-Clinton match-up. Many won't even do it on background." Clinton strategists "think it will be a tough, ugly, close election. They have a healthy fear of disaster in Bosnia, eruptions of bimbos, new Whitewater embarrassments, a host of other unpredictables. And they realize that while many of Clinton's strengths play to Dole's weaknesses -- their man's love of campaigning is surpassed only by Dole's discomfort with it -- the reverse is also true. That Dole appears reluctant to traffic in his personal tragedy and compresses his public thoughts lends him an aura of trustworthiness when faced with a president far more promiscuous with his confessions and

promises" (3/18 issue).

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR: Many Dems believe a campaign against Dole will be "much tougher than it looks now." One reason will be the transformation of Dole's GOP primary "weaknesses" -- his "moderation, his Washington experience, his unexcitable personality" -- into "strengths" in the general (Devroy/Harris, W. POST, 3/9). TIME's Jay Carney: "A referendum on Clinton, Clinton probably loses. The White House needs to make it a choice between Clinton and Dole, a choice between ... the future and past" ("McLaughlin Group," 3/9). Bob Novak writes that Clinton strategist James Carville "has told friends that he is worried about overconfidence and complacency at the White House" (N.Y. POST, 3/9).

WHICH ECONOMY IS IT, STUPID? BOSTON GLOBE features a "reality check" on Clinton's economic record based on claims he made in a 2/2 speech in NH. "The president used more than a dozen statistics to bolster his case. ... In other appearances, he has cited dozens of others. The Globe examined 50 of these statistics and discovered many of them stand up to scrutiny. But others seem selectively chosen, misleading, or --in a few cases - - just plain wrong" (Farrell, 3/10). NEWSWEEK's Turque writes, "By the numbers, Clinton's got a good case: unemployment is low, and the deficit is getting smaller. But public unease about stagnant wages and downsizing means numbers aren't everything, and the president must find a way to attack corporate greed without completely alienating business" (3/18 issue). The "biggest fight" in the WH is over how to handle the economy. There is a "faction" led by Harold Ickes and including the First Lady that is "desperate" for Clinton to talk about wage stagnation and "soaring corporate profits." This camp faces "fierce opposition" from "centrists," led by Dick Morris, "who are much more interested in emphasizing low inflation, low interest rates" and job creation. The Ickes-Morris rift "has only grown over the past few months, to the point where there are almost two sets of advisory teams in place. The Morris team is pre-eminent on message, but the Ickes team controls the operations, the logistics of the presidency and the re-election effort, and it can therefore sabotage Morris from the sidelines." One WH aide said: "It's like Noah's Ark. We've got two of everything" (Duffy/Gibbs, TIME, 3/18 issue).

WELFARE POISON: BUFFALO NEWS' Turner writes, "Welfare reform is in a coma so deep you need Sunny von Bulow to find it." Clinton "finally had a way out" of being stuck with an unfulfilled campaign promise in the form of the NGA welfare plan endorsed this past February -- to which no Dem governors objected. But for reasons "no one really knows," Clinton chose to reject it (3/11).

FROM THE FOREIGN DESK: W. POST's Hoagland writes, "Clinton and his foreign policy advisers have recently begun their most serious effort at elaborating a unified view of the use of American force abroad. They have been moving from a just-in-time foreign policy approach to emergencies to the fashioning of a doctrine. 'Engaged, but not dangerously so,' would be the wordy bumper sticker of the emerging Clinton Doctrine "which would

presumably drive a Volvo station wagon" (3/10). Clinton will travel to Egypt this week for a summit to combat terrorism and to reinforce the Middle East peace. S.F. EXAMINER editorial on Chinese human rights violations and weapons testing off the coast of Taiwan: "Clinton's coddling of the Chinese dictators has only made matters worse" (3/9). CHICAGO TRIBUNE editorial: "It is time for President Clinton to act -- not with his customary ambiguity. ... China's missile tests last week were the act of a rogue state, and attempt at armed intimidation that requires a proportional yet clear military response" (3/10).

MORE STAFF STUFF: DSCC exec. dir. Don Foley has accepted a new post as manager of the '96 Dem convention under convo CEO Debra Delee. Foley will be replaced at the DSCC by Paul Johnson, who has been CoS for DSCC chair Bob Kerrey (release 3/8).

FRIENDS IN FUNNY PLACES: Paul Weyrich: "Frankly, were I a betting man at this point -- barring some Whitewater development that I don't see on the horizon right now -- but with that caveat, Bill Clinton is looking like a winner." AMERICAN SPECTATOR's Wladyslaw Plezczynski: "This is going to be a race of who is politically smarter, tougher and more skilled. And Clinton, as a presidential campaigner, is going to wipe out Dole" (NET, 3/8).

*14 PEROT: "LEANING" TOWARD A RUN? ALLEGES "DIRTY TRICKS"

TIME's Barrett writes, "There's good news for anybody worried that the Dole rebound will mean a dull presidential race. Though he hasn't made up his mind, Ross Perot is leaning toward taking another run at it." Perot "sees an opportunity and a rationale. Budget balancing, term limits, and the reform of Medicare and Social Security are all stalled in Congress or neglected so far as campaign issues." Perot: "I cannot live with myself knowing what these problems are and seeing the people in government not facing these problems" (3/18 issue). Clinton strategist James Carville: "The only thing Perot ought to run for is a psychiatrist's office" ("Meet," NBC, 3/10). "A top Dole aide": "If Perot gets in the race it will guarantee Clinton's re-election" (Fineman, NEWSWEEK, 3/18 issue).

DIRTY TRICKS: In an interview with W. POST's Balz, Perot "said he spurned a request" in '93 from one of the two political parties to contribute \$1 million to finance a "dirty tricks campaign" in '94. Perot "repeatedly" refused to identify the party or provide details, "claiming he was only describing the incident to show the urgent need to reform the political system." Both parties issued "angry denials" prompting "several subsequent statements" from Perot to "explain" his allegation. RNC chair Haley Barbour called Perot to demand a public statement "making clear the Texan was not talking about Barbour." Perot, in response: "I have never had any conversation with Haley Barbour on this subject." RNC comm. dir Ed Gillespie, when asked if anyone from the RNC "participated in such a meeting": "No. Perot acknowledges that it wasn't the chairman, and only the chairman could deal with Ross Perot." Ex-DNC chair David Wilhelm "issued a similar denial," and Perot subsequently stated that neither Wilhelm or current DNC co-chair Sen. Chris Dodd "was involved"

(Balz, W. POST, 3/10). GOP analyst Mary Matalin: "Claiming that either of the parties -- and he won't say which one it was -- offered him a million dollars for dirty tricks, is one of the most ugly things I've ever seen in politics" ("Meet," NBC, 3/10).

*15 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

	MON 3/11	TUE 3/12	WED 3/13	THUR 3/14	FRI 3/15
BUCHANAN	Tulsa, OK				
703-848-1996					
DOLE	FtLaud FL			MI	
202-414-6400	SanAntoni TX	DC	IL	OH	OH
FORBES	W.PalmBch FL	IL			
908-781-5111	WI	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	MI				
===== NATIONAL BRIEFING =====					

*16 WHITEWATER: NEW BOOK DISPUTES HRC'S "PASSIVE INVESTOR" ROLE

A new book on Whitewater, "Blood Sport" by James B. Stewart, is excerpted by TIME and serves as the basis for its cover story. Instead of being the "passive investor" in Whitewater, as Hillary Rodham Clinton has claimed, the book depicts her as "the key financial manager in the final years of the Whitewater loan, maintaining the Clintons' investment even after they were urged to get out by their partners," Jim & Susan McDougal, in 1985. After the McDougals separated in '86, the McDougals "were only too happy to let [HRC] take over day-to-day management." She even signed some documents using the title of Whitewater "president." In '92, during the presidential campaign, HRC reportedly asked the McDougals to grant her power of atty over the entire matter. The book also includes suggestions of the Clintons' marital troubles. Susan McDougal is quoted as saying that Bill Clinton "confided" to her that he loved being governors because, "Women are throwing themselves at me. All the while I was growing up, I was the fat boy in the Big Boy jeans." Additionally, there is a segment on Vince Foster which suggests his own marital problems and his depression over his new "staffer" relationship with HRC, whom he had considered to be his friend and colleague (TIME release, 3/9). Stewart will appear on ABC's "Nightline" tonight. WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry: "A Pulitzer prize winning journalist has spent months investigating the so-called Whitewater matter and has found precious little news to impart to his readers" (N.Y. POST, 3/11).

MORE ON THE BOOK: NEWSWEEK's Isikoff & Hosenball ask, "What could Susan Thomases have been thinking?" Thomases suggested to Stewart that he write the book, believing he would "exonerate" the Clintons. As a result of the book, HRC "won't be thanking [Thomases] any time soon" (3/18 issue).

TRIAL BEGINS: Opening arguments in the federal fraud trial

against the McDougals and AR Gov. Jim Guy Tucker commence today in a Little Rock courtroom. The case features testimony from David Hale, whose credibility has been challenged by the WH. Pres. Clinton has been ordered to testify for the defense. While the McDougals want him to testify in person, the WH wishes to do so either by videotape or satellite. The judge is yet to make a final ruling regarding how the president will testify.

*17 COVER TO COVER

NEWSWEEK: "Ritalin: Are we overmedicating our kids?" Photo: Mother handing a pill to a child (3/18).

TIME: "The Truth About Whitewater" Photo: close-up of Hillary Rodham Clinton (3/18 issue).

U.S. NEWS: "America's Best Graduate Schools -- 1996 Annual Guide" (3/18).

THE ECONOMIST: "Israel's abyss" Photo: Shimon Peres (3/9).

NATIONAL REVIEW: "The Decline of The GOP Establishment -- John Warner at Bay; -- Pat Buchanan at Fray" (3/25).

THE STANDARD: "Populist Plutocrat: Carville Cashes In" Cartoon of James Carville in a pile of money (3/18).

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

*18 LOUISIANA: LANDRIEU LEADS THE (EXPANDED) FIELD

A WDSU-TV poll, conducted 3/5-6 by Mason-Dixon/PMR, surveyed 835 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (3/7). Tested: ex-Treas. Mary Landrieu (D), AG Richard Ieyoub (D), ex-Gov. David Treen (R), Rep. Jimmy Hayes (R-07), Rep. Cleo Fields (D-04), state Rep./ex-Sen. nom. Woody Jenkins (R), N.O. Mayor Marc Morial (D), Insurance Commissioner Jim Brown (D), ex-Klansman/'90 Sen. nom. David Duke (R), Rep. Bill Jefferson (D-02), N.O. Councilmember Peggy Wilson (R), oil company head Pat Taylor (R), state Rep. Chuck McMains (R) and ex-party official Bill Linder (R). There has been no indication that Morial is considering running, and some of the others listed may not run either. Filing deadline: 7/19. Election: 9/21. Runoff: 11/5.

ELECTION		RUNOFF	
Landrieu	21%	Landrieu	44%
Ieyoub	11	Landrieu	49%
Treen	10	Treen	27
Hayes	9	Hayes	28
Fields	8	Undec.	29
Jenkins	6	Undec.	23
Morial	5	Ieyoub	40%
Brown	4	Treen	29
Duke	3	Hayes	32
Jefferson	3	Undec.	29
Wilson	1	Treen	40%
Taylor	1	Fields	27
McMains	--	Undec.	33
Linder	--	Hayes	39%
Undecided	18	Fields	28
		Undec.	33

***19 TEXAS: NEW POLL SHOWS BRYANT LEADING DEMS**

A HOUSTON CHRONICLE poll conducted 3/5-6 by Mason-Dixon/PMR, surveyed 836 TX voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsample: 297 likely Dem primary voters, MOE 5.7% (release 3/9). Tested: Sen. Phil Gramm (R), Reps. John Bryant (D-05) & Jim Chapman (D-01), educator Victor Morales (D) and atty John Odam (D). Primary: 3/12; runoff 4/9. Other GOPers: businessman David Young and ex-state sen./'72 gov. nominee Hank Grover. Primary: 3/12.

DEM PRIMARY NOW 1/96 FAV/UNFAV ID

Bryant	22%	24%	24%/ 9%	53%
Morales	17	5	19 / 6	58
Chapman	16	17	17 / 10	51
Odam	3	6	10 / 7	38
Undec.	42	48		

GRAMM RE-ELECT NOW 1/96 GRAMM FAV/UNFAV

Re-elect	48%	37%	39%/38
Consider another	28	41	
Replace	24	22	

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

Gramm	51%	Gramm	52%	Gramm	51%	Gramm	52%
Bryant	28	Chapman	33	Morales	31	Odam	25
Undec.	21	Undec.	15	Undec.	18	Undec.	23

ANALYSIS: Pollster Del Ali said the Dem primary "promises to be a low-turnout affair that will likely produce a runoff." Ali said the Dem nominee would face an "uphill battle" against Gramm. Odam spokesperson Chuck McDonald: "This is now the fourth poll that shows the majority of the voters in the Democratic primary are undecided. This race is wide open." Bryant spokesperson Margaret Justus said the numbers show Bryant as the "clear front-runner." Last week a poll showed Morales leading the Dem field (see HOTLINE, 3/7), but Bryant called that poll flawed because it surveyed too few Dem primary voters. "As with all other polls taken since the first of the year, the leading vote-getter on the Democratic ticket was 'undecided' with 42%." Dems cited Gramm's 39% unfav rating as "one crack in his armor." Chapman spokesperson Tom Stewart: "The bottom line is, Texans are still unhappy with a fella that hasn't been paying attention to their business for the last two or three years" (Ramsey, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/9). Gramm is "so sure of re-election he's out stumping for Bob Dole. ... Gramm has both money and history on his side. With a bank account of \$3.45 million, he can run TV commercials at will, while the Democrats are forced to pick their targets carefully" (Holmes, AP/CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 3/10). Some say last week's Harte-Hanks TX poll which showed Morales in the lead was a "case of mistaken identity," with voters mistaking the little-known educator with better-known AG Dan Morales (Gonzalez, FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, 3/7).

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

***20 TIME/CNN: WHAT A DIFFERENCE A COLIN MAKES**

826 registered voters surveyed 3/6-7 by Yankelovich

Partners; margin of error +/- 3.5%. GOP primary subsample: 340

GOPers & GOP leaners; +/- 5.5% (release, 3/10).

NOW 2/96			3-WAY		
Clinton	49%	52%	Dole/Powell	47%	Clinton 46%
Dole	40	39	Clinton/Gore	45	Dole 33
			Perot	14	
Clinton/Gore	50%		Clinton/Gore	51%	
Dole/Engler	38		Dole/Whitman	40	

(AMONG GOPers)

GOP PRIMARY SATISFIED W/GOP CANDS.? NOW 2/96

Dole	52%	Keyes	5%	Satisfied	49%	40%
Buchanan	18	Dornan	3	Want someone else	47	54
Forbes	14	DK/other	8			

VP NOMINEE'S VIEW ON ABORTION?

Should support restrictions 40%

Should oppose restrictions 43

SHOULD BUCHANAN WITHDRAW?

Withdraw 36%

Run in all primaries 50

SHOULD FORBES WITHDRAW?

Withdraw 44%

Run in all primaries 45

(AMONG ALL)

WHO WOULD DO BEST IN FOLLOWING AREAS CLINTON DOLE

Protect Medicare	56%	30%
Help middle class	51	35
Handle economy	45	42
Foreign Policy	43	44
Dealing w/crime	42	41
Bring change to gov't	41	43
Reduce deficit	39	45
Improve moral climate	39	45
Ensuring honesty in govt.	37	41

(AMONG ALL)

EFFECT OF VP CHOICE ON LIKELIHOOD TO VOTE FOR GOP TICKET

POWELL WOMAN BLACK PRO-CHOICER

More likely	53%	33%	30%	34%
Less likely	19	16	9	34
No difference	20	46	55	27

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BAN ALL ABORTIONS

ALL GOP IND DEM ALL 2/96

Favor	21%	27%	18%	18%	24%
Oppose	70	62	77	75	70

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

***21 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" and CNN hosted Pat Buchanan.**

"CBS This Morning" hosted Labor Sec. Robert Reich. "FOX Morning

News" hosted Dem media consultant Dane Strother, Buchanan campaign's Bill Spadea, and ROLL CALL's Susan Glasser.

TONIGHT: ABC's "Nightline" interviews "Blood Sport" author James Stewart. The book explores "never-before-reported information on Whitewater."

OUTRAGES: Mark Shields, on ethics charges vs. House Min. Whip David Bonior: "Why? Because Bonior has dared bring serious ethics charges against the House Republican leaders." Bob Novak, on U.S. Amb. to Ireland Jean Kennedy Smith's retaliation against foreign service officers: "Anybody other than a sister of the Kennedys would be fired." Al Hunt, on Jesse Jackson's call for the resignation of CBS hoop analyst Billy Packer, with whom Hunt attended college, for a questionable reference to a black player: "He is no racist, quite the contrary. Jesse Jackson, quit chasing ambulances" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 3/9).

LAUGHS: Mark Russell, on scientists now calling Pluto just a collection of gases far removed from the universe: "They may change the name from Pluto to Perot" ("IP Weekend," CNN, 3/9). Jay Leno, on reports Buchanan's financial support comes from white supremacists, anti-Semites and militia leaders: "He is reaching out to those more liberal than him" ("Tonight," NBC, 3/8). David Letterman, on the NY primary: "Forbes ... finished second, and he said, 'Well, the problem is I just could not compete with the Bob Dole machine.' And I'm thinking what is that, respirator or dialysis?" ("Late Show," CBS, 3/8). HOTLINE senior editor Howard Mortman: "Dole, at some point, probably had Jack Kemp on his vice presidential short list and I'm sure right now Jack Kemp is on a different kind of list that begins with the letter 'S'" ("Saturday Journal," C-SPAN, 3/9).

TOP TEN THINGS TO DO IN NEW YORK DURING A BLIZZARD

10. Hand out thermal turbans to cab drivers.
9. Visit Times Square's new outdoor strip club: "Chapped Laps."
8. Hook up team of rats and start your own Iditarod.
7. During high winds, spit off the Empire State Building and try to nail someone in Newark.
6. As a goodwill gesture, go down to Times Square and offer to de-ice a hooker.
5. Play prank on crackhead by selling him vial of snow.
4. Walk in front of CBS, slip on the ice, and Sue! Sue! Sue!
3. Throw snowballs at an archery target.
2. Stay home and fax people the finger.
1. Walk through Times Square with sign around neck that says, "Plow me!" ("Late Show," CBS, 3/8).

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

"The flat tax is as dead as Jack Kemp's prospects in a Dole Administration."

-- Al Hunt, "Capital Gang," CNN, 3/9

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