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| got Newt & the party when |
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Get instant Super Tuesday		will he get the voters?
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looks at the Dole campaign.		Latino majority district?

===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====
"If guns are outlawed, how can we shoot the liberals?"
-- MS state Sen. Mike Gunn (R), who is
running for the MS 02 seat, AP, 3/11

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ABSOLUT IRONY

You know those Absolut Vodka ads which feature the bottle's unique shape? Well, a new ad, called "Absolut Primary," shows the bottle covered in mud. Among the mags you can see it in: the 3/25 issue of FORBES.

===== SUPER TUESDAY =====

*1 FLORIDA: WILL BUCHANAN, FORBES & BAD WEATHER BLOW AWAY?

(98 delegates, closed primary): The GOP cand. "bounced around" FL and the South 3/11. Bob Dole "tried in vain to play down expectations for victory, while Steve Forbes fought rumors that he's quitting and Pat Buchanan stood his ground on the GOP right wing" (Crawford, ORLANDO SENTINEL, 3/12). For Buchanan and Forbes, "today is one more chance to snatch delegates they can wield to influence the Republican platform." Buchanan reiterated he wants to use his "clout" to ensure the GOP keeps its pro-life plank (Gunther, TAMPA TRIBUNE, 3/12). "In a last ditch effort to salvage" his FL campaign, Forbes has unveiled radio ads in south FL warning of a looming holocaust caused by a nuclear power plant in Cuba and accusing Dole of failing to take action (see HOTLINE, 3/11). However, Cuba stopped construction on the facility four years ago, and Dole has pushed a bill to impose economic sanctions on any country that helps Cuba finish building the plant. Forbes' "well-financed but poorly researched attacks on Dole are the main reason Republican leaders are piling on him to quit the race. They fear he can seriously damage Dole in the coming race against President Clinton" (SENTINEL, 3/12).

RECORD TURNOUT? FL officials are hoping for a record turnout of 1 million GOP voters, "owing more to the recent growth in registered voters than to any sort of excitement about the contest" (Dahl, ST. PETE TIMES, 3/12). Today's contest distributes FL's 98 delegates several ways. The overall winner gets 29 at-large delegates. The other 69 delegates are awarded in blocs of three to winners of each of the 23 CDs (ST. PETE TIMES, 3/12).

PREDICTIONS: MIAMI HERALD's Tom Fiedler: "There is no question that Dole is going to win. There is only, I guess, the slightest possibility that Pat Buchanan could put something together, perhaps bad weather in the Florida panhandle, very low turnout, complacency on the part of Dole supporters, that could create a situation where Patrick Buchanan could do well in the

1st and 2nd Congressional districts. I think the probability of that is fairly low and the likelihood that Bob Dole will come out of here with all 98 delegates is fairly high. ... The Florida voters, from what I can tell here, do not want to roll the dice and try a Steve Forbes or they're not angry enough to go for a Pat Buchanan. ... Buchanan has not been able to put together the kind of infrastructure here that I think would help" ("NewsHour," PBS, 3/11). Univ./South FL's Susan MacManus predicted Forbes would finish second with more than 17% of the vote: "I see a little surge for Forbes." She noted that Forbes' tax-reform message "was a natural" in FL, TX and CA, where there is a "significant tax-protest vote." MacManus also predicted "some dropoff" of support for Buchanan because of "unfavorable media attention" (Troxler, ST. PETE TIMES, 3/12).

AND IN THE FALL: The conservative Seniors Coalition poll, conducted 3/7-9 by the Polling Company, surveyed 400 FL senior citizens; margin of error: +/- 4.7% (release, 4/11).

CLINTON JOB CLINTON

Exc./Good 38% Does not deserve re-election 48%

Fair/Poor 62 Deserves re-election 43

GENERAL ELECTION BEST REPRESENTS SENIORS IS DOLE TOO OLD?

Clinton 44% Clinton 39% No 59%

Dole 44 Dole 38 Yes 32

USA TODAY header: "Fla. will be cloudier for Dole in November. Clinton likely to be formidable" (3/12).

*2 TEXAS: DOLE JOINS GRAMM TO LASSO LAST-MINUTE VOTES

(123 delegates, open primary): TX Sec/State Tony Garza said TX has set a record for voter registration with 9.6 million people registered, about a million more than were signed up to vote in '94. He declined to predict a total voter turnout for today (Ratcliffe, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/12). Of TX's 123 total dels. at stake, 33 are elected at large, and their division among the cand. will be determined by the statewide vote. A cand. who receives more than 50% of the statewide vote will be awarded all 33 at-large dels. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes cast statewide, then the at-large delegates will be divided among all the candidates receiving more than 20% in proportion to their percentage of the statewide vote. The other 90 dels. will be elected by congressional district, three per CD, and their division among the cand. will be determined by the vote in each CD separately. A cand. that receives more than 50% of the vote in a CD will be awarded all three of that CD's delegates. If no cand. receives more than 50% of the votes cast within a CD, then the cand. receiving a plurality of votes will receive two of the CD's dels., and the cand. receiving the next highest number of votes will be awarded the remaining district del. But if the plurality winning cand. is the only cand. to exceed 20% of the vote, the cand. receives all three dels. (TX GOP release, 3/12).

DOLE: A sweep comparable to Junior Tuesday "could psychologically, if not mathematically, lock up the nomination"

for Bob Dole. Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan "could hope only for a major Dole mistake." Forbes' "best hope" is that his flat-tax message has caught on in the Lone Star State. TX A&M's Patricia Hurley: "Texas is a state where people would rather die than pay taxes" (Feinsilber, AP/K.C. STAR, 3/12). Buchanan has "staked his Super Tuesday hopes on a state that he believes will embrace his love" for the NRA. But Gov. Bush, who "made it possible for Texas to realize their dreams of legally hiding their pistols," has endorsed Dole. Dole and Phil Gramm campaigned together 3/11, with Gramm resuming his "attack-dog role against Buchanan and Dole adopting a kinder, gentler message of reaching out to" Forbes' tax proposal (Yoachum, S.F. CHRONICLE, 3/12).

EXTENDING A BRANCH: BOSTON GLOBE's Flint writes when "the Buchanan campaign caravan drove past Waco, Texas, scene of the Branch Davidian showdown that may have inspired the Oklahoma City bombing across the state line, a sense of tension crept into the air. Buchanan's usual rhetoric took on new significance here; the fiery speechmaking seemed more combustible" (3/11).

*3 LOUISIANA: LITTLE INTEREST IN REMAINING DELEGATES

(9 delegates, closed primary): "With a Democratic incumbent facing no major challengers" and a GOP race "that seems to have lost its drama and practically no local activity by any of the candidates, officials expect a minimal voter turnout." LA Elections Commiss. Jerry Fowler predicted 20-25% turnout. Asst. commiss. of elections Alan Elkins: "I'm not sure there's much interest in either party in this race. It's probably one of our least interesting elections" (Grace, N.O. TIMES-PICAYUNE, 3/11). The winner takes all of the at-large delegates. Of the 2.2 million registered voters in the Bayou State, 71% are Dem, 19% GOP and 10% minor parties and unaffiliated. Of the 21 previously-chosen caucus delegates, Pat Buchanan won 13 and Phil Gramm won 8, which are now uncommitted (USA TODAY, 3/12).

*4 MISSISSIPPI: COULD THIS BE A BUCHANAN LAST HURRAH?

(33 delegates, open primary): Jackson CLARION-LEDGER's Salter writes MS "appears headed for a rather predictable finish." Bob Dole should finish first, Pat Buchanan second. "Despite Buchanan's populist appeal, Dole appears to have total control" of the GOP power structure in MS. Main street Republicans say they like some of Buchanan's ideas, but find him too extreme to represent the party" in Nov. (3/10). Dole's victories last week could "take the sparkle off" the MS primary. Jackson State U's Leslie McLemore: "It doesn't have the importance it would have if the race in the Republican primary had been sooner." Gov. Kirk Fordice backs Dole. McLemore said Forbes "is looked upon as a social liberal or social moderate and they don't do well in [MS]." But MS State Univ.'s Marty Wiseman warned not to "discount" Buchanan, who "has a certain appeal in the state, and people do funny things in the primaries. Sometimes we get inclined to engage in adventurism to send a message" (Holland, AP, 3/11). USA TODAY writes that Buchanan "could have a shot," but MS GOP officials say Dole will "probably win" (3/12). Elizabeth Dole campaigned in the Magnolia State

this weekend. Neither Forbes nor Buchanan has campaigned in MS (Holland, AP, 3/11). There are 15 CD delegates and 18 at-large. The top vote-getter in each of the five districts takes three delegates. The statewide winner wins all the at-large delegates (N.Y. POST, 3/12).

***5 TENNESSEE: VOTERS ARE UNSATISFIED, HAVE LITTLE PASSION**

(38 delegates, open primary): State election officials estimate the turnout statewide to be less than 400,000 voters (Dean, KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL, 3/12). In a sampling of voters over the weekend, it "was clear that they are unsatisfied with their choices for president. And while they were generally willing to commit to one candidate, there was little passion behind their reasons why" (Turnbull, CHATTANOOGA FREE PRESS, 3/11). There are 27 CD delegates and 11 at-large. In both cases, a cand. receiving 50% gets all the delegates. If none does, they are awarded proportionately (USA TODAY, 3/12).

***6 OKLAHOMA: BUCHANAN MAKES LATE CAMPAIGN STOPS**

(38 delegates, closed primary): Bob Dole, from neighboring KS, is "expected to pad his delegate total," but on 3/11 Pat Buchanan made late campaign stops and Steve Forbes aired some TV spots. 20 at-large delegates go to the statewide winner and the top vote-getter in each of 6 CDs takes three delegates (USA TODAY, 3/12).

***7 OREGON: 40% OF BALLOTS ALREADY MAILED IN**

(23 delegates, closed, mail-in primary): "There has been little campaigning here, where state residents are voting by mail. About 40% of ballots were returned by last weekend, slightly lower" than the participation in the special Senate race (USA TODAY, 3/12). There are 15 CD and 8 at-large delegates, which are allotted proportionately with a 10% threshold (N.Y. POST, 3/12).

===== UPCOMING CONTESTS =====

***8 CALIFORNIA: FATE OF THE CONVENTION IN THE BALANCE**

Although Bob Dole might clinch the nomination with CA's 163 delegates on 3/26, Pat Buchanan has "staked out the state as the last big stand" of the '96 primary season. Buchanan: "If I could win the California primary, I could get everything." Dole may get the nomination, Buchanan said, but "we will get the fence along the border on illegal immigration. We will get our right-to-life plank. We will get everything." GOP strategist Stuart Spencer said Dole "cannot afford to coast to the convention, even though there is little question the nomination will be his." Spencer: "He's got to bury Buchanan. You've got to have enough control of the convention so that when Buchanan speaks, he's on at midnight." Steve Forbes has postponed his planned CA media blitz, which was scheduled to begin this past week, according to manager Bill Dal Col. Western Forbes coordinator Bill Saracino said he had been trying to arrange a CA trip for Forbes 3/20-26,

but "nothing would be announced until after" Super Tuesday. The CA campaign "could take a critical turn depending on whether Forbes decides to remain in the race and wage a multimillion-dollar television campaign" (Stall, L.A. TIMES, 3/10).

NO MONEY, NO PLANS: "So far, Buchanan does not have the money" for a CA TV campaign. Dole "is expected to be close to the federal spending limit for the primaries by the middle of March, triggering speculation that he might not be able to spend anything" on a CA media campaign. Wilson said the Dole campaign had not yet decided whether to run TV ads in CA (TIMES, 3/10).

BAD PLAN: S.F. EXAMINER's Capps writes CA's "experiment with an early primary looks like a failure ... not merely because the state again has no clout in picking presidential nominees, but because the change wreaked havoc on other races and may lead to a huge list" of November ballot propositions (3/10).

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

***9 DOLE: TODAY'S FORECAST LOOKS TO BE A SUPER TUESDAY SWEEP**

Super Tuesday "is looking more like Spring Break for Bob Dole." The Senate Maj. Leader is "far ahead" in polls in all seven states holding primaries today and, "sounding confident," he said he was searching for "signals" from his remaining two major competitors that they are ready to "come aboard" his campaign (Kranish, BOSTON GLOBE, 3/12). House Speaker Newt Gingrich: "The fact is, this is now a Bob Dole team, and Bob Dole has won the nomination for all practical purposes." Dole: "I know the sun is shining on the Dole campaign." Still, neither Steve Forbes nor Pat Buchanan "gave any sign of falling in behind Dole." Forbes rejected an offer by Jack Kemp to broker a deal with the Dole camp and Buchanan "said he's not in the mood to negotiate an exit either." Buchanan: "I've told our folks there are no negotiations" (AP, 3/12). Dole, on Buchanan's demand that he rule out Colin Powell as a running mate because of his stand on abortion: "I don't want to get into a contest here with Pat Buchanan. I mean, if he doesn't like my views or what I say or what I do, he certainly has the right to speak out. I think it's fair to say he's been fairly unrestrained in that area, but if I then say something, then it's a Bob Dole-Pat Buchanan discussion. What I want to do is bring the party together and defeat Bill Clinton" ("IP," CNN, 3/11). ST. PETE TIMES' Connolly: "Simply winning won't be enough for Bob Dole in today's Super Tuesday contests. ... He needs a sweep so decisive and strong that no one, not even Pat Buchanan, can question his standing as the man to take on President Clinton in November" (3/12). N.Y. TIMES' Apple: "Victory is so tantalizingly close now that he can almost touch it, but here have been so many frustrations, so many letdowns in the last decade and a half that Bob Dole, ever so cautious, cannot quite bring himself to believe in it." Dole: "If I'm not mistaken, we're going to win seven out of seven. Of course, I've been wrong before" (3/12).

TODAY'S LINE: ABC's Crier: "Super Tuesday could mean a super sweep for Robert Dole" ("GMA, 3/12). CBS' Rather: "Dole of Kansas is poised to sweep most, if not all, of 362 presidential

convention delegates at stake" (3/11). CNN's Crowley: "If Tuesday results match Monday predictions by Wednesday, Bob Dole will be all but uncatchable" ("IP," 3/11). AP's John King: "He's quite confident right now. He thinks he's going to get 50-plus just about everywhere [today]. ... Only Bob Dole can stop Bob Dole now. He'd have to make a major mistake" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 3/11). NPR's Arnold: "Dole may hesitate to call himself the presumptive nominee, but he is impatient to claim the delegates and wrap up this part of the process" ("NewsHour," PBS, 3/11). Rush Limbaugh: "It's this simple: Bob Dole's the next President of the United States" (WMAL-Radio, 3/11). W. POST's Achenbach profiles the Dole camp, under the header, "Just Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along -- At Dole Headquarters, the Candidate's Team Is In High Gear -- and High Spirits" (3/12). NBC's Russert: "It's Party Pooper Tuesday" ("Today," 3/12).

STANDING ON HIS OWN PLATFORM: Dole "will use all available leverage to draft a platform and choose a running mate he wants -- regardless of protests" from Forbes and Buchanan. Dole said his rivals' influence at the convention "really depends on how many delegates people end up with." Dole: "If I end up with enough, I'll have more leverage than anybody else. ... If someone has 300 to 500 delegates, obviously he will be a factor. I assume that is what Pat hopes for" (Myers/Hallow, W. TIMES, 3/12). Dole's advisers calculate that Buchanan "will be lucky to have 200 out of the total 1,990" convention delegates -- and hence will have "limited leverage, if any at San Diego" (Apple, N.Y. TIMES, 3/12).

LOOKING TO THE RUST BELT: AP's King: "Next week, assuming Dole does well [today], next week becomes very interesting because we're going into the Midwest primaries, which are the states that I think will decide the election against Clinton in the fall, so I think that Dole should use Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, which is a little further down the road. He should be going at Clinton right now. The problem is he has Buchanan kicking him among the blue-collar workers who I think will decide the election" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 3/11). NPR's Elizabeth Arnold: "Buchanan is going to cause problems in the primaries ahead in Michigan and Ohio and Illinois just like Jerry Brown did in 1992. Even if his influence diminishes, he's still a problem" ("NewsHour," PBS, 3/11).

WHY SO PUSHY? W.S. JOURNAL's Simpson profiles the Dole camp's use of "push polling." According to FEC records, the Dole campaign has paid Campaign Tel. Ltd. "more than \$1 million so far." Campaign Tel. "runs a controversial and secret advocacy phoning operation. The Dole campaign's use of phoning as a vehicle to spread negative information about some of [their] GOP rivals -- a tactic known as push polling -- became a source of controversy in the days leading up to last month's Iowa caucuses. But the scope and cost of the Dole push poll operation hasn't yet been fully revealed." The Dole camp "insists the company's main assignment was to conduct voter identification and positive persuasion, not spread negative information." Dole spokesperson Christina Martin said the only critical advocacy calls "amounted to messages that have mirrored our television commercials." But

that "runs counter to what people directly involved with the operation report." While Campaign Tel. is no longer making calls aimed at Dole's opponents, "they apparently are still being instructed to claim they are engaged in survey research and often identify themselves as employees of National Market Research" rather than stating that they are calling on behalf of the Dole campaign. Martin "responded by saying all callers for Dole identify themselves as Dole advocates" (3/12).

ON THE STUMP, WE FEEL YOUR PAIN: NEW YORK's Weisberg writes, "Far from improving on the stump, Dole has actually gotten worse. Endeavoring to punch up his message and take advantage of his personal story, he now sounds false notes. ... Dole is now preposterously trying to out-Clinton Clinton: 'I really am in pain, and thus am even more sympathetic to your problems'" (3/18 issue).

*10 BUCHANAN: THE HEAT IS ON TO GET OUT

On the campaign trail 3/11, Pat Buchanan "struck a tone of conciliation and even innocence, saying he should not be treated as a pariah because he had raised some difficult issues" (Kranish, BOSTON GLOBE, 3/12). Buchanan "has conceded that his campaign now is less about winning votes than scoring rhetorical points." He "wants to show his supporters a good time" (Harden, W. POST, 3/12). Speaker Newt Gingrich: "The longer Pat campaigns, the less effect he's going to have. He's made his point, people understand his message. Now it's time to be part of the team" (ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 3/12).

POUR SOME BAY SEASONING IN THE WOUND: Buchanan chair Bay Buchanan, on reconciling with Bob Dole: "The ball is in his court. He has really done a personal assault against my brother that no one's seen in the last 25 years in politics. He has got to figure out his way of bringing Pat Buchanan and those people he represents home. That's his problem. I'm going to have a hard time helping him." Dole nat'l chair/NH Gov. Steve Merrill: "If those two gentlemen can't sit down after this is resolved -- and Bob Dole is the nominee -- and work things out, I'd be very surprised. While the Buchanan people would like to have Pat Buchanan be the nominee, they sure as heck don't want Bill Clinton to be the President for four more years." Bay Buchanan, on statements that Dole will have the nomination sewn up after Super Tuesday: "If we can hold him up and go into California where ... he's not over that magic number and really do a terrific race out there in California, we think we can beat him out there and we can pick up a whole lot of delegates, give us real strength. We could have a brokered convention" ("IP," CNN, 3/11).

LET'S HAVE LUNTZ: GOP strategist Frank Luntz: "Those voting for Mr. Buchanan are more loyal to an individual and an ideology than a political party" (N.Y. TIMES, 3/12). "One large unanswered question for the Dole campaign is whether winning back Buchanan's voters depends on having good relations with Buchanan himself" (Shogren/Brownstein, L.A. TIMES, 3/12). L.A. TIMES' Ron Brownstein: "If he shows himself to be nothing more than really a niche candidate, to some extent, his influence is diminished --

with one exception. I think that he has shown the continuing power of the anti-abortion issue to motivate an important part of the Republican constituency, the Republican coalition, and I think he's raised some fears among Republicans about having a pro-choice Vice President, much less changing the platform. ... The larger, unanswered question is how important the relationship with Buchanan is to ultimately win back Buchanan's voters" ("NewsHour," PBS, 3/11).

ANNOY BUCHANAN: Buchanan "lashed out at the media for dragging down his campaign" since NH: "There have been some -- and mainly it's not the folks travelling with me -- but some of the networks back in Washington have done real attack pieces on me" (Birnbaum, N.Y. POST, 3/12).

*11 FORBES: CAN HE DOUSE THE FRIENDLY FIRE OF JACK KEMP?

Steve Forbes "repudiated his friend Jack Kemp for suggesting a deal with [Bob] Dole could be made to get Forbes out of the race" (see HOTLINE, 3/11). In an "embarrassing turn of events, Forbes was forced to contradict Kemp, his close friend." Upon hearing that Kemp "had suggested he might broker a deal with the Dole camp that would get Forbes out of the race, Forbes said the remarks were 'totally out of bounds. ... I'm in for the duration, and anyone who makes any remarks otherwise is not speaking with my authority and is hereby totally, 100 percent repudiated'" (Kranish, BOSTON GLOBE, 3/12). Forbes chair Malcolm Wallop "seemed to take a slap at Kemp in a statement," saying of the exit rumor "source": "Obviously this person has little or no real relevance to the campaign" (Galvin, N.Y. POST, 3/12).

GO TO YOUR ROOM: Kemp "bolted from the campaign trail" 3/11 after Forbes "rebuked" him. Kemp was supposed to stump with Forbes in FL, "but instead flew back to Washington, where he met with his allies to get himself out of his latest self-inflicted mess." Kemp "said he'd be back on the campaign today. But the damage has been done as the furor overwhelmed the Forbes' camp in the last crucial day" before Super Tuesday (N.Y. POST, 3/12). Kemp spent the afternoon at Empower America "explaining in press and television interviews his version of what happened" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 3/12). Kemp: "I said if, and it was a big if -- that if Steve wanted to make overtures, I would be prepared to help." The "spat probably kills any chance that Kemp will play any significant role" in the '96 platform strategy" (N.Y. POST, 3/12).

A LONG, STRANGE TRIP: Forbes "didn't explain why Kemp left after less than a day on Forbes' campaign bus. He said Kemp would rejoin the campaign" for CA's 3/26 primary (Minzesheimer, USA TODAY, 3/12). "One faction in the Forbes campaign said Forbes mgr Bill Dal Col had asked Mr. Kemp to leave the campaign bus." Kemp: "Bill Dal Col did not ask me to leave. If he had said that, I would have done more than just leave the bus." Forbes aide Jeff Taylor, on Kemp: "He doesn't have a good record so far" (W. TIMES, 3/12). An "aide" said Forbes was "steaming mad" at Kemp (Ball, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 3/12). Forbes "earlier told

an aide" that Kemp had "stabbed him in the back" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 3/12). "It's debatable whether Kemp and Forbes could be playing a good cop/bad cop routine toward Dole, or whether Kemp pulled the political equivalent of an audible" (USA TODAY, 3/12). CNN's Crowley: "Forbes put on a steely smile" ("IP," 3/11).

PLOT IDEA FOR NBC'S "FRIENDS": NBC's Bloom: "With friends like Jack Kemp, Steve Forbes might not need any enemies. 'When the two men sat down to dinner,' said a top aide, 'it's a good thing there were only blunt knives at the table'" (3/11).

DAL COL SHIELD: Bill Dal Col: "Jack is Jack." Dal Col called the incident "another little speed bump" for the Forbes campaign (USA TODAY, 3/12). Dal Col "entertained reporters with tales of how often Kemp was quoted by the media as an unnamed 'senior administration source,' exasperating others in the Bush administration" (USA TODAY, 3/12).

ANOTHER LINCOLN COMPARISON, A HOUSE DIVIDED: "Two Forbes aides ... privately accused Mr. Dal Col of political treason" for "leaking strategic Forbes campaign documents to the Dole campaign" (W. TIMES, 3/12).

ANOTHER CHURCHILL COMPARISON, THE WILDERNESS YEARS: "The furor reinforced Kemp's image as a loose cannon who freelances, whether in Congress," as HUD sec., "or now, as a top Forbes strategist. Kemp was in heavy damage control" (N.Y. POST, 3/12). Kemp "acknowledged he made a mistake" over raising the possibility of a Forbes/Dole mediation, but "denied that his comments" led to his dismissal from the Forbes campaign. Kemp: "Yes, I erred in allowing myself to answer a hypothetical on the eve of a primary" (W. TIMES, 3/12). N.Y. POST headers: "Forbes Sacks a Quarterback," and "Taxing pol flattened by Forbes," (3/12).

JUST GET OUT: Speaker Newt Gingrich said Forbes "can play a role in helping shape the platform and helping get out and articulate" his ideas if he quits his campaign and backs Dole: "That would be more profitable for the party and for the country than continuing to squabble from inside the party" (ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 3/12). NJ Gov. Christie Todd Whitman also "unsuccessfully" urged Forbes to quit via telephone. Whitman told Forbes he would have a better chance of incorporating his flat-tax proposal into the platform if he backed Dole. Whitman spokesperson Becky Taylor: "He thanked her, but he said it was too early, too premature, to make that decision" (Berke, N.Y. TIMES, 3/12). But Forbes said, "I'm in this for the duration. The issues and principles of this campaign are far bigger than a single candidate or even the campaign itself" ("Washington Journal," C-SPAN, 3/11). THE STANDARD's Fred Barnes, on whether Forbes will drop out: "Probably tomorrow" ("CBS This Morning," 3/12).

DISGRUNTLED STATION MANAGERS: NBC's Bloom: "The Forbes campaign has put off advertising buys in California" (3/11). AP's John King: "Forbes has decided not to spend much money anymore. There's no evidence of major ad buys anywhere. ... They say they're going to pick a Midwest state, which is next week, and do it, but over the past two weeks, they've sent a lot of ads to stations, but then they've never followed up with checks to

actually put them on the air" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 3/11).

*12 VEEPSTAKES: DON'T EXPECT POWELL, PASTA AND POLITICS

According to sources close to Colin Powell, Dole national co-chair/Sen. Al D'Amato "is the wrong person" to invite Powell to serve as Bob Dole's running mate. In a N.Y. POST interview, D'Amato had "urged" Dole to pick Powell, calling the general "a great vice-presidential candidate" and a "true American hero" who has "the ability to bring people together" (See HOTLINE, 3/11). But D'Amato's "past disparaging remarks about the retired general are not forgotten." In D'Amato's memoirs, "Power, Pasta and Politics" published last year, he wrote, "After witnessing his reluctance to move beyond economic sanctions during the gulf crisis and his political timidity on gays in the military, I wonder whether Colin Powell has either the courage or convictions needed to lead the country." Powell responded by saying D'Amato was "the last person in the world I need to defend my courage to." An anonymous Dole consultant also "criticized" D'Amato's change of heart on Powell: "All this talk [from D'Amato] about Powell is not good for Dole. Dole needs the party to rally around him, and saying that he needs a strong No. 2 takes away from him" (Clifford, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 3/12).

AMMUNITION: CBS' Jones: "[Pat] Buchanan fired off new torpedoes in a desperate attempt to sink Dole. He attacked him for new reports that the Senator's top choices for Vice President include General Colin Powell and New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman." Buchanan: "They're putting out the two names of ... pro-abortion, Rockefeller Republicans. ... It's not going to happen because to do that they'd have to come over me and they've got to come over you and I don't think they can do that!" (3/11). Buchanan chair Bay Buchanan, on a Dole/Powell ticket: "You can't win the presidency because you pick a certain person. You have to win it because of your vision. ... [Dole's] problem is not Pat Buchanan per say, it is the people that he represents. They will not tolerate Bob Dole turning this party over to a Rockefeller, pro-abortion individual as the Veep. They will not tolerate it" ("IP," CNN, 3/11). AP's John King: "It would be very difficult to bring Powell before that convention even if Buchanan has only 100 delegates because Powell has said, point-blank, he would never support Pat Buchanan. So if you bring Powell into that hall, you're going to have a revolt" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 3/11). Pro-life activist Randall Terry, on D'Amato's push for Powell: "Are we going we trust our lives, our political future in the hands of Bob Dole and Alfonse D'Amato when they're trying to sell us Colin Powell and trying to tear any semblance of a pro-life plank out of the Republican Party?" ("Randall Terry," WABS-Radio, 3/11). AP's King adds that picking a pro-choice VP like Powell "would be very difficult because a lot of [Dole's] own delegates ... are very conservative people, they are very pro-life" ("Equal Time" CNBC, 3/11).

ON THE OTHER HAND: N.Y. POST's Orin: "Dole's refusal to let Buchanan goad him into a fight over Powell is part of a deliberate strategy to focus on Clinton -- which also serves to marginalize the increasingly frustrated Buchanan. ... [Dole] must

make it clear that he, not Buchanan controls the Republican convention" (3/12).

ENGLER: CBS' Dan Rather: "My current money is on John Engler of Michigan to be Bob Dole's vice presidential choice" ("LKL," CNN, 3/11). Speaker Newt Gingrich said Dole "has to pick a vice-presidential candidate who reflects Bob Dole's views and who is prepared to work together as a mainstream conservative." Gingrich called both Engler and CA AG Dan Lungren "perfect examples of the kind of people who would be terrific." Engler Press Sec. John Truscott: "It's a shock that the speaker would say that. Again this is nothing the governor has been pursuing" (AP/DETROIT NEWS, 3/12). Engler "reiterated ... that he will make no formal endorsement until a candidate has won enough delegates for nomination" (Weeks, DETROIT NEWS, 3/12).

*13 CLINTON: BLASTS GOP ON ENVIRONMENT

Pres. Clinton "blitzed through the metropolitan [New York] area, blasting Republicans in New Jersey, toasting Democrats in Manhattan and visiting relatives of Americans killed in terrorist attacks in Israel." Clinton began the day with a tour of a PCB-contaminated site in Wallington, NJ, and a "slashing attack on the GOP 'anti-environment' campaign" in a speech at Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. Clinton: "Congress has mounted the most aggressive anti-environment in our history. And I am proud that we have stood against that" (Graves, N.Y. POST, 3/12). Clinton "challenged" the GOP-controlled Congress "to approve a proposal to use \$2 billion in tax breaks to spur the revitalization of mildly contaminated urban industrial sites" (Mitchell, N.Y. TIMES, 3/12).

*14 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

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DOLE			MI		WI
DC	IL	OH	OH	IL	
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FORBES	IL		Detroit	WI	MI
WI	DC	GrandRpds	IL	IL	
908-781-5111	MI		MI	MI	WI

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

*15 WHITEWATER: AR TRIAL BEGINS; STEWART RAISES QUESTIONS

Ind. counsel Ken Starr opened his fraud and conspiracy case against Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and co-defendants Jim & Susan McDougal by alleging that they "plotted to commit the perfect crime and nearly got away with it" (Manson/Stumpe, AR DEM-

GAZETTE, 3/12). In addition, the prosecution said its evidence "will link President Clinton to an elaborate, fraudulent financial scheme involving his Whitewater investment partners," the McDougals (Fritz, L.A. TIMES, 3/12). The case "is Starr's first major prosecution in the Whitewater probe and could be an important credibility test for Clinton's chief accuser," David Hale, "who has said he was pressured" by Clinton to make a fraudulent \$300,000 loan to Susan McDougal (Schmidt/Haddigan, W. POST, 3/12). Prosecutor Ray Jahn: "This was nearly the perfect crime because until David Hale came forward in 1993, the crime was not uncovered" (DEM-GAZETTE, 3/12). Jahn said Tucker and the McDougals "siphoned" \$3 million out of the McDougals' now-defunct Madison Guaranty S&L, and a govt.-backed loan company "with the idea that 'the money was going to be snuck back in' when they made a bundle on a real estate venture ... known as Castle Grande" (W. POST, 3/12). Defense attys said prosecutors "have built their case around a deceitful witness who pointed the finger at high ranking politicians to save his own skin." Jim McDougal atty Sam Heuer described Hale "as 'one of the most deceitful persons you will ever hear of in your life.'" According to Heuer, Hale -- "who was charged with several felonies and facing federal authorities based in Arkansas who refused to cut a deal" -- "turned to Whitewater prosecutors with an offer to give them a governor and president." Heuer: "Why is this case so important to them? Because Bill Clinton is the sitting president of the United States." Hale, who has pleaded guilty to defrauding the federal Small Business Admin., "will be called to testify about his allegations that Clinton and others pressured him in early 1986 to make the \$300,000 loan to a shell company owned by Susan McDougal." Clinton, who has been subpoenaed to testify by the McDougals, "is in the awkward position of being forced to defend" McDougal, a "onetime friend who has become an embarrassing nemesis." McDougal "is the source ... of the Whitewater story that has dogged Clinton" since the '92 campaign (W. POST, 3/12). Opening statements will end today with an atty for Susan McDougal addressing the jury. Prosecutors will then begin presenting evidence and testimony. The trial "is expected to last up to two months" (AR DEM-GAZETTE, 3/12). ABC's Judd: "This case will determine whether [this] investigation will link Bill Clinton to criminal activities when he was governor. ... The defense wants the jurors to weigh the testimony of a sitting president against that of an admitted felon. Their hope is that jurors will conclude that a case hinging on such a vulnerable witness as David Hale can only be explained as a political witch hunt" (3/11).

IMMUNITY? James McDougal said he'd been offered immunity by Starr's office "in exchange for information" about Clinton and Tucker -- "a charge that Starr's office denied." McDougal: "I have been offered immunity if I would just back David Hale's lies about the governor and the president. ... I declined immediately." Dep. ind. counsel Hickman Ewing denied it: "We had some discussions with Mr. McDougal pretrial, but immunity was never mentioned by us" (DEM-GAZETTE, 3/12).

DRAWING BLOOD? ABC's "Nightline" hosted "Blood Sport"

author Stewart. Stewart, on Hillary Rodham Clinton's Whitewater role: "By 1986, when the McDougal empire was crumbling ... Mrs. Clinton essentially took, single-handedly, the control of this investment." Stewart raised the possibility of criminal wrongdoing by HRC for "vastly inflat[ing] the value of the Clinton's interest in Whitewater." Stewart: "As I'm sure anybody who has ever applied for a mortgage knows, you have to disclose your assets in ... a financial disclosure statement and there are warnings on these forms to be honest about this, to be accurate, to be careful, not to use uncertain judgments because to inflate that can be a federal crime. And yet, Mrs. Clinton valued Whitewater at \$100,000 on a 1987 financial disclosure document right after the bank itself had visited the property and concluded the most generous estimate for their half-interest would be \$52,000." Stewart, asked if that is a crime: "It is a crime to submit a false financial document. ... But to prove a case like that, a prosecutor would have to prove that it was knowingly a false submission. We haven't heard an explanation from either Mrs. Clinton or the President about that document. And that ultimately will be a question for a prosecutor and a jury to decide." Stewart, summing up his book: "It is a study in the acquisition and wielding of power and, in the end, it is a study of the arrogance of power" (3/11). CBS' Pelley: "This month marks four years since Whitewater first became an issue in Mr. Clinton's 1992 campaign. Now with the trial, the book and the possibility of more hearings on Capitol Hill, it seems Whitewater is a scandal that will occupy the White House well into 1996" (3/11). Rush Limbaugh, on the book: "Those of you women who idolize Mrs. Clinton, who live vicariously through Mrs. Clinton, to whom Mrs. Clinton is your role model -- smartest woman in the world, Eleanor Roosevelt reincarnate -- you will be stunned. You will be let down once again. This woman is not a feminist. She may play the role but it's not her guiding thought, or belief, or principle" (WMAL-radio, 3/11).

EXTENDING D'AMATO'S CMTE: W. TIMES editorial: "The one undeniable advantage to the Democrats' rejection of Mr. D'Amato's compromise is that lays bare the unvarnished politics behind their insistence on bringing the committee's investigation -- and its public hearings -- to an untimely end" (3/12). W. POST editorial: "If the Democrats aim to prevent more Whitewater hearings, they are winning. Stonewalling, however, is a costly political strategy, and one they would do well to rethink -- and junk" (3/12). HARTFORD COURANT editorial: "Last week, Mr. D'Amato said he was willing to wind up the panel's work by mid-July. The Democrats refused, offering instead a five-week extension. That seems reasonable" (3/11). W.S. JOURNAL editorial calls the Dem moves "The Cover-Up Filibuster" (3/11).

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

*16 ALABAMA: WHERE IN THE WORLD IS JEFF SESSIONS?

Under the header, "Mystery: Sessions is the big unknown," BIRMINGHAM POST HERALD's Hetzner writes, "Almost any speculation about the race to replace [retiring Dem] Sen. Howell Heflin in

Washington hinges on the phrase, 'If Jeff Sessions runs ...'"

The "stubborn reluctance" by AG Sessions (R), "Alabama's answer to Colin Powell," to announce his plans "has thrown both political candidates and pundits into a quandary." There is a growing debate on whether Sessions, who has amassed a half-million dollar war chest, is helping his cause by his silence.

Univ/AL's Mary Ellen Guy: "I wonder what he's waiting for, because he is going to burn a lot of people if he doesn't go ahead and announce." Univ/AL pollster Patrick Cotter: "There's no advantage for him to come out: He's keeping everyone else off balance; He's ahead in the polls without being an official candidate." Sessions' "indecisiveness," however, "could hurt" his opponents, as well as the GOP. Nine GOP contenders are running, a number that "would probably drop with an announcement that Sessions was running" (3/11). Other GOPers: Birmingham City Councilmember Jimmy Blake, podiatrist Walter Clark, state Sen. Albert Lipscomb, businessmen Sid McDonald, Richard Sellers & Charles Woods, and attys Frank McRight & Jim Ziegler. Dems: Rep. Glen Browder (D-03), state Sen. Roger Bedford, and professor Natalie Davis. Filing deadline: 4/5. Primary: 6/4.

*17 ILLINOIS: A WEEK TO THE PRIMARY, CANDIDATES ARE EVERYWHERE

An Arlington Heights DAILY HERALD/WLS poll, conducted 2/23-3/5 by Richard Day, surveyed 401 Dem primary voters, +/- 5%; and 504 GOP primary voters, +/- 4% (3/12). Tested: Rep. Dick Durbin (D-20), ex-Treas. Pat Quinn (D), LG Bob Kustra (R) and state Rep. Al Salvi (R). Primary: 3/19. Sen. Paul Simon (D) is retiring.

DEM PRIMARY		GOP PRIMARY	
Durbin	38%	Kustra	37%
Quinn	26	Salvi	22
Other	4	Other	5
Undec.	32	Undec.	36

With one week to go before the 3/19 primary, "it's getting harder to escape a living, breathing, hand-pumping, I-need-your-help-on-election-day pleading candidate" (Secter, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 3/11).

GOP: Kustra, in his third issues-oriented news conference in five days, "declared his support for welfare reform." His announcement "marked a change from the GOP front-runner's" earlier strategy which was marked more by speeches and hand-shaking than position papers or news-conferences. Kustra told reporters he is "already looking toward November" and is "so confident" of victory in the primary over Salvi that he is now trying to frame issues for the fall: "It will be about education reform, welfare reform, tax reform, crime." On welfare reform, Kustra said he would require recipients to work after two years, and would cut off assistance after five years. He said his plan, which includes day care for children so mothers can work, would be much like the plan drafted by the Nat'l Gov. Assn earlier this year. Salvi called Kustra's welfare proposal "just the same old tired stuff" and said, "It is just a continued attempt to put a conservative face on what is otherwise a very liberal record"

(Fornek, CHICAGO SUN TIMES, 3/11).

DEMS: Quinn campaigned with Ralph Nader outside Commonwealth Edison, where they called for a nat'l Citizens Utility Board, modeled after the IL consumer group Quinn helped found (Heinzmann, DAILY SOUTHTOWN, 3/11). Quinn "didn't go after" Durbin, but "Nader did." Nader called the primary a "classic political struggle for the soul of the Democratic Party -- whether the Democratic Party is going to become a wholly-owned corporate subsidiary, or whether it's going to reflect the dreams, wishes and rights of workers and consumers and households in Illinois" (Salemy, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 3/11). Durbin, who once trailed Quinn in the polls, now leads "by an almost insurmountable" amount. Not only has Durbin's TV ad campaign erased Quinn's lead, but he has taken away Quinn's "greatest political asset": Durbin is now considered to be "more of a political outsider and more in touch with average people" than Quinn. This turnabout "must have Durbin's image mavens and the Democratic regulars who despise Quinn for his sanctimony doubled over with laughter." Durbin, who has been a "quintessential insider" his entire career, used his party endorsements to "chase from the campaign" wealthy atty Clinton Krislov. Krislov was "absolutely petrifying" to the Durbin camp for his ability to "spend freely" in attacks on Durbin's record, potentially "softening up" Durbin for Quinn. Durbin then went on a "spending spree" of at least \$530,000 in a four-week period in which he "overtook Quinn in less time than agribusiness giant Archer Daniels Midland Co., one of his more generous patrons, distills ethanol from an ear of corn." The primary now looks like a "landslide-in-the-making" for Durbin. Durbin has "given a clinic on how to beat Quinn: spend him into the ground, steal his message" (3/10). Other Dems: p.r. exec Ron Gibbs, businessman Paul Park, Jalil Ahmad.

*18 VIRGINIA: WARNER (D) MARKS HIS ENTRY

"With wide support in the Democratic Party and deep cash reserves from his personal fortune," ex-Va Dem chair Mark Warner declared his candidacy for the seat held by Sen. John Warner (R), who is no relation. Warner declared himself "a fresh candidate capable of helping lead Virginia in a high technology economy," and said he would limit himself to two terms and accept no PAC money. Warner "has emerged as the Democrats' best hope despite having no record in elective office." Ex-Rep. Leslie Byrne (D) is also running, but "whether Byrne will give her fellow Democrat much of a run for his money is unclear. ... Besides his organizational edge over Byrne, Mark Warner has the advantage of a \$100 million fortune. By the end of January, he had supplied \$516,000 of his \$830,000 war chest." Byrne raised "less than \$66,000" (Hsu, W. POST, 3/12). Dems will decide their nominee in a June convention. Byrne compared her opponent to Steve Forbes and "laughed" when she heard Warner will not accept donations from PACs: "Yea, he'll just write a check." Sen. John Warner said Mark Warner "'will be one of the strongest candidates the Democratic Party has ever fielded' because of his generational appeal and his personal fortune" (Cain, W. TIMES, 3/12). In a

release, Sen. Warner pointed out that Mark Warner "has a long record as a liberal Democrat party activist stretching over the last 20 years" (3/11). Other GOPer: Reagan OMB dir. Jim Miller. Filing deadline: 4/12. GOP primary: 6/11.

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

***19 IL 07: THE PRIMARY WINNER IS THE NEXT MEMBER OF CONGRESS**

CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Kass describes the Dems running to succeed retiring Rep. Cardiss Collins (D) in Chicago's largely black, overwhelmingly liberal, district: "One candidate takes political support from the mouthpiece of imprisoned Gangster Disciples boss Larry Hoover [Cook Co. Commis. Danny Davis]. Another is a target of the federal Operation Silver Shovel corruption probe [Ald. Percy Giles]. A third accepted campaign money from an undercover mole [Cook Co. Commis. Bobbie Steele]. And [none of them] raised a stink while the West Side was being turned into an illegal dump. A fourth candidate, the lady with the big colorful hats [Ald. Dorothy Tillman], says she was trained by Martin Luther King Jr. in the struggle for freedom. But now she throws big bear hugs around Mayor Richard Daley when they're in the back room of City Hall. ... Another candidate is a City Hall Water Department payroller with union backing [Gregory Winbush]. Still another has advocated martial law on the West Side [Ald. Ed Smith]. He has argued that the National Guard should take over the streets of his ward, saying that a curfew enforced at gunpoint worked in 1968, why not again?" (3/8).

WHITE ON! TRIBUNE's Royko writes that by ignoring the candidacy of Joan Powell, the Chicago media is guilty of "insensitivity that borders on bigotry." The media have decided Powell is "worth barely a mention in their stories or an invitation to their candidates forums." Royko argues the media blackout could not be due to her "more than adequate credentials" or her stance on many issues delineated in enough position papers to "make your eyes glaze over. So what's the rap on her? As far as I can tell, it's the fact that she is, through no fault of her own, of the white hue. ... The media have taken it upon themselves to decide that the only candidates worth bothering with are the black career politicians who are after the 7th district seat" (3/11).

***20 MS 03: DISTRICT LOOKS SONNY TO THE GOP**

The "biggest draw" in MS today is not the Senate race, where incumbent Thad Cochran (R) is all but assured of a fourth term, but the battle for the seat being given up after 30 years by Dem Rep. Sonny Montgomery (Wagster, Jackson CLARION-LEDGER, 3/12). Nine GOPers and three Dems are running in a district "that gave George Bush his highest percentage -- 58 -- in 1992" and which "offers Republicans a prime opportunity to add to their growing Southern case." At a GOP candidate forum, Ellen Dabbs, representing her husband, '94 GOP nominee Dutch Dabbs, said he was one of only three cand. to have worn a military uniform. Another of the three, Harold Cross, then pointed out that as a Gulf War and Panama veteran, he was the only one to have been

under fire. State Sen. Mike Gunn and Baptist missionary Chip Pickering said their polls puts them at the top of the field. Ex-state Rep. Bill Crawford, "praised" for helping Montgomery preserve the Naval Air Station in Meridian, "also is given a strong chance," along with Dabbs and state Sen. Dean Kirby. It is believed that 20% of the vote today could be enough to make a 4/2 runoff. Gunn noted that the NRA gave him an "A-star" rating: "If guns are outlawed, how can we shoot the liberals?" Pickering, an ex-aide to Sen. Trent Lott, is the "best-financed" of the cand. (Sewell, AP, 3/11). CLARION-LEDGER's Salter writes that Crawford and Pickering "appear to be favorites for a runoff," and "bunched closely behind are three candidates who could break the top two positions depending on turnout" -- Gunn, Dabbs and Kirby. In addition, Gunn's "vaunted direct-mail abilities aren't to be discounted. He'll target his voters and fill up their mailboxes in hope of turning out voters" (3/10). Dems: Jackson atty John Arthur Eaves Jr., state Sen. Rob Smith and ex-state Rep. G.V. "Gary" Staples.

***21 TEXAS: SEVEN OPEN SEATS HIGHLIGHT TODAY'S PRIMARY**

The GOP believes it can pick up several of the seven open seats in TX, including the 1st, vacated by Senate cand. Jim Chapman (D), and the 2nd, left by retiring Rep. Charlie Wilson (D). NRCC spokesperson Craig Veith called TX a "land of opportunity for us." Although GOPers have "done well" in statewide contests, Dems argue that the GOP candidates are "outside the mainstream" for East TX voters. TX Dem spokesperson Anne Kilday: "This meltdown in the Republican presidential field is going to send people back over to the Democratic side of the ballot." Dems seeking the nomination in the 1st CD, including ex-TX Insurance Board member Jo Ann Howard and ex-judges Max Sandlin & Tommy Kessler, have been "running against" Speaker Newt Gingrich and the GOP Congress. For their part, GOP candidates counter that Dems are mischaracterizing their budget plans. GOPers in the 1st: atty Ed Merritt, investor Hamp Hodges, appraiser Dennis Boerner (Camia, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 3/10).

TX 02: Developer Ben Bius (R) denounced what he described as a "smear campaign" against fellow cand. Brian Babin (R), but then went on to say he found it "deplorable" that someone has circulated literature claiming Babin one helped a teen get an abortion. That drew an "angry reaction" from Babin, who accused Bius of pulling "last minute dirty tricks." He said Bius is trying to "appear to take the high road while actually waging a low-road attack on him and his record" (McKay, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/9). Rep. Wilson has indicated he may vacate his seat before his term his up, perhaps as early as 8/1, citing financial considerations. If Wilson leaves at that time, the next available date for Gov. Bush to schedule a special election would be the regular November election day; thus, the winners of the 3/12 primaries to succeed Wilson may run in dual elections on 11/5, one to complete his term and the other for the full two-year term that begins on 1/3 (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 3/10). Other GOPers: consultant '92 & '94 Wilson opponent Donna Peterson, builder Bob Currie and businessman Jim Hughes. Dems: state Sen.

Jim Turner, TX lottery winner Edgar Groce and atty Fred Hudson.

TX 05: Fighting for the GOP nod to succeed Senate cand. John Bryant (D), Dallas City Councilmember Glenn Box and Pete Sessions traded barbs, accusing each other of being "liberal." The Box campaign ran an ad in which GOP Nat'l Coalition for Life dir. Colleen Parro calls Sessions a "liberal" who "supported a woman's right to kill her unborn child." Sessions, who called the ad "disgusting," is running an ad accusing Box "of raising taxes three times" while serving on the Dallas City Council. Box has out-fundraised Sessions, raising over \$259,000 while Sessions has raised \$189,000. The GOP primary has "overshadowed" the Dem contest between atty/ex-Dallas Dem Cmtman John Pouland and prof. William Foster, which has seen "little squabbling ... partly because they agree on many issues and also seem to like one another (Jacobson, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 3/8).

TX 09: Dem hopefuls atty Jack Cherry and ex-Jefferson Co. Tax Collector Nick Lampson have at least one thing in common -- their desire to see frosh Rep. Steve Stockman (R) defeated. Cherry said Stockman has been "hanging out with militia backers" and "engaging in irresponsible conduct." In response, Stockman said, "If Mr. Cherry had contacted myself or anyone associated with my campaign before his latest mud-fest, he would have realized that his insinuations and accusations are false." Lampson criticized Stockman for missing a vote on the Omnibus Appropriations bill designed to continue funding for the gov't and avert another shutdown. Another Dem, teacher Rusty Bertrand, said if he loses the primary he plans to support Stockman because both are pro-life. Businessman Mathias Safran (D) said he is promoting his own campaign and not assailing Stockman: "Stockman will self-destruct on his own, and he doesn't need my help." Other Dem: teacher Geraldine Sam (Makeig, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/9).

TX 12: The "philosophical fissures" in the GOP are "plainly visible" in the race to replace the retiring Rep. Pete Geren (D), "where the primary-race rhetoric is reaching the boiling point." Ex-Ft. Worth Mayor Kay Granger (R) "has been under steady attack for what opponents say is a lack of GOP credentials." Her "chief detractor" is pilot/'94 GOP nominee Ernie Anderson; businessman Bill Burch (R) is also running. The winner will face unopposed Dem nominee/ex-state Sen. Hugh Parmer (D), who lost to Sen. Phil Gramm (R) in '90. In November this CD that was once the stronghold of Jim Wright "could be one of the nation's most watched" contests (Floyd, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 3/10). FT. WORTH STAR TELEGRAM's Thompson writes that Granger will win nomination "comfortably. Most likely she will win overwhelmingly. ... This much is certain: Granger has handled the despicable assaults on her record and her character with patience and good grace. She has never responded with anger, never reacted in kind. She has remained dignified, focused, determined" (3/8).

TX 14: Rep. Greg Laughlin (R), who switched parties in '95 when he sensed "that his conservative southern district was turning Republican," is facing a "tough challenge" from two "longtime" GOPers. If he survives the primary, he will face a "well-funded" Dem opponent in the fall. Laughlin's difficulties

in the primary "may offer a caution to those who change allegiance." When he switched he was rewarded with a seat on Ways & Means by the House GOP leadership. Laughlin, on his switch: "I tried to be part of the Democratic team, but I was miserable on some of the votes I cast. Since I've been a Republican, I haven't cast one hard vote. I'm really comfortable where I am." Laughlin's opponents are "eager" to exploit the switch. Ex-Rep. Ron Paul (R) accused him of vacillating: "He has no convictions -- whatever he has to be, he is." Paul has raised nearly as much money as Laughlin and has been trading "nasty" TV ads. Although '94 nominee Jim Deats (R) is in debt and cannot afford TV, he has the "crucial support" of religious conservatives. Deats and Paul plan to back each other if one enters a runoff with Laughlin (Milbank, W.S. JOURNAL, 3/11).

TX 29: Rep. Gene Green (D-29) and Houston city councilmember Felix Fraga (D) debated NAFTA at a 3/8 forum, with Green opposed and Fraga supporting the agreement. Fraga also stressed the majority Latino district needs a bilingual representative, noting that the port of Miami has more int'l shipping trade because its gov't has more "officials who speak Spanish." Green responded with Army Corps of Engineers numbers showing the port of Houston handles 40 times more int'l tonnage than Miami (Bernstein, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 3/9). GOpPer: Jack Rodriguez.

OTHER OPEN DISTRICTS: TX 08, where Jack Fields (R) is retiring; TX 15, where Kika de la Garza (D) is retiring, and TX 16, where Ron Coleman (D) is retiring.

*22 UT 02: ENID WANTS HER MONEY BACK

Frosh Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz (R), who announced last week that she would not seek a second term, charged in a complaint to the FEC that estranged husband Joe Waldholtz, her former campaign treasurer, "made 80 contributions totaling more than \$1.8 million to her 1994 and 1996 campaign committees by deceiving her father." And "she wants him to pay it all back." SALT LAKE TRIBUNE's Maddox & Harrie report that Enid's complaint cited 858 violations of campaign law that Joe violated, including "excessive and unlawful contributions, commingling of personal and campaign funds and false reporting." This is in addition to the allegations of "embezzlement, wire fraud, bank fraud, securities fraud and false statements" Enid says Joe committed simultaneously. Joe has yet to comment on the allegations but "has said he did not stash any money of Enid or her father in his personal accounts -- or in any account overseas." He also claims Enid "knows what happened to another \$2 million [Enid's dad] Forrest Greene gave the couple, beyond the \$2 million that went into the campaign." Joe: "They're saying they don't know where it went. Of course they know" (3/12).

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

*23 ABC/W.POST: ANOTHER SHOT OF A WIDE CLINTON LEAD OVER DOLE

1,014 adults surveyed 3/8-10 by Chilton Research; margin of error +/- 3.5% (3/12).

JOB APPROVAL CLINTON CONGRESS

Approve	55%	30%
Disapprove	40	64

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

NOW 1/96 11/95

Clinton	56%	53%	51%	Clinton	61%	Clinton	65%
Dole	39	37	43	Forbes	33	Buchanan	28

3-WAY MATCHUPS

Clinton	50%	Clinton	53%
Dole	32	Dole	31
Perot	15	Buchanan	11

*24 CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP: CLINTON UP 12 OVER DOLE

823 registered voters surveyed 3/8-10; margin of error +/-
4% (USA TODAY, 3/12).

Clinton	54%	Clinton	47%
Dole	42	Dole	34
	Perot		17

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

*25 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted TIME's Walter Isaacson and Cokie Roberts. NBC's "Today" hosted Tim Russert. "CBS This Morning" featured an interview with Pres. Clinton and hosted THE STANDARD's Fred Barnes and Dem analyst Bob Beckel. "FOX Morning News" hosted Dick Lugar, Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-IN), Teamsters Union pres. cand. James Hoffa, Dole adviser Robert Lighthizer, Dem consultant Tom King and U.S. NEWS' Steve Roberts.

SUPER TUESDAY TV: Here's how the networks plan to cover tonight's primaries. ABC: Peter Jennings anchors a brief special report when the polls close. "Nightline" examines the results at the top of the broadcast. CBS: Dan Rather anchors a 1/2 hr. special at 8p. Updates at 9:33 and 11:01. NBC: Updates during the evening, and a primary segment on "Dateline" at 10p. with Tim Russert, David Bloom, Gwen Ifill and Lisa Myers. CNN: Hourly cuts in start at 7p. "Crossfire" hosts House Maj. Leader Dick Armey. "Larry King Live" hosts Clinton media adviser Bob Squier, GOP strategist Ed Rollins, Christian Coalition's Ralph Reed and Jeb Bush. PBS: Jim Lehrer anchors a 1 hr. special starting at 10p. C-SPAN: Live coverage starts at 9p. Guests include Dem pollster Harrison Hickman and THE GUARDIAN's Martin Walker. 10p. simulcast of WSVN-Miami. 11p. simulcast of KHOU-Houston. CNBC: "Chris Matthews" hosts Jeb Bush. "Equal Time" hosts GOP strategist Charlie Black.

LAST NIGHT: All nets led with Taiwan. "NewsHour" focused on Super Tuesday with NPR's Elizabeth Arnold, L.A. TIMES' Ron Brownstein and MIAMI HERALD's Tom Fiedler. CNN's "IP" hosted Buchanan chair Bay Buchanan and Dole nat'l chair\NH Gov. Steve Merrill. CNBC's "Chris Matthews" hosted TIME's Cathy Booth, Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL) and U.S.-Cuba Foundation's Louis

Desloge. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted AP's John King. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted CBS' Dan Rather. ABC's "Nightline" examined Whitewater with "Blood Sport" author James Stewart.

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on Pat Buchanan's claim that God is on his campaign's side: "Do you think up in heaven there's a thirty foot wall separating the American people and the Mexican people?" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 3/11). David Letterman is on vacation this week so fax your hot TOP TEN lists to Doug Mintz at (703) 518-8701.

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

"As long as the Independent Counsel investigation continues, a real threat hovers over this presidency."

-- "Blood Sport" author James Stewart, on Whitewater, "Nightline," ABC, 3/11

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ROCK THE VOTE (#1)		SPOTLIGHT	
As MI, OH, IL and WI cast			
ballots, the big question is,		BIG BOW TIE TO FILL	
will Dole lock the nomination?			
A lot depends on whose delegate		Republicans swept every	
tally you use.		IL state office in '94 but	
		has not won a Senate race	

MURDER BY NUMBERS (#6) (#22) | here since '78. That's |

New CA poll brings November		what faces the party in its	
worries for GOP, smiles to the		quest to win the seat of	
WH. But nat'l numbers find		Dem Sen. Paul Simon, who is	
Dole on the rise. Also: A look		leaving after two terms.	
at the character issue.		GOP: LG Bob Kustra, armed	
		with the backing of Gov.	

SHE'S IN AN AMERICAN BAND (#15) | Jim Edgar, leads in the GOP |

Sweet, Sweet Connie Hamzy,		polls. But his campaign	
immortalized by Grand Funk		has been panned by many	
Railroad, mounts an indie bid		critics and his support is	
for the open seat in AR 02.		said to be soft. State	

	Rep. Al Salvi has a strong	
SUSY'S CUE (#20)	pro-life base and may	
Will the carpetbagger label	benefit by bad weather --	
stick to MI GOP chair Susy	but does he suffer from the	
Heintz if she runs against	"Salvi" headlines out of	
House Min. Whip David Bonior in	Boston?	
the 10th CD?	DEM: Rep. Dick Durbin, a	
	downstate unknown when he	
http://PoliticsUSA.com	began the race, has the	
Can't wait for the morning	party establishment and the	
pundits? Get instant Rust	polls in his race vs. the	
Belt primary analysis as the	populist ex-Treas. Pat	
results come sweeping in.	Quinn.	

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

"There's not a damn thing in the Constitution
that says a groupie can't run for Congress."

-- Rock groupie "Sweet Sweet" Connie Hamzy, who is running as
an indie to succeed Rep. Ray Thornton (D-02), AR DEM-GAZETTE,
3/18

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Sen. Paul Simon (D) is only the second IL senator to retire since the 1930s. Who was the other one?

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

*1 RUST BELT: DOES DOLE GO OVER THE TOP OR WAIT ANOTHER WEEK?

Depending on which delegate count you prefer, Bob Dole can either lock up the nomination tonight or come close to locking it up. There are 219 delegates at stake today in MI, OH, IL and WI, and 996 are needed to clinch the nomination. Media reports say Dole has about 782 delegates. But the Dole campaign's own count gives him 718 delegates. Why the difference? According to HOTLINE sources inside the Dole campaign, the campaign's number is lower because it distinguishes between bound delegates (committed to Dole through the first-ballot at the convention) and unbound delegates (likely to go into the Dole column but not yet there). Some media delegate counters apparently combine the two to get the higher number. The distinction is important because, if you go by the much of the media's tally, a Rust Belt sweep would put Dole over the top tonight, while the Dole campaign's count would still have him short. (And able to go over the top next week by saying, "Thank You, California.") Some organizations are putting Steve Forbes delegates into the Dole column. Forbes ended his campaign with 72 delegates. Of those, according to the Forbes aide, 67 are locked in as committed Forbes delegates through the first ballot according to state law (DE, AZ, ND, CO, ME, OR). After the first ballot, those delegates are on their own. Also, Forbes will almost surely hold on to his 2 NH delegates, whom he personally selected (HOTLINE sources, 3/19).

MI: 57 delegates, 16 congressional districts with three delegates each, plus nine statewide. All awarded on proportional basis, but 15% minimum is required to get any delegates statewide or per CD (N.Y. POST, 3/19). The latest DETROIT FREE PRESS poll had Buchanan at 24% among likely MI primary voters (see HOTLINE 3/18). Any registered voter can vote in the GOP primary, regardless of party preference. Voters don't have to make public

declarations of party affiliation. Under header, "Michigan's presidential primary: still another (costly) farce," INSIDE MI POLITICS points out despite a thin GOP field, MI voters still must "go through the mechanics." IMP surmises "there are poor auguries for the GOP no matter what happens [3/19]. Potential outcomes range from further chunks being taken out of Dole's hide all spring long by Pat Buchanan, to more invective being heaped on Buchanan by the GOP establishment to an extent that can only imperil chances the party's deep fissures can be papered over in the general election campaign. Worse, evidence may mount that Dole is one of the most incoherent, uninspiring nominees the party has ever had." As for Buchanan, this year's open primary - in which Tiger Stadium financing is on the ballot but Bill Clinton isn't -- may enable him to "improve his share of the vote, if not score a George Wallace-type breakthrough" (3/11 issue). Gerald Ford endorsed Dole, marking the first time in 20 years Ford has endorsed a GOP pres. primary candidate. Ford: "You and I came very close to winning against Carter and Mondale in 1976. You can win, and I strongly endorse you" (Cole, DETROIT NEWS, 3/19).

IL: 69 delegates, 59 in congressional districts, plus 10 statewide. The district delegates are picked by direct election. Dole is already guaranteed all 10 statewide delegates, who will be picked later (N.Y. POST, 3/19). Dole visited Abraham Lincoln's Springfield tomb 3/17 and rubbed the peeling-bronze nose on a bust of Lincoln for good luck. Flanked at the state capitol by IL's top GO leaders, Dole said with "the proper leadership in the Republican Congress, we can enter the next century with guns blazing" (Scales, BOSTON GLOBE, 3/19). N.Y. TIMES' Apple profiles Dole backer/IL GOP Rep. Henry Hyde's role in fostering GOP unity (3/19).

OH: 67 delegates at stake, 57 winner-take-all in CDs, plus 10 statewide delegates, also winner-take-all (N.Y. POST, 3/19).

WI: 36 delegates, 27 in congressional districts and nine statewide, all winner-take-all (N.Y. POST, 3/19).

MIDWEST BATTLEGROUND: During his "longest campaign days since he left his GOP rivals behind" in SC, Dole made a "long-term investment" in the loyalty of Midwestern voters. "From the content alone of Mr. Dole's speeches during this trip, one would hardly know that these four states are holding primaries today" (Kellman, W. TIMES, 3/19). Dole spokesperson Nelson Warfield: "These Midwestern states will be the battleground. This is where the election will be won or lost" (S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 3/19). In Macomb County, MI, the Reagan Dems "are back in the fold." Lansing pollster Bernie Porn: "They're older and all the debate about Medicare and Medicaid certainly has caused those Reagan Democrats to become even more solidly behind the Democrats" (Goldstein, K.C. STAR, 3/19). IL Gov. Jim Edgar (R): "In Illinois we're going to be much more unified coming out of the primary because we didn't have to go through the primary battle that some other states did earlier. That saved us having to wait a few months while the healing process occurred. We're pretty well healed now" (W. POST, 3/19). OH Dem chair David Leland: "There's no way either one can get elected without carrying the

state of Ohio." Clinton will be in Columbus 3/23 "in the first of what promises to be a regular schedule of campaign events" (Thomma, S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 3/19). No Republican has ever captured the WH without carrying OH.

*2 DOLE: THE ROAD AHEAD

Bob Dole is "poised for another Tuesday night sweep of the primaries. The Republican nomination appears to be cleanly within his grasp" (Goldstein, K.C. STAR, 3/19). CNN's Crowley: "All the polls indicate Bob Dole will crush Buchanan in all four of [today's] races" ("IP," 3/18). ABC's Crier: "Today could be the clincher" ("GMA," 3/19). The "contest is now shaping up as a warm-up to November's main event" (Sandalow, S.F. CHRON., 3/19).

A MAN FROM RUSSELL: Dole is scheduled to spend the rest of the week on Senate business (Scales, BOSTON GLOBE, 3/19). The Dole camp "has quietly begun panning a possible stop in Dole's home town" of Russell, KS, on 3/25 "to celebrate." A "Dole aide": "He's always said he intended to return home once he had the nomination" (Orin/Birnbaum, N.Y. POST, 3/19).

CONCENTRATING ON CLINTON: Dole "made his strongest challenge yet" for Pres. Clinton to resume negotiations over a balanced budget, welfare changes and tax cuts (Gray, N.Y. TIMES, 3/19). NPR's Wertheimer: "Dole is now focused squarely on his general election campaign against President Clinton." Dole: "It's going to be a tough race. Don't believe the polls. They don't mean anything in March. We're talking about an election in November, not March." NPR's Arnold: "In the months ahead, he'll run on his performance in Congress, presenting himself as a leader who gets results" (3/18). U.S. NEWS' Gloria Borger: "The inclination of both of these men is to get something done. The truth of matter is though I don't even think their top advisers know what they're going to do. ... If Bill Clinton and Bob Dole end up at loggerheads for the next five months, it's not going to be good for either one of them or for the country" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 3/18). WH aides said Clinton will meet 3/20 with Dole and Speaker Newt Gingrich "to discuss several issues, including the budget impasse. However, they said the scheduling of the meeting did not signal a breakthrough in the budget talks" (Sanger, N.Y. TIMES, 3/19).

*3 VEEPSTAKES: EDGAR AND ENGLER DENY VP COURTSHIP

Appearing with Bob Dole in Grand Rapids, MI Gov. John Engler "again denied ... that he's campaigning to be Dole's running mate": "There's a luxury of talent in the Republican Party" (Cole, DETROIT NEWS, 3/19). At the Grand Rapids airport, Dole "was caught off guard" by reporters "who wanted to know about an alleged rift" with Engler, "who some within the Dole campaign have criticized for angling too much" for the VP spot. Asked if there was "trouble" between himself and Engler, Dole responded: "Unless you're trying to stir up some. I hope not" (Scales, BOSTON GLOBE, 3/19).

POWELL TALK: Clarence Page writes he'd like to see Colin Powell on the ticket: "I would like to see white America puts its money where its mouth is at last. ... Polls show overwhelming

numbers of white people are eager to vote for him, but pollsters have learned the hard way that many white voters will lie about their preferences in racially sensitive elections. ... I would like to see Mr. Powell run because I think he would be a terrific unifier of the races at a time when our national politics have grown dangerously divisive" (Balto. SUN, 3/19). William F. Buckley: "The primary qualification for a vice presidential selection is: Will he substantially enhance the probability of the election of the presidential candidate? On the matter of retired Army Gen. Powell, the answer to that question, at this reading, is yes" (W. TIMES, 3/19). SUN editorial: "The dirty little secret shared between the Republican fraternity and the press is that neither wants the Kansas senator to come to an early decision. With the nomination locked up, what is there other than the veepstakes that can generate interest?" (3/19).

*4 BUCHANAN: CALLS ON HIS SUPPORTERS TO PULL OFF A "SHOCKER"

Saying Michigan "may have a little surprise in store," Pat Buchanan "urged voters to give him an upset victory" today. Buchanan, to a "cheering crowd" of about 800 in Taylor, MI: "Come out and give me a shocker of a victory. We can shock them here ... and maybe we can pull off a victory in California." Buchanan mentioned Bob Dole "only briefly, lumping him with President Clinton as part of the 'hollow' Washington establishment." Buchanan "saved most of his fire for Clinton, whom he called 'shameless' for changing positions on school prayer, balancing the budget and other issues." He "left little doubt" he will continue his campaign even if, as polls suggest, Dole sweeps today's primaries (Willing, DETROIT NEWS, 3/19). CNN's Crowley: "Buchanan began his pre-primary day in Milwaukee at a cement plant, an apt metaphor for a guy who isn't budging. ... Buchanan's emphasis on the loss of American jobs overseas has not had the staying power he had hoped to find in the industrial Midwest" (3/18). He has been "positively Churchillian in his refusal to give up, but he no longer talks of winning any of the Rust Belt states that once looked inviting to him. ... At this point, Buchanan is just keeping his movement alive" (Wilkie, BOSTON GLOBE, 3/19). NPR's Arnold: "Buchanan ... is simply trying to win enough votes to stay in the headlines" (3/19).

A HARD LINE: Govs. John Engler (MI) and Tommy Thompson (WI), two "leading candidates" to be Dole's VP, urged Dole to "take a hard line" on Buchanan. Engler: "Twenty things are more important at the convention than whether Pat Buchanan speaks." Thompson said Buchanan "needs to recognize his home is in the Republican Party and not in a splinter group or with [Ross] Perot" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 3/19).

FORBES-LIKE ADS: Buchanan "has been running a Steve Forbes-sized ad blitz aimed at union workers in the Midwest." In MI, ads have "aired often enough to guarantee that every TV viewer has seen the ads at least three times in a week," according to campaign media buyer Carolyn Melby. The cost is a reported \$130,000. One ad has Buchanan criticizing "trade deals that sell out American workers." Another "ridicules" Dole for saying he didn't realize jobs and trade would be campaign issues, asking,

"Bob, where have you been?" (Moore, USA TODAY, 3/19).

INCREDIBLE SHRINKING CONSTITUENCY: L.A. TIMES' Braun writes the "vein of blue-collar vulnerability" Buchanan hoped to mine in the Midwest is "submerged and hard to exploit." His "predicted poor showing among working voters" in IL, OH and WI "would only continue his string of primary losses. But devastation in Michigan ... would be a telling blow to Buchanan's attempt to bring laborers into his populist cause, leaving only abortion foes and bitter patriots as his shrunken constituency." UAW spokesperson Frank Joyce voiced the blue-collar skepticism: "Michigan workers have seen a lot of wolves dressed in union hats. Since when does Buchanan suddenly believe in the right to strike?" Thus, Buchanan's brigades "appear to be dwindling more and more," increasing the visibility of members of the "right-wing paramilitary group," the Michigan Militia (3/19).

THIRD WAY HARDER THAN EXPECTED: Little known "sore loser" laws could keep Buchanan from launching a serious independent bid in the fall if he does not win the GOP nod. Five states -- accounting for 86 of the 538 votes in the electoral college -- prohibit pres. candidates who have lost in a primary from running in the general. As a result, Buchanan could not be on the ballot in TX, PA, OH, MS and ND. Another 10 states -- worth 55 electoral votes -- "have laws that may apply" to pres. primary contenders (Kennedy, N.Y. POST, 3/19).

***5 CLINTON: ANGERS TWO KEY SENATE ALLIES WITH VETO THREAT**

Two of Pres. Clinton's "most loyal Senate Democratic allies" -- Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-CT), the head of the Dem Leadership Council, and Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), who will appear on the ballot with Clinton in WV this fall -- responded angrily to Clinton's weekend threat to veto the House-Senate compromise of a bill that limits damage awards in product-liability cases (see **HOTLINE** 3/18). The two gave an "unusually harsh accusation" to the pres., saying Clinton was "rewarding" the trial lawyers who are "bankrolling his re-election bid" (Hosler, Balto. SUN, 3/19). Rockefeller: "Unfortunately, special interests and raw political considerations in the White House have overridden sound policy judgment." He added that Clinton's decision "was not surprising in light of 'where he gets his support'" (W. TIMES, 3/19). The bill is what's left of a watered-down tort reform initiative spawned from the House GOP's Contract With America. Both Dems said Clinton once supported the bill's limits years ago as a governor. They agreed that a veto-override was unlikely. WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry: "The President, in a very principled way, says that consumers deserve better protections than this bill affords. ... Political contributions have flowed on both sides of this issue -- to both parties" (SUN, 3/19). W. POST editorial: "The decision is a terrible one. ... The president's decision to capitulate to their [trial lawyers'] pressure is transparent, shortsighted and wrong" (3/19). W. TIMES' Nevans notes its not just the trial lawyers who favor Clinton's position. By arguing on states' rights grounds, Clinton "also is responding to pressure from judges across the country, the national Conference of Legislatures" and the chair of the

Libertarian Cato Institute (3/19).

***6 CALIFORNIA: CLINTON STRONG; WILSON OFFERS NO HELP FOR DOLE**

(165 delegates, winner-take-all primary, 3/26): An L.A.

TIMES poll, conducted 3/13-17, surveyed 1,337 CA adults; margin

of error +/- 3%. Subsamples: 1,071 registered voters, +/- 3%;

247 likely GOP primary voters, +/- 6% (3/19).

(Among GOPers)

GOP PRIMARY WOULD YOU BE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR BUCHANAN

Dole 52% IF HE RAN AS THIRD-PARTY CAND. IN FALL?

Buchanan 18 Likely 15%

DK/other 30 Unlikely 82

(Among RVs)

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

Clinton 58% Clinton/Gore 52% Clinton/Gore 60%

Dole 37 Dole/Powell 42 Dole/Wilson 36

Clinton 52% Clinton (D) 47%

Dole 30 Dole (R) 31

Perot 15 Perot (Reform) 12

Nader (Green) 7

GENERIC HOUSE VOTE CLINTON JOB

Democrat 50% Approve 57%

Republican 40 Disapprove 39

WHO HAS THE BEST IDEAS FOR HANDLING: CLINTON DOLE

Environment 59% 24

Affirmative action 50 29

Foreign affairs 47 34

Economy 45 34

Taxes 42 38

Balanced budget 38 37

Illegal immigration 35 30

(among all)

**CCRI BALLOT INITIATIVE TO PROHIBIT USE OF RACE, SEX, COLOR OR
ORIGIN FOR DISCRIMINATION OR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT?**

Favor 66%

Oppose 22

IF CLINTON OPPOSES CCRI ... TAX SYSTEM PREFERENCE

More likely to vote for him 8% Graduated tax 47%

Less likely to vote for him 16 Flat tax 44

No difference 68

ANALYSIS: Bob Dole's prospects are "hardly rosy," as he is trailing Clinton even with Colin Powell as a part of his ticket. Even on affirmative action, where CA voters are "closer to Dole's position than Clinton's," respondents chose Clinton as the best candidate to handle that issue. Clinton's popularity "seems to

be sheathed in Teflon for the moment, with his unpopular stands on two controversial [CA] issues raising barely a ripple of discontent." For example, while Clinton opposes Prop. 187 to curb state services to illegal immigrants, he still leads among those who characterize 187 as a "good idea." In addition, 68% said Clinton's position on CCRI would make no difference on their voting decision. In the GOP primary race, Dole "appears to triumph" on Buchanan's negatives "and on his own stature as a bulwark" of the GOP establishment. Women GOP voters went "overwhelmingly to Dole." But in the general election race, women "transferred their allegiance to Clinton" (Decker, L.A. TIMES, 3/19).

*7 PEROT: WAITING FOR THE SECOND COMING OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

"Here is the latest word on Ross Perot: he is now officially running for president, but this does not mean he is really running for president. At least, not yet." Organizers of Perot's Reform Party have announced that the Dallas billionaire will allow his name to be entered as an independent candidate on petitions being circulated in FL and TX to get on the ballot this November. However, Reform Party spokespeople say Perot is only "acting as a stand in for that magical nominee." Attempting a "maneuver that would be unparalleled" in pres. politics, Perot says he plans to step aside and have the Reform Party's candidate of choice -- to be settled on at a "high-tech convention" around Labor Day -- substituted for the "Ross Perot" line on the ballot. Many people who follow Perot took the announcement "as simply the strongest sign yet that he plans to run again." UVA's Larry Sabato: "All signs point to another Perot candidacy. He's spending millions of dollars of his own money to buy the newest shiniest fire engine. And when that engine gets to the fire, can anyone imagine anyone else in the cab other than Ross Perot." Reform Party spokesperson Russ Verney said Perot "was allowing his name to be used as an independent candidate only in those states where the Reform Party was encountering difficulty in securing a separate spot on the ballot." In many of those states, required signatures to place an indie candidate on the ballot are significantly less than for a new party (Verhovek, N.Y. TIMES, 3/19).

ALBAT-ROSS: "Perot has been quietly busy launching a new party that could spoil the GOP's White House bid this fall." Pew Research's Andrew Kohut: "The disposition to vote for an independent candidate is higher than it has ever been in the past" (Shepard, COX/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 3/19). Dole, hoping that Perot will stay out of the race: "All these things that Perot raised when he ran, nearly all have been addressed. ... We've tried to satisfy many of the concerns he raised last time, like lobbying reforms that passed, gift ban reforms which passed the House and Senate" (CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 3/19). GOP pollster Vince Breglio, on Perot: "He's been to the dance floor before ... and if he couldn't get his card filled then, it's a lot less likely he'd do it now. This is going to be a high-intensity clear contest" between Dole and Clinton "with clear battle lines" and Perot "would be lucky to get more than 10% of the vote" (W.S.

JOURNAL, 3/19).

PROGRESS REPORT: The Reform Party has qualified in five states, has legal challenges pending in three others, and is seeking to qualify in the remaining states "later this spring and summer" (CONSTITUTION, 3/19).

CATCH THE FEVER: Perot will appear on CNN's "Larry King Live" 3/22 and will deliver a "major speech" at the Rotary Club in Philadelphia 3/27.

***8 WEICKER: SAYS A DECISION COULD COME NEXT WEEK**

Lowell Weicker said 3/18 that "he is still considering an independent bid for the presidency, and could make a decision as soon as next week. Weicker adviser Thomas D'Amore: "My perception is anything's possible where he's concerned. ... He has said he enjoys having his life back, but he has spent almost his entire career in public service. If he saw an opportunity to serve again, my sense is he'd probably do it." D'Amore said running for the Reform Party nomination would be "an option for Weicker," but so, too, would be a "truly independent effort, free from party affiliation" (Canellos, BOSTON GLOBE, 3/19).

***9 GAY VOTE: HIGH PROFILE ISSUES GALVANIZE SUPPORT FOR CLINTON**

Last summer's "uproar" over Bob Dole's acceptance -- and then rejection -- of a contribution from the gay Log Cabin Republican group "marked a dubious distinction" for the lesbian and gay rights movement: "Never before had a front-page controversy over gay issues erupted so early in a presidential campaign." Gay rights issues "have continued to bubble into public view" during the early GOP primaries, as most candidates signed a pledge opposing same-sex marriages. And Pat Buchanan's continuing campaign is "likely to keep both abortion and homosexuality at the forefront of the Republican debate through the convention in August." Moreover, as a result of CO's "anti-gay" constitutional amendment and HI's gay marriage case, activists on both sides of the debate expect the issue to "remain volatile through the fall election campaign." Gay and lesbian leaders claim Pres. Clinton's response "could determine whether he retains solid support in the gay community. They warn that if he equivocates in a bid to appeal to swing voters, he could lose significant gay support particularly because many in the gay community already feel that he betrayed them by his failure to make good on his 1992 campaign pledge to lift the ban on gays in the military." S.F. Supervisor Tom Ammiano: "Clinton is not in danger of losing votes to the Republican candidate, but he is in danger of having people stay home." Exit polls showed more than two-thirds of self-identified gays voted for Clinton in '92. Gay leaders note enthusiasm for Clinton has "waned" since then. Clinton "angered many not only over the gays-in-the-military fight but also over his perceived failure to appoint an aggressive 'AIDS czar'" and the Justice Dept.'s refusal to oppose the CO amendment (Tuller, S.F. CHRONICLE, 3/19). Human Rights Campaign Fund exec. dir. Elizabeth Birch: "I see a lot of forgiving hearts and people quite terrified of the alternative. ... The larger issue is that after the most profound

conservative sweep in 1994, many Americans now conclude the Republican Party is not just mean-spirited but is failing to provide moral leadership." Birch added that if "Buchanan stays in the race and Dole fails to actively oppose discrimination against gays and lesbians," gay support for Clinton in '96 "may outpace the '92 election" (Robles, DETROIT FREE PRESS, 3/16).

*10 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

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|TUES 3/19| WED 3/20|THUR 3/21| FRI 3/22| SAT 3/23
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DOLE      | | | | |
          | DC | DC | DC | CA | CA
202-414-6400| | | | |
          ===== SENATE WATCH =====

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*11 ILLINOIS: DURBIN, KUSTRA LEAD; BAD WEATHER COULD HELP SALVI

Rep. Dick Durbin (D-20) and LG Bob Kustra (R), the party frontrunners to succeed retiring Sen. Paul Simon (D), campaigned with their sponsors 3/18 in a last-chance bid for votes. Simon, stumping in Chicago, said Durbin "fights for working men and women." Gov. Jim Edgar (R): "We need a Republican who knows Illinois. Bob Kustra fills the bill." Kustra's main challenger for the GOP nomination, conservative state Rep. Al Salvi, said that "he alone could be trusted to hold the line on taxes." And Durbin's leading Dem foe, ex-Treas. Pat Quinn, "renewed his claim that he was the only candidate willing to fight special interests." Though Durbin and Kustra lead in the polls, "politicians said the possibility of a light primary turnout made predictions perilous." The "blustery winter weather" forecast was a "possible encouragement" for Salvi, who was "pinning his hopes on support from anti-abortion forces and other conservative activists regarded as more likely to go to the polls in rough weather" (Robinson, AP, 3/18). CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Spector & Fegelman note that the weather "could mute turnout and give an edge to candidates with the best field organizations or ties to the political establishment" (3/19). Other GOPers: Robert Marshall, Martin Gallagher and Wayne Kurzeja. Other Dems: p.r. exec. Ron Gibbs, businessman Paul Park and Jalil Ahmad.

THEY'RE NOT WAITING: NRSC release header: "Durbin Liberal Tax and Spending Record Will be Bullseye for GOP" (3/18).

*12 MAINE: FIELD TO SUCCEED COHEN SET AT EIGHT

As the ME filing deadline passed 3/15, the major-party field to succeed retiring Sen. Bill Cohen (R) is set at eight. The GOP candidates -- '94 gov. nominee Susan Collins, state Sen. John Hathaway and ski-resort mogul/'76 nominee Robert Monks -- "are already working hard to define their images and establish their messages." Collins "continues to maintain high visibility and

name recognition with voters." Monks "has already demonstrated his financial advantage by being the first GOP candidate on the air with a smooth commercial" that essentially credits him with the success of renewing Portland's historic Old Port district. He "undoubtedly has one of the most competent and professional campaign staffs ever assembled in state politics." Hathaway is a construction contractor "making friends as he campaigns across the state." Collins: "I'm running against two multi-millionaires who can self-finance their campaigns. I realize that I'm going to be outspent." The Dem side consists of ex-Gov. Joe Brennan, state Sen. Sean Faircloth, journalist Jean Hay, businessman Jerald Leonard and atty Dick Spencer. Brennan "continues to hang onto his image as front-runner despite loud protests from some leaders of his own party" and faces a "serious challenge" from Spencer. Spencer's "personal wealth has allowed him to get out in front campaigning with television ads." Spencer "has a soft-spoken manner in delivering his message of self-reliance for Maine people in the regional economy" (Higgins, BANGOR DAILY NEWS, 3/17). Primary: 6/11.

SPENCER AD: Text -- 30 sec. "New Beginnings": Anncr: "He's worked in education. He's protected our outdoor heritage. He's created jobs in Maine. Dick Spencer is focusing on Maine's future." Spencer: "If you agree with me that we need a strategy to create jobs across this state, if we need to protect our outdoor heritage, and if we need to provide the best possible education for our children, then I hope you will contact my campaign with your ideas. Because I want to take Maine values and Maine priorities to the U.S. Senate" (release, 3/18).

***13 MONTANA: BORCHERDT JOINS GOP FIELD TO TAKE ON BAUCUS**

Bozeman businessman Ed Borchardt (R) filed for the GOP nomination, challenging LG Dennis Rehberg (R) for the right to take on Sen. Max Baucus (D). Borchardt, 65, "renewed his criticism" of Rehberg, calling him "too young and inexperienced" for the Senate: "If you're 40 years old, what have you done? Where have you worked? What have you accomplished? I'd like to know what jobs he's had." Borchardt is a "political unknown" in MT, and in fact moved back to the state only last year after spending 38 years in CA. Rehberg, referring to Borchardt's "nearly four decades living elsewhere," said "[mine] is a life of Montana experience." Borchardt called Baucus an "ineffective lawmaker who frequently changes his positions on major issues" and insisted that polls show he is the "only Republican" who can win in November (AP/BILLINGS GAZETTE, 3/15). Other possibles: '90 GOP primary cand. John Domenech (R), '94 Dem primary cand. Becky Shaw (I). Filing deadline: 3/21. Primary: 6/4.

***14 NEBRASKA: HAGEL POLL HAS HIM (SURPRISE!) WITH THE LEAD**

A poll conducted 3/13-14 for businessman Chuck Hagel (R) by Public Opinion Strategies surveyed 400 likely GOP primary voters; margin of error: +/-4.9% (release, 3/15). Tested: Hagel and AG Don Stenberg (R). Primary: 5/14.

GOP PRIMARY (w/leaners) FAV/UNFAV ID

Hagel	43%	54%/ 3%	80%
Stenberg	34	46 /21	90
Undecided	23		

The Hagel and Stenberg campaigns "disagreed ... on the significance" of the poll, which is "typically ... used to boost fund-raising and often are distributed to potential contributors." Hagel: "This shows that my positive, issues-oriented message is resonating with Republican voters all over the state" (OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 3/19). Stenberg mgr. Steve Thomlison called the poll "phony as a three dollar bill": "As Mr. Hagel said when we released our poll ... any candidate that pays for a poll and releases it has a poll that shows him ahead" (Lincoln JOURNAL STAR, 3/17). Stenberg's 1/96 poll showed him leading Hagel 50-12%, with Stenberg's ID at 89% and Hagel's at 42% (Hagel release, 3/16). Likely Dem nominee: Gov. Ben Nelson. Possible: ex-Kerrey aide/'90 Dem gov. primary cand. Bill Hoppner (I). Sen. James Exon (D) is retiring.

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

*15 AR 02: "SWEET, SWEET CONNIE" HOPES TO RUN AS AN INDIE

Connie Hamzy, a "self-described rock 'n' roll groupie," is collecting 2,000 signatures to make it on the ballot as an independent in the race to succeed Rep. Ray Thornton (D). Her campaign slogan: "I'm Not a Lawyer." Hamzy's "fame stems partly from being immortalized as 'Sweet, Sweet Connie' in the Grand Funk Railroad tune 'American Band.' The song was a No. 1 hit in 1973." Hamzy says "she resents those who refuse to see her as a viable candidate": "There's not a damn thing in the Constitution that says a groupie can't run for Congress." Hamzy claims she "seduced" then-Gov. Bill Clinton "in the mid-1980s." Campaigning in a park where she was cited in '94 for disorderly conduct for wearing a thong bikini, Hamzy said "she plans to focus her campaign on issues like employment, abortion, marijuana legalization and lawyers." Hamzy offered "beer and food to passers-by in the park" and said that she has been busy collecting signatures -- about 200 so far -- while "working at a mixed bag of part-time jobs." Hamzy: "If there's anything I can tell anybody about running for Congress, it's that this has been so easy. Everybody has been helpful. I think everybody should run once, and get involved" (Kordsmeier, AR DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 3/18). Dems: Little Rock prosecuting atty Mark Stodola, ex-Pryor aide John Edwards, and physician/state Sen. Vic Snyder. GOPers: ex-AR GOP chair Ken Coon, atty/businessman Bud Cummins, consultant Jim Klote, ex-U.S. marshal Don Melton, ex-radio show host Bill Powell, and paramedic Ronnie Stephenson. Filing deadline: 4/2. Primary: 5/21.

*16 CA 01: DEMS SUFFER AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES

A crowded field of five Dems are vying in the 3/26 primary, with the winner to face Rep. Frank Riggs (R). CA Dem regional dir. Roberta Howell: "We never expected this. We had hoped that we would have an uncontested race so that we could save money for the general." To some observers, the Dem race has "turned into a

divisive free-for-all that may hurt the party's chances in the fall." Others say it is a "two-way battle" between "party insider" Monica Marvin and "newcomer" Michela Alioto, who is the granddaughter of ex-S.F. Mayor Joe Alioto. Both are spending "hundreds of thousands of dollars" on TV ads and direct mail. The Marvin campaign recently unveiled the first "negative" ad of the campaign, featuring a moving van crossing the Golden Gate Bridge alongside still-photos of Alioto and Carol Ruth Silver (D): "They're coming from San Francisco in a moving van. Carol Ruth Silver and Michela Alioto, San Francisco politicians, lived there and never voted here. Now they want to represent us in Congress. We don't need outside candidates." Alioto mgr. Tom Pier: "Whenever I see someone putting up a negative advertisement, I see that as a pretty clear indication that someone is far behind in the polls." Alioto, an ex-policy adviser to VP Gore, has been running ads in which she pledges to "take on" Speaker Newt Gingrich. Other ads show Alioto with blue collar workers, seniors and children. According to Dennis Chuning (D), whose "low budget" campaign does not include TV ads, Alioto and Marvin "are going to divide that piece of the pie of Democrats who are content with the status quo." Chuning has the backing of ex-Gov. Jerry Brown and has based his campaign on the repeal of NAFTA and GATT. Silver, a former S.F. supervisor, unveiled a new ad in which she compares her public service record with the other candidates. Arcata engineer Bill Burton (D) has campaigned for mass transit and filmed a "bare bones" TV spot. Because air time on North Coast TV is "relatively inexpensive," many viewers are seeing cand. ads in prime time. Marvin has "most of the key endorsements" including a recent nod from the Nat'l Women's Political Caucus (Doyle, S.F. CHRONICLE, 3/18).

*17 GA 10: NORWOOD GETS A CHALLENGER

Citing the "meanness and extremism" of the GOP Congress as his "main reason" for running, atty David Bell (D) announced his candidacy to take on frosh Rep. Charles Norwood (R). Bell "cited GOP policy on Medicare ... as an example of extreme policy" and accused Norwood "of being part of it by voting for the plan." Bell: "He has been a rubber stamp for Newt Gingrich. He has voted for him 100 percent of the time." Norwood "had a sharp response to those comments": "Anyone who says [that] is obviously being told what to say by Bill Clinton. But that's what you would expect from someone who gave money to [Dem Rep.] Cynthia McKinney" (Crenshaw, Dublin COURIER HERALD, 3/15). Filing deadline: 4/26. Primary: 7/16.

*18 IL 20: ENDORSEMENTS IN TODAY'S PRIMARY

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH endorses state Rep. Jay Hoffman in the Dem primary to succeed Senate cand. Dick Durbin (D): "[Hoffman] is a flawed candidate, but ... he says providing education funding to public schools is as important as fighting crime. ... [Sam Cahnman] has superior positions on several issues, favoring abortion rights and opposing the Contract With America. But his campaign has been most notable for a frantic fax machine and attacks on Mr. Hoffman." On the GOP side, the

POST-DISPATCH supports Sangamon Co. Court Clerk Carl Oblinger, who "emphasizes his sensitivity to the concerns of seniors. He also believes in abortion rights." The "leading" GOP cand. is Madison Co. Treas. John Shimkus, "but there isn't a dime's worth of difference between him and Speaker Newt Gingrich." The "most conservative" is '94 Durbin opponent Bill Owens. But Owens, a "self-described 'patriotic constitutionalist' believes in 'putting America first,' abolishing foreign aid and shutting down the IRS. Illinois voters should shun his extremism" (3/18).

***19 ME 01: DEMS VIE TO TAKE ON LONGLEY**

State Sen. Dale McCormick (D) and ex-Portland councilor Tom Allen (D) are running for the right to face frosh Rep. Jim Longley (R), who is unopposed for renomination. PORTLAND PRESS HERALD's Campbell reports that McCormick, a pro-choice woman who is openly gay, "has emerged as one of the best-funded candidates for Congress in the country, thanks to the national support she has received from women and gay-rights activists." As of last week, McCormick had a "formidable financial edge" over Allen. Her "successful fund-raising efforts could pose a serious threat to Allen, who had been viewed as the early front-runner to challenge Longley. McCormick said she will spend about half her money on television advertising." Allen said "he is confident that his fundraising will pick up over the next month," while McCormick said "her financial strength shows that her campaign is on the move." McCormick: "We've gotten a lot of momentum from our good fundraising." However, McCormick "could face a backlash from voters concerned with the amount of money she has raised and her dependence on out-of-state donations," which amount to nearly 80% of what she has raised. Allen, who has raised more in-state money than McCormick, said, "The potential problem is that a candidate would pay more attention to their out-of-state financial contributors than their in-state constituents. ... Campaigns are too costly, they require candidates to spend too much time raising money and not enough [time] raising issues" (3/17). Primary: 6/11.

***20 MI 10: HEINTZ TO ANSWER CALL FOR HIGH-PROFILE CHALLENGER**

MI GOP chair Susy Heintz "is considering a challenge" to House Min. Whip David Bonior (D), who is running for his 11th term. Heintz: "At the end of the week I'm going away for several days to consider running for the seat. I want to give it some serious thought." Heintz "said she would move into the district" -- which covers both Macomb Co. and St. Clair Co. -- if she decides to run. Heintz "dismisses talk that she would be regarded as a 'carpetbagger'" if she ran: "I graduated from Mt. Clemens high school and my father was mayor of Mt. Clemens for eight years during the '70s. That was my hometown." Heintz, who has "made no secret of her dislike of Bonior," said she would make a "final decision" within two weeks. When elected party chair in '95, Heintz "lashed out at Bonior with a vengeance," referring to Bonior as "a 'whiny, wacky, wimpy, wasteful, worn-out, washed-up, windbag whip.'" In 4/95, Heintz "hatched a 'Bounce Bonior' campaign to unseat him," passing out hundreds of

"little red balls to get the message across." But the GOP "has discovered in past elections that Bonior is no easy target," in part because he "routinely assembles \$1 million-plus campaign war chests" (Cain, DETROIT NEWS, 3/19). Announced GOPers: newspaper exec. Marlene Kler and ex-state Rep. Gil Dinello. Filing: 5/13. Primary: 8/6.

PAT AND DAVID: While "on most issues Pat Buchanan is as close to" Bonior as "Key West is to Escanaba," both Buchanan and Bonior can "play to the changing political climate" of Macomb Co. Analyst Adolph Mongo: "Macomb voters like politicians to stand for what they believe in, no matter what extreme. The bottom line in Macomb County is if you talk America, apple pie and loving your country, voters will like you." In this district, "David is Goliath." Ex-MI GOP chair Dave Doyle: "Bonior talks a good game and we have not done a good job of providing an alternative. He's vulnerable, especially this year with his high profile opposition of Republican leaders at every turn" (Savitskie, DETROIT NEWS, 3/18).

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

***21 UTAH GOVERNOR: DEMS RESCUED BY LAST-MINUTE CANDIDATE**

Ex-Salt Lake Co. Commis. Jim Bradley (D) "became Utah Democrats' face-saver" by filing to take on popular Gov. Mike Leavitt (R) and "preventing an embarrassing forfeit in the state's top elected post." Bradley: "I decided, what the heck, it needs to be done." SALT LAKE TRIBUNE's Harrie notes that the "history of former Salt Lake County commissioners seeking higher office is bleak -- none have succeeded. On top of that, Leavitt has a towering popularity rating and is amassing a huge campaign fund that give him the sheen of a sure winner." Still Bradley's entry was good news for UT Dem chair Mike Zuhl, who said, "I'm feeling quite relieved" (3/19). Dems had been having trouble finding a challenger to Leavitt, "whose appeal in the polls is almost astronomical. Indeed, his approval rating among Utah voters is hovering between 80 percent and 90 percent." Bradley dismissed Leavitt's numbers: "Anybody can look good in a good economy." Dems had tried to recruit former UT first lady Norma Matheson, ex-state Sen. Karl Swan and atty Pat Shea; the latter "accepted a similar political kamikaze mission two years ago in a last-minute challenge" of GOP Sen. Orrin Hatch (AP, 3/18). Before Bradley signed on, Dems were facing the prospect of having perennial cand. Byron Marchant as their nominee. And it wasn't for a lack of trying, according to UT Dem vice chair Fae Beck: "If you haven't been asked to run for governor yet it's because your line was busy or your kids forgot to give you the message" (Rosebrock, DESERET NEWS, 3/17). Other GOPer: radio talk-show host S.P. Romney. Primary: 6/25.

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

***22 CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP: POWELL MAKES IT A DEAD HEAT**

1,088 adults surveyed 3/15-17; margin of error +/- 3%.
Subsamples: 865 registered voters, +/- 4%; 474 registered GOPers,

+/- 5% (3/18).

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS (among RVs w/lnrs)

NOW 2/23-25 3-WAYS

Clinton	54%	56%	Clinton	46%	Clinton	50%
Dole	42	40	Dole	36	Dole	35
		Perot	16	Buchanan (I)	12	

W/VEEPS NOW 3/8-10 GOP DEM IND

Clinton/Gore	49%	51%	11%	83%	54%
Dole/Powell	48	47	87	16	40

EFFECT OF POWELL ON DOLE TICKET

More likely to vote for Dole 54%

Less likely to vote for Dole 20

No difference (vol.) 24

(AMONG ALL)

CLINTON JOB NOW 2/23-25 CLINTON RE-ELECT NOW 1/12-15

Approve	52%	53%	Re-elect	51%	45%
Disapprove	39	40	Replace	44	52

DOLE JOB

Approve 57%

Disapprove 31

(AMONG GOPers)

SHOULD BUCHANAN STAY IN RACE? SHOULD BUCHANAN RUN AS INDIE?

Yes	26%	ALL	GOP	DEM	IND
No	70	Yes	20%	19%	19% 21%
		No	73	77	73 69

SHOULD THE FOLLOWING BE INCLUDED IN GOP PLATFORM? YES NO

Raising tariffs	56%	40%
Abortion ban	42	55
End to legal immigration for 5 years	59	39
Reduction in foreign aid	73	25
Term limits for federal judges	73	25
Withdrawal of U.S troops from Bosnia	63	24

DOLE'S CHOICE OF A PRO-CHOICE VP WOULD MAKE YOU...

More likely to vote for him 44%

Less likely to vote for him 29

Wouldn't make a difference (vol.) 25

(AMONG ALL)

ON ABORTION, DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF ...

NOW 9/95

Pro-choice	56%	56%
Pro-life	37	33

(AMONG ALL)

WHO DO YOU TRUST TO HANDLING THE FOLLOWING?

CLINTON GOPers

NOW 2/95 NOW 2/95

Economy	44%	39%	45%	51%
Budg. deficit	40	32	43	52
Taxes	43	37	45	50
Crime	42	40	42	44
Welfare	46	39	44	51

CLINTON ECONOMIC POLICIES A SUCCESS OR A FAILURE?

Success	43%
Failure	39
Some of both (vol.)	10

WHITEWATER ALLEGATIONS ARE ...

Not related to Clinton's ability to serve as pres.	56%
Important indicators of Clinton's character and ability to serve as president	40

SHOULD SENATE WHITEWATER CMTE BE EXTENDED?

Yes	41%
No	55

*23 ABC/W.POST: DOLE NARROWS THE GAP

1,512 adults, surveyed 3/14-17 by Chilton Research; margin of error +/- 3% (ABC release, 3/18).

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS

	NOW	3/10	NOW	
Clinton	52%	56%	Clinton/Gore	48%
Dole	43	39	Dole/Powell	48
	% SAYING YES			

QUALITIES THAT BETTER DESCRIBE CLINTON CLINTON DOLE

Has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as pres.	65%	54%
Has a vision for the future of the country	64	57
Has new ideas	55	47
Understands problems of people like you	55	39
Thinks like you on important issues	48	40

QUALITIES THAT BETTER DESCRIBE DOLE

Has high personal moral/ethical standards	44%	72%
Stands up for what he believes in	60	68
Is honest and trustworthy	44	57

QUALITIES IN WHICH NEITHER HAS ADVANTAGE

Has right kind of experience to be pres.	64%	62%
Can be trusted in a crisis	56	52
Is a strong leader	50	53
Can get things done	50	52

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

*24 THIS MORNING: NBC's "Today" hosted MS AG Mike Moore (D) and Marilyn Quayle. "CBS This Morning" hosted Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA). "FOX Morning News" hosted OMB Dir. Alice Rivlin, "Blood Sport" author James Stewart, frosh Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA), GOP

strategist Ed Rogers, Dem consultant Victor Kamber and U.S. NEWS' Susan Dentzer.

PRIMARY COVERAGE: ABC -- Update on "Nightline" at 11:35p. CBS -- 8p. results crawl; 8:20p. two minute update by Dan Rather; 9p. crawl, and 11:01p. Rather update. NBC -- Two break-ins scheduled during prime time, update at 10p. on "Dateline." CNN -- Live hourly break-ins starting at 7p by Frank Sesno. Prime time coverage starts at 7:30p. Special edition of "IP Extra" at 10:30p. with Sesno, and a late night wrap-up on the 1a. edition of "IP." PBS -- Special "Newshour" coverage from 10-11p. C-SPAN -- Primary coverage from 9-11:30p. Guests include U.S. NEWS' Steve Roberts. At 11p., simulcast of WBBM-Chicago's coverage.

LAST NIGHT: "NewsHour" led with the GM strike. ABC led with the conviction of John Salvi. NBC and CBS led with tobacco. CNN led with a fire in a Manila disco. "NewsHour" focused on the politics of economic insecurity with GOP pollster Linda DiVall and Dem pollster Stan Greenberg. CNN's "Inside Politics" and CNBC's "Chris Matthews" also hosted Stewart. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted RNC chair Haley Barbour and Ralph Nader. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted U.S. NEWS' Gloria Borger. ABC's "Nightline" examined FDA reform.

LAUGHS: David Letterman, on Bob Dole: "He is so confident that, according to his campaign manager, Bob Dole, sometime in the middle of next week is actually scheduled to smile." Letterman, on Clinton's '96 strategy: "He's just gonna lay low until the fighting is finished. You know, just kind of like what he did in the sixties" ("Late Show," CBS, 3/18).

TOP TEN SIGNS OF SPRING IN NEW YORK CITY

10. New York City cabdrivers go from wool to cotton turbans.
9. Streets are filled with the intoxicating aroma of thawing garbage.
8. Drug arrests soar as the Yankees return to town.
7. Street vendors start selling robin-kebabs.
6. Ed Sullivan Theater warms to a balmy 38 degrees.
5. Number of murders committed with snow shovels drops way off.
4. All the rats go down to Florida for Spring Break.
3. Rudy Giuliani has a spring tune-up done to his comb-over.
2. New York City cops start wearing nothing but holsters.
1. The Mets are mathematically eliminated from the pennant race ("Late Show," CBS, 3/18).

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

"An apt metaphor for a guy who isn't budging."

-- CNN's Candy Crowley, describing Pat Buchanan's visit yesterday to a Milwaukee cement plant, 3/18

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A plurality of our panel of insiders believes John Engler will be Dole's VP pick. But will it matter? -- 72% predict a Clinton re-elect. Also: 82% expect Perot to run.	RON BROWN, 1941-1996 The loss is devastating -- to the White House, to the Democratic Party and to
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MCCAIN IS ABLE (#19)	tragic plane crash in
Dole senior adviser Jay Smith lays out the case for Sen. John McCain as VP.	Croatia has triggered emotions in a town not known for feeling.

DIXVILLE NIX (#17)	Like his predecessor,
Popular Gov. Steve Merrill (R) shakes up the NH political scene with his decision to seek neither re-election nor any other office; Sen. Bob Smith	George Bush, who tragically lost his own party chair, Pres. Clinton heads into a re-election campaign without the services of one

(R) breathes a sigh of relief. | of his most accomplished |
Melee for open seats to ensue. | political advisers. |

MAJOR MERGER ON THE WEB (#10) | FROM THOSE WHO KNEW HIM: |

PoliticsUSA, the one-stop web | "A man of elegance, warmth |
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(publishers of HOTLINE), will | ... with the ability to |
merge with its principal | glide like a swan between |
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will provide its regular daily | American dream." (#7) (#8) |
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===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"He walked and ran and flew through life, and he was a
magnificent life force, and those of us who loved him will
always be grateful for his friendship and his warmth."

-- President Clinton, on Ron Brown, 4/3

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

Since World War II, eight VP candidates have failed to help carry their home states for the ticket: 1988 -- Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX); 1984 -- Geraldine Ferraro (D-NY); 1972 -- Sargent Shriver (D-MD); 1968 -- Spiro Agnew (R-MD); 1964 -- Bill Miller (R-NY); 1960 -- Henry Cabot Lodge (R-MA); 1956 -- Estes Kefauver (D-TN); 1948 -- Earl Warren (R-CA).

===== HOTLINE INDEX =====

*1 FEINSTEIN, BAYH, POWELL, WHITMAN LEAD AS KEYNOTERS

The HOTLINE Index panel of about 70 political consultants and members of the media, is the functional equivalent of the college football coaches' poll. Today's release looks ahead to this summer's conventions and beyond -- to the balance of power in the 105th Congress and the Dem Convention 2000.

PART I: THE HARD DATA

WHO WILL KEYNOTE THE DEM CONVENTION?

	ALL	CONSULTANTS				MEDIA
		ALL DEM GOP				
Dianne Feinstein	24%	23%	28%	17%		29%
Evan Bayh	13	13	6	25		14
Joe Lieberman	4	6	10	--		--

HONORABLE MENTIONS (each receiving one vote): James Carville, JFK Jr., Jesse Jackson Jr., Dennis Archer, Sam Nunn, Bayh/Feinstein, Nunn/Gore, Bill Bradley, Mario Cuomo, Chris Dodd, Barbara Mikulski, Ann Richards, Chuck Robb, Dick Morris, Jim Guy Tucker, Lawton Chiles, Bob Kerrey, John Kerry, Barbara Boxer, k.d. lang.

WHO WILL KEYNOTE THE GOP CONVENTION?

	ALL	CONSULTANTS				MEDIA
		ALL DEM GOP				
Powell	47%	41%	50%	29%		53%
Whitman	32	21	10	36		27
Kasich	4	6	5	7		--
Watts	4	6	5	7		--

HONORABLE MENTIONS: Tommy Thompson, Ronald Reagan, Fred Thompson, Dan Quayle, Bill Bennett, George Bush, Steve Forbes, George Voinovich, John McCain, Jack Kemp, Richard John Neuhaus.

WHO WILL LEAD IN THE POLLS ON THE EVE OF THE GOP CONVENTION?

	ALL	CONSULTANTS				MEDIA
		ALL DEM GOP				
Clinton	90%	88%	95%	79%		94%

Dole 10 12 5 21 6

WILL PAT BUCHANAN SPEAK IN PRIME TIME AT THE GOP CONVENTION?

	ALL	CONSULTANTS				MEDIA
		ALL DEM GOP				
Yes	58%	53%	65%	36%	69%	
No	42	47	35	64	31	

WHOM WILL DEMS MOST FAVOR AT THE CONVENTION IN 2000?

	ALL	CONSULTANTS				MEDIA
		ALL DEM GOP				
Gore	82%	76%	90%	57%	94%	
Gephardt	10	15	5	29	--	
Kerrey	4	3	5	--	6	

Honorable mentions: Evan Bayh, Mario Cuomo

WILL DEMS REGAIN CONTROL OF ...

	ALL	CONSULTANTS				MEDIA
		ALL DEM GOP				
THE HOUSE						
Yes	30%	32%	50%	7	25%	
No	70	68	50	93	75	
THE SENATE						
Yes	12%	15%	25%	7	0	
No	88	85	75	93	100	

PART II: DESCRIBE THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF JACK KEMP

DEM STRATEGIST JANE DANOWITZ: "1998: Defeats Marion Barry to become mayor of DC. 2000: DC becomes America's 'Hong Kong.' 2002: Kemp wins re-election, becomes 'Mayor for Life.'"

GOP CONSULTANT ROGER STONE: "Speaking fees continue to plummet -- no invitation to Dole inaugural -- think tanks no longer willing to pay -- ponders football comeback -- gets job as VP (of Coca-Cola Inc.)."

DEM ANALYST TERRY MICHAEL: "Seeks GOP nomination in 2000, losing to Colin Powell. Well into next century, he continues boring people to death with same crackpot economic theories."

USA TODAY'S SUSAN PAGE: "1. Statue of Liberty Play. 2. Punt. 3. Hail Mary."

SACRAMENTO BEE'S JOHN JACOBS: "Gets his dream job as NFL commissioner, but promptly loses it when he tries to unilaterally impose flat tax on the Cowboys and 49ers."

DEM CONSULTANT BRIAN LUNDE: "There's no political career left so he decides to return to the NFL as a quarterback's coach where he can advise others on how to throw long bombs (as in bomb thrower)."

HEARST'S CHARLES LEWIS: "Staring down the carpetbagger criticism, Kemp runs against Al D'Amato in the 1998 NY GOP primary."

USA TODAY'S RICHARD BENEDETTO: "Like the Energizer bunny, he'll keep talking and talking and talking."

PART III: WHAT SHOULD THE '96 GOP ABORTION PLANK SAY?

GOP CONSULTANT B. JAY COOPER: "Nothing."

DEM STRATEGIST STEVE COBBLE: "Whatever Bill Bennett officially designates as morally virtuous, since his wisdom surpasseth our own."

NEWSWEEK'S HOWARD FINEMAN: "Their best option politically is to leave it alone and don't debate it in San Diego."

DEM CONSULTANT PAUL BEGALA: "They should leave it alone. The last thing Dole needs is to be playing 'Let's make a deal' on abortion. ('Yes I think it's murder, but I'm willing to compromise on the murder question.')

GOP CONSULTANT KEITH APPELL: "Just what it says now with no apology. Either a party stands on principle or it's worthless -- like the Democrats."

SACRAMENTO BEE's JOHN JACOBS: "No abortion except rape, incest, life or Republican Party registration of the mother."

DEM CONSULTANT TOM OPPEL: "Don't ask, don't tell."

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

***2 CLINTON: U.S. GAVE GREEN LIGHT FOR IRAN ARMS TO BOSNIA**

L.A. TIMES' Risen & McManus report, according to senior admin. officials and other sources, Pres. Clinton "secretly gave a green light to covert Iranian arms shipments into Bosnia in 1994" despite a U.N. arms embargo that the U.S. was pledged to uphold and the Clinton admin.'s "own policy of isolating Tehran globally as a supporter of terrorism." Two top U.S. diplomats, acting on admin. instructions told Croatian Pres. Franjo Tudjman in early 1994 that "the U.S. would not object to the creation of an arms pipeline" to channel the weapons through Croatia and into Bosnia for the forces of the Muslim-led government. Tudjman had raised the idea of secret shipments and asked what the U.S. response would be. At the time, "the U.S. was publicly committed to the arms embargo." But "after consultations" with Anthony Lake and Strobe Talbott, the two diplomats, Charles Redman and Peter Galbraith, "relayed to Tudjman that there would be no U.S. protests over smuggling operations." An admin. official said Clinton "directly participated in the decision." The "large-scale" Iranian arms transfers continued until 1/96, even after U.S. troops began to be deployed to Bosnia. The weapons "helped fortify the badly out-gunned" gov't as well as the Croats until they were able to fight the Bosnian Serbs to a standstill. But the support "also increased Iran's links with the Bosnians, which continue ominously to this day" (4/5).

KEEPING A SECRET: U.S. officials "not in on the secret policy shift were left in confusion." The CIA discovered the smuggling "and came to wonder" whether State Dept. and NSC officials were "running an illegal covert operation reminiscent of the Iran-Contra affair." Then-CIA dir. James Woolsey took the evidence to the WH, prompting a six-month investigation by the Intelligence Oversight Board which "delivered a secret verdict that determined no laws were broken." Admin. officials "insist the decision on the arms shipments was justified." A senior admin. official: "The policy throughout this administration up until the expiration of the arms embargo [3/96] was that we fully abided by the terms of the arms embargo, and we did nothing to

violate it or circumvent it. ... When we were approached by the Croatians as to whether we would object if they acquiesced to Iranian shipments, we took the position that we would take no position in response" (L.A. TIMES, 4/5).

DUPLICITY? The "secret arrangement" has left the admin. in an "awkward position." It "could be open to charges of duplicity or a lack of candor on a major foreign policy issue." As part of its effort to keep its Iranian arms policy secret, the admin. "did not notify Congress of its decision." In fact, "at the time Clinton was fighting strenuously to defeat" Hill efforts "to unilaterally lift the U.N. arms embargo." The secret arrangement "did not constitute a covert action under the legal definition of the term," so no "finding" or Hill notification was legally required. Congress' intelligence cmtes "were not informed until this week" after inquiries by the Times (L.A. TIMES, 4/5).

BLIND-EYE: ABC's Crier: "The Clinton administration, in effect, turned a blind-eye to secret shipments of Iranian arms to Muslim fighters in Bosnia and Croatia." ABC's Compton: "ABC News has confirmed that the administration, in effect, looked the other way at a time when a gaping hole was torn in the arms embargo. ... The Los Angeles Times reports this morning that President Clinton personally gave the green light to an arms transfer, but the White House says this morning the U.S. simply took no position when neighboring Croatia said that it wanted to funnel Iranian arms through to the Bosnian Muslim fighters. ... In effect the President has tried to have it both ways, saying that he observed the arms embargo and still believes Iran is a terrorist nation" ("GMA," 4/5). Bush Sec/State Lawrence Eagleburger, called the arms shipments "the height of insanity": "We are inviting Bosnian-Islamic connections with a terrorist state that wishes us as much damage as they can possibly inflict on us" (L.A. TIMES, 4/5).

*3 CLINTON: CATHOLIC VOTERS GET THE SPOTLIGHT

W.S. JOURNAL's Shafer reports Pres. Clinton risks "alienating" Catholic voters with a promised veto of the partial-birth abortion ban. The WH "tries to control the damage" with a letter to Chicago's archbishop arguing Clinton could back a ban with exceptions to protect the health of the mother. Legislation barring the procedure "divides even abortion-rights backers." ("Washington Wire," 4/5). BUSINESS WEEK's Walczak & Dunham write strategists for Bob Dole "concede" Clinton's "edge" in the Catholic vote. Dole senior adviser Donald Devine: "We have got to do a better job of making our positions known to this constituency." Reasons for Clinton's support among Catholics: While Dole spent the winter "wooing" the fundamentalist Protestants who "dominated" the early primaries, Clinton "skillfully targeted" much of the diverse Catholic constituencies; in his SOTU address, Clinton "trumpeted" individual responsibility, crime-fighting measures, and support for school uniforms; and while Dole "is not a turnoff" for Catholics, one Catholic scholar said that "Dole just hasn't caught on." But GOPers are "encouraged" that in '94, 52% of Catholics voted for GOPers. Dole aides plan to emphasize

Clinton's opposition to the partial-birth abortion ban. Dole's "ultimate Gambit" is his runningmate: his list is dominated by Catholics. VA Tech's Glenn Richardson concludes that despite Clinton's pro-choice stance, Clinton "is in a position to have the highest Catholic support since the '60s." (4/15 issue).

*4 DOLE: CAMPAIGN STARTS UP AGAIN IN PENNSYLVANIA

(23 EVs. '92: Clinton 45%, Bush 36%, Perot 18%). Bob Dole will campaign in Hershey 4/10 and conduct a PA swing 4/15 with Gov. Tom Ridge and Sen. Arlen Specter, before the 4/23 PA primary. According to the latest Keystone Poll showing Clinton leading Dole 51-34% (see HOTLINE 4/4), "Dole will have to work hard in Pennsylvania if he is going to win the state." Millersville U pollster Terry Madonna: "At the moment, Dole carrying [PA] is an uphill fight. I think it's important for him to try to make the race in this state competitive" (Lieberman, Harrisburg PATRIOT-NEWS, 4/4). Pat Buchanan will campaign in PA next week (Myers, W. TIMES, 4/5). Buchanan campaigns in MO next week for the on-going caucus activities, and campaigns in PA the following week (Buchanan campaign, 4/5).

ISSUES: W.S. JOURNAL's Shafer reports Dole allies press him "to champion a few government programs, such as Head Start, for those in need. They figure that would help with moderate voters and soften the impact of his anti-affirmative-action stand. Dole aides consider a big foreign-policy address this spring to accentuate the 'leadership' differences" between him and Clinton. Also, Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) "emerges as a candidate to oversee writing of the GOP platform for Dole. Hyde's anti-abortion image would ease concerns of social conservatives, but also might win Dole some credibility if he seeks to finesse the issue." Other candidates: Reps. Bill McCollum (R-FL) and John Boehner (R-OH) ("Washington Wire," 4/5). A NATIONAL REVIEW editorial urges Dole to send Clinton bills for: restricting abortions, welfare reform, middle-class tax cuts, ending quotas, missile defense, lowering the number of legal immigrants (4/22 issue).

ACU RATING: An ACU study of 22 Senate votes in 1995 earned Dole a rating of 87 on a scale where 100 denotes perfect agreement with the ACU's legislative agenda, putting him "squarely in the middle of the party's ideological spectrum." His 1994 rating was 100. ACU pres. David Keene: "We'd consider him a moderate conservative" (Price, W. TIMES, 4/5).

*5 BUCHANAN: LIKELY TO STAY IN THE PARTY

"Those close" to Pat Buchanan "now say it's unlikely he will wage a general-election campaign" against Bob Dole and President Clinton. U.S. Taxpayers Party head Howard Phillips: "He is leaning toward staying in the Republican Party." Conservative activist Paul Weyrich: "I would be shocked if Buchanan went for a third party. .. At this stage, if he didn't try to engage himself in the platform and the vice president's selection and so on, his supporters would be disappointed. So staying at home is not an option. He has to be active in the Republican Party" (Myers, W. TIMES, 4/5).

O'ROURKE CALLS PAT "THE BIG SISSY": ROLLING STONE's P.J

O'Rourke, on Buchanan: "In the first place, he's a Democrat. I know Pat says he's not, but it's more of his malarkey. He's a Democrat of the old-fashioned sorehead, ignoramus school. He attacks corporations for laying off employees. Does Pat think the corporations should just keep the employees hanging around, making butt prints on the office photocopier and using their desktop PCs to visit paramilitary websites? Or maybe the government should decide who gets fired. ... What does Pat think happens to profits? That money couldn't just go right back into the economy or anything. Somebody, probably with a stein on the end of his name, must be hoarding the cash so that it can all be smeared with chocolate by National Endowment for the Humanities-sponsored performance artists. ... Buchanan is a big-government guy. He's the loudest advocate for federal expansion since Hillary Clinton tossed her cookies in the health-care fiasco. And Pat not only wants the government to keep doing what it's doing wrong, he wants to do a lot of new wrong things besides. ... Next, no doubt, he'll try to make all Ten Commandments into federal laws. ... Pat Buchanan insists on getting the government involved. Pat, the big sissy, keeps wanting to call the police" (4/18 issue).

*6 PEROT: DATA SHOWS DOLE HAS MORE TO FEAR FROM PEROT

CNN's Schneider, showing data where Perot takes more votes from Clinton in states where he has a double digit lead CA, IL, OH & CT, yet takes more from Dole in states where the race is tighter TX, OK, LA, TN, IN, MI & WI: "The conventional wisdom is right. Republicans have more to fear from Mr. Perot. Perot is taking votes from President Clinton that Mr. Clinton doesn't need right now -- he's so far ahead -- but the minute Bob Dole stands a chance of beating the President, Perot could come in and split the anti-Clinton vote. Remember, independents don't like Dole. They are likely to desert him in droves if Perot decides to run" ("Inside Politics," 4/4). Bush '92 campaign chair James Baker: "Whatever one thinks of Perot and his platform, his candidacy would be an enormous boon to Clinton by splitting the opposition" (L.A. TIMES, 4/5).

NOT SO UNITED: Perot's push to create a new Reform Party "has some onetime supporters complaining that he has abandoned his last political venture and left members of his United We Stand organization anything but united." Ex-UWSA chair Mike Ringsak: "I think the Reform Party is a bad idea and would undo a lot of what we had accomplished." Ex-UWSA chairwoman Debbie Taylor: "Everything he started using volunteer help, he destroyed" (AP/CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 4/4).

FEC FILING: Perot has written to the FEC to register the Reform Party for the presidential election and lists himself as the candidate on the form. But in a separate letter, he insists that he isn't a candidate. Reform Party spokesperson Sharon Holman "cautioned against reading too much into the FEC documents": "This is only to comply with the ins-and-outs of ballot access and the [requirements of] the FEC" (AP, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 4/4).

*7 VEEPSTAKES: RIDGE FALLOUT FROM THE KEYSTONE POLL

RIDGE: The new Keystone Poll (see HOTLINE 4/4) shows PA Gov. Tom Ridge's "popularity has fallen and his job rating has dramatically dropped. It is Ridge's first significant downward dip." The numbers "challenge conventional political thought that Ridge is a 'Teflon' governor." The poll "was done at perhaps the worst time for Ridge," taken as Ridge "was blasted" in statewide media for proposing that 259,000 poor people be stripped of state-paid medical assistance, and just after Ridge proposed a state gas-tax increase (Baer, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, 4/4). Millersville U's Terry Madonna: "I don't think there is doubt that the honeymoon is over." According to the poll, only 7% of Pennsylvanians think Dole should pick Ridge as his running mate, down from 30% last year (Connolly, Harrisburg PATRIOT-NEWS, 4/4).

McCain: W.S. JOURNAL's Shafer reports AZ Sen. John McCain "suggests Dole push for campaign-finance overhaul. McCain, a close ally, argues that would help dilute Dole's insider image and counter Perot's charge that Washington has shunned his government-reform message. But others argue Dole would get little credit for trying and might anger some conservative groups that would be hurt by overhaul" ("Washington Whispers," 4/5).

THOUGHTS FROM RUSH: Rush Limbaugh: "Dole has positioned himself as a conservative. He's got to get a conservative running mate. Ideological consistency is what's needed, not this so-called stupid balance" ("Limbaugh," WMAL-Radio, 4/4).

*8 DNC ADS: "EXPERTS ARE SKEPTICAL"

CNN's "Spin Patrol" examined the new DNC ads contrasting Clinton and Dole. CNN's Jackson, on one DNC ad running in 19 key states (see HOTLINE 3/29) saying Dole voted against a balanced budget and tax cuts: "True, Clinton's latest budget would balance over seven years on paper, but experts are skeptical."

Brooking's Robert Reischauer: "It balances on paper with a wish and a prayer and a little bit of the fiscal equivalent of 'Hamburger Helper.' ... The Republican budget is marginally more credible for deficit reduction than the President's is."

Reischauer, asked if either plan would really balance the budget: "Probably not." Jackson, on the ad's claim that Clinton cut taxes for 40 million people: "Not the whole story. Clinton's 1993 budget bill did expand the Earned Income Tax Credit for 15 million low-wage families, 40 million persons if you count their children. But it also raised taxes for one and a half million of the highest-income families, nearly five million of the highest-earning Social Security recipients, and raised gasoline taxes 4.3 cents per gallon for all motorists -- 263 million if you count their kids." Jackson, on another DNC ad running in AR, LA and TN: "It's even tougher on Dole." Jackson, on the ad's claim that the GOP cut school lunches, Head Start and child health care, and that "Republicans will stop at nothing to stop President Clinton": "False advertising. ... The Republican Congress appropriated more money for school lunches this year, just what President Clinton asked in fact, and the Agriculture Department says it has increased the number of children served. Money for the Head Start pre-school program has been cut 4 percent this

year temporarily, but Republican leaders have agreed to a 1 percent increase once a permanent appropriations bill is passed. Meanwhile, not a single child has been affected. In fact, Head Start enrollment is up this year. ... Republicans did pass a \$164 billion dollar cut in Medicaid growth which Clinton vetoed. Now differences have narrowed. Republicans last proposed to cut only 85 billion over seven years. Clinton's own budget proposes cuts of 59 billion." Jackson, summing up: "The Democratic strategy is to tie Dole to the unpopular Newt Gingrich as though they were running mates and not to let the facts get in the way of pro-Clinton political spin" ("Inside Politics," 4/4).

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

*9 REMEMBERING RON BROWN

S.F. CHRONICLE's Yoachum & Freedberg write, "Beyond the personal and professional loss of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown is the political loss for President Clinton, who often credited Brown with bringing spark, tenacity and credibility to his 1992 election effort." As DNC chair and "one of Clinton's chief cheerleaders on the campaign trail," Brown was "integral to what was once seemed an improbable effort to unseat George Bush." He was "expected to play a similarly important role -- primarily behind the scenes -- under far different circumstances this year. Because [he] was under investigation for allegedly improper business dealings, he was less likely to be a public force in the campaign but more to provide valued private counsel. ... At its core, a campaign -- particularly a troubled one -- is about belief, determination and sheer force of will. And Brown stuck by Clinton [in '92] despite numerous scandals, including allegations of Clinton's womanizing and draft dodging as well as emergent problems of Whitewater. In turn, Clinton repaid Brown by backing commerce secretary while he was under investigation" (4/5). N.Y. TIMES' Sanger: "His death deprives the [admin.] of its most visible black Cabinet member and its bridge to black voters, even though some prominent blacks were concerned that Mr. Brown was a bit too much of an insider too interested in compromise. And at the weekly strategy sessions at the White House, Mr. Brown was beginning again to work the magic that he performed as [DNC chair]: To energize both the left wing of the party, which has often been disillusioned by the Clinton Administration, and the conservative, largely white middle class that has its own, very different reservations" (4/5). Dem strategist Tony Coelho: "Bill Clinton loved this guy. He trusted his political judgment." Brown's "lasting legacy, though, will be as a savvy proponent of Clinton's industrial policy -- the idea that Washington and business should team up to develop U.S. products and pressure foreign governments for access to overseas markets" (Borrus/Harbrecht, BUSINESS WEEK, 4/15 issue).

PARTY APPRECIATION: Rainbow Coalition's Steve Cobble writes, in '88 Brown "unit[ed] the Jackson and Kennedy wings" of the party. As a result, Brown became the first African-American chair of the nation's largest political party in 2/89 (release, 4/4). Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) pointed out that "a generation of blacks in public service owe their love of politics" to Brown.

Lewis "noted that many of the young blacks employed at the [DNC] and on Capitol Hill were attracted to Washington and public service by Brown's example" (Fulwood, L.A. TIMES, 4/5).

GOP APPRECIATION: RNC chair Haley Barbour: "Ron Brown was a friend. He did a tremendous job as chairman of the [DNC], and a lot of the credit for Bill Clinton's election belongs to ... Brown. His contribution to our strong two-party system will be missed" (release, 4/4).

FUTURE OF THE COMMERCE DEPT.? After a "yearlong assault" on the Commerce Dept. by Hill GOPers, Brown's death "left the future of the agency in doubt." In last year's budget reconciliation bill, which passed in the House, Commerce was being phased out. During the negotiations House Budget chair John Kasich said Commerce "is history. Put a fork in it. It's dead." But the Senate "refused to go along." Now, GOP House members "have demanded another try this year" (Kasindorf, L.I. NEWSDAY, 4/5). "One clear consequence of his death is that those efforts probably will be halted -- at least for the remainder of this congressional term" (S.F. CHRONICLE, 4/5). It is "unclear who will succeed" Brown as sec. (Cooper, W.S. JOURNAL, 4/5). WH adviser Mack McLarty, Nat'l Economic Council chair Laura D'Andrea Tyson and Commerce Undersec./Carter adviser Stuart Eizenstat are "most frequently mentioned" as replacements (Bedard, W. TIMES, 4/5). "Most likely, Clinton will have to go with a placeholder secretary until his own political future is clear" (BUSINESS WEEK, 4/15 issue).

PROBE: The independent counsel investigation into Brown's financial dealings will be shut down. Dep. ind. counsel John Sullivan: "The investigation of Secretary Brown concluded with his death." Brown "had faced a broadening criminal investigation into whether he improperly accepted \$300,000" from his business partner, Nolanda Hill (Walsh, W. POST, 4/5). But the DoJ's criminal division "is likely to pick up the probe." Atty Mark Levin, who was AG Ed Meese's CoS: "If the independent counsel has uncovered any illegal activity or evidence that would seem to point to illegal conduct with respect to others, then the Justice Department is compelled to pursue that" (Thibault, W. TIMES, 4/5). Brown atty Reid Weingarten said "it would be appropriate" for the DoJ to handle the remaining issues (W. POST, 4/5).

IN MEMORIUM: W. POST's Raspberry calls Brown the "quintessential American": "He represents the possibility that America, for all its falsehoods and imperfections, still can become the America we dare to dream of" (4/5). N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Lars-Erik Nelson: "He was more than a man of the world; he was a man of all worlds, with a grin and an inside joke for you, no matter who you are. ... He played the political game as he found it, and he won. But given his overwhelming talents, I am tempted to think that he could have changed the game" (4/5).

EDITORIALS: W. POST: "It would be unfortunate, if not unfair and misleading, to leave standing any impression that congressional and grand jury probes represent the sum total of Ron Brown's tenure at the Commerce Department. ... Brown made his mark on his country" (4/4). CHICAGO TRIBUNE: "Brown was a patriot of the American dream and partisan of achieving it"

(4/4). PHILA. INQUIRER: "The nation owes a debt to him and those who went with him to the Balkans" (4/5). DES MOINES REGISTER: "He died serving his country -- a cliched phrase, but with Brown, a vibrant reality" (4/5). W.S. JOURNAL: "Whatever issues we raised about his business dealings, we never doubted that Ron Brown was a man who had to be accounted for. We resolve to remember that at the highest lever of the political game, he was a player" (4/4).

RUSH TO JUDGMENT: Rush Limbaugh: "All these people -- I heard Charles Rangel, and I heard Vernon Jordan and I heard a number of other liberal Democrats who normally, on any given day, will condemn big business, will condemn profits, will condemn investment ... and yet, Ron Brown was being treated as a conquering hero because of all these huge money deals he had participated in putting together. Isn't this hypocritical because out of one side of these people's mouths comes a never-ending litany of criticism for the corporate executive ... but yet, yesterday, last night, all day today, we've had nothing but praise? ... Give it a couple of days and these people are going to be out there against all the CEOs in the world." Limbaugh then contrasted Clinton's reaction to the deaths of Brown and Vince Foster: "Have you noticed when the President went over to the Brown family home, went over to the Commerce Department too? Genuine sadness, genuine hurt, genuine emotion. Now think back, compare the President yesterday to the President in the aftermath of the death of Vince Foster and see if you can detect the difference" ("Limbaugh," WMAL-Radio, 4/4). NET's Paul Weyrich: "It is a particular irony that Brown and President Clinton fought the proposal to abolish the Commerce Department last year. Republicans finally gave up on the proposal which united almost all of them. Had the Republicans prevailed, it is likely Brown would be alive, as such a mission as he was on would not have taken place" ("Direct Line with Paul Weyrich," 4/4).

*10 PAC GIVING: UP NEARLY 20% LAST YEAR; GOP TURNS THE TABLES

A latest release from the FEC shows that political giving by Political Action Cmtes to candidates in 1995 was up nearly 20% over 1993. The amount contributed to GOP candidates was up nearly \$22 million, going from 35% of all PAC giving in '93 to 62% in '96. The amount to Dem candidates was down nearly \$11M, going from 65% in '93 to 38% last year (FEC release, 4/5).

	1995	1993
TOTAL PAC GIVING TO CANDIDATES	\$ 67,553,914	\$ 56,657,703
To incumbents	59,152,034	50,807,018
To challenger	3,903,438	550,572
To GOP candidates	41,935,852 (62%)	20,025,257 (35%)
To Dem candidates	25,547,889 (38%)	36,561,851 (65%)

TOP TEN PAC GIVERS TO CANDIDATES 1995

United Parcel Service	\$ 825,494
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AT&T	695,808
Trial Lawyers	673,350
Teamsters (DRIVE)	594,525
IBEW (Electrical Workers)	579,860
NADA (Auto Dealers Assn)	560,925
Am. Maritime Officers (AFL-CIO)	548,710
NRA	537,676
Laborers Union	534,000
AFSCME	515,354

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

***11 COLORADO: STRICKLAND LEADS DEM CAUCUSES, GETS ROMER BACKING**

Atty/lobbyist Tom Strickland (D) "probably clinched" a spot on the 8/13 Dem primary ballot by his showing in the 4/2 precinct caucuses; he actually finished a narrow second to "uncommitted." Ex-Univ. of CO Law School Dean Gene Nichol (D) finished "a strong third and seemed poised to win a second ballot spot." Nichol mgr. Charles Bedford: "All I can say is, We won! We beat everybody's expectations. We overcame enormous disadvantages -- fundraising, the establishment, insider politics." Bedford, on the large number of uncommitteds: "[Dems] got a good look at Tom Strickland, and they chose not to go with Tom." Although expectations "have been high" for Strickland, who has raised "more money than all of his opponents combined," Strickland mgr. Scott Chase said his cand. "just wanted to be on the ballot." Chase: "We are very happy with our showing statewide. We are the only statewide candidate. We are the only candidate that shows strong in all 63 counties" (Roberts/Lopez, DENVER POST, 4/4).

ROMER ENDORSEMENT: Gov. Roy Romer (D) "ended his silence" and endorsed Strickland, whom he worked with under ex-CO Gov. Dick Lamm (D). Romer "lauded" the other candidates, but said the Dems need a "contender" who can win the seat of retiring Sen. Hank Brown (R) from the GOP. Romer: "I need to say how I feel. Tom has the best opportunity to win." He praised Strickland's "integrity and character." Romer's son, Chris Romer, is Strickland's finance chair (Kerwin, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 4/3).

GOP REACTION: GOP Senate cand. "salivated ... over the prospect of taking on" Strickland. AG Gale Norton (R): "It appears that our leading opponent is likely to be a \$500,000-a-year lobbyist who's trying to cut out the middle man." Denver atty Tom Eggert (R): "I'd love to run against Tom. He's one of these ... ultraliberal yuppie Democrats. He likes to talk about how Republicans are mean-spirited. Well, Tom Strickland wouldn't know a poor person if he tripped over him" (Kerwin, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 4/4). GOPers also conducted precinct caucuses, but unlike Dems, they did not take straw polls. Thus, it will be weeks before GOPers know who will make the 8/13 ballot (ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 4/3). Other Dems: Denver City Councilmember Ramona Martinez, real estate mgr. Phil Perington and state Sen. Paul Weissman. Other GOPers: Rep. Wayne Allard (R-04) and state Sen. Charlie Duke.

***12 GEORGIA: ANALYSTS REVIEW DEM BIGWIGS' BACKING OF ISAKSON**

Atlanta's WAGA-TV's "Georgia Gang" examined the race for the

seat being vacated by Sen. Sam Nunn (D) and looked at the financial backing of '90 GOP gov. nominee Johnny Isakson by some Dem power brokers (see HOTLINE, 3/29). Analyst Bill Shipp: "They have traditionally backed Democratic winners. It was a sign to me at the time, when they switched, that they had decided that they were going to back still another winner in Johnny Isakson in the Republican race for the Senate. However, his [Isakson's GOP primary] opponents, particularly ['94 gov. nominee] Guy Millner and [state Sen.] Clint Day, are using that and saying 'This man is really just a stalking horse for the Zell Miller crowd.' And I think that's become a serious liability to Isakson." Analyst Rick Allen: "[It] would have been the ideal event to have in the general election to say that [Dem nominee/Sec. State] Max Cleland is a little too liberal and so therefore the Democrats are coming on board with Isakson. But at this stage of the campaign, ... it's fodder for Millner and Clint Day to cut up Isakson" (3/31).

MONEY: Millner, with an influx of \$400,000 from his "personal fortune," became the first cand. to raise more than \$1M (MARIETTA DAILY JOURNAL, 4/4).

*13 OREGON: BRUGGERE GETS ENVIRO ENDORSEMENT

After "long internal debate," the OR Natural Resources Council (ONRC) endorsed businessman Tom Bruggere (D) in the Dem primary for the seat of retiring Sen. Mark Hatfield (R). The endorsement hit '90 Dem nominee Harry Lonsdale (D), who is running again, "like a ton of timber." Lonsdale is a former ONRC board member and "supports strong environmental protection for forests, flora and fauna." A third Dem, Lane Co. Commiss. Jerry Rust, also has a strong environmental record. ONRC exec. dir. Andy Kerr, on why the group endorsed Bruggere: "The greenest candidates, in our opinion, were not electable" (Hill, Portland OREGONIAN, 4/3). Other Dem: state Sen. Bill Dwyer. GOPer: state Senate Pres. Gordon Smith. Primary: 5/21.

*14 TEXAS: MORALES LEADS DEM RUNOFF, BUT 25% STILL UNSURE

A HOUSTON CHRONICLE poll, conducted 4/1-3 by Mason-Dixon PMR, surveyed 806 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsample: 377 likely Dems; MOE 5.2% (release, 4/4). Tested: Sen. Phil Gramm (R), Rep. John Bryant (D-05), high school teacher Victor Morales (D). Dem runoff: 4/9.

DEM PRIMARY	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Morales 41%	39%/ 13%	88%
Bryant 34	35 / 10	83
Undec. 25		

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS			GRAMM RE-ELECT NOW 3/96 1/96		
Gramm 51%	Gramm 49%	Re-elect	46%	48%	37%
Morales 37	Bryant 33	Consider other	27	28	41
Undec. 12	Undec. 18	Replace	27	24	22

ANALYSIS: Bryant in his 13 years in Congress has "prided himself on being the champion of the underdog. But he has been vexed in this race by the underdog himself," Morales. Despite

the numbers, Bryant "said the poll is good news for him": "It means this is a close race and we've treated it that way from the start of the runoff. The poll began before the [4/1] debate and before the stories started getting out that this guy has a student loan he won't pay back for the last 10 years" (see HOTLINE, 4/3). Morales: "I know he's banging away on the same old negative, and I'm going to lose some people who don't know me. ... I know the truth and so does John, but if told it he wouldn't have anything" (Ratcliffe, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 4/5). USA TODAY's Moore profiles Morales, showing photo of him sitting on his Nissan pickup truck, under the header "No staff, no ads -- but a lot of drive" (4/5).

BRYANT BACKERS: Ex-House Speaker Jim Wright endorsed Bryant 4/4, "embracing him as a fighter for the middle class." Wright: "Throughout his career, John Bryant has come down unfailingly on the side of the average American and his family." He said voters should pick a candidate with a record of achievement, "rather than an inexperienced, albeit well-intentioned person." Morales "dismissed" the endorsement, saying, "Everyday people are the bottom line to me. From day one, I knew that no one of legislative position was going to stand up against the status quo" (Slater, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 4/5). Ex-Gov. Ann Richards, who had Bryant on her short-list of candidates to succeed Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D) when Bentsen was named Treas. Sec., will endorse Bryant 4/5 (HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 4/5).

***15 WEST VIRGINIA: ROCKEFELLER A SHOO-IN FOR THIRD TERM**

A Huntington HERALD-DISPATCH/THOMSON NEWSPAPERS poll, conducted 3/28-4/1 by Mason-Dixon PMR, surveyed 842 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.4% (release, 4/4). Tested: Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D), Betty Burkes (R).

GENERAL ELECTION	FAV/UNFAV	ID	ROCKY RE-ELECT
Rockefeller 69%	71% / 12%	99%	Re-elect 67%
Burkes 13	9 / 5	39	Consider 20
Undec. 18		Replace 13	

***16 SENATE FLY-BY: ENDORSEMENTS IN GOP PRIMARIES**

NEW JERSEY: Ex-Gov. Tom Kean (R) endorsed Rep. Dick Zimmer (R-12) in the GOP primary, "saying Zimmer is the best candidate to defeat tax-and-spend liberal" Rep. Bob Torricelli (D-08) in November (release, 4/4). Last summer Kean had considered running for the Senate but backed off, complaining the GOP was too "radicalized." Other GOPers: Passaic Co. Freeholder Richard DuHaime and state Sen. Richard LaRossa. Filing deadline: 4/11. Primary: 6/4. NOTE: The 4/4 HOTLINE showed Torricelli and Zimmer with a respective ID ratings at 75% and 73%; actually, those numbers indicated the percentage of voters who did NOT recognize the candidates.

VIRGINIA: Robert Bork, Pres. Reagan's unsuccessful choice for the Supreme Court in '87, endorsed Reagan OMB Dir. Jim Miller (R) in his challenge to three-term GOP Sen. John Warner: "We must do more than just hold onto our majorities in the House and Senate, we must ensure that these majorities are led by strong

conservatives who can be trusted to stand by their principles in the face of Washington's establishment elite. John Warner cannot possibly do this because he himself is part of the establishment elite" (Miller release, 4/4). Warner was among six GOPers who voted against Bork's confirmation. GOP primary: 4/12. Dems: ex-VA Dem chair Mark Warner, ex-Rep. Leslie Byrne.

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

***17 OR 02: COOLEY MAY FACE FELONY PROSECUTION OVER RESUME**

State election officials will meet with the OR AG's office "to discuss whether to prosecute" frosh Rep. Wes Cooley (R) "for allegedly making false statements on official election documents." The OR Elections Division "has launched an investigation" in response to a complaint filed that questioned Cooley's campaign literature in which he listed service in "Special Forces, Korean War." Cooley "at first said his missions were too sensitive to discuss, but later said he was in Korea for only a few days and probably shouldn't have listed it." Under state law, "lying" in voters' pamphlet statements "is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$100,000 fine. But such cases are difficult to prosecute and have been pursued rarely. Officials must prove someone deliberately lied and that no interpretation of his statements could be correct." Cooley spokesperson David Redmond "dismissed the issue as a controversy generated by opponents because it's an election year" (O'Connor, Portland OREGONIAN, 4/3). Dems: Deschutes Co. DA Mike Dugan and George Fuson. Primary: 5/21.

***18 TX 14: EX-PRES. BUSH BREAKS TRADITION AND ENDORSES LAUGHLIN**

Ex-Pres. George Bush "broke his tradition of not taking sides in primary elections" and endorsed party-switcher Rep. Greg Laughlin (R), "who is fighting for his political life." Laughlin, who is seeking his fourth term, faces ex-Rep. Ron Paul (R) in the 4/9 runoff. Laughlin has already been endorsed by Gov. George W. Bush and Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchinson & Phil Gramm. GOP leaders "have made it clear that it's vital for Laughlin to win the election because a defeat will send a warning to Democrats considering a switch to the GOP." Ron Kaufman, the pol. dir. for the former pres., said, "President Bush thinks it is important to support folks who have taken the courageous step of doing the honorable thing and becoming Republicans" (Kay, AUSTIN-AMERICAN STATESMAN, 4/4). A Laughlin release noted that Bush "said Paul's views were too extreme for the Republican Party" (4/3). Laughlin and Paul "took opposite stands" during a 4/3 debate on federal anti-drug programs and farm regulation reforms. Paul, "who expressed similar views" as the '88 Libertarian Party pres. nominee, said federal anti-drug actions "have resulted in unconstitutional invasions of privacy and property." Laughlin said fighting drugs was one of the few areas where local governments want federal involvement. Paul called the "Freedom to Farm" bill, passed by Congress last week, a "sham," and said while it was intended to end farm subsidies it instead "allows them in a different form." Laughlin said the message of his establishment GOP support is that "it's OK to vote

for Greg Laughlin as a Republican." Paul, whose honorary chair is retired baseball star Nolan Ryan, said voters don't want "outsiders" to tell them how to vote: "If you want to bring Newt back it's OK with me, because I think voters resent it" (Bernstein, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 4/3).

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

***19 MISSOURI: NIXON RELEASES "ENEMIES LIST"**

MO AG Jay Nixon (D) has compiled his list of the "most frivolous" lawsuits filed by MO prisoners who claim their constitutional rights have been violated (release, 4/3):

10. Prisoners should be served butter, not just margarine, with meals (Mitchell v. Moore).
9. Inmates working in prison law library should be paid same rate as attorneys (Beverly v. Goose).
8. Cost of junk food in prison commissary too high (Moore v. Bosley).
7. Limit on refills of Kool-Aid is "cruel and unusual punishment" (Foster v. Delo).
6. Nicotine patches not provided free to inmates (McConnell v. Schoenen).
5. Inmates should be given sitdown service at restaurants when traveling from prison to courthouse (Foster v. Delo).
4. Male inmates should be allowed to wear female apparel such as bras, panties, lipstick and artificial fingernails (Crawford v. Carnahan).
3. Inmates not paid \$26 a day in food allowance when traveling from prison to courthouse (Foster v. Delo).
2. Buchanan County jail too easy to escape from (Hodges v. Gill).
1. No salad bars and brunches on weekends and holidays (Tyler v. Carnahan).

***20 NEW HAMPSHIRE: ZELIFF SAID TO BE "LEANING" TOWARD GOV RUN**

With Gov. Steve Merrill (R) having stunned the state with the announcement of his retirement (see HOTLINE, 4/4), "all eyes on the New Hampshire political scene are now focused" on Rep. Bill Zeff (R-01). Zeff's friends "are getting the impression" that the three-term congressman is "leaning toward" running for gov. His "wide" name ID and available money "would make him the immediate frontrunner" in the race. Zeff said he will decide over the Easter holiday, and make an announcement on either 4/8 or 4/9. If Zeff is a go, other GOPers looking at the race "may be less inclined to run, apparently believing taking him on in a primary would be fruitless." Two GOPers "on the bubble" may be NH Board of Ed chair Ovide Lamontagne and Exec. Councilor Bernie Streeter. Lamontagne, who lost to Zeff in the '92 primary, might run for the House with Zeff gone. State Sen. Bruce Keough (R), "despite his low name" ID, "is very serious" about running; "Keough for Governor" buttons have turned up in the halls of the State House. On the Dem side, state Sen. Jeanne Shaheen and NH Dem chair Joe Keefe are the "key players." Shaheen "has said for many months" that she would probably run

for gov. if Merrill did not. Keefe was "soundly" beaten by Zeliff in the '90 House race. Businessman Bill Verge (D), defeated by Zeliff in '94, said he's running for Congress again "regardless of what Zeliff does" (DiStaso, Manchester UNION LEADER, 4/5). Filing deadline: 6/14. Primary: 9/10.

===== THE VEEPSTAKES INTERVIEWS =====

*21 PART VII: THE CASE FOR DAN LUNGREN

In this, the seventh HOTLINE interview on potential running-mates for Bob Dole, Dole campaign senior adviser Don Devine discusses CA Attorney General Dan Lungren.

DEVINE: The argument for Dan Lungren is really a strategist's dream. He does two things for a presidential candidate that are of enormous strategic value. One is to target an important geographical location; the other is to target a critical constituency. On the first, it's obviously California. Dan Lungren is the \$15 million person. What putting Dan Lungren on the ticket as vice president does is guarantee that Bill Clinton has to spend \$15 or maybe even \$20 million in California because he just can't take the chance that somebody on the ticket from California isn't going to take it. Everybody who has analyzed the electoral college knows Bill Clinton can't win without California. So Lungren performs a very essential role: to keep California in play and, if necessary, without spending a lot of money, or even technically, without spending any money.

The second thing is the Catholic vote. Picture the day after the convention is over, Dan Lungren and Bob Dole fly out to Notre Dame University. Lungren is a graduate. They have a massive rally there. They talk about values and issues in terms that Catholics can understand. I could easily see, in a day or two, the Catholic vote would be dead-even and we'd be on the way to winning the Catholic vote again like we did for Congress in 1994. Lungren sends a signal that Republicans care about Catholics. Republicans have only nominated one Catholic for Vice President, and I bet even your smart readers will forget that it was William Miller for Barry Goldwater in 1964. And of course he wasn't even played up as a Catholic candidate at the time.

HOTLINE: Does that mean that Dole has to win California?

DEVINE: It means that we can play a defensive game in California. The real issue that Bush faced in 1992 was because of the incredible amount of money you have to spend in California. You have to decide relatively early whether you're going to invest those enormous resources because it makes no sense to invest half of it or a third of it. You have to invest the amount that is necessary to win it. What Lungren does for you is he allows you to play California on the cheap, at least for a long period of time, and allows you to keep your options open until the end whether you decide to spend a lot of money on the state.

HOTLINE: How would Pete Wilson react to Lungren on the ticket?

DEVINE: I think Pete Wilson's a grown-up person. He knows as well as anyone else that he's in difficulty in the polls right now. That happens to everybody sooner or later. I think Wilson's probably looking for a Cabinet thing, too. So you don't want to be a spoilsport in this business, and I don't think that he would be.

HOTLINE: Were you concerned about the split on primary night, where Wilson had his victory party in Sacramento and Lungren had his in Los Angeles? Can the California Republicans unify?

DEVINE: I've never seen a state where important personalities don't have their difficulties, but I think they're both grown-ups and whatever happens, they'll be pulling together in November.

HOTLINE: Why does Lungren have to be on the ticket? Why can't he just campaign for Dole in California?

DEVINE: Because you don't send the same message if you're just campaigning. Almost always the person on the ticket wins his state or at least puts his state in play where it hadn't been before. I think vice president is symbolic, and even more so for the Catholic vote. This is something Catholics have not had on a Republican ticket: somebody who has the first or second position. The only time it happened nobody even knew that he was a Catholic.

HOTLINE: But John Engler and the other Midwest govts. are Catholic, too.

DEVINE: It's the combination of California and Catholic. ... I wouldn't argue against Engler. I think he would be a great choice. But I think that Lungren gives you one thing nobody else does, and given Pete Wilson's popularity, I think Lungren is the only one you're talking about in California who again allows you to take \$15 to \$20 million away from the other guys. Bob Dole is a Midwesterner. He can appeal to the same region as Engler.

HOTLINE: Any insights into how Dole is approaching this?

DEVINE: He'll go and talk to a lot of people. Bob Dole is a man who goes out and gets a lot of information from a lot of people. And after he gets enough information he'll make a decision.

HOTLINE: What about choosing Colin Powell?

DEVINE: I think Powell is a big roll of the dice. It's tricky. It wouldn't be a mistake, but I'm not sure you roll the dice so high on a vice presidential candidate.

HOTLINE: How wrapped up is the campaign in this selection?

DEVINE: People give him their ideas. But he's going to make the decision himself.

NEXT: Jim Pitts on Carroll Campbell.

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

***22 PEW: CLINTON RATING 3-YR HIGH; GOP DROPS IN GENERIC BALLOT**

1,500 adults surveyed 3/28-31 by Princeton Survey Research
Assocs.; margin of error +/- 3%. Subsample: 1,116 registered
voters; +/- 3% (release, 4/5).

CLINTON JOB	NOW	2/96	1/96	10/95	8/95	6/95
Approve	55%	51%	50%	48%	44%	50%
Disapprove	38	39	43	42	44	40

HILL GOP LEADERS JOB	NOW	2/96	1/96	10/95	8/95	6/95
Approve	35%	33%	36%	36%	38%	41%
Disapprove	51	53	54	51	45	45

AMONG RVs

2-WAY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	53%	48%	57%	53%	53%	53%	56%
Dole	41	46	37	44	41	42	35

PARTY ID '92 VOTE

	ALL	GOPers	DEMS	IND.	BUSH	CLINTON	PEROT
Clinton	53%	15%	91%	52%	13%	85%	35%
Dole	41	83	6	39	86	11	50

DESCRIBE YOUR ABOVE PREFERENCE

CLINTON SUPPORTERS	DOLE SUPPORTERS
Pro-Clinton 57%	Pro-Dole 36%
Anti-Dole 38	Anti-Clinton 61

3-WAY (1/2 SAMPLE)	NOW	9/95	3-WAY (1/2 SAMPLE)	NOW
Clinton	44%	42%	Clinton	45%
Dole	35	36	Dole	30
Perot	16	19	Generic ind.	20

GENERIC HOUSE	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	1/96	8/95	11/94 (ALL)
Dem candidate	49%	43%	55%	47%	43%	43%
GOP candidate	44	48	40	46	50	45

	ALL	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Dem candidate	49%	46%	48%	48%	57%
GOP candidate	44	50	45	45	36

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN SOLVING THE NATION'S PROBLEMS?

	NOW	4/95	3/95	2/95	12/94
Clinton	47%	48%	40%	40%	39%
Hill GOP leaders	36	36	40	38	43

IN DEALING WITH CONGRESS, CLINTON SHOULD	NOW	8/95	5/95
Go along with GOP more often	30%	26%	25%

Challenge GOPers more often	23	27	27
Is handling situation about right	41	38	41

IN DEALING WITH CLINTON & DEMS, DOLE SHOULD NOW

Go along with the pres. and Dems more often	29%
Challenge the pres. and Dems more often	24
Is handling the situation about right	39

DESERVES CREDIT FOR PROGRESS DESERVES BLAME FOR GRIDLOCK

Clinton	35%	Clinton	36%
Hill GOP leaders	40	Hill GOP leaders	41

FOLLOWING THE NEWS? BOSNIA GOP CANDS. W'WATER BUDGET

Very/Fairly closely	61%	67%	39%	59%
Not closely/Not at all	39	33	60	41

WHICH MAKES THINGS BETTER FOR PEOPLE ALL GOPers DEMS INDIES

Cut taxes, reduce regs, cut gov't	43%	61%	30%	42%
Increase min wage, job training, educ.	54	35	68	54

AMOUNT OF NEWS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

	NOW	10/95	9/92	2/92	10/91	5/88	11/87
Too much	29	18%	22%	19%	12%	24%	21%
Too little	10	18	11	15	22	7	16
Right amount	58	60	62	62	58	62	58

PROFILE OF THE PEROT VOTER 1996 1992

Male	62%	61%
Female	38	39

AGE		
Under 30	31%	21%
30-49	32	47
50-64	19	25
65+	18	7

FAMILY INCOME		
\$75,000+	5%	13%
\$50,000-\$74,000	16	22
\$30,000-\$49,000	36	38
\$20,000-\$29,000	16	11
Less than \$20,000	16	11

PARTY ID		
Republican	24%	30%
Democrat	24	19
Independent	47	48

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

*23 THIS MORNING: "FOX Morning News" hosted Pew's Andrew Kohut and analyst Stu Rothenberg.

SUNDAY: ABC's "Brinkley" examines the Unambomber with Reagan-Bush AG Dick Thornburgh, ex-FBI special crime unit dir. John Douglas and ex-David Koresh atty Dick Deguerin. NBC's "Meet the Press" hosts Mario Cuomo, Sens. Joe Lieberman (D-CT) & Dan

Coats (R-IN) and Rep. J.C. Watts (R-OK). CBS' "Face the Nation" also examines the Unabomber with ex-FBI assoc. dir. Oliver "Buck" Revell, Kroll Assoc.'s Ryan Jenkins and S.F. State Univ.'s Mike Rustigian. CNN's "Reliable Sources" hosts CNN's Earl Casey and NPR's Nina Totenberg. CNN's "Crossfire Sunday" hosts AEI's Mike Novak. CNBC's "Russett" hosts Mark Shields. CNBC's "Cal Thomas" hosts THE STANDARD's Tucker Carlson and U.S. NEWS' Steve Roberts.

SATURDAY: CNN's "Evans & Novak" hosts RNC chair Haley Barbour. CNN's "Managing with Lou Dobbs" hosts Steve Forbes. CNN's "Capital Gang" hosts Dem consultant Bob Schrum. CNN's "Inside Politics Weekend" focuses on free TV time for pres. candidates with HOTLINE founder Doug Bailey and RTNDA pres. David Bartlett. CNBC's "Russett" hosts Mark Shields. C-SPAN's "Saturday Journal" hosts New Citizenship Project's Jessica Gavora and Center for Community Change's Deepak Bhargava.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OPINION: Rush Limbaugh: "The Unabomber is a left-wing nut. Now, if the media were consistent they would be portraying the Unabomber as a left-wing nut because this guy is such an environmentalist wacko he doesn't even believe in outhouses. ... If this guy had five shotguns in his house, he would be a right-wing crazy, an anti-government zealot, an NRA member, probably planned on voting for Dole and Buchanan. They'd be tarring and feathering every conservative in the world with this guy if he had five shotguns" ("Limbaugh," WMAL-Radio, 4/4).

TOP TEN SIGNS YOUR BROTHER IS THE UNABOMBER

10. When they show sketch of Unabomber on TV, he says, "What a good looking guy."
9. Subscribes to "Dangerously Quiet Loner" magazine.
8. Always bragging that he's "bombed more than Joe Piscopo."
7. Even in baby pictures, he's wearing a hood and sunglasses.
6. He's a twisted recluse who considers himself above the laws of society -- wait, no, that's Michael Jackson.
5. Asks his friends to call him "Una" for short.
4. Keeps doing his lame impression of Jimmie "J.J." Walker saying "DY-NO-MITE."
3. He's been trying frantically to get hold of Johnnie Cochran.
2. May 8, 1970: Becky Johnson turns him down for the prom.
May 9, 1970: Becky Johnson explodes.
1. Favorite cable channel? TNT ("Late Show," CBS, 4/4).

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

"In effect the president has tried to have it both ways, saying that he observed the arms embargo and still believes Iran is a terrorist nation."

-- ABC's Ann Compton, on the Iran-Bosnia connection, "GMA," 4/5

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Dole gets some "courageous" |
reviews for his emotive speech. | CHAOS IN THE LAND OF OZ |
An overnight CBS/NYT poll finds |
60% of those who saw the event | While Bob Dole attempts |
think Dole did the right thing, | to save his pres. campaign, |
but he's still down 15-points. | GOPers back home in KS now |
Who wrote that speech anyway? | face tough choices. (#9) |
Dole loosens the tie and | GRAVE CHOICE: The |
travels to the Windy City | decision for KS Gov. Bill |
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| name a caretaker or one who |

LOOKING FOR A NEW LEADER'S SHIP | could step in immediately. |
Lott viewed as the favorite | But his first choice, Rep. |
over Cochran to fill the Maj. | Pat Roberts (R-01), is |
Leader post. A Lott Leader/ | running for the open |
Nickles Whip ticket? Domenici | Kassebaum seat. Any GOP |
a dark horse. Are moderates | hopes of a no-vote-until- |
fearing a Senate that's more | '98 scenario are blocked by |

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	filing deadline to 6/24.	
BOSTON MARATHON	STAND PAT? Some talk of	
After a recent spell of some	Roberts switching to the	
tough press, a poll finds MA	Dole seat. Moves by GOP	
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behind Sen. John Kerry (D), but	Tiahrt to run could hand	
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===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"I will seek the presidency with nothing to fall back
on but the judgment of the people and nowhere
to go but the White House or home."
-- Bob Dole, 5/15

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

*1 DOLE: THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SHOOK D.C.

"Performing a political maneuver that astonished a town built on them" Bob Dole announced he is abandoning Congress for an all-out bid for the presidency (Thompson, K.C. STAR, 5/16). "For at least a few hours ... the human drama was more compelling than the political aspects of the story." Dole "delivered an uncharacteristically personal speech. He choked back tears several times as he explained how he came to the conclusion that 'to concentrate upon the campaign ... I must leave the Congress that I have loved. ... I will then stand before you without office or authority, a private citizen, a Kansan, an American, just a man'" (Kiely, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 5/16). NBC's Myers: "It was moving, it was eloquent and he seemed in command" (5/16). ABC's Jennings: "A lot of people thought [it] was one of the best he'd given in some time" (5/15). CBS' Schieffer: "It's the best speech that Bob Dole has ever made" (5/15).

CONGRESS: Dole's decision to resign by 6/11 "sent tremors through the Capitol"; colleagues had expected him to relinquish his duties as maj. leader but not to retire after 35 years on the Hill. By leaving the Senate, Dole has "robbed" Dems of their "best weapon against him -- the ability to continually knock him off his stride and off his message with frustrating parliamentary maneuvers and issues that thwart his presidential strategy" (Zuckman/Kranish, BOSTON GLOBE, 5/16). K.C. STAR's Kuhnhen: "In quitting Congress, it's as if Dole has shed a favorite serge suit that had begun to fray and pinch. He's no longer encumbered by it ... But he's also thoroughly exposed. ... No doubt his campaign's initial strategy to wage the campaign against Clinton from the well of the Senate proved disastrously wrong" (5/16).

DECISION: A GOP official said Dole arrived at his decision last month during his FL vacation (Feeney/Dodge, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 5/16). RNC chair Haley Barbour said he met with Dole and

campaign manager Scott Reed 5/4 in Dole's office. Barbour: "The question wasn't whether, it was when and how" (GLOBE, 5/16). Dole's decision was shared "only with a tiny circle of confidants": wife Elizabeth, Presidents Ford and Bush, Barbour, Reed "and his dog, Leader." Dole "deliberately told no senators, he joked in a tearful closed-door session with his colleagues, to make sure there were no leaks to the press" (Hook/Shogren, L.A. TIMES, 5/16). Dole told his Senate staff of his decision and then gave the news to the GOP sens. He "broke down and sobbed repeatedly during the meetings." Dole Senate CoS Sheila Burke "was crying so hard she had to switch from wiping her eyes with tissue to burying her face into a terry cloth towel" (BOSTON GLOBE, 5/16).

SPEECH: Dole's "public announcement was unusually poetic for the terse Dole, who read it from a teleprompter. Aides said Dole wrote it himself with 'a friend' but steadfastly refused to identify the friend" (Thomma/Schulte/Enda, KNIGHT-RIDDER, 5/16). W.S. JOURNAL's Sein & Rogers write Reed enlisted campaign adviser John Buckley to "draw up a statement for a Dole withdrawal from the Senate" (5/16). N.Y. TIMES' Safire notes Dole issued credit to writer Mark Helprin, a contributor to the W.S. Journal, for the "short eloquent" line -- "to leave behind all the trappings of power, all comfort and all security" (5/16).

BLOCKED SHOT: Dole's "aides chose to stage the dramatic announcement in a rarely used room atop one of the Senate office buildings, then arranged the podium so the Capitol dome would appear directly behind Dole. But, as if to underscore the problems Congress can pose for a presidential campaign, senators and House members crowded behind Dole and blocked the camera shot" (KNIGHT-RIDDER, 5/16). The visual image "underscored how difficult it will be for Dole to establish an independent identity" (Brownstein, L.A. TIMES, 5.16). Dole, asked about Gingrich standing behind him during the press conference: "I like Newt. He's been very supportive" (N.Y. TIMES, 5/16). Cleveland PLAIN DEALER's Brazaitis: "Dole demonstrated a willingness to follow his handlers' advice. His announcement was professionally staged to look more like a celebration than a resignation. He delivered a well-crafted and unusually personal speech. ... He used a TelePrompter to guard against a slip of the tongue. He took no questions from reporters" (5/16). Dole "had been practicing" the speech "for days" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 5/16). The speech was carried live by all four major TV networks. "It was arguably the most widely and immediately reported event in the troubled Dole campaign" (Piccoli, W. TIMES, 5/16).

*2 DOLE: ANALYZING THE DECISION

GANNETT's Raasch: "It is a fine line between boldness and desperation in politics, and Dole faces it as he heads out onto the presidential trail. ... If nothing else, Dole's resignation serves notice that he may not turn out to be the stationary target he often appeared to be this spring" (5/16). BOSTON GLOBE's Shribman: "Dole achieved something of a political tour de force. He managed to portray himself as a risk-taker at the very time when the bigger risk would have been to remain in the

Senate. ... The irony of Dole's decision ... is that one of the pivots of Dole's campaign was in fact an admission of his defeat" (5/16). The announcement "is a drastic bid to unyoke himself from an unpopular Republican Congress and to win a fresh look from skeptical voters" (Trounstine/Farragher, S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 5/16). ROLL CALL's Kondracke: "His decision to hit the campaign trail full time begs the question: What's he going to say out there?" (5/16 issue). CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Tackett: "He can now say where he believes Republican policies have gone too far. He can openly pick a fight with Pat Buchanan over the party's heart and soul. He has the freedom to say he will offer a place in the GOP for all views on abortion" (5/16). A Manchester UNION LEADER cartoon: Bob Dole at a lectern: "Today, Bob Dole announces his resignation from the Senate." An elephant standing behind him: "And, if Bob Dole would only resign from the campaign, we might have a chance" (5/16). GOP strategist Ken Khachigian: "Bob Dole turned into Bob Bold today. It goes against type. It breaks the mold. It's such an outsider's hand grenade" (S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 5/16). N.Y. TIMES' Dowd: "Before, Bob Dole didn't have a vision. Then Bob Dole didn't have a vision or money to campaign. Now Bob Dole doesn't have a vision or money or a job" (5/16).

UPCOMING EVENTS: "The first test of Dole's attempted transformation into an un-Senator" comes today in Chicago (Tackett, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 5/16). Dole "will spend two nights at his South Florida home this weekend, reviewing plans for his campaign, raising money and seeking [FL] votes." His stops in Miami and Tampa "are designed to counterbalance" Clinton's recent FL trip which focused on illegal drugs and Everglades pollution (Crawford, ORLANDO SENTINEL, 5/16). Dole also has an event in NC this weekend. He will return to IL 5/30 for a fund-raiser for the state GOP "to pay for" Dole TV ads (Sweet, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 5/16). Dole will "travel three or four days a week. Those trips will be built around" GOP fund-raisers. "The campaign already has stops in 17 cities scheduled between now and the Fourth of July, including two separate three-day swings" to CA (Seib/Rogers, W.S. JOURNAL, 5/16). Newt Gingrich: "The fact is, the Dole campaign is going to carry California. You can't carry California unless Bob Dole can be in California for long periods of time. He can't do that and also be Senate Majority Leader" ("Nightline," ABC, 5/15).

THAT PESKY BARBOUR RUMOR: Manchester UNION LEADER's DiStaso reports "word from high in the Dole campaign ... Pay no attention to the rumors" of a Steve Merrill-Haley Barbour switch. "It's not going to happen" (5/16). Barbour, asked if he'll leave the RNC to run Dole's campaign: "No sir, not at all" ("Larry King," CNN, 5/15).

RNC AD BLITZ: Barbour announced today that the RNC is launching a \$20 million "issue-advocacy" ad campaign between now and the conventions in August. Barbour: "The [RNC] has not launched a major advertising campaign until this point because, unlike the Democrats who have the unions spending millions in compulsory union dues on their behalf, we do not have unlimited resources. The [RNC] must raise all its funds from voluntary sources" (release, 5/16).

*3 DOLE: MORE PUNDITRY

Balto. SUN's Germond: "One of the axioms of political strategy goes this way: If you are in serious trouble, change the subject. ... Now Dole has changed the subject and given his campaign a fresh start -- or the appearance of one" (5/16). N.Y. TIMES' Apple: "A bold maneuver, full of potential perils -- not the least the possibility that an electorate weary of tactics and stratagems would see his resignation from the Senate as just another gimmick" (5/16). W. POST's McGrory: "Everyone knew Bob Dole was better than his campaign. Any number of people think that's he's better than Bill Clinton. He has said it's all about character. Now at last he's shown some" (5/16). N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Nelson: "Dole ripped himself out by the roots yesterday, quitting his only real home, the U.S. Senate" (5/16).

DISPARAGING DEMS: Dole's resignation "will not make Democrats stop running television commercials referring to DoleGingrich." DNC co-chair Sen. Chris Dodd: "It's tantamount to admission of failure, the failure of this Congress, which Bob Dole has led. He might as well raise a white flag now and admit that this Congress and this agenda have failed." Retiring Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL): "I support Bill Clinton, but I'm not going to get a one-way ticket to Canada if Bob Dole is elected president" (Clymer, N.Y. TIMES, 5/16). Dem consultant Mandy Grunwald: "I don't think [Dole's] problem is his location. ... His problem is his message" (L.A. TIMES, 5/16). Dem pollster Peter Hart: "[Dole] will live to rue the day. ... It's too tactical. You're denying your career. It's like going back to Russell and announcing you're moving to New York" (N.Y. TIMES, 5/16).

THE MESSAGE: N.Y. TIMES' Seelye writes, "for the past two weeks Dole has been road-testing a new speech that he hopes will starkly draw the ideological differences" between him and the president, differences that Dole aides say Clinton "has succeeded in blurring." Dole's new campaign speech, written by Reagan speechwriters Josh Gilder and Clark Judge "will lay the foundation for the fall campaign": that Dole stands for "common-sense conservatism" and that Clinton stands for "outdated liberalism." At the heart of the retooled speech are the "so-called character issues and appeals to voters on the basis of ideology." In his press conference, "for the first time," Dole used a prompter as he delivered a resignation speech that was more personal, focused and rehearsed than is his custom." Aides said he will be using one regularly from now on and will also be working with a speech coach (5/16). One senior Dole aide, on what to expect: "You're going to see him out of a suit and tie. You'll see him in environments that do not bespeak the carpeting and the background of the Senate" (Balto. SUN, 5/16).

GOOD MOVE: GOP strategist Charlie Black: "It will immediately galvanize all of the Republican troops around the country. And, to the extent we've had a problem with a malaise or down-in-the-dumps attitude, that will change immediately" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 5/16). Sen. Phil Gramm (R-TX) "said Dole was following the example of the 15th century Spanish explorer Hernando Cortes who, 'when he invaded Mexico, burned his ships so

his troops would realize there were only two roads home, victory and death" (Roth, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 5/16). NPR's Arnold: "Dole's dramatic decision was reminiscent of his appearance the day after losing the New Hampshire primary. He declared then, he would let Americans see the real Bob Dole and he vowed to turn things around, which he did" (5/16). Steve Forbes told the HOTLINE: "This move helps put the party and the race back on track. ... And now in the next few weeks I think you'll see the Senator come up with a pro-growth, pro-opportunity agenda on how to get the country moving. The only way he can beat Bill Clinton is with substance. No one's going to pucker a lip better than Bill Clinton can" (Interview, 5/15). HOTLINE founder Doug Bailey: "I don't think he can move from the floor of the Senate to presidential candidate simply by throwing a switch ... [but] what it does for Bob Dole is it gets him out of the most inside job there is in politics and allows him to project a presidential image and a presidential vision which he has not yet done" (CBS, 5/15). Dole CoS Sheila Burke: "This shows how serious he is about putting everything at risk for something he feels is very, very important" (NBC, 5/15). Rush Limbaugh: "It's a good move all the way around ... If he's willing to throw away his Senate job for this, that tells me that this is really important to him and that fires me up. I'm on fire" ("Limbaugh," WMAL, 5/15). Ex-Senate Maj. Leader Howard Baker, on Dole's decision to resign from the Senate and his own decision not to while running for pres.: "He was right and I was wrong" (CNN, 5/15). CNN's Novak said a Dole aide called it "the best kept political secret since the authorship of 'Primary Colors'" ("Crossfire," 5/15). ABC's Koppell: "Dole today tossed his cap over the wall, crossed the Rubicon." ABC's Greenfield: "Leaving the Senate ... gives Dole ... the chance to seem bold instead of old" ("Nightline," 5/15). NBC's Myers: "It was a bold stroke well executed." NBC's Russert: "Once you heard it, you said, 'Wow that's smart.' It's the third quarter and he's down three touchdowns and you got to throw a bomb and 'boom' he does. He suddenly shakes up the whole game. People look at him in a different light" ("Today," 5/16). ABC's Zelnick: "He decided that in order to fight like there was no tomorrow, he had to make sure there was none" ("GMA," 5/16). NPR's Wertheimer: "a dramatic move that stunned even his closest colleagues and even his own staff" (5/15). NBC's Brokaw: "He stunned the political world" (5/15). NPR's Siegel: "The Republicans have a new candidate: not the inside player drawing power from the halls of Congress but a man cut loose from a long career" (5/15). Paul Gigot: "This was a terrific and risky decision. ... Dole acted today like an executive, not like a legislator." Mark Shields: "It was a bold act. ... He gets our attention, what he does next determines whether it jump-starts or continues to stay in neutral" ("NewsHour," PBS, 5/15).

DUMB MOVE: GOP analyst Kevin Phillips: "I don't think this puts a whole lot of electricity in his socket. He can go out and give speeches, but the speeches he gave before were no good." Brookings' Stephen Hess: "It sounds like a strategy that's a good deal more desperate than the situation demands now. If he's so far behind, it's not because he's the majority leader in the

Senate. It's for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is that the economy is good" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 5/16).

*4 CLINTON: WHITE HOUSE DEALS WITH DOLE'S NEW DAY

NBC's Miklaszewski, on the WH response to Bob Dole's retirement announcement: "It looks like there will be some tinkering around the edges of the Clinton campaign. ... The president will now hit the road for more campaigning starting in June. Democrats may no longer be able to link Dole to ... Gingrich." NBC's Ifill: "He's going to force the president to go out and start acting like a politician, the one thing they don't want the President to look like" ("Today," 5/16). CNN's Blitzer: "Sources close to the Clinton-Gore campaign are painting [Dole's decision] as reflecting a process of desperation, panic and instability" (5/15). CBS' Braver: "The Clinton campaign ... [says] this is a sign that Dole is in trouble, that he must flee from his own Republican Congress and that, in a pinch, he would rather campaign than govern" (5/15). CHICAGO SUN-TIMES' Sweet: "For the first time in months, there was an obvious sense of nervousness and uncertainty in the Clinton camp." Several WH advisers "privately conceded Dole was likely to benefit, at least in the short term" (5/16). WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry "said the president thanked Dole for his years of public service in a 'very warm, very personal' phone call that lasted about five minutes." McCurry: "The President said to Senator Dole that he has done a lot of things for his country and he ought rightfully be proud of his 35 years of service." McCurry "said Clinton also told Dole: 'You succeeded in surprising us all'" (Kiely, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 5/16). DNC co-chair Chris Dodd: "It's tantamount, in effect, to an admission of failure, a failure of this Congress which Bob Dole has led. This is a Republican-controlled Congress, you've got the Republican leader of this Congress who is basically saying, 'I have no chance of winning unless I get out of town.' He might as well raise the white flag right now and say, 'This Congress has failed'" ("NewsHour," PBS, 5/15).

MONEY PROBLEM? ABC's Hume: "The feeling [at the WH] is ... this will greatly complicate Senator Dole's efforts to work around the spending limits. ... They feel he will be hamstrung" (5/15).

*5 VEEPSTAKES: REACTIONS TO DOLE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

ALEXANDER: Lamar Alexander: "This is presidential leadership. This is the general saying to the troops, 'I'm willing to risk it all. Follow me!'" (release, 5/15).

BUSH: TX Gov. George Bush: "It is a courageous political move" (HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 5/16).

EDGAR: IL Gov. Jim Edgar: "Bob Dole will now be able to take his case to the American people -- to explain the differences between Bob Dole and Bill Clinton -- instead of trying to accomplish these goals in the current atmosphere of Beltway politics" (release, 5/15).

ENGLER: MI Gov. John Engler: "Bob Dole assumes the mantle of leadership for the party and puts the campaign into the next phase which will lead us to the convention. ... [Dole's decision]

is indicative of the integrity of this man" (release, 5/15).

HUTCHISON: Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX): "When people see him, they really relate to him. But you can't do that from the Senate floor, talking about cloture votes" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 5/16).

MCCAIN: Sen. John McCain (AZ): "Bob Dole has boldly demonstrated to Americans how committed he is to improving their lives" (AZ REPUBLIC, 5/16).

POWELL: CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Tackett writes Dole's resignation "rekindles talk about" Colin Powell. "Dole could argue that he had separated himself from the party's right wing, and appeal to Powell's own sense of sacrifice" (5/16).

RIDGE: "Americans will gain by getting to know the real Bob Dole -- and the real difference between his common sense conservatism and the liberalism of Bill Clinton" (release, 5/15).

THOMPSON: WI Gov. Tommy Thompson: "He's gambling everything and I think Americans like gamblers and they like underdogs" (N.Y. TIMES, 5/16).

VOINOVICH: George Voinovich: "Dole, one of the greatest [cong.] leaders in history, will be able to spend full time articulating his vision for the future of America" (release, 5/15).

WHITMAN: NJ Gov. Christie Whitman: "Dole's decision is a clear indication of his dedication and commitment to his campaign for the presidency" (release, 5/15).

*6 CLINTON: TRIANGULATING ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE?

Gay men and lesbians in San Francisco, "disappointed and even disgusted" with Pres. Clinton's statements on same-sex marriage, say they'll "stand with" Clinton "rather than see an anti-gay" GOPer win the WH. Lesbian S.F. supervisor Susan Leal: "[His stand] is going to really hurt my ability to gain support for him within the gay and lesbian constituency. It makes it harder to get excited about his candidacy. But will I vote for him? With the alternatives, of course." Clinton "isn't completely writing off" the gay community; he is sending George Stephanopoulos to speak to the Human Rights Campaign 6/15. Still, "once again, as with gays in the military, the nation's first gay-friendly president is trapped in a political corner" by GOP "strategists making hay out of gay issues that even the gay rights movement would rather not take up right now" (Ness, S.F. EXAMINER, 5/16). Clinton, who has "long supported" gay rights, currently seems "determined to keep the issue from roiling his re-election campaign," and the WH is going "out its way to diffuse potential" GOP attacks. This time, the issue is same-sex marriages, which Clinton has "long opposed." Bob Dole has received "conflicting advice" on how to use the issue, and aides say Dole is "reluctant" to hit Clinton with it. Still, WH press sec. Mike McCurry went to "some lengths" to highlight Clinton's opposition to same-sex marriage, and hinted that Clinton would sign pending legislation allowing states to ignore a potential HI ruling recognizing same-sex marriages. Even as McCurry was trying to "diffuse" the issue, his comments showed "why it is likely to be a nettlesome one" for the pres., as he tries to

"balance the interests of a core constituency with those of moderate voters" (Purdum, N.Y. TIMES, 5/16).

HOUSE ACTION: A House subcmte heard testimony on a GOP-sponsored bill, identical to the one in the Senate, that would allow states to decide whether to recognize same-sex marriages allowed in other states. The bill would define marriage as being between a man and a woman, and would deny federal benefits like social security for surviving spouses to gay couples. Frosh Rep. Bob Barr (R-GA): "It simply tells the states that you cannot be forced to accept same-sex marriage if you don't want to." Bill opponents say it violates civil liberties like the "full faith and credit" clause of the Constitution (Ryan, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 5/16). House debate was "tension filled." Rep. Charles Canady (R-FL): "I really can't imagine how anyone could, in good conscience, oppose the proposition that states should be able to deny the status of marriage to same-sex unions." Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA): "What they're worried about is not what the states do in regard to marriage but what the states do with their electoral votes." Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-CO) said American democracy promotes "liberty and justice for all." Schroeder: "What part of 'all' don't you guys understand?" (Hohler, BOSTON GLOBE, 5/16).

NEWS UNDER THE GLARE OF DOLE: Clinton awarded \$604M in grants for 9,000 new police offices in 2,500 cities, "less than one week" after Bob Dole "accused him of waging only a rhetorical war on crime." Later, in a ceremony honoring slain police officers, Clinton once again called for a ban on "cop killer bullets." Clinton also called for stricter parole to keep violent offenders behind bars for "at least 85%" of their terms. In a conference call with mayors, Clinton said the new law enforcement initiative would bring the number of new cops on the street to 43,000; he promised in his crime package to get 100,000 new officers on the streets in five years. Dole had said in a campaign swing that Clinton has thus far delivered on only a "fraction" of his new police promise (Jackson, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 5/16). Clinton was "looking to march past Bob Dole on the crime issue" (Ross, AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 5/16).

TODAY'S THEME: Pres. Clinton will host 100 business leaders at the WH 5/16, to discuss "what they can do" about worker anxiety over job security. Labor Sec. Robert Reich: "We're going to spotlight companies that are treating workers as assets to be developed instead of costs to be cut" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 5/16).

PAULA JONES: Clinton attys appealed to the SC to delay Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit until after Clinton leaves office. The petition amounts to a "last step" in what has been a "losing effort" to put off the civil damage suit. The SC is "likely" to act on the appeal within the next month. Clinton has "vigorously denied" Jones' allegations of crude sexual behavior; Jones is seeking \$700,000 in damages (Greenhouse, N.Y. TIMES, 5/16). The case "could remain on hold through the election campaign" even if the SC denies the appeal (Denniston, Balto. SUN, 5/16).

*7 STATE POLLS: CLINTON LEADS AMONG MIDWEST ADULTS

A ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/KMOX poll, conducted 5/1-11 by Univ. of MO Center of Advanced Social Research, surveyed 400 adults in Illinois and 400 in Missouri; margin of error for each state +/- 5% (5/15).

	ILLINOIS	MISSOURI
Clinton	56%	46%
Dole	28	32

"Overwhelming support from women" gives Clinton "strong leads" over Dole in both states (Mannies, POST-DISPATCH, 5/15).

IL: 22 EV's; '92 vote: Clinton 49%, Bush 34%, Perot 17%.

MO: 11 EV's; '92 vote: Clinton 44%, Bush 34%, Perot 22%.

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

***8 SENATE MAJORITY LEADER: BATTLE OF THE MISSISSIPPI**

Bob Dole's decision to quit the Senate "clears the way" for MS Sens. Trent Lott & Thad Cochran "to battle for the top leadership post" (Kullen, MEDILL/Biloxi SUN HERALD, 5/16). Maj. Whip Lott is "the favorite" to become leader. AZ Sen. John McCain: "It's pretty clear that Senator Lott has to go in as the favorite. In the next 24 hours it will become a lot clearer" (Lochhead, S.F. CHRONICLE, 5/16). Lott-backer Phil Gramm: "The race ... is not dried, but I think it is cut" (BOSTON GLOBE, 5/16). Several "nose-counters" said Lott is "within reach of claiming a majority of the 53-member GOP caucus or perhaps already there." Alluding to his one-vote victory over Sen. Alan Simpson (WY) in '94, Lott said, "I don't intend to win them that close any more" (Dewar, W. POST, 5/16). Sen. Don Nickles (OK) "is expected to ease the divisiveness" of the shuffle "by bowing out" of the Leader race and is "now headed" for the race for whip, possibly on a ticket with Lott. The two men discussed the idea in a phone call "within hours" of word of Dole's resignation. Lott "confirmed the conversation and the notion of him and Nickles running as a team." Lott: "We talked about how we can both serve the leadership." Nickles "also confirmed the conversation and said he was still weighing whether to run" for Leader: "I'll make up my mind in the next 24 to 48 hours" (Burger, ROLL CALL, 5/16). Sen. Budget Chair Pete Domenici (NM) is also expected to run for leader. He is "a dark horse ... but surely the sentimental favorite of Dole" (Hosler, Balto. SUN, 5/16). By remaining leader until 6/11, Dole "probably insures a short, quick fight to succeed him. The earlier idea, that he would only give up the duties, and perhaps the title, of leader would have produced a session drawn out by competition to see who could cooperate least with the Democrats and bash the President hardest. But just how that will play out is unclear" (Clymer, N.Y. TIMES, 5/16). Mark Shields: "I wouldn't bet against Trent Lott. ... He is not to be underestimated." Paul Gigot: "Trent Lott is the overwhelming favorite right now" ("NewsHour," 5/15).

NICKLES: Mark Shields called Nickles "the closest thing to a Bob Dole protege in the Senate" ("NewsHour," PBS, 5/15). Nickles, asked if he's running: "Yes I have an interest in leader

and or assistant leader, Republican Whip" ("Crossfire," CNN, 5/15). DNC co- chair Chris Dodd called the leadership fight "a battle between the far right and the extreme right" (Hess, PHILA. INQUIRER, 5/16).

SIGNALING A NEW ERA? "Whoever ultimately seizes the helm of the Senate will most probably be a younger and more ideologically driven majority leader who mirrors not only the party's conservative ideological consolidation but also its shift to the South and West" (S.F. CHRONICLE, 5/16). A Lott-Cochran race "will determine, perhaps for the foreseeable future, if the style of people like Mr. Cochran has been replaced by a new era of GOP confrontation with Democrats" (Myers, W. TIMES, 5/16). Dole's exit "means the last of the old-guard, moderate wing of the [GOP] in the Senate gives way to a brand of aggressive, hard-core conservatives led" by Lott and Gramm (Galvin, N.Y. POST, 5/16). Dole's resignation "completes the rise to power of a new generation of congressional leaders. ... Now in his place comes a new leadership that puts less emphasis on coalition building" (Lee/Wolf, USA TODAY, 5/16). For "some" senators of both parties, Dole's leaving "had broader long-term significance, embodying both a generational change as well as a loss of some of the most accomplished legislative craftsman through a record-breaking number of retirements" (Dewar, W. POST, 5/16).

CHANGE ANYTHING? Dole's "sudden" announcement has not only "started a succession battle for Republican leader, it is also likely to end the stalemate that has stalled Senate action in the recent weeks" (Black, BOSTON GLOBE, 5/16). Dole's departure will leave the Senate "without an experienced dealmaker at the helm, but it's unclear whether that will make much difference this year." McCain "said he thought there would be a temporary truce, perhaps long enough to pass a few items such as a minimum wage increase and a cut in the gasoline tax." McCain: "You've got to remember this is an election year. ... So things are naturally going to be partisan. We still disagree on fundamental issues, and we'll soon get back to that." Lott "said he thought Dole's departure might actually ease the taut partisanship that has marked the Senate deliberations the last few weeks." Lott: "Hopefully, the partisan energy that's built up in this conflict will be dissipated a little bit" (Hess, PHILA. INQUIRER, 5/16). Dole's departure leaves a "gaping hole" on Capitol Hill, and the Congress "without a master legislative craftsman guiding its agenda" (Lee/Wolf, USA TODAY, 5/16).

***9 HOTLINE PEOPLE: FINKELSTEIN POLLS FOR LIKUD**

The "mysterious and eccentric" GOP pollster Arthur Finkelstein "has found himself a new target": Israel Prime Minister Shimon Peres. For the past two months, "the reclusive strategist, known for his negative campaigns and upset victories, has been shuttling" between NY and Israel, where he is a top adviser to Likud Party candidate Benjamin Netanyahu, who is seeking to unseat Peres in the 5/29 elections. Past Finkelstein clients: Sens. Al D'Amato (R-NY), Jesse Helms (R-NC), Lauch Faircloth (R-NC), Don Nickles (R-OK) and NY Gov. George Pataki (Goldberg, L.I. NEWSDAY, 5/15).

MARTIN: Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America announced it has hired Bush Labor Sec. Lynn Martin to review its workplace policies. Martin said that her job is to study and improve the workplace, not to deal with sexual harassment lawsuits filed against Mitsubishi by more than two dozen female employees and the EEOC (Fetherston, L.I. NEWSDAY, 5/15).

HILLMAN: Elsie Hillman, the millionaire Pittsburgh GOPer "who for decades has been a political kingmaker" in PA, is stepping down as GOP nat'l cmtewoman after 21 years. She had been "instrumental" in the rise of George Bush, the late Sen. John Heinz, ex-Gov. Dick Thornburgh and now-Gov. Tom Ridge (Zausner, PHILA. INQUIRER, 5/16).

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

***10 ILLINOIS: POLL OF ADULTS FINDS DURBIN UP 20 POINTS**

A ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/KMOX poll, conducted 5/1-11 by Univ. of MO Center of Advanced Social Research, surveyed 400 adults; margin of error +/- 5% (5/15). Tested: Rep. Dick Durbin (D-20), state Rep. Al Salvi (R). Sen. Paul Simon (D) is retiring.

Durbin 47%

Salvi 27

DURBIN CONVENTION ROLE GROWS: Chicago Mayor Richard Daley will "forgo" the chairmanship of the IL Dem convention delegation and hand that honor over to Durbin. The move "will help showcase Durbin on national TV and free Daley to concentrate on his role as convention host." The move "could translate into a big public-relations boost" for Durbin. In the Dem primary, Daley remained neutral; "that helped foster the impression in some political circles that the mayor was lukewarm toward Durbin because of his ties" to Simon (Hardy/Secter, CHICAGO TRIB, 5/15).

***11 KANSAS: CHAOS REIGNS IN LAND OF OZ; FILING DEADLINE 6/24**

The decision by Bob Dole to resign the Senate seat he first won in '68 has led to a "wave of unexpected questions that swamped the political landscape." It was still not certain whether an election to succeed him will take place in November, and there was intense speculation as to whom Gov. Bill Graves (R) will pick as Dole's successor. What everyone agreed on, however, was that Dole's decision, coming in the wake of Nancy Kassebaum's (R) retirement after 18 years in the Senate, "forces the state to confront an almost unthinkable loss of clout and prestige." The other certainty is that Graves "faces a huge decision." Graves: "My intention will be that one minute later (after Dole resigns) there will be a new individual sworn in as a United States senator from Kansas." Graves said "he didn't know" if there would be a special election in November or whether the appointee would serve until Dole's term expired in '98. But Sec/State Ron Thornburgh (R) was "more definitive": "Should he (Dole) vacate the office, we will have elections for both Senate seats this year." Thornburgh announced the filing deadline for the Dole seat will be 6/24, two weeks after the regular KS deadline of 6/10. Dole is set to resign "on or before" 6/11. On the subject

of a replacement, Graves said, "I haven't had a chance to think about it one bit." But others have. One rumor had Kassebaum "sticking around for another couple of years, although she reportedly laughed when asked about the possibility." Another, confirmed by Dem sources, had ex-Rep./now U.S. Ag. Sec. Dan Glickman (D) as "interested." Among those said to be "most likely" on Graves' short list were state Sen. Mark Parkinson (R), ex-KS GOP chair Kim Wells, LG Sheila Frahm (R), KS Commerce Sec. Gary Sherrer and Rep. Pat Roberts (R-01). Roberts already is running for the Kassebaum seat, against likely Dem nominee/Treas. Sally Thompson, but he "could switch races. Any appointee would gain an enormous leg up at election time. ... The possibility of quick advancement might be appealing to someone like Roberts who was first elected to the House in 1980. When asked last year whom he would consider appointing to a Senate seat, the only person Graves mentioned was Roberts." Graves did say "he wanted someone who could immediately step into the job." Others interested in the seat include frosh Rep. Sam Brownback (R-02) and ex-state Sen. Eric Yost (R), both of whom flirted with running for Kassebaum's seat. A Brownback run would give Dems a shot at his House seat; John Friedan (D) is thought to be his "likely" Dem opponent, and GOPers "said they had no other candidate in the wings if Brownback moves on." Bob Martin, a Dem aide in the state Senate, called it a "historical opportunity" for KS Dems: "It has the potential for really firing people up." Martin called it a "\$1 million sprint. Whoever can get out of the starting gate fast and raise money fast and get organized in the top 10 counties will have an enormous edge." There is also the possibility Graves would pick a "caretaker" candidate who would only serve until the next election, a "respected senior Republican who would be given the job as a reward for years of service;" possibilities include state Sens. Dick Bond and Bud Burke. As for Graves appointing himself to the seat, the gov. "did not encourage that possibility": "I love what I'm doing, and I just can't see myself dropping everything I'm doing" (Kraske/Dvorak, K.C. STAR, 5/16). For her part, Thompson said Dole's decision "will not affect my commitment" to running for the Kassebaum seat: "Rest assured, I am up for this challenge" (release, 5/15).

LEAD, DON'T LEAVE: K.C. STAR editorial, bemoaning the loss of seniority and influence with the departures of Dole and Kassebaum, urges Kassebaum to change her mind: "If she can persuade herself to postpone returning to private life, we are convinced the state's interests would best be served by her seeking re-election. ... No matter what happens with the appointment to succeed Dole, if Kassebaum were to win re-election, Kansas could be confident of continuing to have seasoned, sensible leadership in the Senate. The state deserves that, and no one could provide it as well as Kassebaum" (5/16).

EASY WAY OUT? W. TIMES' Roman speculates Graves could pick retiring Rep. Jan Meyers (R-03), a move that "might disrupt the party least" (5/16). Other possibles: frosh Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R-04), who unseated Glickman in '94; ex-RNC member Jack Ranson, ex-Dole aide Dan Stanley, real estate investor Nestor Weigand, ex-

Rep./'94 Dem gov. nominee Jim Slattery, Insur. Commis. Kathleen Sebelius and stockbroker Jill Docking (D). Primary: 8/6.

***12 MASSACHUSETTS: POLL SHOWS KERRY JUMPING TO 13-POINT LEAD**

A MA Insight poll, conducted 4/29-5/4 by Opinion Dynamics, surveyed 428 registered voters; margin of error +/- 5%. Tested: Sen. John Kerry (D) and Gov. Bill Weld (R).

GENERAL ELECTION (w/leaners) NOW 1/96 10/95

Kerry	49%	49%	48%
Weld	36	42	39
Undec.	15	9	14

LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED: BOSTON HERALD's Battenfeld reports that an ex-Kerry aide "helped draft a campaign fundraising letter using Kerry's taxpayer-funded office equipment and research service." Some of the research done by aide David Stone "ended up nearly word-for-word in a direct mail fundraising pitch sent out by Kerry, documents obtained by the HERALD show." Kerry spokesperson Michael Meehan said that Stone "did provide assistance" to Kerry fundraising consultant Ron Rosenblith for the letter which targeted the NRA, "but said he did the work on his own time." Stone now works for Kerry's campaign (5/15).

***13 RHODE ISLAND: RNC ADS ATTACK REED'S WELFARE POSITION**

"Using the divisive issue of welfare," the RNC "launched a sharply negative" \$70,000 TV ad campaign aimed at Rep. Jack Reed (D-02), who is running for the seat of retiring Sen. Claiborne Pell (D). The 30-sec. ad opens with an "unflattering" photograph of Reed, and an off-screen announcer calls Reed a "liberal" who "opposes making welfare recipients work for their checks." The ad ends with the announcer urging viewers to "call liberal Jack Reed. Tell him his record on welfare is just too liberal for you." The spot also "hammers" Reed for failing to support the Balanced Budget Amendment advanced by Newt Gingrich. The Reed campaign "reacted quickly, denouncing the spot and asserting that it misrepresents his voting record." Reed mgr J.B. Poersch: "This ad totally distorts Jack Reed's record on welfare reform and is a pathetic example of campaign mudslinging." Poersch said the spot "is strikingly similar to negative ads the RNC is running against Democratic candidates" in MN, OR, SD and MT. Poersch: "What the ad does not point out is that while Reed voted against the Gingrich Contract with America welfare reform program, he did vote for a more moderate plan that requires welfare recipients to either get a job or get into job training." Reed's staff "sought to drag" Treas. Nancy Mayer (R) into the "brouhaha," calling on her to "use her influence with the RNC to get it removed from the air." Mayer mgr Bob Coupe "scoffed at the request": "If this were my ad, I'd have those answers. I can't tell the RNC what to do" (MacKay, Providence JOURNAL-BULLETIN, 5/15). Other GOPer: b'man Tom Post. Primary: 9/10.

***14 VIRGINIA: POWELL BACKS JOHN WARNER**

Colin Powell said he plans to vote for Sen. John Warner (R)

in the 6/11 GOP primary against Reagan OMB Dir. Jim Miller, calling Warner "a great supporter of the military and Reagan policies." Referring to Warner's opposition to VA GOP cand. Mike Farris and Oliver North, Powell said he did not have a problem with Warner "speaking his mind": "Republicans are free to speak out from time to time" (Blomquist, W. TIMES, 5/15). Frosh Rep. Steve Largent (R-OK), "ignoring conventional wisdom that elected officials should stay out of intraparty fights," helped raise money for Miller at a 5/13 fundraiser. Largent: "I believe John Warner is not a Republican. ... It is Republicans like John Warner that give people the impression the message is blurred" (Myers, TULSA WORLD 5/15). Dem: ex-VA Dem chair Mark Warner.

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

***15 MICHIGAN: SOME RACES TO WATCH**

With the 5/13 filing deadline having passed, the DETROIT NEWS profiles some of the key races (5/15):

MI 08: Ex-state Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D), the '94 LG nominee, was recruited by the Dem "establishment" to challenge frosh Rep. Dick Chrysler (R). Chrysler is the only GOPer among seven in the 16-member MI delegation who "needs to work up a sweat."

MI 09: "As expected," ex-MI Transportation Dir. Pat Nowak (R) filed against Rep. James Barcia (D).

MI 10: MI GOP chair Susy Heintz, "recruited" by Gov. John Engler (R) to take on House Min. Whip David Bonior (D), will formally announce 5/16 with "assurances of support" from Engler and Sen. Spencer Abraham (R). Newspaper exec. Marlene Kler (R) withdrew from the race 5/14 to avoid "further complicating an already difficult Republican situation." Other GOPers: ex-state Sen. Gil DiNello and '94 GOP nominee Don Lobsinger.

MI 12: John Pappageorge, the GOP nominee vs. Rep. Sander Levin (D) in '94, filed again, as has Kevin Wright (R).

MI 13: "Well-financed" retired Ann Arbor businessman Joe Fitzimmons (R) filed against frosh Rep. Lynn Rivers (D).

MI 15: Embattled Rep. Barbara-Rose Collins (D) "need worry only" about the 8/6 primary. Her worries "are lessened by the fact that so many Democrats filed against her that they may shatter the vote so badly that she'll coast back in." Her primary opponents include state Sen. Henry Stallings, state Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, atty Godfrey Dillard, businessman Douglass Diggs and "late entry" Leon Jenkins.

MI 16: Wyandotte Mayor/ex-Dem state Sen. James DeSana (R), who also was encouraged by Engler to run, is "favored" to win the GOP nod to take on Rep. John Dingell (D). DeSana must first defeat Ford designer Steve Hoffman (R), who says a choice between Dingel and DeSana "is like choosing between Dingell and Dingell-Lite."

***16 OR 02: DEMOCRAT AGAINST COOLEY STARTS TO GET NOTICED**

Under the header "Democrat isn't just another Republican road kill," Portland OREGONIAN's Baker writes that Deschutes Co. D.A. Mike Dugan (D), the likely Dem nominee against embattled

frosh Rep. Wes Cooley (R), "is turning heads in Eastern Oregon's historically GOP congressional district." Since the CD was formed in 1849 it has sent only two Dems to the House, but a "series of Cooley controversies" has created an opening. Dugan "is far from the sort of Democrat the GOP has picked off time and time again" in the district. He is a "home-grown moderate who hunts, chews tobacco, fights crime and talks the same language as ranchers, farmers and loggers." An "avid outdoorsman and gun control opponent," he supports some environmental regulations, supports abortion rights, and opposes prayer in schools (5/15). OREGONIAN endorses Dugan in the primary (5/15). Other Dem: George Fuson.

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

*17 MISSOURI GOVERNOR: POLL OF ADULTS FINDS CARNAHAN UP 14 PTS.

A ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/KMOX poll, conducted 5/1-11 by Univ. of MO Center of Advanced Social Research, surveyed 400 adults; margin of error +/- 5% (5/15). Tested: Gov. Mel Carnahan (D), Auditor Margaret Kelly (R).

Carnahan 47%
Kelly 33

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

*18 CBS/N.Y. TIMES: PLURALITY SAYS DOLE DID THE RIGHT THING

666 adults surveyed on 5/15; margin of error +/- 4%.
Subsample: 567 registered voters; +/- 4% (5/16).

APPROVE/DISAPPROVE

JOB RATING	ALL	GOP	DEM	IND	3/96
Clinton	55%/ 37%	25%/ 70%	83%/ 12%	52%/ 34%	48%/ 40%
Dole	46 / 40	66 / 23	34 / 51	41 / 44	52 / 31
Congress	32 / 55	43 / 47	28 / 58	27 / 60	23 / 66

(among RVs w/leaners)

2-WAY	ALL	GOP	DEM	IND	3/96
Clinton	56%	18%	89%	56%	53%
Dole	41	81	9	37	42

DID DOLE DO RIGHT THING? ALL GOP DEM IND THOSE WHO HEARD

Yes	43%	56%	36%	40%	60%
No	22	16	29	20	30

COULD DOLE HAVE EFFECTIVELY CAMPAIGNED FROM THE SENATE?

	ALL	GOP	DEM	IND	HEARD
Yes	22%	19%	25%	21%	30%
No	45	56	40	40	62

*19 W.S. JOURNAL/NBC: POWELL HELPS CLOSE GAP, ENGLER WIDENS IT

1,001 registered voters surveyed 5/10-14 by Peter Hart (D) and Bob Teeter (R); margin of error +/- 3.2% (5/15).

2-WAY NOW 3/96 1/96 12/95 10/95 9/95 7/95 6/95

Clinton	54%	53%	47%	50%	46%	46%	45%	43%
Dole	37	34	40	40	39	40	43	42

3-WAY	NOW	3/96	1/96	12/95	10/95	7/95	4/95	6/93
Clinton	48%	46%	41%	44%	39%	38%	40%	35%
Dole	31	29	34	31	33	34	35	27
Perot	12	16	16	16	18	19	17	30

2-WAY (w/VPs)	
Clinton-Gore	48%
Dole-Powell	44
Clinton-Gore	53%
Dole-Engler	34

WHICH PARTY WOULD DO BETTER DEALING WITH THE ECONOMY?

	Now	12/95	6/95	10/94	7/94	6/94	10/93
Republican	30%	30%	29%	30%	29%	26%	27%
Democratic	26	22	17	22	18	21	22

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE	NOW	3/96	REPEAL OF '93 GAS TAX
Jobs & the economy	31%	33%	Favor 60%
Education	17	16	Oppose 34
Budget deficit	17	16	
Taxes	10	9	
Crime	6	8	

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

*20 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted RNC chair Haley Barbour. NBC's "Today" hosted DNC chair Chris Dodd (D-CT). CBS "This Morning" hosted Barbour, Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), and Reagan WH aide Michael Deaver. "FOX Morning News" hosted Dodd, Barbour, NEWSWEEK's Howard Fineman, Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS), Labor Sec. Robert Reich, Dole chair/NH Gov. Steve Merrill (R), Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-MA) and Whitewater Min. Counsel Richard Ben Veniste.

LAST NIGHT: ABC, NBC and CBS led with Bob Dole's resignation. CNN "WorldView" led with China. "NewsHour" focused on Dole with Shields and Gigot, and on China with acting USTR Charlene Barshefsky and Chinese Amb. to the U.S. Li Dao Yu. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Dodd, Barbour and Merrill. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Dem strategist Bob Shrum and Sen. Don Nickles (R-OK). CNBC's "Chris Matthews" hosted Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) & John McCain (R-AZ), Al Franken and Arianna Huffington. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted House Maj. Leader Dick Armey. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted Barbour, Dodd, CBS' Bob Schieffer, NBC's Tim Russert, CNN's Frank Sesno and FOX's Tony Snow. PBS' "Charlie Rose" hosted Jack Kemp, THE STANDARD's Fred Barnes, GOP strategist Ed Rollins and NEW YORK's Jacob Weisberg. ABC's "Nightline" focused on the Dole decision with Newt Gingrich.

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on Bob Dole retiring after 27 years in the Senate: "Strom Thurmond told him, 'You just got here.'" Leno, on DC Mayor Marion Barry's return: "One guy ran up to Barry and said 'I love you man,' and he said 'Sorry Billy, you're not getting my crack'" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 5/15).

TOP TEN NEW McDONALD's MENU ITEMS

10. Happy Meal with Prozac
9. Anatomically Correct McNuggets
8. Arch Support Deluxe
7. Metamucil Shake
6. Big Mac served in one of Pamela Anderson's old bras
5. Egg McMuffin with Hair Plugs
4. Large fries previously owned by Jackie O. -- only \$145,000
3. Supersize 32 ounce martinis
2. Victoria's Secret Sauce
1. Quarter Pounder with Crack ("Late Show," CBS, 5/15)

===== SOUNDBITE =====

"The bully pulpit he had envisioned began to bully him."

-- NPR's Elizabeth Arnold, on Bob Dole, 5/16

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FRAHMING THE RACE (#10)		SPOTLIGHT	
KS LG Sheila Frahm (R) looks			
to be the first-in-line to fill		SPRING TERM	
the Dole Senate seat. Insurance		AT ELECTORAL U	
Commis. Kathleen Sebelius (D)			
says she won't run.		If the election were held	
		today, the state polls --	

THE VOICE OF MODERATION (#14) | not just the national ones |

New VA poll finds Sen. John		-- indicate that it	
Warner (R) with a 2-to-1 lead		wouldn't be that close.	
over conservative primary foe		The standard advantage that	
Jim Miller (R).		the Republicans enjoy in	
		the Electoral College in a	

ALL POLITICS IS LOCO (#16) | two-way contest is nowhere |

LIRR massacre widow Carolyn		to be found today.	
McCarthy (R), upset at frosh			
Rep. Dan Frisa's (R-04) vote on		The latest edition of The	
assault weapons ban, may run --		HOTLINE Electoral Score-	
as a Dem.		board -- with polls from 37	

states (including all the large and medium size states) -- shows Pres. replace retiring Sens. Pryor Clinton with 22 states (312 electoral votes) in which Earl Blumenauer (D) heavily he is leading outside the margin of error. Bob Dole leads outside the margin in only 4 states (54 EVs).

<http://PoliticsUSA.com> RESULTS, news, and analysis from today's Arkansas and Oregon primaries. See: NH, UT, VA, etc. (#1)

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

"All of us have only a rudimentary understanding of what this plan is. I don't know if we have problems or not."
 -- WH deputy CoS Harold Ickes, on the WI welfare reform,
 PHILA. INQUIRER, 5/21

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

On this day in 1832, the Democratic Party officially adopted its name and nominated Pres. Andrew Jackson to a second term.

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

*1 ELECTORAL SCOREBOARD: CLINTON ENJOYS WIDE LEAD

The Electoral Scoreboard is The HOTLINE's compilation of trial heat data available from reputable state polls. The number of electoral votes is listed next to each state in parentheses.

(++) indicates a lead beyond the margin of error; (+) means a lead within the margin. NOTE: State-by-state results tend to lag significantly behind nat'l polls. 13 states (and DC) lack data.

STATE	CLINTON	DOLE	POLLSTER	DATE	MoE
AL (9)	40%	++49%	WSFA-TV	4/18-20	+/- 3.5%
AZ (8)	39	+41	Behav. Res. Ctr.	4/3-10	+/- 4.3
AR (6)	++51	36	AR DEM-GAZETTE	5/13-14	+/- 3.5
CA (54)	++45	33	Polling Co. (R)	4/10-17	+/- 3.5
CO (8)	41	+43	KMGH-TV	2/26-28	+/- 3.5
CT (10)	++52	39	HART. COUR.	1/24-2/1	+/- 4.5
DE (3)	++47	27	NEWS JOURNAL	1/5-11	+/- 3.5
FL (25)	+45	40	TAMPA TRIB./NEWS8	3/1-2	+/- 3.5
GA (13)	++50	40	GA STATE UNIV.	4/10-26	+/- 3.4
IA (7)	++53	36	D.M. REGISTER	3/30-4/3	+/- 3.9
IL (22)	++56	28	STL POST-DISP.	5/1-11	+/- 5
IN (12)	41	+44	SOUTH BEND TRIB.	4/27-29	+/- 3.5
KY (8)	++48	32	US Chamb. of Comm	4/28	+/- 4.4
LA (9)	+43	42	WDSU/KATC-TV	1/27-29	+/- 3.5
MA (12)	++59	28	BOSTON GLOBE	4/8-9	+/- 5
MD (10)	++53	37	GSPM/GWU	3/4	+/- 5
MI (18)	++50	35	EPIC-MRA	5/15-16	+/- 4
MN (10)	++49	37	ST PAUL PION.PR.	1/16-18	+/- 3.5
MO (11)	++46	32	STL POST-DISP.	5/1-11	+/- 5
MT (3)	+47	43	GREAT FALLS TRIB.	5/8-10	+/- 3.5
NE (5)	38	++49	STAR-HERALD	4/4-9	+/- 3.5
NC (14)	42	+48	WNSTN-SALEM JRNL	4/29-30	+/- 3.5
NH (4)	++54	34	WMUR	1/29-2/4	+/- 4.2
NJ (15)	++50	31	ASBURY PARK PRESS	4/12-13	+/- 3.9

NY (33)	++60	33	Quinnipiac Coll.	4/18-23	+/- 3.6
OH (21)	++52	39	COLUMBUS DISPATCH	5/3-6	+/- 4
OK (8)	41	+44	PMR	3/6-7	+/- 3.5
OR (7)	++52	38	Eug. REG.-GUARD	5/13-14	+/- 3.5
PA (23)	++51	34	Millersville U	3/30-4/2	+/- 3.7
SC (8)	39	++48	WCBD-TV	2/25-27	+/- 3.5
TN (11)	+45	41	WSRV-TV	3/5-6	+/- 3.5
TX (32)	40	++49	HOU CHRON.	4/1-3	+/- 3.5
UT (5)	35	+43	SALT LAKE TRIB.	5/7-9	+/- 4
VT (3)	++54	33	RUTLAND HERALD	2/24-25	+/- 4
VA (13)	+51	40	RICH. TIMES-DISP	5/2-18	+/- 5
WA (11)	++49	33	SPOKANE SPO.-REV.	2/3-5	+/- 3.5
WI (11)	++51	37	Market Shares	3/7-10	+/- 3.5

ELECTORAL COLLEGE TOTALS: (270 electoral votes needed to win)

LEADS OUTSIDE MoE				ALL LEADS	
	STATES	EVs		STATES	EVs
Clinton	23	325		27	373
Dole	4	54		10	109

ANALYSIS: If a 2-way pres. election were held today -- and all the polls were accurate -- Clinton would win handily with 312 EVs from the 22 states in which he has leads outside the margin of error. Clinton leads in 7 of the 8 largest states (he trails only in TX) and his lead is beyond the margin of error in 6 of those 7. Of the Top 12 states, Clinton leads in 10 -- 8 outside the margin. The polls include such bizarre results as: Clinton ahead in VA (outside margin), Dole's lead is only inside the margin in UT, Clinton leads outside the margin in NH -- you get the picture.

*2 DOLE: A SQUANDERED TRIP TO THE SUNSHINE STATE?

"Day No. 5 in the metamorphosis of Citizen Bob Dole: Chat with fifth-graders. Say a few words about education. Shake a mob of little hands. Mix and mingle at a luncheon to raise \$600,000 for [the GOP]. Back to Washington in time for dinner. Meet the New Dole. Same as the Old Dole?" So far, the post-announcement Dole "doesn't seem much different from the old Dole." At a stop at Enterprise Village in Largo, FL, where schoolchildren learn about business, Dole spoke "not as eloquently as he did when he resigned his Senate seat ... but rather like the Dole of old." Same "stilted monotone, a few mangled words, references to himself in the third person." So far, he has issued "no bold new policy initiatives ... no great new vision for America." Some analysts say this is a sign Dole "is squandering a prime opportunity to seize momentum now that he has captured the attention and imagination of the public." Brookings' Steve Hess: "If you called everybody in to look over the new model car, you better have something to show" (Gunter, TAMPA TRIBUNE, 5/21). MIAMI HERALD's Fiedler, on the Largo stop: "Beyond walking around ... and chatting with several students ... Dole offered no particular rationale for his visit" (5/21). Dole "stressed hard work and responsibility" but "hardly set a standard for exertion," having spent much of his time "relaxing"

at his Miami Beach condo (Crawford, ORLANDO SENTINEL, 5/21).

IMAGERY: W. TIMES' Kellman & Hallow write voters and GOP consultants "eager to hear a new message" from Dole's retooled campaign "were disappointed" by his weekend swing. Dole's schedule "was so light it was hard to tell if this was a campaign trip or a vacation." Ex-Forbes pollster John McLaughlin: "[Dole] did a brilliant thing in leaving the Senate. It opened the sale with voters. But there was no message to follow up." The Dole campaign's site selection and event-staging "have gradually improved, but other" GOPers "still say they lack the polish of a Clinton-Gore event." '92 Bush advance man Edward Murnane: "One thing is painfully obvious: The Dole people are going to make the same mistakes over and over." GOP pollster Neil Newhouse: "They don't know what kinds of settings he is comfortable with" (5/21). ST. PETE TIMES' Troxler: "[Dole] was back to wearing a dark suit and tie after a brief bout with tielessness" (5/21). Local resident Mary Todd: "I'm disappointed that he has on his dark suit again. I wanted him to be more casual" (MIAMI HERALD, 5/21).

DEFINITELY NOT BEACHY KEEN: Newhouse, on the latest set of photos of Dole's beach attire: "It's embarrassing. It's an undershirt. It's incredible" (W. TIMES, 5/21).

PREPPING FOR THE WELFARE SPEECH: At a GOP luncheon in Tampa, Dole "hit Clinton hard on the issue of trust, accusing the president of campaigning on a balanced budget, welfare reform and a middle class tax cut, but then opposing efforts by Congress to enact all three" (ST. PETE TIMES, 5/21). Dole labeled Clinton's "tough welfare talk" as more "petty theft" of GOP ideas. Dole travels to GOP Gov. Tommy Thompson's state of WI 5/21 to outline his welfare reform ideas in a major policy speech (AP/K.C. STAR, 5/21). Dole "declined to confirm or deny reports that he is planning to demand mandatory drug testing for welfare recipients." A Dole aide said reports on drug testing in NEWSWEEK and the W.S. JOURNAL were "premature" and "based on early drafts" of Dole's welfare speech: "He hasn't made that decision yet" (Harden, W. POST, 5/21). USA TODAY's Hasson and Welch: "Dole in an effort to reassert a tough GOP line on welfare, plans to accuse Clinton of failing to carry out his 1992 election-year promise to 'end welfare as we know it'" (5/21).

RESPONSE STRATEGY: The Dole campaign "is divided over how to respond to Clinton's shifts toward the center." One camp has argued for "moving to places Clinton cannot follow by emphasizing starkly conservative positions -- such as ending affirmative action." Other aides "worry that Dole could marginalize himself by seeking to constantly outflank Clinton on the right; they prefer to focus on challenging Clinton's sincerity" (Brownstein, L.A. TIMES, 5/21).

COMING UP: Dole meets with Steve Forbes to discuss tax policy 5/22 and will be in Philadelphia 5/23 "where he is expected for the first time to discuss his pro-life position on abortion" (W. TIMES, 5/21).

SPENDING: The Dole camp confirmed it "has spent nearly all" of the \$37M it is allotted under primary rules that last until the convention. "But campaign aides said they are confident that

bookkeeping maneuvers and other options can keep Dole financially afloat." In a report filed 5/20, the campaign said it had \$177,000 in cash left to spend between now and the convention. Dole spokesperson Christina Martin said "there is a concern" about the financial situation but "there is not a problem. We are watching it closely. We are watching the fact that we are \$1.4 million short of the spending limit, but we have enough resources to keep us running" (Kranish, BOSTON GLOBE, 5/21). WH Deputy CoS Harold Ickes said Clinton's reelection cmte "would closely monitor Dole's spending between now and the convention, but conceded there is little they can do, other than file" FEC complaints "if they believe Dole's campaign is violating the law" (Marcus, W. POST, 5/21).

STEVE MILLER DOESN'T RING A BELL, EITHER: Dole, at Enterprise Village, asked by a 5th-grader what kind of music he likes: "I like country music and I like to go back and play some of what we call the golden oldies [from] when I was growing up. ... You probably never heard of Glenn Miller? ... This guy happened to have a pretty good band" (W. POST, 5/21).

*3 CLINTON: WH ACKNOWLEDGES IT DIDN'T KNOW WISCONSIN DETAILS

Phila. INQUIRER's Thomma & Gallman report "while [Pres.] Clinton rushed to praise" the WI welfare reform proposal, "a top aide acknowledged" the admin. "did not yet know the details." WH deputy CoS Harold Ickes: "All of us have only a rudimentary understanding of what this plan is. I don't know if we have problems or not" (5/21). In a letter, 31 GOP govts. "belittled" Clinton's endorsement of WI's welfare plan, "accusing him of self-serving political opportunism while vetoing GOP reforms." The govts. "chided" Clinton for praising the program -- "then stopping short of signing a waiver [WI] needs to begin it." If Clinton is "serious," they said he should "immediately agree to sign the waivers allowing [WI] and 18 other states to institute" their reforms (Myers, W. TIMES, 5/21). WI Gov. Tommy Thompson (R): "Right now the train is moving, and Senator Dole is running the engine and President Clinton is trying to get on at the caboose" (MILWAUKEE JOURNAL-SENTINEL, 5/21). NPR's Arnold: "The [GOP] Congress is readying yet another welfare reform proposal they know Clinton will veto. It'll be linked with a proposal to turn Medicaid over to the states in an effort to provide yet another issue that supposedly defines the differences between [Clinton and Dole]" (5/21). W. POST editorial: "[Clinton] ought not need to convert the [WI] welfare system into a pawn, or join Bob Dole in doing so, just to make his case" (5/21).

CO-OPTING: L.A. TIMES' Brownstein writes, "To the increasing anger" of GOPers, Clinton "has established a pattern of pre-empting, or co-opting, ideas that the GOP had hoped would clearly define the presidential campaign." Clinton has "frustrated Dole's efforts to draw a sharp contrast by repeatedly agreeing" with him. Clinton's "strategy of embracing GOP initiatives so far has been an enormous success," allowing him "to shift attention toward the areas where he wants to establish contrasts," such as the minimum wage. "Frustrated" GOP strategists "say that over time, Clinton's shifts may reopen old

questions about his character and commitment to principle." WH "aides argue that the president's maneuvers demonstrate not opportunism, but a return to the centrist New Democratic principles on which he campaigned in 1992." WH senior advisor George Stephanopoulos: "Just because he's not the caricature of a Democrat they want to portray doesn't mean he is inconsistent or unprincipled. He's being true to his principles, which are New Democratic principles." Browstein: "Despite the GOP protests, Clinton isn't merely slapping the presidential seal on the GOP agenda. ... He is making extraordinary efforts to control the issues that will be the points of conflict. On the issues Dole want to emphasize, Clinton has stretched" his new Dem principles "as far as he can to minimize the differences. But on battlefields of his own choosing, Clinton has shown no hesitation about clashing" with GOPers. "In most of the conflicts he has precipitated, Clinton has moved to defend his signature initiatives -- such as his national service program -- or when he has a clear majority of public opinion on his side" (5/21). CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Neikirk and Tackett: "If Bob Dole issued a press release saying [CA] was going to slide into the Pacific Ocean on Friday, President Clinton might immediately assign the Army Corps of Engineers to fix the San Andreas fault on Wednesday." Clinton "has shown himself to be a master at the politics of pre-emption" (5/21).

MFN: Clinton called for "unconditional" renewal of preferential trade status for China, "saying the step would be 'a vote for American's interests' and 'not a referendum on all China's policies.'" Clinton's speech "set in motion a full-scale Administration lobbying effort to win" Hill approval for China MFN status. The speech "also came close to being a point-by-point response to a withering election-year attack by Bob Dole ... on [Clinton] earlier this month for 'weakness, indecision, double talk and incoherence' in foreign policy." While Dole had cited a merchandise trade deficit of \$60B, higher than when Clinton took office, Clinton "countered with his own trade statistics." He said that the trade deficit with Japan was down 25% from last year (Mitchell, N.Y. TIMES, 5/21). NPR's Liasson: "The President tried to get out in front of his critics, he cast his decision to renew MFN in simple economic terms" (5/20). CNN's Begleiter: "By endorsing [MFN] with China, Bill Clinton forces the China trade issue to the margins of presidential election politics" (5/20). Speaker Newt Gingrich "gave unqualified endorsement" to Clinton's decision (Connelly, Seattle POST-INTELLIGENCER, 5/21).

WILD(CAT) ENDORSEMENT: At a WH reception to honor the men's and women's NCAA basketball champions, Univ. of Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said since Clinton & Gore were elected, the Southeastern Conference "has been dominating the Final Four tournaments, adding, 'Please re-elect them.'" Later, the coach "dismissed the line as 'just good-natured fun.'" However, Pitino said "he does expect to vote for Clinton" and added he thinks Clinton "has done 'a remarkable job.'" Pitino: "I love his mental toughness" (Brown, Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 5/21).

HILLARY ON THE MEDIA: Hillary Clinton, asked by CNN's Larry

King is she was "hurt" by Bill Safire calling her a "congenital liar": "No. ... Why should I be. I mean, there are some people who criticize my husband and everything he stands for for a living and he's one of them. So it doesn't bother me, it's just too bad that he goes to such an extreme." Asked if there was "a lot of pain" from Don Imus' remarks at the Radio and TV Correspondents dinner: "Not really, not personally. ... I was stunned about what he said about other people. I'm so used to what people say about my husband and me that -- it's gone so far, it is so absurd that I just turn it off. But when I heard it said about other people, that did shock me" ("LKL," 5/20). NBC's Miklaszewski on HRC's "LKL" appearance: "Mrs. Clinton criticized the relentless scrutiny and glare of Washington then eagerly announced she's ready for four more years of it" ("Today," 5/21).

RUSH ON THE MEDIA: Rush Limbaugh on why the "liberal" media supports Clinton: "They've done drugs, they've done all the things that Clinton did, those of his generation, so why hold him to account? If it's bad for Clinton, it's going to be bad for them. They don't want to think badly of themselves so hey, it's just a sign of the times. It's no big deal. ... You've got to understand something, over their dead body will there be a Republican president" ("Limbaugh," WMAL, 5/20).

***4 OTHER CANDIDATES: REFORM PARTY WILL NOT BE ON TX BALLOT**

"After months of promising" to get the Reform Party on the Nov. ballot, organizers instead "have settled" for running Ross Perot as an indep. pres. candidate in TX. The decision means that Texans "still could vote" for Perot if he mounts another indep. campaign, but they couldn't vote for Reform Party candidates because the party won't be on the ballot. Reform Party officials say "they achieved their main goal, getting a candidate of their own choosing on the state ballot" by collecting more than 160,000 signatures in support of a possible indep. campaign by Perot. Reform Party spokesperson Russ Verney: "They have a political party, they have offices, they don't have a burning desire to run other candidates this year in Texas." Reform Party officials "had more time and needed fewer signatures to get the party on the ballot, but organizers said state requirements for qualifying a party ... were too difficult." To put the Reform Party on the ballot, organizers needed to collect 43,963 signatures by 5/28. **BALLOT ACCESS NEWS'** Richard Winger said TX "has some of the stiffest requirements for creating new political parties." TX deadlines "are early, the time allotted for gathering signatures is short, and the number of signatures required is fairly high compared to other states." Reform Party officials say "pulling the plug on the ballot drive is a strategic move, not a sign of waning energy among supporters." The party, they said, "can still influence down-ballot races by endorsing candidates." When Reform Party organizers launched their TX campaign 3/95, they "vowed" to run a two-pronged effort to get on the ballot. Gathering enough signatures to put Perot on the ballot "was supposed to be the back-up, fail-safe plan" (Stahl, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 5/21).

NADER: W. POST's Harden profiles Ralph Nader "and his refusal to join the [Green] Party, endorse its platform or campaign." Nader is on the ballot in CA "and five smaller states." A VA-based Draft Nader Clearinghouse, "which the FEC lists as independent of candidate Nader, is working to get him on the ballot in 33 states. Nader has a good chance of getting on the ballot with the Greens in at least six more states" -- OH, NJ, PA, NY, MI, and IL, according to BALLOT ACCESS NEWS' Richard Winger (5/21).

***5 VEEPSTAKES: VOINOVICH POISED TO WIN A SKIRMISH WITH ENGLER**

COLUMBUS DISPATCH's Lowe reports OH Gov. George Voinovich "has outmaneuvered" MI Gov. John Engler for the vice chairmanship of the National Governors' Association, "claiming endorsements from more than 20 of the 31" GOP govts. Assuming the GOP govts. pick Voinovich as their choice for vice chair -- to be named at the 7/96 NGA meeting -- Voinovich will be poised to later become NGA chair. The chairmanship alternates between Dems and GOPers. In 7/96 Dem Gov. Bob Miller (NV) takes over from GOP chair Tommy Thompson (WI). Voinovich exec. ass't Thomas Needles: "He will be the lead Republican governor in the National Governors' Association in mid-1997." Voinovich would meet one of his stated goals: "becoming 'the first person to be president of the National League of Cities and chairman of the National Governors' Association'" (Lowe, COLUMBUS DISPATCH, 5/19). Cleveland PLAIN-DEALER's Brazaitis: "Ohio, for all its pretense of being a 'vital, bellwether state,' not only has not produced presidents or vice presidents for almost three-quarters of a century, it has gotten short shrift from the presidents who have used Ohio as a steppingstone to office. States like Illinois and Texas can count on getting Cabinet slots and other top jobs, no matter whether a Republican or Democrat is elected, but for Ohio the spoils of victory have been meager. ... Whether Voinovich is selected [VP] or not, it is good to see Ohio back in the game" (5/19).

ENGLER: Epic MRA surveyed 600 likely MI voters 5/15-16; margin of error +/- 4% (5/20).

ENGLER JOB	NOW	FAV/UNFAV	NOW
Exc./good	59%	Clinton	56%/ 37%
Fair/poor	39	Dole	39 / 50
	Engler		58 / 35

DETROIT NEWS' Weeks writes if Bob Dole "should need a speech" to tell the GOP convention "that he wants John Engler as his running mate, he could use the one that wife Elizabeth Dole gave to the GOP State Convention" 5/18. Dole: "I don't have to tell you that John Engler is one of the most successful and innovative governors in the United States." Weeks: "Wearing a clip-on mike as she delivered her keynote speech while walking up and down the convention aisles, she raved about Engler in such areas as education, welfare and jobs. And 'cutting taxes 21 times! Twenty-one times!' Delegates cheered. Engler beamed" (5/21).

MACK: From Dole's stop in Largo, FL, ORLANDO SENTINEL's

Crawford reports: "While Dole shook hands with the crowd, Mack pressed his case against Clinton in more passionate terms than Dole mustered during his low-key Florida visit." Mack: "This is a say-anything, do-nothing president. We ought to ask, 'Who is this guy?' We don't know who he is. He has an identity crisis" (5/21).

WHITMAN: N.Y. TIMES' Preston reports NJ Gov. Christie Whitman's administration has presented its proposal to meet a 9/96 court deadline for closing the spending gap between NJ's poorest and wealthiest school districts. "It promised to increase state spending" by \$235M "with no new state-mandated taxes or property tax increases. She did not say how the state would find" the money in the budget. "What is different about Governor Whitman's proposal from past efforts and what makes it politically palatable in tax-weary" NJ "is that she is the first to try to shift the debate away from how much money should be spent to what students should be learning. By setting standards to define the state's constitutional duty to provide a 'thorough and efficient' education, the Whitman administration is betting that the court will consider the standards, and not dollars alone, to determine whether all of the state's children are receiving an equal education" (5/21). RNC chair Haley Barbour, asked if Whitman's pro-choice views decrease her chances of a VP nomination: "She is a huge asset to our party, ... I appointed her ... to be the temporary Chairman of our National Convention, she's got great stature and standing. ... Her record in New Jersey is one of low taxes and economic growth, exactly what we're trying to get for the whole country" ("MoneyLine," CNN, 5/20).

VEEPSTAKES INTERVIEW: Meeting with elementary school students in Largo, FL, Dole was asked by fifth-grader Danielle Goethals, "with the directness of a Sam Donaldson or Leslie Stahl": "Who's your running mate going to be?" Dole "seemed surprised and amused," but there would be "no scoop for Danielle." Dole replied politely, "I haven't made a decision yet" (Troxler, ST. PETE TIMES, 5/21).

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

*6 GAY RIGHTS: SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN COLORADO LAW

"Suddenly, homosexual rights have found a sympathetic reception in the U.S. Supreme Court" (Haddock, S.F. EXAMINER, 5/21). The Court gave a "powerful new boost" to gay rights 5/20, arguing that CO's controversial Amendment 2, which in 1992 banned laws protecting homosexuals from bias, violates the Constitution's equal protection clause. Bob Dole, who has been "critical" of Pres. Clinton's support of gay rights, had "no comment" on the ruling. WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry said Clinton found the ruling "appropriate." Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the 6-3 majority: "Homosexuals are forbidden the safe-guards that others enjoy. This Colorado cannot do." Justice Antonin Scalia, who dissented along with Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justice Clarence Thomas: "It is no business of the courts to take sides in this culture war" (Mauro, USA TODAY, 5/21).

Clinton's "approval" of the ruling was "somewhat muted" (Biskupic, W. POST, 5/21). CBS' McNamara: "The decision was the biggest victory yet for gay rights supporters" ("CBS This Morning," 5/21).

POLITICAL IMPACT: Since Clinton's attempt to overturn the military's longstanding ban on gays, the issue of gay and lesbian rights has "occupied an increasingly important role in the American political theater." CO Gov. Roy Romer (D), on the impact of the ruling: "It will not make [gay rights] more of an issue. Hopefully it will make it less of an issue because now we have some thorough ground rules under which we can operate." CO GOP chair Don Bain said he "doubts" gay rights will become a nat'l campaign issue because the "political winds are blowing so strongly against allowing any candidate to support them" (Frank, DENVER POST, 5/21). "Some said" the decision "raised legal doubts" about cong. efforts to pass a federal law outlawing same-sex marriages and to "roll back" Clinton's "don't ask/don't tell policy" (Goldschlag, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 5/21). The opinions "reveal little" about how the Court will rule on same-sex marriage or gays in the military (Biskupic, W. POST, 5/21).

MORE REAX: N.Y. TIMES editorial: "The ruling stands as one of this Court's finer moments" (5/21). FRC's Gary Bauer said the decision was the result of "an out-of-control un-elected judiciary" (N.Y. TIMES, 5/21). Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Suzanne Goldberg: "This decision will change the course of civil rights for years to come" (USA TODAY, 5/21).

WHAT NEXT? Colorado for Family Values "has said all along" that if Amendment 2 failed the legal test, another restriction on gay rights would "soon be on the state ballot." However, the Colorado Springs-based group has already missed the deadline for the '96 ballot, and "may have to wait" until '98 for the next chance. While the next move is "not clear," the "volatile mix of cultural change and political activism embodied by Amendment 2 will not dissolve anytime soon" (Booth/Mallory, D. POST, 5/21).

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

*7 TODAY'S PRIMARIES: ARKANSAS AND OREGON

AR: Sen. David Pryor (D), who won an uncontested third term in '90, is retiring. Dems: AG Winston Bryant, state Sens. Lu Hardin & Kevin Smith, and attys Sandy McMath & Bill Bristow. Runoff: 6/11. LG Mike Huckabee (R) is unopposed on the GOP side. Republicans haven't won a Senate seat here since Reconstruction.

OR: Sen. Mark Hatfield (R) is retiring after five terms. On the GOP side, state Sen. Pres. Gordon Smith, who narrowly lost the special election earlier this year to succeed Bob Packwood, is favored to win the nomination against Lon Mabon, the head of the Oregon Citizens Alliance. Dems: millionaire businessman Tom Bruggere, '90 Hatfield opponent (also a millionaire businessman) Harry Lonsdale, Lane Co. Commis. Jerry Rust, and state Sen. Bill Dwyer. Portland OREGONIAN's Mapes notes there may be voter confusion because, unlike the special Packwood primary and general, today's primary will not be via mail ballots. Election officials "fear this year's primary election could set a record low for turnout" (5/20).

*8 COLORADO: ALLARD CAMP TRIES TO MAKE HAY OVER COURT RULING

The U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down a CO statute banning laws protecting homosexuals from bias "suddenly became an issue" in the GOP primary battle between AG Gale Norton (R), whose office unsuccessfully argued on behalf of the voter-approved law, and Rep. Wayne Allard (R-04). Less than an hour after the ruling, Allard mgr Dick Wadhams was on the phone talking about the "big failure" by Norton's office, and adding that GOPers will be "disappointed" in Norton's role: "The bottom line is, Colorado lost the case and it was her responsibility to argue the case." Wadhams called it "bewildering" that Norton did not argue the "high-profile" case herself, instead delegating it to Solicitor General Tom Tymkovich. Norton, for her part, said she is "proud" of the way her office defended Amendment 2, and added she is "not surprised" that Allard's campaign is "trying to use this for political purposes." Norton: "In 20-20 hindsight, I see nothing that we should have done differently. ... I believe we presented the strongest possible case." Despite the rhetoric, analysts "don't expect" the Court ruling to have much effect on the GOP race. CO analyst Floyd Ciruli said "some voters may question Norton's legal skills," but added that the heavy publicity surrounding the decision might benefit Norton by "reminding conservative voters that she led the battle to save the initiative." Ciruli: "She's sort of positioned as the liberal in the race, relatively speaking. To the extent that this builds any of her conservative credentials, I think that probably helps her." Three Dem candidates, Denver atty Tom Strickland, ex-Univ/CO Law School dean Gene Nichol and consultant Phil Perington, each issued statements "applauding" the decision (Roberts, DENVER POST, 5/21). Sen. Hank Brown (R) is retiring.

DEM RACE GETS UGLY: The battle for the Dem nod is "getting ugly" and is "most fierce" between Strickland and Nichol. Strickland has accused Nichol of "showing off pictures of Strickland's half-million-dollar Denver home to try to tar him as a rich guy out of touch with the Democrats;" Nichol denied any responsibility for such "ploys." Nichol accused Strickland of "mounting an organized whisper campaign" challenging his party loyalty; Nichol switched from Dem to unaffiliated when he was dean of the law school from '91-93. Strickland denied "ever trying to besmirch Nichol": "My commitment has been to run a race on the issues. We've never had phone banks that have raised negative issues about any candidate in this race." Both cand. concede that "overzealous supporters" could be spreading "unauthorized messages." Analyst Eric Sondermann: "It's a little cheesier than usual, or a little more trivial. ... Senate nominations are not won without spilling some blood." The rumor mill is "likely to keep churning." Strickland and Nichol are battling to "steal delegates" as the CO Dem assembly approaches. At the final count of the county assemblies, Strickland led with 45% of the 2,992 dels; Nichol followed with 39%. But what counts is the final tally at the state assembly on 6/8, where candidates must capture at least 30% of the delegates to make the 8/13 primary ballot (Kerwin, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 5/19). Other

GOPers: state Sen. Charles Duke and Denver atty Bill Eggert.
Other Dems: state Sen. Paul Weissman, Denver City Councilmember
Ramona Martinez. Filing deadline: 7/12.

***9 IDAHO: POLL SHOWS CRAIG WITH A 23-POINT LEAD**

A KHQ-TV/Spokane SPOKESMAN-REVIEW poll, conducted 5/16-18 by
Mason-Dixon PMR, surveyed 802 registered voters; margin of error
+/- 3.5% (5/20). Tested: Sen. Larry Craig (R), businessman Walt
Minnick (D) and Mary Charbonneau (I).

GENERAL ELECTION	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Craig	54%	55%	53%	45%/ 25%	97%
Minnick	31	31	31	19 / 8	58
Charbonneau	3	3	3	7 / 5	29

CRAIG JOB	NOW	9/94	2/94	9/92
Excellent/good	57%	56%	52%	48%
Fair/poor	39	40	43	45

THE OTHER RACE: The COEUR d'ALENE PRESS endorses Craig for
Senate GOP Policy Cmte chair: "We encourage Craig to answer calls
from within his party to move up the ladder. ... To head the
Policy Committee would not only help Craig's career, Idaho and
the GOP would benefit. He represents the moderate conservative
wing of the Senate and has earned a reputation as a thoughtful
and successful compromiser. Washington could use more of that
kind of talent" (5/17). Cmte chair Don Nickles (R-OK) is running
for Majority Whip.

***10 KANSAS: GRAVES MEETS WITH FRAHM ABOUT DOLE SEAT**

Gov. Bill Graves (R) met with LG Sheila Frahm (R) 5/20 to
"discuss Bob Dole's soon-to-be-vacated seat amid indications that
Frahm has emerged as first in line to fill the office." Sources
close to the gov. said Frahm "would get the nod if she decided to
run for the seat in November;" Graves reportedly does not want to
appoint a "caretaker" successor. Frahm acknowledged "that she
was weighing a run for the seat" and said she will make a
decision "very soon." She considered running for the seat of
retiring Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R) but "backed off, citing family
and governmental duties." Meanwhile, "questions still remain"
about whether KS must hold a special election to replace Dole
this year, or allow an appointee to serve until his term ends in
'98. AG Carla Stovall (R) is "reviewing the law," although Sec/
State Ron Thornburgh (R) has said a '96 election is "required."
As for other candidates, stockbroker Jill Docking (D) said she
was "pretty sure" she would run for one of the two open seats: "I
will be making a formal announcement soon." Real estate exec.
Nestor Weigand (R) "said he was considering the race" and would
make a decision after Graves named a Dole replacement. Frosh
Rep. Sam Brownback (R-02), who announced for the Dole seat 5/17,
said he would begin TV ads on 5/22. Dole's resignation is
expected to take place on or before 6/11 (Kraske, K.C. STAR,
5/21).

HE/SHE WHO HESITATES: K.C. STAR's Petterson & Kraske write

that "doubts arose" over whether U.S. Ag. Sec./ex-Rep. Dan Glickman (D) will run for the Dole seat. Glickman spokesperson Jim Petterson "said Glickman is happy with his current job": "Right now, he's not leaning toward running for any elected office" (5/18). Insurance Commis. Kathleen Sebelius (D) said she will not run: "I am not comfortable leaving a job unfinished. I will continue to serve as [Insurance Commis.]" (Cross, WICHITA EAGLE, 5/18).

WHITHER ROBERTS: Rep. Pat Roberts (R-01), the frontrunner for the Kassebaum seat, has been listed as a potential Graves appointee. But WICHITA EAGLE's Webb notes that some GOPers want Graves "to choose a rising star, arguing that experienced hands" like Roberts "are favored to win anyway. They ask, Why not boost someone who could benefit?" And as for the abortion question, although Frahm and ex-state Sen. Mark Parkinson (R) may be interested in the seat, social conservatives "want Dole's seat to go to a pro-life candidate. Likewise, GOP moderates have little enthusiasm for picking" frosh Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R-04), a "prominent social conservative" (5/18). Other possibles: ex-Gov. Joan Finney (D), ex-KS GOP chair Kim Wells, Judge Deanell Tacha (R), KS Commerce Sec. Gary Sherrer (R), ex-state Sen. Eric Yost (R), GOP state Sens. Dick Bond & Bud Burke, ex-RNC member Jack Ranson, ex-Dole aide Dan Stanley. AP's Hanna, in a profile, writes, "It's not wise to count Finney out" (5/19). Filing deadlines: 6/24 (for Dole seat), 6/10 (for Kassebaum seat). Primary: 8/6.

*11 MAINE: MODERATES LEAD IN GOP PRIMARY

Top strategists say the GOP primary for the seat of retiring Sen. Bill Cohen (R) "has evolved into a close contest" between '94 gov. nominee Susan Collins and businessman/'76 Senate nominee Robert Monks. With three weeks left before the 6/11 primary, Monks has narrowed Collins' early lead "after waging an aggressive television advertising campaign." Monks "has spent more money on this race than any politician has on a primary campaign" in ME history -- "he is expected to spend well over \$1.2 million on the primary alone." Bowdoin College's Christian Potholm: "I think it's still Collins' to lose, but it's a very close race." A "wild card" is state Sen. John Hathaway (R), who polls show trails in third place. The conventional wisdom is that Hathaway "will take votes from Monks, because both candidates live in southern Maine." Hathaway, the "most conservative" of the three, is also "closer in ideology to Monks than to Collins." With only 100,000 GOPers expected to cast ballots in the primary, "the nominee is expected to need fewer than 40,000 votes to win." Collins began the race with "strong name recognition" from her gov. run and the backing of the ME GOP's "moderate faction," led for more than 20 years by Cohen. But Monks "is spending freely to win" and has the support of a second moderate faction of the party led by Sen. Olympia Snowe (R) and her husband, ex-Gov. John McKernan (R). Although Collins suggests Monks "is trying to buy his way into the Senate, Monks says he need to spend heavily to become as well known as Collins." Potholm, on Monks' ad blitz: "His commercials

interrupt his commercials. ... He's picked up some undecided votes. ... But I think people tune it off after a while." Monks, 62, may also "be hurt by his age." Several TV debates are scheduled and the 6/1 state GOP convention, to be held just 10 days before the primary, "could play an important role" (Campbell, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, 5/20).

NASTY: The "gloves came off" as Collins supporters accused Monks of "going negative" by sending out a press release that "charged Collins has a tendency to 'commit bloopers' when touting her record and expertise on small business." Collins spokesperson Michael Townsend: "This is the desperate ploy of a candidate whose campaign is going nowhere. The way he thinks he's going to make a name for himself is by tearing down the other candidates. I don't think Maine voters like those kind of tactics." Monks mgr Willis Lyford responded, "To assert that is hogwash. ... It's not being negative when you responsibly point out the facts" (Higgins, BANGOR DAILY NEWS, 5/21).

AMMO: Hathaway was formally endorsed by the NRA on 5/20; "ironically, Hathaway does not possess a Maine hunting license and refused to answer questions" concerning whether he owned a gun. DAILY NEWS' Higgins writes that Hathaway's campaign is "showing signs of momentum" (5/21). Dems: ex-Gov. Joe Brennan, state Sen. Sean Faircloth, atty Dick Spencer, journalist Jean Hay, businessman Jerald Leonard.

*12 MICHIGAN: UNDECIDED GETS A MAJORITY IN GOP POLL

An EPIC/MRA poll surveyed 600 likely MI voters 5/17-23; margin of error +/- 4%. Subsample: 223 likely GOP primary voters; margin of error +/- 6.7% (5/20). Tested: Sen. Carl Levin (D), businessman Jim Nicholson (R) and radio talk show host/'94 Senate primary cand. Ronna Romney. Primary: 8/6.

GOP PRIMARY (w/ leaners)		LEVIN JOB NOW 4/96	
Romney	37%	Exc./good	46% 52%
Nicholson	12	Fair/poor	40 35
Undecided	51		
NOW		4/96	
	FAV/UNFAV ID	FAV/UNFAV ID	
Levin	52%/ 25% 97%	54%/ 24% 97%	
Romney	25 / 19 79	26 / 17 72	
Nicholson	7 / 6 46	5 / 5 30	

*13 SOUTH CAROLINA: THURMOND WON'T RELEASE HEALTH RECORDS

Sen. Strom Thurmond (R) said he will not release his medical records, despite the fact that opponents have made an issue of the 93-year old senator's "health and stamina." Thurmond said releasing the records "isn't necessary": "Can't you look at me and tell the condition I'm in?" Mason-Dixon pollster Del Ali questioned the wisdom of Thurmond's decision: "I don't see how it's a good move. It gives a window of opportunity for the Democrats to exploit." Ali predicted Thurmond will eventually have to produce a bill of good health to "remove doubts among

undecided voters" (AP/CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 5/19). GOPers: state Rep. Harold Worley & college prof. Charles Thompson. Likely Dem nominee: businessman Elliott Close. Primary: 6/11.

NO GOP DEBATES: Thurmond mgr Tony Denny refused requests from the Worley campaign to schedule a debate. Denny called the request a "cheap publicity stunt": "Worley apparently needs a forum to explain to Republicans his support of Bill Clinton in 1992. He will have to do that without assistance from the Thurmond campaign" (Bandy, Columbia STATE, 5/18).

*14 VIRGINIA: SEN. WARNER ENJOYS WIDE LEAD IN PRIMARY POLL

A RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH poll, conducted 5/2-18 by VCU, surveyed 637 registered voters; margin of error +/- 5%.

Subsample: 247 "definite/probable" GOP primary voters; MOE +/- 7% (5/21). Tested: Sen. John Warner (R), Reagan OMB dir. Jim Miller (R), ex-VA Dem chair Mark Warner (D). Primary: 6/11.

GOP PRIMARY		FAV/UNFAV (AMONG ALL RVs)	
Warner	54%	J. Warner	60%/ 17%
Miller	27	Miller	26 / 9
		M. Warner	12 / 8

John Warner "has opened a 2-to-1 lead" over Miller. However, among those who said they "definitely would vote" (n=149) the margin narrowed to 50-34%. The Miller camp took heart in an even more minuscule sample called "strong Republicans" (n=83) which showed him over Warner 44-41%. The poll also showed Sen. Warner "remains popular with the electorate" (5/21).

NEW ADS: Sen. Warner said he plans to "blanket" VA with TV ads that "reach across party lines" to cast the primary "as a referendum on his honor." Warner: "I've got to look Virginians straight in the eye and say I represent all Virginians. ... I don't just represent that ideological group that I may associate with." That line "refers to Warner's decision to oppose" '94 GOP Senate nominee Ollie North as well as his sitting out the '93 LG race where home-schooling advocate Mike Farris was the GOP nominee. Warner's "unprecedented" effort to increase turnout among Dems and indies in the primary "shows he fears Republicans who are likely to vote still hold a grudge." Miller "cannot afford a similar broadcast blitz, and is casting his lot with the party's hardworking right guard," including pro-life groups and the NRA. Miller called Warner's pitch "elitist and arrogant": "His mindset is, 'I'm the senior senator from Virginia, and it's my seat, and there's a bunch of yahoos trying to take it away from me. He's trying to make it a referendum on whether he can vote his conscience. Of course he can. The question is what his conscience is.'" Warner began TV ads "two weeks ago and radio ads last week, while Miller had neither" (Allen, TIMES-DISPATCH, 5/20).

MORE: Miller said Warner "is no conservative because he has voted to raise taxes and to finance abortions with federal funds." In radio ads, Warner "charges" that Miller is not a "true Virginia conservative" because, as Reagan's OMB director, he proposed spending that would have increased the deficit. Three

weeks before the primary, Miller and Warner are "jousting at full gallop, each trying to knock the crown of conservatism off the other's head. ... In a primary with low turnout, motivated conservative activists could determine whether Mr. Warner loses his seat." But Miller "seems to face a Herculean task" (Cain, W. TIMES, 5/21). NPR's Chadwick: "The real question for voters is this: Did John Warner act on courageous principle in rejecting [North] ... or did he betray the party that had stood by him for years? ... Warner is often underestimated. He has been the best Republican vote-getter in the state and although the real conservative activists are against him, he could find enough support among other Republicans who are not so incensed by what happened two years ago" (5/21).

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

***15 ID 01: POLL HAS WILLIAMS WITHIN SEVEN POINTS OF CHENOWETH**

A KHQ-TV/Spokane SPOKESMAN-REVIEW poll, conducted 5/16-18 by Mason-Dixon PMR, surveyed 402 registered voters; margin of error +/- 4.9% (5/20). Tested: frosh Rep. Helen Chenoweth (R) and atty Dan Williams (D).

GENERAL ELECTION	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Chenoweth	43%	47%	39%	42%/ 37%	98%
Williams	36	35	37	16 / 3	53

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION: A poll for the Williams campaign, conducted 5/14-16 by Lake Research, surveyed 277 registered voters (MOE +/- 6%) and found Williams leading Chenoweth 40-29%. Among indies, Williams led 38-25%. The Williams poll also found Chenoweth's fav/unfav rating to have dropped to 33%/49%, compared to her 43%/38% rating in 1/96 (Williams release, 5/17).

***16 NY 04: LIRR MASSACRE WIDOW TO CHALLENGE FRISA AS A DEM**

Carolyn McCarthy, a Republican whose husband was killed by a gunman in the so-called Long Island Rail Road massacre in 12/93, "is on the verge" of challenging frosh Rep. Dan Frisa (R) -- as a Dem. Unless the Nassau Co. GOP permits a primary challenge to Frisa -- which it is "unlikely" to do at its convention on 5/23 -- McCarthy will be Frisa's Dem opponent in November. McCarthy: "I'm going to be running as a Republican on a Democratic line. As far as I'm concerned, labels mean nothing." She is challenging Frisa because of his vote earlier this year to repeal the assault weapons ban, a vote that "angered her and exposed a division within the party on that volatile -- and for her, highly personal -- issue." Her son was also critically wounded during the incident with a gunshot to the head. McCarthy had publicly discussed taking Frisa on in the 9/10 GOP primary, "but political observers have noted that primaries tend to attract conservative voters who would be more likely to agree with Frisa on the ban. And Democrats both locally and in Washington have been eager to embrace her, seeing in her their best chance of gaining a seat in a largely Republican district" (Pleven, L.I. NEWSDAY, 5/21).

Rep. Charles Schumer (D-NY 09): "She is a saint-like candidate and is running for all the right reasons and on the right issues." Both Schumer and ex-Gov. Mario Cuomo (D) are giving her advice and said they would campaign for her. McCarthy has also been urged to run by House Min. Leader Dick Gephardt, "although she said after his call that she had no idea who he was." McCarthy is seen as "an outsider and even better, a reluctant candidate who would be seen as someone not running for a job but for a reason" (Duggan, NEWSDAY, 5/21).

***17 OR 03: BLUMENAUER FAVORED TO WIN WYDEN SEAT TODAY**

Portland City Councilmember Earl Blumenauer (D) is heavily favored to win the seat vacated by now-Sen. Ron Wyden (D) in today's special election. Blumenauer faces cement mason Mark Brunelle (R), who won 6% of the vote running against Wyden as an independent in '94.

***18 VA 05: LANDRITH TO FACE GOODE IN NOVEMBER**

Atty George Landrith (R) "steamrolled to an easy victory" at the CD nominating convention, winning 60% of the delegates against state Del. Frank Ruff (R). Landrith will face state Sen. Virgil Goode (D) for the seat of retiring Rep L.F. Payne. Landrith lost "narrowly" to Payne in '94; Goode challenged Chuck Robb (D) for the '94 Dem Senate nomination. The GOP convention that nominated Landrith was "raucous" and "hard feelings" left some GOPers "wondering whether the party could unite" behind him in the fall. Before nominating Landrith, delegates "booed" the name of Sen. John Warner (R) "so lustily that the convention chairman banged his gavel and admonished them to 'comport themselves.'" Landrith said he hoped to raise \$750,000 to \$1M to compete against Goode (Whitley, RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, 5/19).

===== THE VEEPSTAKES INTERVIEWS =====

***19 PART XV: THE CASE FOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

David Beckwith, the DC rep. for EDS Corp., discusses the merits of TX Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison for VP. Beckwith, who had been comm. dir. for Hutchison, was also VP Quayle's spokesperson.

BECKWITH: She'd be a strong complement to Bob Dole. Kay Bailey's the most prominent conservative woman in U.S. politics. She comes from a big state and would help nail down the base across the South and the West. She would help Dole close the gender gap because she has a strong appeal to both homemakers and working women. And finally, she's an extremely articulate communicator who has been thoroughly vetted. There will be no surprises in her background.

HOTLINE: Is the gender gap the primary reason for her?

BECKWITH: As an attractive conservative woman, she has a unique appeal, a star quality. She would be an excellent bridge for Dole over the very difficult abortion issue. She is considered pro-choice and is on record favoring removal of the abortion

plank from the platform. However, she is also an at-heart believer in allowing states to impose reasonable restrictions, and has earned a 100 rating from the Christian Coalition for the past three years. On abortion, her position is acceptable to the overwhelming majority of American people.

HOTLINE: Is it a significant gap that has to be closed?

BECKWITH: Something has to happen to prompt women to take another look at Bob Dole. Naming a woman vice president is the most direct route. Kay speaks with authority on issues that a lot of straying Republican women -- suburban, highly-educated, working women, and others -- are worried about. She's addressed them in her campaigns, she's addressed those issues in the Senate. She's been a champion, for example, of an IRA expansion for homemakers. She's well-identified with issues that are important to women.

HOTLINE: If addressing the gender gap is such an important issue, why her? Why not another woman, like Christie Whitman?

BECKWITH: Christie Whitman is a terrific governor, but the fit with Dole would not be as close. One of the problems in a presidential campaign is the press is always trying to embarrass the ticket by separating the two candidates on issues. Kay's fit, particularly on social issues, is a lot closer than virtually any other woman who's been mentioned.

HOTLINE: Would she attract male voters?

BECKWITH: One of Kay's strengths is her ability to deliver her message. She was a television reporter for three years and she is extremely well-spoken. Frank Luntz did a series of focus groups and found that of all Republican U.S. Senators, Kay Hutchison and Dirk Kempthorne were the most credible and believable in appealing to independent and swing voters. In her two Senate races, I noticed that if Kay Hutchison and her opponent said exactly the same thing, Kay would win about nine to one because she's more credible.

HOTLINE: Why would Dole choose someone from Texas?

BECKWITH: Texas should be Dole territory, but no state can be taken for granted, particularly if Perot gets in. Texas is both a southern state and a western state. Kay would solidify the geographic core so that Dole could be freed up for campaigning in the battleground states. There's no state as centrally positioned in the heartland of Republican territory as Texas.

HOTLINE: Just like Dan Quayle, she comes from left field. Is that a plus or a minus?

BECKWITH: You mean right field. It's an advantage to have a fresh, articulate figure. Quayle's problem was not anything in

his record but the lack of preparation of the candidate, staff and press for him. So, the press was surprised and determined to find something wrong. Kay has received plenty of scrutiny as the only solid conservative Republican woman. Even this interview in Hotline is more than Quayle got before he was named.

HOTLINE: Does she want to be vice president, and does she like people speculating about her to be vice president?

BECKWITH: I think she's like virtually anyone else who's being talked about: flattered to be mentioned, but she doesn't take it at all seriously.

HOTLINE: Have you talked to her about this?

BECKWITH: Weeks ago. She was laughing about it. But when I told her she was uniquely positioned, she didn't take it seriously.

HOTLINE: Anything else?

BECKWITH: Another reason she's a close fit with Dole -- they share the same birthday -- she was born July 22, 1943. Although she's a legislator, she also has executive experience as a state treasurer. I don't think they realized just how good she was until she left. She also is a former small businesswoman and speaks with authority on small business and the ins-and-outs of job creation. She's become an expert on national security and foreign policy. She's a tireless campaigner and an indefatigable worker. A bonus: Her husband, Ray Hutchison, a Dallas attorney, is a former state party chairman who would be a tremendous addition to the team. He gives a helluva speech, filled with humor. I think he's the best political spouse in the country.

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

*20 THIS MORNING: "FOX Morning News" hosted W. POST's David Maraniss, W. TIMES' Tod Lindberg and THE NATION's David Corn.

A.M. QUOTABLE: NBA Superstar Charles Barkley, on his political future in AL: "I would like to be the governor one day. ... I'm very serious" ("Today," NBC, 5/21).

LAST NIGHT: CNN led with the UN allowing Iraqi oil sales. All other nets led with the CO Supreme Court decision. "NewsHour" focused on the Court decisions with LEGAL TIMES' Stuart Taylor. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted WI Gov. Tommy Thompson (R) and Sen. John Breaux (D-LA). CNN's "Moneyline" hosted RNC chair Haley Barbour. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Human Rights Campaign Fund's Elizabeth Birch and Traditional Values Coalition's Andrea Sheldon. CNBC's "Chris Matthews" hosted Reagan WH aide Mike Deaver and ex-Nancy Reagan press sec. Sheila Tate. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted Dole strategist Mike Murphy. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted Hillary Rodham Clinton. ABC's "Nightline" began a week-long examination of race in America.

LAUGHS: David Letterman, on Bob Dole's trip to FL: "That's a good way to reinforce that new youthful image. He quits his

job and moves to Florida" ("Late Show," CBS, 5/20). Jay Leno, also on Dole's trip to FL: "Is that the best way to counter criticism that you're too old? First you retire, four days later you move to Florida. What's his next goal? Shuffle board championship?" Leno, on Dole's wardrobe change: "It's kind of like putting Marge Schott in a pink party dress" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 5/20).

TOP TEN HIGHLIGHTS OF O.J. SIMPSON'S VISIT TO NEW YORK

10. Kept mistaking New York City rats for his lawyers.
9. As a tribute to F. Lee Bailey, drank everything in his hotel mini-bar.
8. Looked in Yellow Pages under "real killers," didn't find any, went golfing.
7. To raise money for legal fees, wandered subway stations trying to get shot by Bernhard Goetz.
6. Saw movie in Times Square about his trial: "O.J.'s Hung Jury."
5. Killed dozens in midtown by hitting golf balls off the top of the Empire State Building.
4. Went to Macy's and bought a diggity-dank new pair of gloves.
3. Registered at hotel under the alias "I.M. Guilty."
2. For the hotel wake-up call, asked for three loud thumps on air-conditioner.
1. Nostalgic slow-speed taxi ride from the airport ("Late Show," CBS, 5/20).

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

"Mrs. Clinton criticized the relentless scrutiny and glare of Washington then eagerly announced she's ready for four more years of it."

-- NBC's Jim Miklaszewski on Hillary Clinton's appearance on "Larry King Live," "Today," 5/21

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With the Whitewater card up |
his sleeve, Dole focuses on | CONVENTIONAL WISDOM (?) |
character. Still, a NEWSWEEK |
poll finds Clinton up 17 pts.; | The headlines out of AR |
most still view the issue as | haven't been so great for |
partisan politics. | the Dems, but before the |
| GOP makes political hay out |

LEG OF LAMM (#3) | of it they've got to get |
Ex-CO Gov. Dick Lamm gets a | their own house in order. |
warm reception at the CA Reform | Witness: |
Party convention, reveals his | -- WA GOP chair Ken |
interest in running -- but only | Eikenberry, who refused to |
if Perot is a no-go. | allow Pat Buchanan to speak |
| at last weekend's state |

THIS JUST IN ... (#10) | convention, and other pro- |
Rep. Tim Hutchinson (R) says | Dole GOPers were dumped |
no to an AR Senate bid. | from the nat'l delegation; |
| -- Sen. John Warner (R), |

LED HEFLIN (#9) | who has had differences |
 Potential runoff matchups in | with conservatives in the |
 the AL Senate race show Rep. | VA GOP, lost a straw poll |
 Browder (D) and Bedford (D) | to primary opponent Jim |
 even; AG Sessions (R) with a | Miller at the state party |
 double-digit lead and the Nov. | convention. |
 edge. Primary: 6/4. | -- It took them two days |
 | and 14 ballots, but MN |
 http://www.politicsnow.com | | GOPers still could not come |
 It's here. PoliticsNow, | | up with an endorsed cand. |
 newly-merged home site of | | to take on liberal Dem Sen. |
 PoliticsUSA & ElectionLine | | Paul Wellstone at their |
 launches today. See it! | | weekend convention. |

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

"We already have one too many Senators on the ticket."
 -- A "close Dole adviser" on speculation about Sen. John
 Ashcroft (R-MO) as Bob Dole's VP pick, K.C. STAR, 6/3

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

Buried deep inside the W. POST obit of drug guru Timothy Leary, who died on Friday, was news that in 1966, NY State police raided a "psychedelic drug study center" established by Leary. The raid was led by Assistant Prosecutor G. Gordon Liddy.

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

*1 DOLE: "HARSHEST CRITICISM" ON CLINTON'S CHARACTER

"Saying he feels 'the tide turning' in his uphill campaign," Bob Dole "took aim" at Pres. Clinton's character in his "harshest criticism of the campaign thus far." Dole told a gathering of GOP chairs that "inflated claims of crime-fighting, broken promises on taxes and welfare, stolen GOP ideas on welfare and adoption -- and, for the first time, the Whitewater convictions ... were evidence that the American people should not trust the president." Dole, in a "veiled" reference to Whitewater: "I want to return integrity to our government, a mission that's more important this week than even a week ago" (Thomma, PHILA. INQUIRER, 6/2). Dole: "Every time Bill Clinton says one thing and does another ... he puts his character and credibility on the table" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 6/2). CBS' Douglass: "Republicans have been itching for Bob Dole to directly attack Bill Clinton's character. ... Dole delivered. ... It was just the kind of red meat state GOP party chairmen in the audience were hoping for: proof that Dole is now fully in combat mode" (6/1). Dole aides "believe that just bringing up the word character in conjunction with Mr. Clinton also raises questions that have followed Mr. Clinton" (Nagourney, N.Y. TIMES, 6/2). Dole advisers "believe voter disappointment at what they charge is Clinton's failure to make good on his promises may ultimately prove his greatest weakness" (SUN, 6/2). Dole "ridiculed" Clinton's promise to put 100,000 new police officers on the streets, "noting" AG Janet Reno "recently acknowledged" that 17% "of those officers were on the job." Clinton Re-elect deputy manager Ann Lewis "said the attack was proof that Dole could not win the election on issues, such as crime, and that he was therefore resorting to personal attacks" (Thomma, PHILA. INQUIRER, 6/2). Dole, asked if it's going to be a "mean" campaign: "I hope not. President Clinton and I get along fine personally, one-on-one, but it's the political season" ("Nightline," ABC, 5/31).

NJ: Dole was in NJ 6/2 -- his second trip there within a week -- for Polish Heritage Festival "as he sought to build support among Catholics." Dole, "tieless and wearing a brown-checked jacket over an open-necked blue shirt, looked robust and tan" as he worked the crowd. Dole travels to MI today to deliver an economic address (Edsall, W. POST, 6/3).

ON THE HUSTINGS: Dole: "I feel the tide turning every day. ... I can feel the energy all around the country" (S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 6/2). L.A. TIMES' Chen writes, "Dole's rigorous campaign schedule" suggests "that despite his age," Dole "is energized and utterly committed to a full and even punishing campaign pace, one that is already sapping the strength of some in his growing entourage, many of whom are barely half his age." But a problem for Dole that began surfacing last week "was the appearance of scores of detractors -- many bearing Clinton-Gore placards and pro-abortion rights signs -- at various stops." Repeatedly, Dem aides "are showing up at Dole events, offering detailed written rebuttals and critiques of his positions on whatever his theme of the day is." Dole: "They're showing up everywhere. We'll have to organize ours too" (6/3).

TAX CUT, ANYONE? Dole "appears prepared to embrace a tax-cutting strategy in an effort to recapture the [GOP] political magic that worked so well for Ronald Reagan and George Bush" (Lewis, COPLEY/S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE, 6/2). Economists advising Dole "have recommended an immediate, across-the-board income tax cut that would lead to an overhaul of the federal tax code by the end of the decade" (Lambro, W. TIMES, 6/1). In a 15-page options memo, the economists "urged" Dole to bolster growth by reducing the income tax rates by 10 or 15%. They "also called for a host of other, smaller tax cuts intended to spur growth" (Berry/Chandler, W. POST, 6/2). But "a number of skeptical economists" argued "that across-the-board tax cuts, at a time when the economy doesn't have to grow any faster, would risk adding to inflation." Ex-CBO dir. Robert Reischauer: "If [Fed Chair] Alan Greenspan thinks the economy can't grow faster than 2.2 percent a year without triggering inflation, it isn't going to happen" (W. POST, 6/2). Dole signaled his tax-cut proposal "might not be as dramatic" as some would like. In OH Dole "stressed balancing the federal budget 'must be our first obligation'" (King, AP/BOSTON GLOBE, 6/1). Robert Novak: "[Dole] must now decide whether to shake off the dangers of class warfare and push ahead with real tax reform" (N.Y. POST, 6/3). WH CoS Leon Panetta, on a Dole tax cut: "It will make him look like he's taken a huge flip-flop. ... He has a long record of saying this is the wrong way to go" (USA TODAY, 6/3).

QUITTER? ROLL CALL's Burger reports that Dole may quit the Senate this week, perhaps on 6/6; it depends on "how quickly" Dole can "accomplish his goals for his final days in Congress: votes on a health care portability measure and the balanced budget amendment" (6/3 issue).

SHEILA TAKE A BOW: W. TIMES' Hallow reports Dole Senate CoS Sheila Burke "will leave the Senate" with Dole "this week to join" the campaign. Her role "is still being worked out" but she "will wield substantial influence." Burke: "Being a utility

infielder is something I'm comfortable with. I certainly don't need to be in charge, but I certainly want to be part of the team." However, "conservatives have long regarded" Burke "as a liberal svengali ... who subtly manipulates her boss leftward." The prospect of seeing her in a top campaign position or as the "No. 1 gatekeeper" in a Dole WH "displeases them." Burke: "I'm good at what I do. And my guess is that whatever I do, I'll be good at it" (6/3).

REED THIS: N.Y. TIMES' Seelye profiles Dole manager Scott Reed: "He is a manager in the truest sense. Not one to hustle his way into the limelight or gab in blue-sky strategy sessions, this 36-year-old political operative is more often at his desk, on the telephone. ... Perhaps because he keeps his head down, Reed has achieved a rarefied status among Dole managers from campaigns past: he has survived" (6/3). Balto. SUN's West calls Reed "the polar opposite of the celebrity political consultants, who often compete with their clients as media stars. ... In bringing order to Dole's campaign, [Reed] has shown steely discipline" (6/3).

*2 CLINTON: CONSIDERING FEC COMPLAINT OVER DOLE SPENDING

The Clinton campaign "is seriously considering filing a formal complaint" with the FEC, "perhaps this week, charging" the Dole campaign "with violating campaign spending laws." Senior WH and campaign officials "were putting the final touches on the complaint late last week and debating when to strike. They are convinced that Dole's recent campaign swings" to CA and Chicago "forced him to bust" the \$37M primary spending cap. If true, the FEC could conceivably deny" Dole some of the \$62M he expects for the general ("Washington Whispers," U.S. NEWS, 6/10 issue).

SAME-SEX: In a resolution adopted at the WA Dem convo, delegates said Clinton's acceptance of a GOP bill outlawing same-sex marriages sends a "dangerous message ... signaling the acceptability of discrimination." Seattle City Councilmember Tina Podlodowski resigned as Clinton's state co-chair last week after the pres. said he would support the proposal. King Co. Dem chair George Zander: "All we are doing is asking him to veto a specific piece of legislation. Overall, though, the whole mood of the convention was very supportive of Clinton." Retiring Gov. Mike Lowry, "whose passionate speech ... moved at least one delegate to tears, said the largely symbolic issue of federal recognition of gay marriages is being used by the GOP to divide and conquer" Dems. The res. was adopted one day after DNC co-chair Chris Dodd "urged party members to stop 'whining' and 'go somewhere else if they're not on the team.'" Dodd "warned Democrats they cannot afford to splinter and said the party 'is not the American Civil Liberties Union'" (Zimmerman, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, 6/3). Clinton's "effort to avoid election-year-miscues" has "left homosexual allies dismayed and has opened questions of whether Clinton will receive" their support. The "debate within the gay community is not whether to vote for Clinton, but whether to vote at all." Human Rights Campaign Fund's Elizabeth Birch: "They [Clinton campaign] do have an enemy. It's the couch." Gay leaders still contend "there is no

comparison between [Clinton's] record and Dole's record on gay and lesbian issues" (Mathis, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 6/3).

FL: "Feeling confident and weakly challenged," the Clinton campaign is delaying the opening of its FL office until 8/96. '92 Clinton FL Dir. Karl Koch said a schedule to open the office next week has been abandoned because Dole "has exhausted his primary campaign funds and has already dismantled his Florida campaign structure to save money" (Fiedler, MIAMI HERALD, 6/2).

FOREIGN POLICY: In TIME's "Winners & Losers" on Israeli Prime Minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu, Clinton is a "loser": "Peres' biggest U.S. campaigner has negligible coattails; prestige deflated" (6/10 issue). W.S. JOURNAL's Greenberger: "Clinton is a loser. He did everything but campaign for Shimon Peres and was hoping that he would have a pre-election signing ceremony on the White House lawn as a gloss for his presidency" ("Wash. Week In Review," PBS, 5/31). U.S. NEWS' "Washington Whispers" reports "a split is developing inside the Clinton administration over its policy toward Bosnia." One group of policy makers, led by VP Al Gore and UN Amb. Madeleine Albright wants the U.S. "to back postponement of countrywide elections now scheduled" for 9/96 and wants DC "to promise to keep" U.S. troops in Bosnia until conditions permit free and fair balloting. "Another group, which reportedly includes" Sec/State Warren Christopher and DoD and CIA officials, "appears to favor sticking to the planned timetable for both elections" and troop withdrawals in December. The WH "denies the reported split, saying the administration is committed to 'go forward on schedule' with the elections as spelled out in the Dayton peace accord" (6/10 issue).

AD: NBC's "Meet the Press" showed a new DNC ad: "America's values: The president bans deadly assault weapons; Dole-Gingrich vote, no. The president passes family leave; Dole-Gingrich vote, no. The president stands firm -- a balanced budget protects Medicare, disabled children. No again. Now Dole resigns, leaves gridlock he and Gingrich created." Reaction by House Speaker Newt Gingrich: "How can you design an entire ad campaign to frighten senior citizens, 75 and 80-year-old Americans, with false information, scaring them that they're going to lose their Medicare, when it is not true? ... It tells you a little bit about their inability to take Dole on personally head-to-head that they want to somehow wrap me into it." Gingrich, asked if he believes Clinton "is a man of integrity who tells the truth?": "No. ... [Clinton] has systematically, consistently for six months said false things to 85 and 95-year-old Americans about Medicare for the purpose of getting their vote" (6/2). On "Meet," Gingrich "likened the administration's tactics to those of con-artists preying on elderly citizens" (Balz, W. POST, 6/3).

WELFARE DARE: House GOPers "dared" Clinton to "put his signature where his mouth is and approve" WI's welfare reform plan. "If he doesn't, they vowed Congress will do it for him". Rep. David Obey (D-WI), on the threat: "This is nothing but a blatantly political act ... aimed at going after the president." (Haverman/Yang, W. POST, 6/1).

*3 REFORM PARTY: AT CA CONVENTION, LAMM SAYS HE COULD BE RUN

At a two-day meeting of the CA Reform Party at the L.A. Convention Center, ex-CO Dem Gov. Dick Lamm gave a well-received, hour-long keynote address to the 800 to 1,000 delegates and later held a private meeting with party founder Ross Perot. To the convention, Lamm called on party backers "to take unpopular stands on issues such as Social Security and Medicare." Lamm, 60, "once dubbed 'Governor Gloom' for predicting a baneful future for the nation" when he served as gov. from '75-'87: "My generation is guilty of 'generational malpractice. ... We have become a country that borrows rather than saves. A country that spends rather than invests. A country that is blindly, thoughtlessly consuming not only our own share, but an inexcusable part of our children's share of America's resources" (Wasserman, S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 6/2). Lamm's speech got "such an enthusiastic response," that members started a petition drive to draft him for pres. "Some of the strongest applause came when Lamm -- departing from liberal orthodoxy -- endorsed strict limits on immigration reform and warned that without controls, the [U.S.] could become as populous and poverty-ridden as India." Lamm: "Emma Lazarus was wrong. America's first duty is to its own poor" (Broder, W. POST, 6/2). Later, at a briefing to reporters, Lamm "signaled his interest" in seeking the party's pres. nomination, saying that he could run "under the right circumstances." Lamm said he would not run if Perot was on the ticket. At the meeting, Lamm said Perot "didn't encourage me. He didn't discourage me" (Stahl, L.A. TIMES, 6/2). To run, Lamm "said ... Perot would first have to choose not to run. The party would have to adopt Lamm's political agenda. And he would have to know enough money was available to run a credible presidential campaign." More Lamm: "I don't know if a sensible campaign can be put together this late by somebody who doesn't have independent money." The FEC made a preliminary ruling on 5/31 that, based on his performance in '92, Perot could receive \$32 million in federal matching funds for '96 -- about half the amount given the major party candidates -- should he run. The FEC did not rule on whether Perot's party could get the money should Perot not be on the ballot. Still, Lamm's statements mark "the first time a political figure has stepped forward to say he would consider heading the Reform Party ticket" (Ratcliffe, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 6/2). Lamm "is on a speculative laundry list of maverick politicians being discussed by some Reform Party enthusiasts" which includes ex-CT Gov. Lowell Weicker, who once explored an ind. pres. bid, and ex-Rep. Tim Penny (D-MN) and ex-Sen. David Boren (D-OK) who have said they are interest in 3rd party politics but "not interested" in being the nominee (Tollerson, N.Y. TIMES, 6/2). Lamm, who currently directs the Univ. of Denver's Center for Public Policy, lost his last bid for public office in the '92 CO Dem Senate primary to then-Dem Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

PARTY BUILDING: Party exec. dir. Russ Verney said the party will hold its "nominating convention" around 8/18, between the two major party conventions and "somewhere on the West Coast." To be nominated, 10% of the members, or about 130,000 of the

estimated 1.3 million members. Members will not have to attend but can vote for the nominee by telephone, mail and computer. "Ballot security will be guaranteed by 10-digit PIN numbers issues to each Reform Party member, Verney said" (CHRONICLE, 6/2). On the 2nd day of the convention, Perot returned to Dallas while organizers got into the "nitty-gritty of party building. ... During breaks, the delegates -- mostly white and largely 50 and older -- networked, exchanged business cards, and signed petitions for proposed planks in the party platform" (Stall, L.A. TIMES, 6/3).

*4 VEEPSTAKES: HOW ABOUT SAM NUNN?

U.S. NEWS' "Washington Whispers" reports Dole Veepstakes head Robert Ellsworth "has told friends that he favors" retiring Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA). Nunn "has long fussed and feuded with President Clinton over such issues as gays in the military." The sources report Ellsworth "insists that Dole needs to gamble with his veep choice -- and picking a Democrat with strong ties to the military would fill the bill." With "his impeccable credentials as a political moderate, Nunn would have special credibility in attacking Clinton's claim to be a 'New Democrat.'" A source close to Nunn "says it would be 'very un-Nunn-like' for the traditionally cautious Georgian to accept such an unconventional offer" (6/10 issue). Ex-Dole campaign treas. Gordon Giffin, on the possibility: "It is somewhere between remote and out of the question" (ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 6/3). K.C. STAR's Thompson profiles Ellsworth: "He's the closest thing Dole has to the relationship James Baker and George Bush shared as chums, allies, peers" (6/2).

POWELL: The STANDARD reports that Dole "seems to be working overtime to recruit" Colin Powell, noting Dole "has stopped talking about racial preferences on the campaign trail" and "conspicuously refused to mention the [CCRI]" while campaigning in CA last week. There may be a "better chance of a Dole-Powell ticket than people thought. ... The bad news, though, is that such a ticket might run a campaign that does not have much that is distinctively Republican or conservative about it. Even the most fervent Republican would have to wonder whether it is worth winning the price of victory if the abandonment of an issue as central to conservative principle as the end of racial preferences" (6/10 issue).

ASHCROFT: Sen. John Ashcroft, asked how his name got floated in the Veepstakes: "You know, I've just read it in the papers. Maybe I should sort of ask you about that." The STANDARD's Kristol: "[Ashcroft] brings both the experience or reforming programs at the state level and some Washington experience." One close Dole adviser said, "We already have one too many Senators on the ticket" (Kuhnhehn, K.C. STAR, 6/3).

DEUKMEJIAN: L.A. TIMES' Skelton writes that in CA, "you don't need charisma to win elections. Dullness alone won't cost Dole" CA's 54 EVs. Dull and ex-CA Gov. George Deukmejian "seemed synonymous in the 1980s. Yet the middle-aged Republican from Long Beach was twice elected governor in a state that celebrates entertainment and youth." Further, when Duke "left office,

Californians replaced him with another eye-glazer, Pete Wilson." Duke "offers character, integrity and ethnic appeal. He's a [DC] outsider" and he and Dole are "in sync philosophically." But "neither Deukmejian nor any Californian would carry the state for Dole; he'd have to do that mostly on his own. But Clinton couldn't afford the gamble. He'd be forced to campaign more ... and spend extra, thus shortening other states and making them competitive for Dole" (6/3).

T. THOMPSON: WI Gov. Tommy Thompson "once again, is wading into the volatile abortion issue. But this time, the national press and GOP bigwigs are watching, trying to judge whether Thompson could make a good running mate." Thompson's statement that the GOP's pro-life platform plank should be modified "received a lot of national publicity." It "angered some in the anti-abortion movement," and "made some Thompson insiders cringe at the thought that Thompson's" VP "hopes had been dashed." Asked about his chances, Thompson said: "I don't know and I don't really care. ... I'm not going to pull my punches just because there might be some political office (at stake)" (Meyers, WI STATE-JOURNAL, 6/2).

COX: TIME's Notebook reports on the VP chances of Rep. Chris Cox (R-47) (6/10 issue).

LUNGREN: TX GOP chair Tom Pauken: "I'm pushing Dan Lungren. I think he's a good solid guy" (FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, 6/2).

*5 WASHINGTON: GOP CHAIR BOOTED FROM SLATE AFTER BUCHANAN SNUB

WA GOP chair Ken Eikenberry, who "rankled" Pat Buchanan's supporters by refusing to let Buchanan address the WA GOP convention, was "booted off" WA's nat'l convo delegation slate. Buchanan supporters "engineered a formidable coalition of Christian conservatives and supporters" of gov. candidate Ellen Craswell (R) to become "a controlling force" at the state convention. "Other key Dole boosters" including state Senate GOP leader Dan McDonald and Reps. Doc Hastings and Jennifer Dunn were also "tossed aside." Eikenberry withdrew his name before the second ballot. Dunn and Hastings "also withdrew their names in the face of opposition from Christian conservatives." The rift began when Eikenberry insisted Buchanan endorse Bob Dole in order to speak at the state convo. Eikenberry then changed his request, "allowing Buchanan to speak if he committed to not criticize" other GOPers. Buchanan refused (Conklin, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, 6/3). At his own event "down the street," Buchanan told a crowd of 400 supporters his fight for "the heart and soul of the party" was more important than endorsing Dole (Conklin, POST-INTELLIGENCER, 6/1). Based on WA primary and caucus results, 25 Dole delegates and 11 Buchanan will go to San Diego (Postman, SEATTLE TIMES, 6/2).

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

*6 WHITEWATER: D'AMATO TO EXPLORE THE FINGERPRINTS

NEWSWEEK's Isikoff & Klaidman report later this month Senate Whitewater cmte chair Al D'Amato "is expected to reveal an FBI report about new fingerprints found" on Hillary Rodham Clinton's law firm billing records. D'Amato said "he is likely to urge"

ind. counsel Ken Starr to investigate whether HRC confidante Susan Thomases -- "and possibly others -- committed perjury" before his cmte (6/10 issue). D'Amato: "Let's suppos[e] Susan Thomases, who said that she never saw these records and we find out that there are her fingerprints or someone else who denies ever seeing them. That then opens the door that we have to explore" ("Evans & Novak," CNN, 6/1).

HRC'S CREDIBILITY: W. POST's Maraniss & Schmidt, in a lengthy and critical review of HRC's past statements on Whitewater, write, "From the beginning ... [HRC] has maintained a public posture seemingly at odds with her actions. ... There appears to be a four-year pattern of [HRC] avoiding full disclosure, occasionally forgetting places and events that might embarrass her, and revising her story as documents emerge and the knowledge of her questioners deepens" (6/2). Whitewater cmte maj. counsel Michael Chertoff said the Post article "did the same thing the jury did in Little Rock. They rejected the notion that in order to make sense of Whitewater, we'd have to have a smoking gun. ... One of the last big decisions the committee has to make is how to develop evidence about Mrs. Clinton's own knowledge and understanding of these issues. ... The question of how to get evidence from Mrs. Clinton is still an unresolved question." Min. counsel Richard Ben-Veniste, on the Post article: "The question is whether we're going to have guilt by association rule" ("Face the Nation," CBS, 6/2). NEWSWEEK's "CW Watch" gives HRC a down-arrow: "You're next. Memo to Allenwood warden: Dust off the Jolly Jumper" (6/10 issue).

HALE: Chertoff, asked whether David Hale will testify before the cmte: "We are obviously now more determined than ever to try to get David Hale up to testify, to see whether we can get the two-thirds vote necessary to give him limited immunity." Ben-Veniste: "What we want to be careful about is not giving him a Christmas present in June, a pass on further crimes which he may have committed in Little Rock" ("Face," 6/2). DNC co-chair Chris Dodd: "I'm very uneasy about giving blanket immunity" ("Brinkley," ABC, 6/2).

LINDSEY: U.S. NEWS' Duffy reports the two dates for Pres. Clinton's testimony in the Little Rock trial of bankers accused of illegally diverting bank funds to Clinton's '90 gov. campaign are 6/23 and 7/7. Clinton adviser Bruce Lindsey, treas. of that campaign, "has also been subpoenaed and may testify" (6/10 issue). Lindsey is "expected to be a key figure. ... His name is expected to come up often at the trial" (Galvin, N.Y. POST, 6/3).

IMPACT: NEWSWEEK's Fineman: "For now, the polls are Clinton's armor. ... The verdicts produced a flood of punditry, but no shift in public opinion" (6/10 issue). WH senior adviser George Stephanopoulos: "People who were going to vote against him over Whitewater made up their minds a long time ago." But Stephanopoulos added that if there were "three [new] Whitewater stories a week for the next 20 weeks," then it could move votes to Dole (Pooley, TIME, 6/10 issue). NATION editorial: "A striking comparison is how Republicans seized on the Whitewater scandal and how Democrats shied away from the Iran/contra affair" (6/17 issue). NEWSWEEK's "CW" gives Clinton a down-arrow: "I am

not a crook -- my friends are' defense may not hold water through November" (6/10). ABC's Donaldson, on character: "You either think [Clinton's] got one or he doesn't" ("Brinkley," ABC, 6/2). Paul Gigot: "Dole has done the shrewd thing, which is not to talk about it at all" ("NewsHour," PBS, 5/31). Charles Krauthammer: "It could destroy this presidency after Election Day exactly the way that Watergate did" ("Inside Washington," 6/1). NEW YORKER editorial: "What did Bill and Hillary Clinton know about the crimes, and when did they know it?" (6/10 issue). STANDARD editorial: "The Clintons may pretend not to care. They may genuinely not care. But the whole thing stinks: the bank and campaign scams, the travel office damage-control fiasco, the lost-and-found documents and lies and evasions. It will stink the worse as the investigative and prosecutorial effort moves inexorably forward this summer. And Americans do not generally like their presidential candidates to smell this bad" (6/10 issue). Dem strategist Ted Van Dyk writes the conviction "marked the beginning, not the end, of a looming political ordeal that could endanger not only" the Clintons "but hundreds" of Dem officeholders and cand. "If disastrous news hits the Clintons between now" and the Dem convention, "the responsibility" of "delegates will be clear. It will be to call on the president voluntarily to step down and to make way for a substitute nominee -- logically" Al Gore (W.S. JOURNAL, 6/3).

STARR: NEWSWEEK's "CW" gives Starr an up-arrow: "Thanks a lot, Ken. Your Whitewater verdicts mean more mouthing by D'Amato" (6/10 issue). NEW REPUBLIC editorial: "Starr has proved himself a serious man, capable of securing indictments" (6/17 issue). Evan Thomas: "A lot depends on what Jim Guy Tucker knows and what he's willing to talk about" ("Inside Washington," 6/1). Howard Fineman: "Tucker's the one to look at and the one that Starr's going to look at" ("Group," 6/1).

"JUROR" RECANTS: A woman "who represented herself as a Whitewater juror and said her pretrial suspicions influenced her vote" (see HOTLINE, 5/31) "admitted" she "never sat on the jury -- she just had the same name as a panel member." Janice Greer's allegations "had caused an outcry among defense lawyers, who suggested it could be grounds for reversal" of the conviction. The Janice Greer who was not on the jury said "she got tired of being called by the media." Her atty said she "tried to find the juror Janice Greer at the hospital where she works so she could refer the calls to her. But she could not be reached and another employee at the hospital told the non-juror to make up stories to placate the callers" (AP/W. TIMES, 6/3).

*7 TRAVELGATE: MAYBE SOCKS ATE THEM

"Days after saying it gave a full accounting" in Travelgate, the WH "has acknowledged that notes a key lawyer took during investigative interviews are missing." WH spokesperson Mark Fabiani: "We have looked everywhere we can look we have not found them." The notes, which are being sought by Hill investigators, "were taken" by ex-associate WH counsel Neil Eggleston "when he

sat in on presidential aides' interviews" with DoJ and GAO investigators two years ago. The WH "is minimizing the missing notes, saying there are other records of the interviews." The WH "made no mention of the notes last week when it narrowly averted a dramatic contempt of Congress vote" in the House by release 1,000 new pages of travel office docs. and "a long sought list of another" 2,000 pages of documents" that Pres. Clinton is seeking to keep secret under the claim of executive privilege (AP/W. TIMES, 6/2). Rep. Bill Clinger (PA), House Government Reform and Oversight cmte chair: "When we finally got a listing ... of the documents which the White House insists are subject to executive privilege ... nowhere on that list were Mr. Eggleston's notes indicated that they were part of the basket that they had." Clinger, asked if he suspects a cover-up: "There very well could be. ... There are questions here of obstruction of justice. There are questions here of perhaps collusion in trying to prevent us from really finding out what went on here. ... Certain people were ... not being allowed to really talk about what went on. And clearly, there was an effort here to shield or obscure the first lady's role." More Clinger: "We are reviewing their claim of executive privilege, because they are now saying these 2,000 documents rise to the level that they can be protected from disclosure by executive privilege. Now, our understanding of executive privilege is much narrower than that. ... This is Travelgate. This is not Bosnia. This is not some ... massive matter of national import. It has to do with the firing of seven employees. We don't think that executive privilege would lie in this event" ("Fox News Sunday," 6/2).

*8 COVER TO COVER

BUSINESS WEEK: "Warning!" A report on "bogus" airliner parts, asking "where is the FAA?" (6/10).

NEWSWEEK: Photo: U.S. sprinter Gwen Torrence: "Year of the Women, Why Female Athletes Are Our Best Hope for Olympic Gold" (6/10).

TIME: Photo: Israeli Prime Minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu. "Can he make peace?" (6/10).

U.S. NEWS: "How to afford retirement?" (6/10).

ECONOMIST: "Democrats at the door" (6/1-7).

NATION: "Deserting the Democrats: Why African-Americans and the Poor Should Make Common Cause In Their Own Party" (6/17).

NATIONAL REVIEW: Photo: Lenin rising from a casket. "Rude Awakening -- Russia's Communists Come Back to Life" (6/17).

NEW REPUBLIC: "Stand and Deliver." A report on America's public schools (6/17).

WEEKLY STANDARD: "Into the Whitewater" (6/10).

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

*9 ALABAMA: SESSIONS LEADS RUNOFF, GENERAL MATCHUPS

A WSFA-TV poll, conducted 5/27-28 by Mason-Dixon/PMR, surveyed 805 registered voters; margin of error +/-3.5%. Dem subsample: 479 likely Dem primary voters; MOE +/-4.6%. GOP subsample: 456 likely GOP primary voters; MOE +/-4.7%. Dems tested: pollster Natalie Davis, Rep. Glen Browder (D-03) and

state Sen. Roger Bedford. GOPers: AG Jeff Sessions, businessmen Sid McDonald & Charles Woods. For primary matchups, see HOTLINE, 5/31. Primary: 6/4. Runoff: 6/25. Sen. Howell Heflin (D) is retiring.

DEM RUNOFF

Bedford	37%	Bedford	39%	Browder	40%
Browder	36	Davis	32	Davis	31%

GOP RUNOFF

Sessions	44%	Sessions	46%
McDonald	34	Woods	29

GENERAL ELECTION

Sessions	39%	Sessions	41%	Sessions	43%
Browder	34	Bedford	31	Davis	29%

Browder	37%
McDonald	31%

STATEWIDE FAV/UNFAV ID

Sessions	39%/ 15%	86%
Browder	30 / 11	73
Woods	29 / 27	89
Bedford	26 / 12	67
McDonald	23 / 9	76
Davis	17 / 10	58

Birmingham POST-HERALD's Bryant writes that the "lament of most candidates is that voters are either asleep or just don't care about the campaigns." On the Dem side, the race "looks too close to call," and who will make the runoff "remains a question." GOPers "are likely to see a runoff" between Sessions and McDonald. The "shame" is that atty Frank McRight (R), "a solid candidate who has been endorsed by most daily newspapers, is not likely to make the runoff." McRight has two major problems: a lack of money and the fact that he and Sessions are from the same area. The "main factor" that could skew the GOP outcome "is the anticipated turnout of voters" (6/1). N.Y. TIMES' Smothers reported on the race 6/2.

*10 ARKANSAS: HUTCHINSON'S NO-GO SETS BACK GOP

The AR GOP, whose hopes of winning the seat being vacated by Sen. David Pryor (D) were hurt by the decision by LG Mike Huckabee (R) to drop out of the race, suffered another blow with the announcement this a.m. by Rep. Tim Hutchinson (R-03) that he would not run. The two-term congressman "said that family and legislative obligations prevent him from seeking the nomination at this time." Hutchinson "appeared to be the front-runner because he is from the traditionally conservative" 3rd CD. A substitute House cand. in the 3rd CD -- some had mentioned Hutchinson's brother, ex-AR GOP chair Asa Hutchinson -- "would have a better chance of keeping the seat for the Republicans than a substitute" for another two-term House GOPer who may be

considering a Senate bid, Rep. Jay Dickey (R-04). AR GOP exec. dir. Richard Bearden: "In the 4th District, the party has grown by leaps and bounds, but we really do not have the strong foundation that we have in the 3rd." Bearden said that '90-94 GOP gov. nominee Sheffield Nelson "is an unlikely candidate" for the Senate (Kissell, AP, 6/3). Dickey will hold a press conference in Little Rock at 1 p.m. EDT today. Huckabee gave up the GOP Senate nomination following the Whitewater conviction of Gov. Jim Guy Tucker (D), whom he will succeed by 7/15.

*11 MINNESOTA: NO ENDORSEMENT SEEN AS BOOST FOR BOSCHWITZ

After 14 deadlocked ballots over two days, MN GOP convention delegates voted 6/1 to endorse no candidate in the race to challenge Sen. Paul Wellstone (D). It was the first time in modern MN political history that a major party failed to choose a candidate for statewide office. The deadlock "was a surprising victory" for ex-Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R) and "a stunning setback" to ex-MN Commerce Commis. Bert McKasy (R), who led all 14 ballots but could not amass the necessary 60% of delegates to gain an endorsement. McKasy: "Maybe, just maybe, the 15th ballot's going to be on [primary day] September 10th." McKasy "had counted on the party's backing as an equalizer in the primary campaign against the better-known and better-funded Boschwitz."

Boschwitz: "Today was a victory for openness and a meaningful step toward the victory in November that we all seek together. ... We have a great unifying force; his name is Paul Wellstone" (deFiebre, Minneapolis STAR-TRIBUNE, 6/2). The silver lining for GOPers "may be that a non-decision will help resolve, sooner rather than later, what was shaping up as a very close primary election fight." The non-endorsement is seen as a "tremendous boost" to Boschwitz, in that it deprives McKasy of the one great asset he needed. With an endorsement, and the money and party machinery that comes with it, McKasy was expected to run a competitive campaign against Boschwitz, who already enjoys a great advantage in name recognition and fund-raising. Having failed to win the endorsement, McKasy "said he would think about whether he would run in primary." Thus, chances "are greatly improved the Boschwitz will have a mostly clear field all summer long and will be able to concentrate on campaigning against incumbent Paul Wellstone rather than another Republican" (Smith, STAR-TRIBUNE, 6/2). STAR-TRIBUNE editorial: "Republican delegates ... apparently decided they would rather be part of a powerless party than a foolish one" (6/2).

WHITEWATER IN MN? Boschwitz challenged Wellstone's silence on the criminal convictions in the Whitewater scandal: "Wellstone regularly attacks the ethics of business people and political opponents, yet when close associates of President Clinton are convicted as felons, Wellstone remains stunningly silent. It's terribly hypocritical, but it's what we've come to expect" (Boschwitz release, 6/2). Other GOPers: state Sen. Roy Terwilliger, hairdresser Monti Moreno, ex-Hamline law school dean Steve Young and John Herman.

*12 NEW JERSEY: ZIMMER GAINS ENDORSEMENTS FOR TUESDAY PRIMARY

Rep. Richard Zimmer (R-12), who is seeking to replace retiring Sen. Bill Bradley (D), won the endorsements of the BERGEN RECORD, PHILA. INQUIRER and TRENTON TIMES for the 6/4 GOP primary (release, 6/1). PHILA. INQUIRER: "Republicans need to ask which candidate would bring the most energy, creativity and brainpower to the task. The answer is Dick Zimmer. In his six years on Capitol Hill, Mr. Zimmer has been a force for change. ... The man with the strongest record -- and the greatest ability to get things done in the Senate -- is Mr. Zimmer" (5/31). The winner of the GOP primary -- Zimmer faces Passaic Co. Freeholder Dick DuHaime and state Sen. Richard LaRossa -- will go on to face Rep. Robert Torricelli (D-09). The race for Bradley's seat "is one of the most important in the nation and may prove to be one of the most contentious." Zimmer, the "likely" GOP primary winner, "vows to make Torricelli's character and career the focus of the race" (NEWSWEEK, 6/10 issue).

FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES? W. POST's Kurtz reports that for two months, U.S. NEWS owner Mort Zuckerman "blocked publication of a critical story" on Torricelli, who "tried to intercede with state authorities on behalf of a Zuckerman construction project." The article concerns the "fund-raising practices" of Torricelli, "a social acquaintance of Zuckerman who was Bianca Jagger's companion before the publisher began dating her." U.S. NEWS' Kathryn Bushkin, the dir. of editorial administration, denied the story, which was supplied by magazine staff members: "We run a lot of stories about friends of Mort's. He cares a lot about fairness. His policy is to let the stories go forward, even though it might hurt some of his relationships" (6/3).

*13 VIRGINIA: NORTH DECIDES IT'S MILLER TIME

Oliver North, the '94 GOP Senate nominee whose candidacy was actively opposed by Sen. John Warner (R), paid Warner back by endorsing his 6/11 primary opponent, Reagan OMB Dir. Jim Miller. North "electrified" the crowd in his address at the GOP state convention: "If you'll get them [Miller voters] to the polls ... we can have a United States senator who does the kind of things that I would have done." North said "that Warner had so divided the party" that Bob Dole could lose VA in the fall to Pres. Clinton. North "said little positive about Miller, explaining his endorsement more on the basis of the damage" he felt Warner has done to the party. Warner "was so opposed" to North's '94 bid that he fielded an ind. candidate against him; he also refused to back '93 LG nominee Mike Farris. "Many in the party hold Warner responsible for the defeat of both men, and Miller has built much of his campaign on this anger." A straw vote held at the convention gave Miller a 3-1 victory over Warner. Emory & Henry College's Thomas Morris said the North endorsement of Miller "has transformed the primary into a test of Ollie's coattails. This probably represents Miller's best bet to energize the conservative vote." In addition, Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed "said the group will distribute voter guides throughout the state" beginning 6/5, which will distinguish the records and positions of Warner and Miller. Elsewhere, Bush Sec/State Lawrence Eagleburger endorsed Warner,

saying that if Warner "thinks something is right, he'll do it, and to hell with the consequences. He's a man of courage, and there aren't many of those in Washington" (Whitley/Allen, RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, 6/2). In a single stroke, North altered the dynamics of the race, "casting it as a sequel to his own and a referendum on Warner's decision to break from the GOP and sponsor an independent candidate two years ago." His "blessing of Miller" could energize a lackluster campaign "but also carries the risk of drawing out anti-North voters who otherwise might not have paid attention" (Baker/Hsu, W. POST, 6/2).

ENOUGH? W. TIMES' Cain, under the header "North endorsement may not be enough for Miller," writes that his backing "might fade fast" for Miller "if the challenger cannot use that energy to kick-start his stalling" campaign. The question is "whether the North nod is too little, too late" (6/3). For the record, Miller ran against North for the '94 Senate nomination, but rallied behind him after North was anointed at the convention.

NEW VA GOP CHAIR: If nothing else, the convention "confirmed the power of the conservative movement" in the VA GOP. Delegates elected Del. J. Randy Forbes, "a Christian conservative," to succeed Pat McSweeney as state GOP chair (W. POST, 6/2).

NEW AD: Warner has begun airing a second TV ad spotlighting what he has done for Virginians. The biographical ad, titled "Virginia's Fighter," is being aired in all the state's major TV markets. Like the first ad, Warner "stays positive." Warner "has been using radio ads to attack Miller" (Whitley, TIMES-DISPATCH, 5/31).

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

*14 KS 03: CHARGES FLY AS GOPERS SEEK OPEN MEYERS SEAT

The temperature in the race for the seat being vacated by retiring Rep. Jan Meyers (R) "climbed a few degrees," as House Maj. Leader Vince Snowbarger (R) accused Overland Park Mayor Ed Eilert (R) of "masquerading as a fiscal conservative." Snowbarger said Overland Park has increased spending by 88% over the last five years -- "a rate that makes Eilert ... a political big spender." Eilert responded by noting that the KS budget rose 94% from '90-94 and accusing Snowbarger of "being part of a state government spending spree." But Snowbarger said during that period, the state was "carrying out the biggest highway construction effort in its history -- a program he voted against" (Sullinger, K.C. STAR, 5/31). Meyers has endorsed Eilert. Other GOPers: tax activist Richard Rodewald, Greg Schoofs, and Bonnie Rahimian. Dem: '94 nominee Judy Hancock. Filing deadline: 6/10. Primary: 8/6.

*15 MI 10: HEINTZ MAY HAVE PROBLEM MAKING THE BALLOT

Susy Heintz, who resigned as MI GOP chair to make the race against House Min. Whip David Bonior (D), is being challenged by state Dems over her signatures to get on the 8/6 primary ballot. She needs 1,224, but Dems "contend she doesn't have enough." And while she has filed 90 additional signatures, the Sec/State's office has "lost" them, further jeopardizing her fate; the Board

of State Canvassers meets 6/3 to rule on the challenges. Heintz mgr Greg Brock "believes the lost petitions will be moot because Heintz should have enough signatures without them": "I am confident Susy will be on the ballot. The Democrats are grasping at straws" (Savitskie, DETROIT NEWS, 5/31). Other GOPers: ex-state Sen. Gil DiNello and '94 GOP nominee Donald Lobsinger.

***16 MT AT-LARGE: GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE ENDORSES WATERMAN, MACKAY**

In the Dem primary battle to succeed retiring Rep. Pat Williams (D), the GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE endorses state Sen. Mignon Waterman (D), the only female cand. in the race: "She has the experience, she knows the most most of the issues, and she knows how they apply to families." As for the Dem frontrunner, ex-EPA regional dir./ex-state Sen. Bill Yellowtail, "it's troubling that he had not disclosed twice burglarizing a New Hampshire camera store while a college student at Dartmouth. ... It's more troubling that he didn't tell the truth last month about his departure from the school. It's also troubling that he admits hitting his former wife a couple of decades ago. But what we find most difficult to accept is his being delinquent on child support payments for a decade -- a situation so severe that Yellowtail was found in contempt of court and had his legislative pay garnished to meet his legal obligations." Other Dems: atty Larry Jent and Yellowstone Co. Auditor Leo Hudetz. On the GOP side, the paper backs ex-Yellowstone Co. Commis./ex-Conrad Burns CoS Dwight MacKay (R) over businessman/ex-MT GOP chair Rick Hill and rancher Alan Mikkelsen (R). Primary: 6/4.

***17 NY 01: DEM CANDIDATE TIES NEWT & SHOREHAM TO MIKE FORBES**

State Rep. Nora Bredes (D) formally announced her candidacy against frosh Rep. Michael Forbes (R), emphasizing her opposition to the Shoreham nuclear power plant and sponsorship of anti-smoking laws. In what has become part of a Dem theme nationwide, she repeatedly associated Forbes with Speaker Newt Gingrich and called them the "radical right." Forbes spokesperson Todd Shapiro "denied Forbes walks in lockstep with Gingrich." Bredes decided to run only within the last week, after state Rep. Steven Englebright (D) decided against it (Arena, L.I. NEWSDAY, 5/30). Filing deadline: 7/11. Primary: 9/10.

***18 NC 07: RUNOFFS FOR OPEN ROSE SEAT TOMORROW**

Both parties hold runoffs for the seat being vacated by Rep. Charlie Rose (D), a seat Republicans "believe they can seize this fall." On the Dem side, educator Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend, backed by EMILY's List and teacher's unions, who led the first round with 31% of the vote, faces atty Mike McIntyre (D), who had 23%. On the GOP side, '90-92-94 Rose opponent Robert Anderson faces New Hanover Co. Commis. Bill Caster (R). Caster trailed Anderson in the first round 37-32%, but he "is hoping to pull out a win with the support of Republicans who weren't pleased with Anderson's allegations that the 1994 election saw widespread vote fraud" (ROLL CALL, 6/3 issue).

ALSO TOMORROW: Car dealer Sherill Morgan (R) and landlord Curtis Blackwood (R) square off in the 8th CD GOP runoff to see

who will take on "highly vulnerable" Dem Rep. Bill Hefner. In '94, Hefner beat Morgan by only 52-48% (ROLL CALL, 6/3).

***19 SD AT-LARGE: DEMS BATTLE FOR TUESDAY'S PRIMARY**

RAPID CITY JOURNAL's Mercer writes, "If campaign spending translates into votes," the Dem field to replace Senate hopeful Rep. Tim Johnson (D) "has narrowed to a two-way race between the deep pockets" of businessman/'94 LG nominee Jim Abbott and the labor groups backing ex-Daschle aide Rick Weiland. Between 4/1 and 5/15 Abbott loaned his campaign \$92,000 and spent about \$133,300. Weiland, meanwhile, raised \$47,000 in the past two months from labor and professional groups and spent about \$85,500. Their financial activity has "dwarfed" that of the other two Dems -- ex-state Sen. Linda Stensland and Dem activist Dennis Jones. Jones spent roughly \$22,400 between 4/1 and 5/15. Stensland "saw her campaign finances grind to a near halt;" she spent only \$11,600 during the six-week period. But as to a rumor she was about to abandon her bid, Stensland replied, "No chance!" (5/29). Primary: 6/4. If the top vote-getter fails to reach 35%, a runoff will be held 6/18.

NOT THUNE ENOUGH: Sioux Falls ARGUS LEADER endorses SD Municipal League dir./ex-SD GOP exec. dir. John Thune (R) over LG Carole Hillard (R) in the GOP primary: "He would bring new vitality to the state delegation. He commands respect and knows how to get results" (6/2). For the Dems, the ARGUS LEADER endorsed Abbott last week. Thune has raised \$128,373, spent \$107,754 and has \$20,619 on hand; Hillard's numbers are \$108,981, \$98,798 and \$10,183 respectively (Brokaw, AP/ARGUS LEADER, 6/3).

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

***20 NEW HAMPSHIRE GOV: LOVETT JOINS RACE FOR MERRILL'S SEAT**

Congregational Church minister/state Rep. Sidney Lovett (D) announced for the post being vacated by Gov. Steve Merrill (R). Lovett refused to take the "traditional" NH "pledge" against taxes, saying pledges are "in violation of my religious beliefs." He noted that NH has 19 taxes plus local property taxes: "We don't simply need a broadbase tax to try to straighten this mess out." Lovett will compete with state Sen. Jeanne Shaheen and Brian Woodworth in the 9/10 Dem primary. Shaheen is the "favorite" for the Dem nod, but Lovett plans to "press on" (Cousineau, Manchester UNION LEADER, 5/30).

ACTION IN THE GOP RACE: Board of Ed. chair Ovide Lamontagne (R) presented his blueprint for "expanding the New Hampshire Advantage" if he is elected. The 27-page, 45-point plan details how Lamontagne will "manage state government, promote economic development and job growth and support communities and families." He has already committed to veto "any broadbase sales or income tax or statewide property tax." Lamontagne: "Unlike my challenger [1st CD GOP Rep.] Bill Zeff, I don't believe New Hampshire has revenue problems. The citizens of New Hampshire are looking for the leader who thinks the answer is in management and keeping spending down, not in raising taxes." Lamontagne, whose campaign already has raised \$100,000, insisted the state

government "will live within our means." He also vowed to be the "most accessible governor in state history" and establish satellite offices in all 10 counties (Tibbetts, UNION LEADER, 5/29). Lamontagne's campaign announced that strategist David Carney, the Bush WH pol. director, will sign on as a consultant and "take charge" of the formation of a grass-roots organization (UNION LEADER, 5/30). AG Jeffrey Howard (R) has said he will not run. Other GOPers in the race: former prosecutor/Gun Owners Pres. Al Rubega, businessman/'94 primary cand. Fred Brumante. Possible GOPers: state Sen. Bruce Keough, state Senate Maj. Leader Jack Barnes. Filing deadline: 6/14. Primary: 9/10.

*21 WASHINGTON GOV: CRASWELL IS NO LONGER A "FRINGE" CANDIDATE

"With more than 9,000 volunteers, 49 political directors, teams established in each of the state's legislative districts, a 1,500-circulation weekly prayer newsletter and a choir of cherubic, well-scrubbed child-singers called the Stars & Stripes," ex-state Sen. Ellen Craswell (R) "is no longer being shrugged off as a Bible-thumping fringe candidate. Whether her organization can propel Craswell beyond her Christian conservative base remains unclear. ... Her positions may seem too extreme for a state with a demonstrated taste for moderates." Craswell: "They say you can't legislate morality. Every vote I took was legislating morality. ... Christians should be outraged by the secularization of government." Jesus Christ inhabits every corner of the campaign. Even the organizational chart lists God atop the candidate." Still, King Co. GOP chair Reed Davis said, "People are flocking to her campaign like Methodists to a tent meeting. It's the best organization of any of the gubernatorial candidates." Craswell "says her message of financial restraint and personal responsibilities will resonate with voters far beyond her religious base." Craswell: "Whatever happened to 'Those who don't work, don't eat'? We need to get back to that" (Zimmerman, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, 5/30).

GOP FINANCES: FEC reports show atty/'94 Gorton chair Jim Waldo (R) leads the GOP field in fund raising with \$392,086. House Maj. Leader Dale Foreman (R) raised \$367,188, King Co. Prosecutor Norm Maleng (R) raised \$327,188, and Craswell has brought in \$303,566 (POST-INTELLIGENCER, 5/30). Other GOPers: state Sen. Pam Roach, ex-pilot Bob Tarp and businesswoman Nona Brazier.

TURN OFF THE MIKE: "Controversial" talk radio host Mike Seigel has been fired. Fisher Broadcasting VP Robert Dunlop "said [Seigel] had damaged the company's reputation by airing false and scandalous rumors about" Seattle Mayor Norm Rice (D). Rice, who is running for gov., "denounced Seigel at an extraordinary Seattle news conference" 5/13 (see HOTLINE, 5/14). Seigel had been suspended since 5/20 (Wallace, POST-INTELLIGENCER, 5/30). Other Dems: state Sen. Nita Rinehart, ex-Rep. Jay Inslee, King Co. Exec. Gary Locke and businessman Bryan Zetlén. Filing deadline: 7/26. Primary: 9/17. Gov. Mike Lowry (D) is retiring.

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

***22 POLL: NEWSWEEK FINDS CLINTON HOLDS LEAD DESPITE WHITEWATER**

A NEWSWEEK poll, conducted 5/30-31 by Princeton Survey Research Assocs., surveyed 761 adults (margin of error, +/- 4%); Subsample: 622 registered voters; +/- 5% (6/2).

3-WAY (RVs)	NOW	5/22-23	5/16-17	1/96	11/95
Clinton	49%	52%	49%	44%	39%
Dole	32	35	33	37	40
Perot party cand.	10	6	11	13	12

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN VOTE FOR PRES.	NOW	5/96
Personal character of the cand.	31%	30%
Clinton's record as pres.	28	30
What the pres. cand. say they will do	18	16
The record and proposals of the GOP Congress	16	16

EFFECT OF WHITEWATER, TRAVELGATE AND HRC'S "RECENT TROUBLES"

Less likely to vote for Clinton	29%
Not less likely to vote for Clinton	65

EFFECT OF A DOLE-PROPOSED TAX CUT (RVs)

More likely to vote for Dole	19%
Less likely	13

IN WHITEWATER, THE CLINTONS ARE ...

	NOW	3/94	1/94
Not guilty of any wrongdoing	19%	14%	19%
Guilty of minor offenses	38	44	31
Guilty of serious offenses	22	20	24
Don't Know	21	22	36

ON WHITEWATER, THE CLINTON ADMIN. IS ...

	NOW	3/94
Knowingly covering up info damaging to the Clintons	58%	52%
Not covering up	27	29

WHITEWATER IS A ...

	NOW	3/94
Serious issue for country to resolve	23%	25%
Case of partisan politics	64	64

MEDIA ATTENTION ON WHITEWATER

	NOW	4/94
Too much	48%	57%
Too little	12	9
About right amount	34	28

ON WHITEWATER AND TRAVEL OFFICE ...

Hillary Clinton is telling the truth	25%
She is not telling the truth	46

EFFECT OF VERDICTS ON BELIEVING CLINTON'S WHITEWATER EXPLANATIONS

More likely to believe Clinton	28%
Less likely to believe Clinton	48
No difference (vol.)	9

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

*23 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed. NBC's "Today" hosted Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT). "CBS This Morning" hosted Rep. Bill McCollum (R-FL). "FOX Morning News" hosted W. POST's Kent Jenkins, UVA's Mark Rozell, W. TIMES' Major Garrett and GOP consultant Dan Hazelwood. CNN's "Early Edition" hosted Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS). C-SPAN's "Washington Journal" hosted Hatch, AP's Jonathan Wolman, and columnists Clarence Page & Cal Thomas. CNBC's "Capitol Gains" hosted frosh Rep. Mark Neumann (R-WI).

TONIGHT: NPR's "Talk of the Nation" and PBS' "Charlie Rose" host Christian Coalition's Ralph Reed. At 8p. EDT, C-SPAN airs the second MA Senate debate between Sen. John Kerry (D) and Gov. Bill Weld (R).

WEEKEND: ABC's "Brinkley" hosted ex-Likud minister Dan Meridor, Senate Whitewater chair Al D'Amato (R-NY) and DNC co-chair Chris Dodd (D-CT). NBC's "Meet the Press" hosted Speaker Newt Gingrich. CBS' "Face the Nation" hosted Sec/State Warren Christopher, Senate Whitewater Cmte Maj. Counsel Michael Chertoff and Min. Counsel Richard Ben-Veniste. CNN's "Reliable Sources" hosted Dole media consultant Mike Murphy. CNN's "Crossfire Sunday" hosted talk show host Armstrong Williams and columnist Julianne Malveaux. C-SPAN's "Sunday Journal" hosted GOP pollster Frank Luntz and Dem media consultant David Doak. CNN's "Evans & Novak" hosted D'Amato. CNN's "Capital Gang" hosted Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL). CNN's "Inside Politics Weekend" hosted Clinton-Gore chair Peter Knight.

OUTRAGES: TIME'S Margaret Carlson, on frosh Rep. Wes Cooley (R-OR) blaming the media for assassinating his character: "It's not the first time a congressman has tried to rescue his career by blaming the media. Give it up Wes. You only got 45% of the primary vote -- and you were running unopposed" ("Capital Gang," CNN, 6/1).

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on AR Gov. Jim Guy Tucker's (D) Whitewater convictions: "You know who I feel sorry for, the guys on death row. They're waiting for the governor's call. You're walking that last mile, you look in the cell and there he is, he's in the cell right next to you." Leno, on Bob Dole buying Chicago Bulls apparel on visit to Chicago: "Isn't Dennis Rodman just about everything he's fought against his entire life?" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 5/31).

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

"I thought I'd done a better job of covering that up."

-- Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS), asked about the fact that both he and GOP Senate Leader rival Trent Lott were Ole Miss cheerleaders, "Early Prime," CNN, 6/3

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===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====
 "White evangelicals can't be seen as the 800 pound gorilla in the
 Republican Party, driving the Republican Party away from the
 center or else the Republican Party will be in trouble"
 -- Pew Research's Andrew Kohut, L.A. TIMES, 6/25

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

An NRSC ad that ran this month in northern MN urged viewers to call a "1-800" number and tell Sen. Paul Wellstone (D) to change his position on wilderness protection legislation. But the number turned out to belong to an auto-parts company in MA.
-- Courtesy Minneapolis STAR-TRIBUNE, 6/24.

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

*1 CLINTON: PRO-FAMILY, PRO-LABOR; DID HE "CIRCUMVENT" \$ LAW?

Addressing VP Gore's fifth annual Family Reunion conference in Nashville, Pres. Clinton proposed making workplaces more "family friendly." Calling for an expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act passed in '93, Clinton announced he will propose legislation allowing workers to exchange overtime hours exchanged for time off and to increase the availability of unpaid leave for family matters. Clinton "cast himself as a friend of the American family" and established "new ground in the family values debate with Bob Dole." Hillary Rodham Clinton also spoke, discussing her struggles to find a babysitter for a sick Chelsea (Woods, NASHVILLE BANNER, 6/24). Clinton: "What I'm proposing is that we redefine compensation in a way that reflects the value of family and community." Chances of either of Clinton's proposals passing Congress this session "were clouded by sniping" over which party is "more responsive to working families' needs." Earlier this year Rep. Cass Ballenger (R-NC) introduced a bill allowing employers "to choose comp time rather than overtime pay." WH aides said the "most significant" difference between proposals is that Clinton's plan would "prevent employers from coercing workers into taking time off rather than overtime pay." WH aide Gene Sperling: "Under the Republican provision, the ultimate control always rests with the employer" (Sandalow, S.F. CHRONICLE, 6/25). Clinton used last year's conference to call for a television "V-chip."

DOLE RESPONSE: Bob Dole: "Another idea he borrowed from the Republicans. ... He ought to have an idea of his own one of these days" (L.A. TIMES, 6/25). A Dole spokesperson "dismissed the Clinton proposal as 'empty' rhetoric" and said Clinton should support the Ballenger plan (Kasindorf, L.I. NEWSDAY, 6/25).

BUSINESS-LABOR: W.S. JOURNAL's Stout: "Expanding the family-leave law will please organized labor ... [and] is likely to anger small-business groups. While the family-leave act only

applies to companies with more than 50 workers, the small business lobby opposes any effort to decrease employers' autonomy" (6/25).

GOP RALLY: TN Reps. Van Hilleary (R-04) and Ed Bryant (R-07) led a counter-rally across the street from Gore's conference. Bryant: "For 42 months they've laughed at (family) issues. They berated Dan Quayle when he talked about these issues. But now, all of a sudden, we're back in the days of Ozzie and Harriett" (Wilkinson, BANNER, 6/24).

LAST NIGHT: Clinton attended a reception and a dinner at two NYC hotels, "where the Democratic Party expected to raise \$3 million" (Kasindorf, NEWSDAY, 6/25). Clinton called the election a choice between "two known programs," and warned of a GOP agenda that would "harm the environment, threaten to increase the crime rate and turn Medicare into 'a second class citizen.'" Clinton: "They [GOP] passed their program once and we stopped them. If there was no veto pen and they keep the Congress and have the White House, you don't have to guess what they'll do." He also warned "there is no status quo option" in November because GOPers argue that "government is the problem," and said that "government must help provide people with opportunities to succeed" (Balz, W. POST, 6/25).

TOMORROW: Clinton flies to Lyon, France for the 22nd annual G-7 summit.

LATEST FROM WOODWARD: In today's W. POST excerpt from Bob Woodward's "The Choice," Woodward writes Clinton "personally" directed the DNC to run issue advertising ads that benefitted his campaign. He reportedly helped work on the ads texts himself. "This enabled him to exceed the spending limits and effectively rendered the DNC an adjunct" to his campaign. He "was circumventing the rigorous post-Watergate reforms that were designed to limit and control the raising and spending of money" for pres. campaigns. His "direct, hands-on involvement was risky, certainly in violation of the spirit of the law, and possibly illegal." Of course, after Dole locked up the GOP nomination, "his party also began advertising that would benefit him in the same way; and with the same circumvention of the limits on his spending" (6/25).

HERE'S A MODEST PROPOSAL: A DAILY ASTORIAN (OR) editorial: "Clinton should defer to Gore; Dole should forgo the nomination. ... The only way to get out of this mess is for Bill Clinton to imitate Lyndon Johnson and for Bob Dole to smell the coffee. ... Clinton barely merits our respect. ... Dole is making the right political moves ... but a president must have vision. Dole doesn't. And he's too old. Vice President Albert Gore would be a defensible presidential candidate. The Republican Party would spill blood in finding a replacement for Dole. But doing that would be a boon to the Republic" (6/25).

***2 HILLARY: SERVES UP PUNCH LINE OVER ROOSEVELT CONVERSATION**

Hillary Rodham Clinton, "wanting no part of the ridicule Nancy Reagan suggested for consulting an astrologer, employed humor and cool outrage" to "combat a report that a 'spiritual adviser' led her into imaginary conversations with Eleanor

Roosevelt" (Kasindorf, L.I. NEWSDAY, 6/25). Appearing with Pres. Clinton in Nashville at a conference on families and the workplace, HRC joked: "Shortly before I arrived, I had one of my conversations with Mrs. Roosevelt, and she thinks this is a terrific idea" (mult., 6/25). CNN's Woodruff: "[HRC] is showing a sense of humor over her latest controversy" (6/24). CBS' Rather: "[HRC] had a quick punch line and a detailed denial today" (6/24). Her joke "drew applause and laughter" from the more than 1,200 audience members. In a statement released afterwards, Clinton "defended herself" and her seminars with Dr. Jean Houston. She also "took exception to the description of Houston as her spiritual adviser." HRC: "This was an interesting intellectual exercise to help spark my own thoughts. It was a brainstorming session for my book -- not a spiritual event." Clinton also noted she has referred to imaginary conversations as early as 1993 in her syndicated column and speeches (Camia, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 6/25). Clinton: "Imagine my surprise when what I have been doing since 1993 in front of large audiences was now being reported as a sensational revelation" (mult., 6/25). Houston said her sessions with HRC "had been distorted" by Bob Woodward and subsequent news accounts (Clines, N.Y. TIMES, 6/25). NBC News "quoted Houston as saying the book's account of the session was accurate," and Woodward said "that Houston told him the same thing" (Balz/Harris, W. POST, 6/25).

ANY CRITICS? Opposition politicians "have not rushed to criticize" HRC for two reasons: "One, she's not the President. And two, they know a bunch of Americans really believe this stuff." Reagan Deputy CoS Michael Deaver: "People don't vote on somebody's mate. When someone finally decides, they're not going to say, 'Oh my God, I don't want that woman who talks to the dead'" (Schulte, PHILA. INQUIRER, 6/25). Speaker Newt Gingrich, asked if its campaign material: "I don't think so. ... I think any reasonable person often thinks about, how would I look back on Lincoln at a certain point, or Robert E. Lee, or look at any figure in history; how would they have thought about this, thought about that. ... I don't think it's, frankly, important to most Americans" ("LKL," CNN, 6/24). W. POST's Cohen writes, "Just as interesting to me ... is that both Hillary Clinton's New Age Nudniks ... helped in writing of 'It Takes A Village.' ... The question of who really wrote her book is typical of her inability, shared with her husband, simply to tell the whole truth and move on. They both somehow leave pickings for us journalistic crows" (6/25). Noting that HRC is Methodist, W. TIMES' Duin reports "several" Methodist ministers "say the realm of such psychic hocus-pocus is anathema to Methodist doctrine and could be a sign of spiritual desperation" (6/25). ABC's Wooten: "Even here at the end of the 20th Century there is a political price to be paid for those in public life who seek help for their private problems" (6/24). WH officials "expressed concern privately" that the news "might be used by critics to hold the Clinton's up to ridicule" (Cooper, L.A. TIMES, 6/25).

WHO DONE IT? The WH "thinks it knows who's responsible for Gurugate" -- HRC's "scorned" ghost writer Barbara Feinman. Feinman had "a much-gossiped-about falling out with" HRC after

failing to get credit for her work on "It Takes a Village" and reportedly had trouble getting paid. WH sources said Feinman was the only person who taped Clinton's imaginary conversations -- "and Woodward has made it clear he had access to the tape." Feinman is a self-described "book-doctor" who has helped Woodward and Ben Bradlee write books (Ball, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 6/25).

HOUSTON'S CREDENTIALS: Houston is "apparently not everything she's cracked up to be." A check of her resume "raised several questions" about her background. Her resume and published works claim she completed her doctoral studies at Columbia U. The school says she never got her degree. Houston said "that an assistant mistakenly put Columbia on her resume and publicity material." Houston: "You got the wrong release." She also claims to have taught at the U./OK and Hunter College, although both schools could find no record of her. When asked for her resume 6/24, Houston faxed a two-page summary of her accomplishments, including the claim that she completed her work at Columbia. "Two hours later," she faxed the same two pages "minus the paragraph about the Columbia degree" (Ben-Ali/Goodman/Kennedy, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 6/25). PHILA. DAILY NEWS' Grady: "To put it politely, Houston is a publicity-grubbing blabbermouth" (6/25). Houston was interviewed by "Dateline NBC's" Stone Phillips (6/24).

*3 PAULA JONES: CLINTON BACKERS APPLAUD COURT DECISION

"Saving" Pres. Clinton "from the tawdry spectacle of a sex lawsuit while he runs for reelection," the Supreme Court delayed Paula Jones' sexual harassment case against him (see HOTLINE, 6/24). WH press sec. Mike McCurry: "The White House is pleased that the court has recognized the merits in the petition put forward by the president's attorneys." Jones atty Paul Cammarata said Jones "feels the president is a coward." He added that Clinton has called the suit baseless, "and so Jones wonders, 'why is he running [from the charges]?''" (Ball, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 6/25). The court "might never rule" on Clinton's claim if he loses in November. If he wins, the unfolding case "could affect his place in history, weaken his effectiveness in office and impair his dealings with Congress -- pressures that might make a settlement more likely" (Denniston, Balto. SUN, 6/25).

SMILES AT 1600: "Clinton backers applauded the news" (Barrett, W.S. JOURNAL, 6/25). Clinton "dodged a bullet." The decision "was the first good news the beleaguered [WH] has had in weeks" (Galvin, N.Y. POST, 6/25). The decision "came as good news to Clinton" (Epstein, PHILA. INQUIRER, 6/25). The decision gives Clinton "a significant political victory" (Balto. SUN, 6/25). CBS' Rather: "A break for President Clinton" (6/24). NBC's Brokaw: "The Supreme Court handed [Clinton] a temporary victory" (6/24). ABC's Jennings: "The Supreme Court has given President Clinton a break." ABC's Hume: "This is not exactly a great legal triumph for the president; all the court agreed to do was to hear the case. But it was a great relief for a White House that has had little relief in the past week" (6/24). CNN's Shaw: "The Supreme Court today gave President Clinton a political break, something in short supply at the White House."

CNN's Blitzer: "A major win for President Clinton, at least in the short term" ("IP," 6/24).

JONES: Woman's Coalition spokesperson Susan Carpenter McMillan, in a L.A. TIMES op-ed, writes, "As Jones patiently awaits each new court decision, she must find great solace in the words of Hillary Rodham Clinton, who announced to the world after [Anita] Hill's charges at the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings that women do not lie when it comes to harassment. If Jones can finally meet the man from the Oval Office on a leveled playing field, she'll be able to prove that" (6/25). ABC's Hume: "It was a setback for Ms. Jones, greatly reducing any leverage she has in trying to settle the case" (6/24).

*4 FREE TV: DOLE TUNES IN, WITH CONDITIONS; FCC HEARINGS TODAY

Bob Dole's campaign agreed to deliver ten mini-speeches, each at two and one-half minutes in length, to be aired on alternating weeks nights during the final four weeks prior to the election. In a statement from mgr Scott Reed, the campaign agreed to accept the suggestion of the Free TV for Straight Talk Coalition "with only two stipulated conditions": that Pres. Clinton not give his address "from the Oval Office desk where the president of the United States addresses the nation in times of national emergency," and that "Bill Clinton must be a declared candidate for president, which he currently is not." The "second condition was less substantive than it was an attempt to irritate the Clinton campaign. Clinton has not yet made a formal announcement." Coalition leader Paul Taylor "voiced optimism that Dole's decision will set in motion the process of providing nightly presentations by the major candidates themselves." Dole's announcement "was prompted by a letter to both campaigns" from Sens. John McCain (R-AZ) and Bill Bradley (D-NJ) (Edsall, W. POST, 6/25). From the letter: "We believe a running dialogue held in this manner over the final month of the campaign will be a vast improvement over the 7-second sound bites and 30-second attack ads that now carry the political conversation on television" (release, 6/24).

CLINTON: The Clinton campaign, "ahead in the polls and presumably less interested in changing the shape of the electoral terrain, isn't committing." Dep. mgr Ann Lewis said the campaign is "gathering information, looking at the proposals and watching" developments. Lewis said the campaign has been approached by a few large newspapers about offering the candidates free full-page ads (Seib, W.S. JOURNAL, 6/25).

FCC: The free TV drive "moves another step forward" 6/25 when the FCC holds a hearing "to determine whether networks can give time to only the major presidential candidates without violating the 'equal opportunities' doctrine" in federal communications law. The FCC's ruling "will determine whether networks can legally turn away minor-party or fringe candidates demanding the same access to valuable air time afforded" the Dem and GOP nominees. "That decision is crucial, for networks' willingness to give time would surely evaporate if they all felt compelled to open their airwaves to all comers." The FCC "seems likely to be sympathetic to the argument that free-time

presentations" represent "bona fide" news presentations, meaning that nets don't have to give equal time (W.S. JOURNAL, 6/25).

*5 THIRD PARTY: WILL MINORITY GROUPS CREATE A NEW PARTY?

Detroit FREE PRESS' Eversley reports African-Americans or "a coalition of minority groups" may create a new political party to "ensure their needs are addressed" this election. A decision would come at a 9/96 political convention hosted by Ben Chavis. DC is the "likely" location for such a meeting. However, "don't look for candidates from such a party." They would instead "force attention" on issues affecting minorities. Among those supporting the idea are ex-Jesse Jackson camp. dir. Ron Daniels and columnist Tom Wicker. Wicker: "Blacks ought to step away from the Democratic Party. They're getting nothing out of it." The idea has cropped-up before. In 1972, Jackson, ex-Detroit Mayor Coleman Young and other civil rights leaders met in Gary, IN and "planned to" establish a black political party. They backed-down because they did not want to "question [the] abilities" of then-Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), who was already running for pres. The National Black Independent Political Party was founded in 1981 but ran into "ideological squabbles" and fizzled in 1983 (6/24).

NADER: Ralph Nader explains in THE NATION why "there is a need for a modest sized party that is rooted in progressive communities, agendas and energies. ... External competition is necessary to break up the two-party duopoly, either to produce really different political parties or lead to political realignments toward multiparty evolutions." Nader's thoughts are followed by analysis from political observers including ex-Rep. Dan Hamburg (D-CA) and GOP analyst Kevin Phillips (7/8 issue). BOSTON GLOBE's Kranish profiles Nader under the header "The Raider Becomes a Campaigner" (6/23).

*6 VEEPSTAKES: TOP VOINOVICH AIDE QUILTS

As OH Gov. George Voinovich "prepares for a 1998 U.S. Senate campaign or a possible spot on the national ticket, his most powerful and controversial aide," CoS Paul Mifsud, "is resigning." Mifsud "cited family concerns." He plans to remain active in politics and "will continue to advise" the RNC on targeting Catholic and ethnic voters. Mifsud's appointment as CoS "was controversial from the beginning." As CoS "he oversees economic development," the OH transportation dept. and the commerce dept. -- "all areas where his influence could affect the business interests that have donated heavily to Mr. Voinovich's campaigns." Dem "operatives have been researching Voinovich's record, hoping to unearth scandals they can make public, should Mr. Voinovich be selected" Dole's running-mate. "Some of their opposition research is targeting" Mifsud (Theis, CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, 6/25). A "Statehouse source": "A cynic would say Voinovich is trying to clean house before the vice presidential selection." Voinovich spokesperson Mike Dawson "said Mifsud's departure was 'absolutely not' part of an effort to lay the groundwork" for a Senate run or Dole running-mate (Zajac, Akron BEACON JOURNAL, 6/25). BEACON JOURNAL's Hoffman writes, "It's

bad form to campaign openly" for VP but Voinovich "has positioned himself for serious consideration. ... Unless the Clinton-Dole poll numbers tighten up more in a few weeks, Voinovich may have gone as far as he's going toward" VP. Only "if a 'Hail Mary' pass to a long-shot veep prospect fails, then Voinovich will be sitting near the head of the bench" (6/21).

POLL: A Nat'l Right to Life Cmte poll, conducted by Wirthlin Worldwide, surveyed 1,002 adults 5/28-5/30; margin of error +/-3.1% (release, 6/20).

IF DOLE SELECTS A PRO-CHOICE RUNNING MATE WOULD YOU BE MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO VOTE FOR HIM?

	ALL	DOLE SUPPORTERS	UNDECIDED
More	37%	37%	50%
Less	42	47	30
No Difference	16	12	14

IF RUNNING-MATE IS PRO-LIFE, MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO VOTE FOR HIM?

	ALL	DOLE SUPPORTERS	UNDECIDED
More	48%	57%	35%
Less	32	28	48
No Difference	16	11	13

WILL VP CHOICE HAVE AN IMPACT ON WHETHER YOU VOTE FOR DOLE?

	ALL	DOLE SUPPORTERS	UNDECIDED
Yes	30%	40%	45%
No	68	59	53

POWELL: House Speaker Newt Gingrich was asked on CNN's "LKL" if Dole could have a pro-choice VP: "I think you could. I think it would be difficult and think you'd have a lot of people grumbling. ... I think Colin Powell's probably the only person who could do that." Larry King: "Not the Governor of New Jersey?" Gingrich: "No. I'm a great fan of Christie Whitman's ... My guess is that the party would want somebody who is more pro-life" (6/24).

*7 CALIFORNIA: CLINTON OVER WILSON IN JOB PERFORMANCE

A Field Poll conducted 6/10-16, surveyed 719 registered voters; margin of error +/- 4% (release, 6/25).

JOB PERFORMANCE

	VERY GOOD/ GOOD	FAIR	POOR/ VERY POOR
Clinton	38%	37%	23%
Wilson	26	38	30
Feinstein	28	29	24
Boxer	26	27	25
Congress	15	46	37

GENERIC HOUSE BALLOT

	6/96	2/96
DEM	46%	42%
GOP	35	37

WILL YOU SUPPORT CANDIDATES WHO BACK GINGRICH'S POSITIONS?

	6/96	12/95
Less inclined	47%	48%
No difference	27	31
More inclined	19	17

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

*8 FBI FILES: QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT LIVINGSTONE'S TENURE

W.S. JOURNAL's Simpson & Kuntz report Dennis Sculimbrene, who was until two months ago the top FBI agent working in the WH, "has raised new questions" about the WH personnel security office and its director, Craig Livingstone, who is currently on paid leave. Sculimbrene has told members of the Sen. Judiciary cmte that he complained to superiors about the chaotic nature of the office, and "suggested it be run in a non-political manner." But Sculimbrene said he was told that Livingstone's hold on his job was secure because Livingstone's mother knew Hillary Rodham Clinton. A WH spokesperson and an atty for Livingstone denied that Livingstone's mother knew HRC. Sculimbrene also said he does not know why he was transferred out of the WH to the FBI's DC field office. Sculimbrene reportedly told the Senate cmte that he and another FBI agent working at the WH, Gary Aldrich, went so far as to tell then-deputy WH counsel William Kennedy that Livingstone should be replaced with a non-political appointee. Sculimbrene "said Mr. Kennedy told him that he was stuck with Mr. Livingstone" because of Livingstone's mother's connection to HRC. An atty for Livingstone called Sculimbrene's account an "absolute fabrication." Sculimbrene was questioned about events that could "color" his view: He sustained a "severe head injury" two years ago, but returned to work even though "partially disabled," and is now pursuing a discrimination complaint against the FBI, arguing that he has been forced to do work counter to recommendations by his physician. Sculimbrene "also worries" that he is the victim of retribution from his superiors because he testified on behalf of fired travel office dir. Billy Dale at Dale's embezzlement trial last year (6/25).

CLINTON WISHES ON A STARR: WH press sec. Mike McCurry, speaking with reporters travelling with Pres. Clinton to Nashville, said the pres. is "very angry that fundamental questions cannot be answered" about how the WH came to possess over 400 FBI background files on members of the Bush and Reagan admins. McCurry said Clinton "certainly hopes and expects that" ind. counsel Kenneth Starr "will move promptly to get answers to the questions that are pending." According to McCurry, the WH would like to see investigators "in there [at the White House] today, if possible." Deputy ind. counsel John Bates said he would not comment on Clinton's request. On the Hill, House Govt. Reform & Oversight cmte GOPers issued subpoenas requiring ex-WH counsel Bernard Nussbaum and Kennedy to appear before the cmte. Livingstone and his one-time aide, civilian Army agent Tony Marceca, are to testify 6/26 (Kovaleski/Schmidt, W. POST, 6/25).

QUINN QUIVERING? Cmte chair Bill Clinger (PA) "made a new

and broader request" for WH documents and "escalated his warning" that WH counsel Jack Quinn might be cited for contempt of Congress should he fail to produce the 2,000 pages of travel office-related documents the House has long sought. Clinger broadened his document request in asking for all memos, records and telephone logs of Livingstone and Marceca. WH spokesperson Mark Fabiani said Clinger's request was "under review." The House is scheduled to hold the contempt of Congress vote 6/27 (Jackson/Ostrow, L.A. TIMES, 6/25). House Speaker Newt Gingrich: "The most important thing for us this week is that the Clinton administration has to deliver -- they still have 2,000 pages of documents they still have not delivered to Congressman Clinger's committee" ("LKL," CNN, 6/25). At least one Dem has said he would vote in favor of contempt: Rep. Tom Manton (D-NY) said via an aide that he would vote in favor of contempt because "it's the right thing to do." A successful contempt vote "would probably be turned over" to Starr for enforcement (N.Y. POST, 6/25). Clinger has also asked Quinn to find out whether top WH aides like George Stephanopoulos and ex-CoS Mack McLarty or deputy counsel Bruce Lindsey "had a role in the search" of the FBI files (Bedard, W. TIMES, 6/25).

EX-ERS PROTEST: "More than 80" ex-WH staff gathered 6/24 to protest how their confidential FBI files were collected by the WH. Twenty former low and mid-level staffers from the Bush and Reagan admins. hand-delivered a letter to the WH complaining about the files. Mary Carroll, a WH personnel assistant under Bush: "We feel we were victims of professional voyeurs" (AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 6/25).

A TAXING QUESTION: Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA) sent a letter to FBI dir. Louis Freeh saying one of his aides said he saw IRS documents among the FBI files gathered by the WH. House Ways and Means cmte chair Bill Archer has said the WH could be guilty of felonies if they obtained FBI files with sensitive tax information. However, the W. POST reported 6/24 that a DoJ source said the FBI did not collect such tax info for their background reports (W. POST, 6/25).

ABSOLUT NEWT: Gingrich on the files: "There have been pretty extraordinary abuses of power; we don't know how high up they go, we don't know how deep they are, but we know of a clear, absolute violation of people's rights." Gingrich on the fact that the files story seems to have little effect on the polls: "People shouldn't handicap this like a horse race. ... The real sadness of his whole experience is, not only were they doing things that were wrong, but the White House's first reaction ... was to be dishonest about doing things that were wrong. ... How far up the chain does this level of illegality go and who's liable to potentially go to jail for it?" ("LKL," CNN, 6/24).

OPINIONS: S.F. EXAMINER editorial: "This ... is much more than an innocent little mistake. It might cost Clinton a second term" (6/25). N.Y. TIMES' Baker writes "[The WH] explanation for why it asked for the FBI files challenges credulity" (6/25). BUFFALO NEWS' Turner: "Knowledge is power. Knowledge of others' secrets tends to corrupt. In politics, it can corrupt absolutely. Richard Nixon found that out. Everybody who handles

FBI personal background investigations knows that. These files are dynamite" (6/25).

***9 GINGRICH: ALLEGEDLY USED NON-PROFITS TO "BOOST" GOPAC**

L.A. TIMES' Bunting reports advisers to Speaker Newt Gingrich "used no fewer than six nonprofit groups to extend the reach of GOPAC, the partisan committee that fueled the successful 1994 Republican drive to gain control of Congress." The Abraham Lincoln Opportunity Foundation, which was established by the CO GOP in '84 as a tax-exempt public charity to assist inner-city teenagers, "eventually pursued an entirely different agenda." A '90 fundraising letter from Gingrich on the foundation's behalf asked contributors to help him "recruit activists all across America to become involved in the Republican Party." But federal tax laws exempted the organization from "any form of partisan conduct." And the Lincoln Foundation "was not unique" -- six foundations were part of a "loose network of Gingrich-related enterprises dubbed 'Newt's World' in a GOPAC strategy memo." Other foundations examined by the LAT: West Georgia College Foundation and the American Opportunity Foundation. Tax experts claim the strategy "stretched the rules governing charitable groups." Two of other foundations, the Progress & Freedom Foundation and the Kennesaw State College Foundation, "are under the scrutiny" of James Cole, the special counsel investigating Gingrich at the behest of the House ethics cmte. Also noted: the American Campaign Academy, a one-time organization designed to train professional campaign workers, and run by Gingrich adviser Joe Gaylord, which closed down after a federal judge ruled in '89 that it was too partisan to gain tax-exempt status. Univ. of Miami's Frances Hill: "The pattern is unusual, perhaps even unprecedented in American politics. Newt was just more flamboyant. He pushed the envelope further." All six nonprofits "shared a direct connection" to GOPAC from '85 to '95. All six were run by GOPAC officers and consultants and Gingrich staffers. The foundations "generated at least \$6 million combined in tax-deductible contributions that were outside the purview of federal election law." Gingrich spokesperson Lauren Sims: "Newt Gingrich's support of any organization, non-profit or otherwise, has always been conducted properly and lawfully" (6/25).

"CONCEDES MISTAKES": In an interview with N.Y. TIMES' Apple, Gingrich "conceded that the Republicans and he himself had made major mistakes" in '95, but added, "he remained convinced the nation's long-term trend toward conservatism was intact." He said his team had "overreached in some areas, underrated Bill Clinton's tactical skills and his capacity to come back, and made a lot of clumsy miscalculations." Apple notes Gingrich "saw his big error" in what he called "becoming too much of a legislator," not taking on Pres. Clinton's spending programs. Gingrich described Clinton "in the kind of scathing language that senior politicians seldom use about one another," calling him "a master of falsehood" who used "carefully managed mendacity as a route to re-election, even if the result is to undermine the nation's civic virtue" (6/25).

ON "LARRY KING": Gingrich was guest on "Larry King" last

night. On Hillary Clinton and her discussions with Eleanor Roosevelt: "I'm not going to touch that. ... I heard it yesterday and I thought, 'Bob Woodward's going to sell a lot of books.' It's not something I'm going to get into." Asked if it was campaign fodder: "I don't think so. ... I think any reasonable person often thinks about, how would I look back on Lincoln at a certain point, or Robert E. Lee ... How would they have thought about this, thought about that. ... I don't think it's, frankly, important to most Americans." Asked to predict how the GOP resolves its abortion fight in the platform: "I believe that we will be able to say that this is a pro-life platform, but that there is plenty of room in the Republican Party for pro-choice Republicans who disagree with that plank and I think they'll find a way to work the wording out." Asked about campaign reform: "I think it's one of the great disappointments of the last year. ... We've never been able to get the staffs to agree. ... If we can't pass a bill, I still think the idea of a commission is a good idea" (CNN, 6/24).

*10 POLITICS AND RELIGION: EVANGELICALS PLURALITY OF GOP BASE

"White evangelical Christians, a strongly conservative group at the center of the internal GOP struggle over abortion, have become the largest religious voting block" within the GOP, according to a new Pew Research nat'l poll. "Documenting a historic shift, the survey found that the white evangelicals now constitute a slightly larger share of the GOP base than the mainline white Protestants who provided the party's core of support for generations." The poll further suggests that white evangelicals "are not only the most numerous, but also the most loyal" GOP voters. These findings "underscore the problems facing Bob Dole as he tries to reach out to Republicans who take more moderate views on social issues such as abortion." Pew Research's Andrew Kohut: "Evangelicals are now the core supporters of the GOP. But if they are seen as driving the party too much, they may alienate as many voters as they bring in" (Brownstein, L.A. TIMES, 6/25). W. POST's Goodstein writes, "Conservative white evangelical Protestants are the most active and cohesive religious force in American politics today, while the concept of a Catholic voting bloc is a thing of the past." Unlike the days of a dependably Dem "Catholic vote," today's Catholics are evenly split among the GOP, Dem, and indies (6/25). N.Y. TIMES' Niebuhr writes, "White evangelicals" are the groups "least enthusiastic" about Pres. Clinton, "but they are divided about" the GOP record in Congress, "making it difficult to predict how they will" vote (6/25). AP's Mokrzycki writes, "Most Americans now believe churches should speak out on political and social issues. ... As the line between church and state blurs, white evangelical Protestants ... have become especially politicized," to Dems' "detriment" (6/25). Kohut: "White evangelicals can't be seen as the 800 pound gorilla in the [GOP], driving the [GOP] away from the center or else the [GOP] will be in trouble." Christian Coalition's Ralph Reed: "We need to make it clear, as religious conservatives, that we are not claiming that our political involvement is as a result of some

special dispensation of God's will" ("IP," CNN, 6/24).

SIDE NOTE: A "substantial number," 45%, of Americans said they tune into religious television programs and radio shows and listen to Christian music (W. POST, 6/25). "Ironically, Clinton and Dole both trailed among their own denominations. Clinton's fellow Baptists preferred Dole, while Dole's fellow Methodists backed the Pres. (L.A. TIMES, 6/25).

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

***11 IOWA: GOP POLL SHOWS HARKIN-LIGHTFOOT A DEAD HEAT**

An NRSC poll conducted 6/18-20 by the Tarrance Group surveyed 500 likely IA voters; margin of error +/- 4.5% (6/24). Tested: Sen. Tom Harkin (D) and Rep. Jim Ross Lightfoot (R-03).

Harkin	45%
Lightfoot	45

***12 MASSACHUSETTS: GAYS HAVE TOUGH CHOICE IN WELD VS. KERRY**

Although GOPers are typically "identified with a backlash against gay rights," Gov. Bill Weld (R) could be the one "who captures the majority of gay votes." In his six years as gov., Weld has taken "bold steps that won him a reputation ... as the most pro-gay governor in the nation." Steven Tierney, a gay member of the Ward 5 Dem Cmte, said Weld "truly has been the best governor ever on gay issues." Tierney, like others, will remain "firmly" undecided between Weld and Sen. John Kerry (D) until November. Some gay voters said they will base their votes on the pres. election; if Pres. Clinton appears "on a glide," gays "may feel safe" supporting Weld, who could act as "a counterweight" to conservative GOPers. If Bob Dole looks likely to win and Congress to remain under GOP control, voters "will feel uneasy" about contributing to a GOP victory and will support Kerry. Weld's strong pro-gay rights record comes from his creation of a Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, his support for a gay student rights bill and his appointments of gay judges and administration officials. Gay activist/gay youth commission member Vincent McCarthy (D), on Kerry's stand: "There is a perception that John Kerry has never been an advocate for gays and lesbians. The vote is right 90 percent of the time, but he's not a Ted Kennedy or Barney Frank who gets up in the Senate and really fights." Kerry has pushed to eliminate the ban on gays in the military and has co-sponsored a bill to reauthorize federal AIDS treatment funding; both candidates are opposed to same-sex marriage (Aucoin, BOSTON GLOBE, 6/24).

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

***13 GA 04: WHERE WAS CYNTHIA?**

Candidates challenging Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D), who moved into the 4th after her black-majority 11th CD was thrown out by the courts, "jostled over issues from abortion to defense" at two 6/22 debates. But the candidates -- as well as WSB-TV's Bill

Nigut, who moderated one of the debates -- "pointedly" noted McKinney's absence. Nigut noted that McKinney "has chosen to ignore all debates and forums." Nigut, to the audience: "That strategy may work for her, but you should know that she has chosen not to participate." '94 4th CD nominee Comer Yates (D), state Sen. Ron Slotin (D) and David Hughes (D) "took a strong stand against vouchers for private and religious schools," while GOPers atty John Mitnick, consultant Ken Brown and Cameron Crowley came out in support of voucher plans. The Dems all "spoke up in favor of abortion rights." Two GOPers, Brown and Crowley, said abortion should be illegal except when the health of the mother is threatened; Mitnick said he would not go along with the constitutional amendment on abortion endorsed by GOP nat'l platforms. While her opponents debated, McKinney "gathered with about 20 supporters at DeKalb College to watch the unveiling of the Democratic congressional agenda," which includes two bills sponsored by McKinney (Helton, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 6/24). Primary: 7/9. Runoff: 8/6.

***14 ID 01: WILLIAMS HITS CHENOWETH OVER ETHICS**

Atty Dan Williams (D) charged that frosh Rep. Helen Chenoweth's (R) "use of hired campaign fund-raisers to help organize a meeting of [PAC] representatives in her congressional office" was a "clear violation of the ethics laws." The meeting was made public when Sierra Club pol. dir. Dan Weiss went to the Washington Post with an invitation he received asking him to attend a "Meet and Greet" at Chenoweth's DC office. The letter "says explicitly that the meeting is not a fund-raiser, but it was on campaign stationery and asked recipients to RSVP at a name and number" at the office of Chenoweth's campaign fund-raisers. Chenoweth CoS Keith Rupp "says he will take the issue" to the House ethics cmte himself "to make sure we haven't gone astray here." Rupp "said campaign stationery was used because even though the meeting wasn't for campaign business, some of the groups invited are involved in political activities." But the House Ethics Manual "says campaign and official activities may not overlap, and that congressional offices may not be used for campaign activities." Williams: "That's clearly what she's doing" (Lee, Lewiston MORNING TRIBUNE, 6/20). Weiss: "The RSVP was to her fund-raiser. The words may say 'no, no, no,' but the eyes say gimme, gimme, gimme" (IDAHO STATESMAN 6/20). In a letter to House ethics cmte chair Nancy Johnson (R-CT), Chenoweth denied soliciting or collecting contributions at the meeting. But she conceded, "I fear I may have inadvertently violated House ethics guidelines" (letter, 6/20).

***15 MO 08: '95 LAW FREEZES OUT EMERSON-SUCCESSOR WANNABES**

A law passed by the MO legislature last year may have "locked out" some leading pols from both parties who would like to succeed Rep. Bill Emerson (R), who died 6/22 (see HOTLINE, 6/24). These legislators had "long coveted" the seat but "none dared to challenge him, especially while the popular Emerson was dying of lung cancer." Said one anonymous aspirant, "Who wanted

to look like a vulture?" The '95 law said that for 11 weeks before an election, cand. filing does not reopen if the incumbent dies so long as there are other candidates running from both parties. Some GOPers have talked about challenging the law, but Sec/State Bekki Cook (D) was confident it would be upheld. Speculation had "persisted" that Emerson, who was "expected to be easily renominated, would step aside after the Aug. 6 primaries and let a committee of party insiders name a replacement nominee." But then the health of Emerson, who "proclaimed his intentions to win both his battle with cancer and re-election," failed. And "political turmoil resulted." MO House Min. Leader Mark Richardson (R) and state Sens. Jerry Howard (D), Peter Kinder (R) and Danny Staples (D) all have been mentioned as potential cand. in the CD -- and all voted for the bill. Staples: "Who would have known? If I had it to do over again, I would have questioned it and voted against it." That leaves two GOPers, three Dems and one Libertarian in the race. "One has no listed telephone number. Two are farmers. One used to publish weekly newspapers. Another has run unsuccessfully for the seat seven times. Not one has held major elective or party office, nor are they considered party insiders." Said one Dem operative: "What in the world is going on?" GOPers running: E. Earl Dunnell, a hay and cattle farmer who lost the '92 GOP nod to Emerson in '92, and political novice Richard Kline, who said he decided to run because "no person should ever go on a ballot without an opponent." The eventual nominee "could step aside" after the primary, allowing the GOP cmte to choose a stronger cand., but Dunnell "took a dim view of anyone asking him to quit the race": "I would be a little bit insulted at that." Another route would be via an ind. candidacy; 3,692 signatures of registered 8th CD voters are required by 7/29. Staples said "he had been encouraged to run as an independent": "I can get 50,000 signatures if I need them." He "said he has always wanted to serve" in Congress, "but I had an agreement with Bill Emerson that I would never oppose him in an election. ... That's all changed now." Dems on the ballot: retired music shop owner Thad Bullock, who lost to Emerson in every election since '86; rancher Gene Curtis; and ex-newspaper publisher Emily Firebaugh. Some Dems seem to be rallying behind Firebaugh, of whom one Dem said, "She isn't an old hand at politics, but she's the most electable in the field" (Charton, AP, 6/25).

WRITE ON! ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH's Schlinkmann writes, "Another option for Republicans dissatisfied with the current field would be to run a prominent Republican as a write-in candidate" in the primary. Others mentioned include ex-Treas. Wendell Bailey and ex-House Min. Leader David Steelman. Other possible Dems include MO economic development dir. Joe Driskill and Russ Carnahan, son of Gov. Mel Carnahan who once lost to Emerson (6/24).

NEXT AG CHAIR? With House Agriculture chair Pat Roberts (R-KS) running for the Senate, Emerson would have become chair had the GOP retained control. The next in line, Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI), is retiring, which would leave Rep. Larry Combest (R-TX), who is the most senior on the cmte.

*16 RI 02: ANOTHER "OUTSIDER" HOPES TO JOIN THE CLUB

John Matson (R), "who until now has neither run for nor held political office, believes that he is qualified for Congress because he could represent the average citizen." Matson: "I feel every pain he feels, the little things. ... That's who I'm trying to attach to -- the average citizen, the average person who hasn't been in the system." A self-employed carpenter for the past 30 years, Matson said he is in the process of naming a steering cmte to help run his grass-roots campaign: "We haven't focused on raising money. We've focused on raising people" (Krieger, PROVIDENCE JOURNAL-BULLETIN, 6/24). Other GOPers: state Sen. Robin Porter, Dr. Rick Wild and ex-state Sen. Rodney Driver. Dems: ex-Providence Mayor Joe Paolino, ex-state Sen. Joe McGair, ex-Warwick Mayor Kathryn O'Hare, LG Robert Weygand and ex-state Sen Gordon Mulligan. Filing deadline: 6/26. Primary: 9/10. Rep. Jack Reed (D) is running for the Senate.

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

*17 MASSACHUSETTS: MALONE AND CELLUCCI ANGLE FOR '98

Treas. Joe Malone (R) is "putting all the pieces in place" to run for gov. in '98 when Gov. Bill Weld (R) will retire and said he "has no interest" in being LG Paul Cellucci's running mate that year. His disavowal came following remarks by Cellucci in which he said, "I like Joe Malone a lot" and noted he would "love to talk about" a Cellucci-Malone ticket. Malone "quickly dismissed the idea" of him running for LG: "I hate wakes and I'm not good at shoveling dirt at ground-breakings." GOP leaders have "expressed concerns about the prospect of a potentially divisive GOP primary battle in 1998" (Sciacca/Battenfeld, BOSTON HERALD, 6/21). Should Weld get elected to the Senate in November, Cellucci will become gov. Possible Dems: Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-08) and AG Scott Harshbarger.

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

*18 PEW: EVANGELICAL WHITES LARGEST SEGMENT OF GOP BASE

1,975 adults surveyed 5/31-6/9; margin of error +/- 3%.
Subsample: 1,500 registered voters; +/- 3% (release, 6/25; N.Y. TIMES, 6/25).

	EVAN		NON-EVAN		WHIT	BLACK	NO	
2-WAY	ALL	WHT	PROT	WHT	PROT	CATH	CHRST	PREF
Clinton	55%	36%	52%	62%	88%	67%		
Dole	40	60	42	33	8	30		

	EVAN		NON-EVAN		WHIT	BLACK	NO	
GENERIC HOUSE	ALL	WHT	PROT	WHT	PROT	CATH	CHRST	PREF
Dem	50%	35%	44%	55%	85%	55%		
GOP	44	59	48	40	9	37		

	EVAN		NON-EVAN		WHIT	BLACK	NO	
PARTY ID/IDEOLOGY	ALL	WHT	PROT	WHT	PROT	CATH	CHRST	PREF
Dem	33%	28%	31%	32%	62%	26%		
Indie	34	29	30	37	26	51		

GOP 30 41 36 29 7 16

	CHURCH INVOLVEMENT	EVAN	NON-EVAN	WHIT	BLACK	NO
	ALL	WHT PROT	WHT PROT	CATH	CHRST	PREF
Should air views	54%	70%	48%	50%	67%	40%
Keep out	43	26	49	49	27	55

RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND (PEW DATA FROM N.Y. TIMES)

Evangelical white Protestant	23%
Non-evangelical white Protestant	22
White Catholic	20
Black Christian	9
No preference	11

*19 AMERICAN VIEWPOINT: GOP POLL HAS CLINTON UP 12
1,000 registered voters surveyed 6/19-23 by American
Viewpoint (R); margin of error +/- 3% (6/24).

TWO WAY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	5/96	4/96	3/96	2/96
Clinton	50%	43%	56%	50%	49%	51%	48%
Dole	38	45	31	39	39	34	35

THREE WAY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	DEM	GOP	IND
Clinton	46%	40%	52%	84%	13%	39%
Dole	34	39	28	7	69	27
Perot	12	14	11	5	11	20

GENERIC BALLOT NOW	5/96	4/96	3/96	2/96	12/95
Dem	46%	49%	45%	47%	44%
GOP	43	42	45	43	43

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

*20 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Rep. Bud Shuster (R-PA) and W. POST's Bob Woodward. NBC's "Today" hosted Bush '92 press sec. Torie Clark and Dem strategist Paul Begala. "CBS This Morning" hosted W. POST's E.J. Dionne, Pew Center's Andrew Kohut and Nixon special counsel Charles Colson. "FOX Morning News" hosted RNC chair Haley Barbour, ex-RNC chair Frank Fahrenkopf Jr., ex-Clinton aide Bill Galston, SLATE's Jodie Allen, Sens. Russ Feingold (D-WI) & Mitch McConnell (R-KY), COMMON BOUNDARY's Charles Simpkinson and psychotherapist Jerilyn Ross.

LAST NIGHT: NBC led with Hillary Clinton. CBS led with the Supreme Court agreeing to hear the Paula Jones suit. ABC led with the Supreme Court ruling on double jeopardy. "NewsHour" led with the Court ruling. CNN led with Iraq. "NewsHour" focused on the Court with AMERICAN LAWYER's Stuart Taylor, and on campaign finance reform with Feingold and McConnell. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Center for Media and Public Affairs' Robert Lichter. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted AMERICAN SPECTATOR's Emmett Tyrrell and USC law prof. Susan Estrich. CNBC's "Chris Matthews" hosted Sens. Paul Simon (D-IL) and Don Nickles (R-OK). CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted Speaker Newt Gingrich.

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on the Clinton WH: "Over the weekend a new record was set in the 200 meter dash. It happened when there was a knock at the front door of the White House and Hillary thought it was a subpoena." More Leno, on Hillary's "seances": "Why would she want to talk to Ghandi? She's already married to a pacifist who spends most of his time wrapped in bedsheets" ("The Tonight Show," NBC, 6/24). Rosie O'Donnell, on Bob Dole's trip o NYC: "He said he can't believe how expensive things have gotten. Last time he was here in New York, the entire island cost 24 bucks" ("Rosie O'Donnell," ABC, 6/25).

TOP TEN THINGS ON JEAN HOUSTON'S "TO DO" LIST
submitted by a suburban HOTLINE staffer

10. Put bumper sticker on White House limo: "How's my clairvoyance?"
9. Help O.J. Simpson find the real Zodiac killer.
8. Call up C-SPAN's "Washington Journal," guess the weight of everyone on the show.
7. Organize Million Merlin March.
6. Use Ouija board to write response to Woodward's book.
5. Get AT&T to install seance-waiting.
4. Use Avis Wizard number for faster car-rental service.
3. Help Pat Buchanan write the Shirley MacLaine Manifesto.
2. Buy the sporty new Suzuki Psychic.
1. Dust crystal ball for Hillary's fingerprints.

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

"The unwritten subtext here, of course, is that even here at the end of the 20th Century there is a political price to be paid for those in public life who seek help for their private problems."

-- ABC's Jim Wooten, on Hillary Clinton, 6/24

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