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HOTLINE/UNION-TRIBUNE poll | |
shows no movement at all. (#15) | AN END TO |
ABC track puts Dole 3 pts. | COVERAGE AS WE KNOW IT? |
closer; Clinton below 50. (#16) | |
| It's a quadrennial event |
GENDER STUDIES | as certain as the Olympics |
GOP features Susan Molinari, | and elections: The battle |
who features her baby (#2). But | for network airtime. (#4) |
some think Kay Bailey Hutchison | |
stole the show (#1). | Despite the GOP made-for- |
| TV schedule, the Big 3 |
HOW DIVERSE? | audience is down. Their |
Camera shots of a multi- | 12.1M household audience |
cultural party belie a more | for Monday's Powell speech |
homogenous delegation. (#5) | was down 20% from 92's |
| opening night Buchanan |
WAYNE'S WORLD | speech. (All numbers omit |
Rep. Wayne Allard (04) takes | cable.) By comparison, NBC |
CO GOP Sen nod, will face atty | says 87.9M US households |
Tom Strickland (D). (#11) | watched the Olympics. |

ALSO: House results. (#12) |
| If it's "unapologetically |
THE LONG GOODBYE (#13) | controlled, censored... and |
Rep. Wes Cooley (R-OR) may be | choreographed" is it news? |
out for good today; ex-Rep. | The nets answer is clear: A |
Smith may be in. | limit on both airtime and |
| podium time when they're on |
<http://www.PoliticsNow.com>		the air. By the way, the
Before GOPers spin tonight		last close convention was
check out the facts on Dole		1976 (R) and the last 2nd
in "Parallel Lives."		ballot was 1948 (D).

===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====
"Americans know that Bill Clinton's promises have
the lifespan of a Big Mac on Air Force One."
-- Susan Molinari, mult. 8/13

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TV MONITOR (#17)

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Only once has the person who made the presidential nominating speech at the Republican convention been named to the ticket.

Who was it?

===== GOP CONVENTION =====

***1 DAY TWO: "BEAT UP ON BILL NIGHT"**

If Monday night was reserved for honoring the heroes of the GOP, Tuesday night "offered a distinct change of pace," and an opportunity for the party -- led by Rep. Susan Molinari (NY) and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX) -- to take turns "dishonoring the current President." In addition to the featured Clinton bashers, the evening "featured governors, Senators, House Members and private citizens who roasted Clinton and federal programs that they believe aren't working" (Baumann, NATL JOURNAL CONVENTION DAILY, 8/14). GOPers "trained their sights" on Clinton as "speaker after speaker" pointed out the policy difference between the pres. and Bob Dole. It was a night for "taking apart" the Clinton record, but it was also a night in which the GOP tried to "showcase" its female stars (Hess/Thomma, PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/14). "Finding new unity in their shared distaste" for Clinton, GOPers "gleefully attacked" the pres. on "everything from taxes to welfare." As delegates "cheered enthusiastically," speaker after speaker "returned to the same charges: that Clinton promised in 1992 to balance the federal budget, cut middle class taxes and enact welfare reform only to retreat from those commitments once he was in office" (McManus, L.A. TIMES, 8/14). GOPers "celebrated middle class families and sharpened their attacks" on Clinton (Mercer, RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH, 8/14). After an opening night of "unity and pageantry," the second night "turned sharply partisan." A "parade of speakers skewered" Clinton (Balz, W. POST, 8/14). It was a night that "mixed family friendly speeches with some high-tech Clinton bashing" including video clips -- used in recent RNC ads -- featuring Clinton promising to balance the budget in various numbers of years and telling a Houston audience in '93 that he thought he raised their taxes too much (West, Balto. SUN, 8/14). CNN's Bierbauer called the evening "Beat up on Bill night" (8/13). ABC's Jennings: "The night when the tone of the convention has traditionally been set" (8/13). CNN's Woodruff: "A prime-time assault on President Clinton's record" ("IP," 8/13).

HUTCHISON: In the cast of speakers, "no one was blunter" than Hutchison, "who seemed bent on doing what her fellow Texan,"

ex-TX Gov. Ann Richards (D) "did unto George Bush" in '88. "In view of many observers," Hutchison's performance "upstaged" Molinari (NATL JOURNAL CONVENTION DAILY, 8/14). Hutchison "leveled perhaps the most scathing attack," depicting Clinton "as a radical liberal who never keeps his word" (Berke, N.Y. TIMES, 8/14). The "high-point" in the attacks against Clinton came when Hutchison called for his ouster and his "promise breaking ... health-care socializing ... FBI-abusing ... value-crushing ... truth-dodging" friends in the WH (Balz, W. POST, 8/14). In a "jibe directed at Hillary Rodham Clinton," Hutchison: "In the real world, we don't want a village to raise a child, we want a family" (Barta, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/14). ABC's Jennings: "The first red meat being offered up to this quite conservative Republican convention" (8/13). CBS' Rather: "A short, direct attack on President Clinton. ... Delivered big-time what was asked of her and that is a scathing attack on Bill Clinton and his presidency." CBS' Schieffer: "It's attack dog Hutchison. ... It really put electricity into the hall." Hutchison: "We needed to have some fun and some light-hearted spirit. ... I was really a fun speech ... and I really enjoyed it. And I hope that everyone took it as a light-hearted, you know, sort of comparison." GOP analyst Kevin Phillips: "She did a terrific job in laying out a woman's indictment of Bill Clinton" (8/13). Clinton media adviser Bob Squier: "She had tried to bring off a kind of parody and it came across, on television at least, as really kind of nasty" ("LKL," CNN, 8/13).

A CLINTON ATTACK SAMPLER: IL Gov. Jim Edgar said Clinton has "created the wrong climate for small businesses: high taxes, oppressive regulations, intrusive government that stifles growth" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/14). Sen. Bill Frist (TN) accused Clinton of "playing politics" with Medicare. WI Gov. Tommy Thompson hit Clinton on welfare reform: "Bill Clinton said he would end welfare as we know it. But it took Bob Dole and the Republican Congress to do it" (L.A. TIMES, 8/14). House Budg. Chair John Kasich (OH): "Our budget efforts in Congress have not been about cutting and slashing, they've been about sending your power and your money back to you in every city and town across America" (W. POST, 8/14). PA Gov. Tom Ridge on crime: "The Republican agenda, Bob Dole's agenda is more than V-chips, curfews and cell phones. It's conservative judges. Three-strikes. And the death penalty" (NPR, 8/14). CNN's Bode: "The Republicans very, very much want to reclaim some of the crime issue because Bill Clinton has been very clever and very effective." CNN's Franken: "Both the Republicans and Democrats are now laying claim to that issue" (8/13). The GOPer capable of delivering the "harshest critique" of Clinton, Speaker Newt Gingrich "did not" (Arnold, NPR, 8/14).

HOW IT PLAYED ON THE TUBE: CBS' Rather: "Republicans have complained for months that President Clinton was stealing their campaign issues. Tonight Republicans get their revenge" (8/13). NBC's Brokaw: "We heard from a variety of speakers saying, in effect, we're like you. And although these Republicans would never use the phrase that Bill Clinton made so famous, they were saying in effect to this country, we feel your pain on so many issues" (8/13). Mark Shields: "This was a night that was

necessary to distance the Republican Party from the Republican Congress. ... It was a Republican Party that was not male, that was not white." Paul Gigot: "You saw a party playing against stereotype tonight" (PBS, 8/13). Bob Novak: "It wasn't a particularly inspiring night compared to last night" ("Cap. Gang," CNN, 8/13).

*2 MOLINARI: "SLAMS" CLINTON WHILE APPEALING TO WOMEN

In her keynote address, Rep. Susan Molinari (R) "looked back to her Italian-immigrant ancestors and forward to her baby girl's future to tell two stories: One where Bill Clinton puts the American Dream beyond reach, and another where Bob Dole makes it attainable." The speech was designed to show that working women and their families would "do better" under a Dole admin. In the end, Molinari's address "may best be remembered for the image of her 3-month-old-daughter -- visually and rhetorically" (Wilkie, S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE, 8/14).

GOP & WOMEN: Molinari's remarks "underscored" the "theme of the tightly scripted session in which the GOP showcased women and moderates: Clinton can't keep a promise and blithely switches positions on issues ranging from welfare to taxes." Molinari: "Americans know that Bill Clinton's promises have the lifespan of a Big Mac on Air Force One" (Farragher/Wasserman, S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 8/14). ABC's Jennings: "[Molinari told] women around the country that the Republican Party is a good place for them" (8/14). Molinari was part of the GOP effort that "teamed up" to attack Clinton "while also trying to convince voters that the GOP is the party of compassion, vision and empathy for women." She began her speech promising that her talk would be a lot like Clinton's promises: "It won't last long and it will sound like a Republican talking." As she spoke, the cameras "trained on her baby bouncing on the lap" of her husband, Rep. Bill Paxon (R-NY) (Howard/Cousart, FRESNO BEE, 8/14). Molinari spoke "directly to young mothers like herself" when she talked about the challenges of managing a career and "holding down the fort": "Republicans can't promise you more hours in the day, but we can help you spend more hours at home with your family" (Balz, W. POST, 8/14). GOPers "melded homespun family images with hardball politics," as the line up of speakers "exploited what party leaders believe" are Clinton's "two biggest vulnerabilities: his character and the economic anxieties of the middle class." By choosing Molinari as the keynoter, GOPers "made a play for female voters who have turned away from the party." The previous day, GOPers "sought to broaden its appeal to moderates, swing voters and perhaps even minorities by advancing a message of inclusion" with Colin Powell. Molinari "put a softer, more youthful and maternal face" on the GOP (Berke, N.Y. TIMES, 8/14). Molinari said working women would gain substantially from a Dole agenda of lower taxes, smaller government, better schools and safer streets. She said the Dole-Kemp plan is the answer "for a single mother with two kids in Detroit who is trying to pay her bills and pay for child care, too. She'll get \$1,000 from the Republicans' child tax credit." Molinari: "I want my daughter's earliest memories of our nation's leader to be of a man who still dreams despite

adversity. A man who dreams of peace because he has known the horrors of war" (Hess/Thomma, PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/14).

HOW'D SHE DO? CBS' Rather: "An excellent keynote address, excellently delivered" (8/13). TIME's Margaret Carlson: "She overused the child. There's only so much you should do with your own children" ("Cap. Gang, CNN, 8/13). NPR's Arnold: "Molinari ... did not stir the delegates with great oratory. As she was the first to admit, she simply spoke from the heart" (8/14). N.Y. POST front page: "Susan socks it to 'em, GOP keynoter slams Clinton," (8/14). NBC's Mitchell: "It didn't have the excitement and the breath of a major keynote address." NEWSWEEK's Alter: "It didn't seem ... to advance the ball that much for the Republicans (C-SPAN, 8/13). Molinari's 15-minute speech "was the shortest keynote speech in recent memory" (S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 8/14).

ABORTION: Molinari "deliberately steered clear of" abortion. Molinari: "Only the media thought I was going to address the pro-choice issue." Her decision "helped preserve the growing sense of party unity in the hall." On Tuesday, anti-abortion delegates discussed staging a walkout because of her position. But Pat Buchanan "appealed to the delegates to stay in the hall and instead to wave their white cowboy-style hats as a silent protest." During her speech, some delegates "followed Buchanan's advice," and waved their hats; some kept their hats on, "but none were seen walking out." A few delegates remained vociferous about their unhappiness with "the predominance on the podium of relative moderates like Molinari." AZ del. Karen Johnson: "I don't think she represents the Republican grass-roots of women. They put her on to appeal to the strident women vote. But this is the image that the hierarchy of the party wants to project" (LaGanga, L.A. TIMES, 8/14). Chants from Operation Rescue members saying, "It's a child, not a choice," provoked "a shoving match on the floor" (Baumann, NATL JOURNAL CONVENTION DAILY, 8/14).

TV REAX: TX Gov. George W. Bush (R): "Those who ... heard Susan Molinari realized it was a great choice, because she's talking about young moms, who've got young kids, and Republicans must reach out to women that way" (CNN, 8/13). Paul Gigot: "The presence, the symbol of her delivering of the speech was as important as anything that she really said." Rep. Marge Roukema (R-NJ): "It also sent the message that we're not just the party of country club Republicans." Rep. Ilena Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL): "Susan embodies what we want to do as a party to reach out to other groups" (C-SPAN, 8/13). GOPers for Choice's Ann Stone: "A homerun. She spoke in a language that people can understand and she symbolizes the American dream" (PBS, 8/13).

HISTORY: Molinari is the third woman to keynote a GOP convention. Each time a woman has given the GOP keynote speech (in RNC co-chair Anne Armstrong in '72 and U.S. Treasurer Katherine Ortega in '84), Republicans have won landslide victories in November. Another way of looking at it is that both times the incumbent president went on to win in the fall.

*3 GENDER GAP: TUESDAY NIGHT WAS LADIES NIGHT

GOP women leaders "stepped up to the gender gap" on the second night "and began trying to bridge it." The GOP "threw a spotlight on several of the party's most prominent women," notably keynoter Rep. Susan Molinari (NY), Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX) and NJ Gov. Christie Whitman (Barta, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/14). ABC's Roberts: "The Republicans managed to have every pro-choice female office holder that they have speaking" ("GMA," ABC, 8/14). If Tuesday night was for talking apart the Clinton record, it was also a night for GOP "to showcase many of its leading women leaders -- in hopes of starting to chip away at the huge lead that the President now enjoys over Dole among women, particularly those who work outside the home" (Hess/Thomma, PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/14). Several of the female GOP officeholders who spoke are "outspoken in their support of abortion rights, but tonight they spoke about economics and taxes and Clinton, not the issue that continues to divide the party." The night also included a "powerful" speech by a PA rape victim whose personal testimony left the hall "filled with emotion" (Balz, W. POST, 8/14).

FEMALE FACE: Molinari, Hutchison and Whitman were the GOP's attempt to put a "more moderate and female face" on a convention in which two-thirds of the dels. are men and roughly 60% "are self-described Christian conservatives" (Farragher/Wasserman, S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 8/14). CBS' Rather: "With rising stars like Hutchison and Molinari, tonight the Republicans turned the spotlight on the party's blonde ambition, in that both of these women are seen as potential future presidential or vice-presidential candidates" (8/13). Women "are on display." Party leaders "had officially declared it Bash President Clinton Day, but many in the hall dubbed it Tuesday's Ladies Night" (Connolly, ST. PETE TIMES, 8/14). USA TODAY's Chavez, under the header "GOP gender gap simply 'hogwash,'" writes that "in fact, in three out of the last four elections, it has been the Democrats who have actually been hurt by the gender gap. Democrats lost those elections because they did so poorly among male voters" (8/14). GOP pollster Kellyanne Fitzpatrick "likened the closing of the gender gap to a blind date": "We just need to get them past what they see from the door" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/14).

E. DOLE: As part of her effort to "highlight how she and her husband share the everyday concerns and values of women," Elizabeth Dole met with three San Diegan women during a morning event. She then headed to a luncheon honoring female GOP officeholders such as San. Nancy Kassebaum (KS). She told more than 1,000 guests that Republican women "led the women's suffrage movement and the drive to put women in leadership positions in Congress." Elizabeth: "I'm sure that someday in the very near future, the Republican party nominee will be very pleased to see her spouse up here making this speech" (Rainey, L.A. TIMES, 8/14).

*4 MEDIA: AN END TO COVERAGE AS WE KNOW IT?

ARKANSAS DEM-GAZETTE's Kiely advises that "if you plan to watch the national political conventions on television and you don't have cable, watch fast." That is because "the talk here is

that this will be the last time the old-line, Big Three networks cut into their prime-time programming to broadcast what many believe has turned into a four-day infomercial." Low ratings may be responsible for this, and ABC's David Brinkley, who "pioneered" TV convention coverage, "thinks it may be time to pull the plug": "People don't look at it any more. Not many." Conventions used to draw a big audience, he said, "because they were a novelty. ... Now they've seen any number of them. They've come to think they're all alike. They're just not very interested." NBC producer Jeff Zucker: "This is probably the last time you'll see the political conventions on network television. I believe you'll see cable supplant broadcast networks in that role." Even ABC's Jeff Greenfield, a most "confirmed political junkie," agrees: "When I was a kid, all I ever wanted to be was a convention floor reporter. But even I can't justify all this any more." For one thing, the networks have begun to cut back on actual coverage. In '80, ABC, CBS and NBC aired more than 100 hours of convention coverage; this year the combined total will be fewer than 16 hours. The big reason: ratings. In '80, the three networks' coverage of the GOP convention drew 49% of the audience, 54% for the Dems. In '92, it was down to 31% for both parties, and "they are continuing to drop." But it is not only ratings spurring the networks' decision. Retired NBC Pres. Reuven Frank: "There's no news here. There hasn't been any news for four cycles. There's no reason for the major networks to be here" (8/14). USA TODAY header: "Convention appeal: A television turnoff" (8/14). N.Y. DAILY NEWS header: "Talking pols a turn-off" (8/14).

WE'RE OUTTA HERE: S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE's Laurence writes, "Republican plans to choreograph the perfect made-for-TV political convention, history's first infomercial-convention, may have backfired. The GOP's boring, meticulously scripted, one-note pep rally" has caused ABC's Ted Koppel to announce that "Nightline" is leaving San Diego and heading back to DC "after deciding there was no news happening here" (8/14). Koppel: "We have been telling you the obvious, the very thing in fact, that the Republicans themselves have been telling us. This convention is more infomercial than a news event. Nothing surprising has happened, nothing surprising is anticipated. ... Then it occurred to us that perhaps we should learn from our experience. ... [Some past conventions] required the presence of thousands of journalists, but not this year. If anything important happens we will certainly have an adequate staff here to cover it and we will send an equivalent unit to Chicago. But we don't all have to be here, so most of us from 'Nightline' are going home tomorrow. This convention may prove to be one of the most interesting news stories in the world tomorrow; if so we'll cover it. If not, we'll do something else" ("Nightline," 8/13).

DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL: When it came to TV coverage of the convention's opening night, "many viewers voted with their remote controls, switching to non-convention programs or turning the TV off" (Keveney, HARTFORD COURANT, 8/14). Despite the shorter program and the "much anticipated" speech by Colin Powell, the Big Three reached 12.1 million TV households on Monday night,

down 20% from the 14.9 million from the first night of '92. The aggregate of viewers watching the three networks and CNN "equaled the viewers watching a recent rerun" of NBC's "Seinfeld." Lane Venardos, VP of hard news and special events for CBS, was "disappointed": "I thought we put on an excellent broadcast Monday. I guess people out there in the countryside just don't care about politics as usual" (McTavish, K.C. STAR, 8/14).

GOOD RIDDANCE: Balto. SUN editorial: "The Republican extravaganza in San Diego is unapologetically controlled, censored, scripted, timed, stage-designed and choreographed for what it is: a TV show for an American audience conditioned and couch-potatoed by the tube. History buffs can shed a tear for something precious that has vanished from 'the great game of politics.' ... [But] delegates are stage props who no longer have a say in who will be president of the United States. Print press reporters, to their humiliation, often have to follow the proceedings on TV. And the networks, spiders caught in their own web, feel coopted by political parties using techniques the television industry has developed" (8/14).

ADVANTAGE GOP: In the battle between the networks and the party over who controls what gets out on the tube, the winner has been the GOP. Koppel: "I think the politicians are ahead. They have more control over what we put on the air this week than they have ever had before." Trying to "ensure favorable convention coverage is nothing new -- it's been going on since TV began serious convention coverage in 1952." But the GOP "went to new lengths to create a convention that would make good TV and convey its message of a diverse but united party, with platform fights and dissatisfaction with the nominee behind it." Convention mgr Paul Manafort said, "What we tried to do was create a program that would be convenient for the networks to cover. We didn't try to get more than six hours. ... We said, we'll take those six hours and present a program that will be full of information." But the networks see it differently. CBS' Dan Rather: "They're hoping everyone at the network news organizations will just sigh and say, it's so good we have to put it on. There haven't been this many stars in the prime-time hour since Love Boat left the air" (Moore, USA TODAY, 8/14). N.Y. TIMES' Bennet writes that round one "went to the Republicans in the prime-time bout between party planners trying to present a coiffed image and network producers willing to muss it, a quadrennial struggle that is more intense than ever this year." Some network execs. "said convention planners had misled them about the contents of the Reagan video, had not given them advance copies soon enough to allow them to screen it thoroughly for news value, had similarly delayed releasing the texts of speeches and had shifted the schedule forward at the last minute, throwing them even further off balance." Zucker, asked whether NBC had made the right decision in airing the Reagan video: "If I had to do it again, I would really give that a second thought. I'm not as convinced, Monday morning quarterbacking myself, that it was as newsworthy as I thought it was going in" (8/14).

NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T: Here's how the Big Three dealt with the Monday night program (USA TODAY, 8/14):

PROGRAM	ABC	CBS	NBC
Gerald Ford speech	Did not air	Did not air	Did not air
George Bush speech	Aired final min.	Aired	Aired
Reagan video	Aired	Aired parts	Aired
Nancy speech	Aired	Aired	Aired
Colin Powell speech	Aired	Aired	Aired

*5 DIVERSITY: MODERATES ON PARADE AS CONSERVATIVES LAY LOW

While the GOP has attempted to "convince America that they are the party of harmony and diversity," the party that appears on TV "is remarkably different" from the one filling the hall. The contrast "was evident" during Susan Molinari's speech, when two anti-abortion protestors were "quickly escorted" from the convention floor as "cameras stayed focused" on the keynoter. During the Colin Powell speech 8/12, TV cameras focused on minority delegates in the crowd, but there are only 54 blacks and 47 Hispanics among the delegates (Sandalow, S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/14). Hours before "Powell's prime-time appeal for tolerance," the delegates approved a "platform that would eliminate legal abortion, affirmative action and education for the children of illegal immigrants." Despite the frequent podium "calls for inclusion," GOP officials have not allowed pro-choice Govs. Pete Wilson (CA) or Bill Weld (MA) to address the crowd. The GOP is attempting to "convince swing voters" that the "voices of moderation" they see better represents the party than the "angry conservative exchanges" of this year's primary season (S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/14). The GOP's "call for compassion" contrasted with the "scathing attack" unleashed on Clinton (Yoachum/Garcia, S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/14).

MINORITIES: Minorities have taken "visible roles" at the convention as the GOP attempts to "convey an image that it is a party where minority voters will find a welcome." But as the GOP "strives to shed its image as a bastion of white voters ... even some black stalwarts question" if the steps are "sincere or merely another prop in a well-scripted campaign" (Holmes, N.Y. TIMES, 8/14). ABC's Vargas: "Republicans have had problems attracting minorities to a party that has traditionally been home to the angry white man" ("GMA," ABC, 8/14). ABC's Roberts: "The Republicans managed to have every pro-choice female office holder that they have speaking. All of them. All five of them have spoken now. ... Every black who is has spoken" ("GMA," ABC, 8/14). S.F. CHRONICLE's Saunders writes the GOP "has tremendous heart. The Republican Party embraces all America. That was the message sent to America on opening night at this convention. ... Except this party can never quite get things right." Although the GOP "showcased minority" figures, its platform "threatened to turn minorities off. "Get serious GOP. This petty crap isn't how you win elections. You win elections by appealing to America's finer side" (8/14). ABC's Wooten, on Day One: "It was grand TV, well scripted, well staged, craftily designed for a broadcast image of tolerance and diversity that's starkly at odds with reality. ... Most of the delegates vigorously disagree with [Powell's] support of abortion rights and affirmative action.

And with all these minorities on prominent display, the fact is there are fewer black delegates on the floor than there were in 1992: just 54 out of nearly 2,000" (8/13).

CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVES: The "Christian conservatives" at the convention "believe they control the heart, soul and precincts" of the GOP. "Confident in their power," many leaders are "showing a relaxed attitude toward" moderate speakers like Powell and Molinari. Traditional Values Coalition Chair Lou Sheldon: "The attitude within in our party is that all are welcome." Sheldon noted conservatives now form a "core base" of the GOP so the party can tolerate those who disagree -- "although not in the party platform." More Sheldon: "I get what I want, which is a ban on partial birth abortions and no gays in the military. ... We have gays in the party in their Log Cabin clubs, but no gays-in-the-military in our platform." Other conservatives are not as "magnanimous." At a Nat'l Coalition for Life rally 8/13, Pat Buchanan mocked Powell's speech asking the crowd: "Are we all feeling tolerant and inclusive here?" The audience "roared with appreciative laughter" (Connelly, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, 8/14). The Christian Coalition and its GOP "critics agree on at least two things: The religious conservatives have won this convention, but their battles are not over" (Jackson, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/14). After "dominating" the platform hearings, leaders of the "Christian right" have "agreed to abandon center stage" during the convention. But, "this subordination ... in no way reflects a diminution of its muscle" within the party (Edsall, W. POST, 8/14). THE STANDARD's Barnes notes if Dan Quayle delivers the current draft of his speech, he will be the first pro-lifer to express his views on abortion during prime-time. "Convention officials have decided they want no mention of abortion" during main viewing hours, "fearing this might turn off women or moderates or independents." Although pro-lifers have "won on the substance of the issue," the party's goal is to "play up issues that produce GOP unity." Nonetheless, some pro-lifers are "irritated." FRC chair Gary Bauer: "It's not like we're having a debate over slavery and nobody wants to be Lincoln" (8/14).

*6 CONVENTION NOTEBOOK: GINGRICH KEEPS A LOW PROFILE

NBC's Brokaw said it was a "kinder, gentler Newt Gingrich that we saw here tonight. He's in the midst of political repair of his own image. His negatives are very high." NBC's Russert: "Newt Gingrich, politically, is radioactive and the Republicans know that so they've put him out here before prime-time. They don't want it to be a Dole-Gingrich vs. Clinton-Gore, it's going to be Dole-Kemp vs. Clinton-Gore" (PBS, 8/13). CNN's Sesno: "Gingrich may be excused if he feels a little bit like Izzy the Olympic mascot these days. Just as the much maligned mascot was sidelined during the summer games in Atlanta, the Speaker of the House seems to have been assigned a low profile role" ("IP," 8/13). CNN's Woodruff called Gingrich "the invisible permanent chairman" (8/13). Bob Novak: "It was a really touchy-feely speech, and it was really a little bit out of character" ("Capital Gang," CNN, 8/13).

WATTS: Ken Bode, on the convention remarks given by frosh Rep. J.C. Watts (R-OK): "The strongest, most direct, powerful value speech that we heard at this convention so far without any question." Mark Shields: "The most inspirational speech probably of the convention thus far" (8/13).

TOBACCO: The GOP convention "looks like a modern, upscale version of Tobacco Road, [o]r perhaps it's Tobacco Wharf." U.S. Tobacco, the nation's largest manufacturer of smokeless tobacco products, Philip Morris Co., R.J. Reynolds and other tobacco interests, have rented large yachts "to wine and dine a stellar lineup of politicians vital to the industry's future prosperity." The "small armada" assembled by "Big Tobacco" is designed "to further its all-out crusade against federal and state efforts to impose new regulations and taxes on the industry." The "biggest nightmare" the industry faces is Pres. Clinton's proposal to regulate nicotine as a drug. The Center for Responsive Politics reports that tobacco companies and tobacco trade associations have given the GOP \$3.6M in "soft-money" between 1/195 and 7/2/96. During the same period, tobacco interests donated \$511,815 to Democrats (Stone, CONGRESS DAILY, 8/14). CHICAGO SUN-TIMES' Sweet reports that Phillip Morris will pay for two receptions at the Dem convention in Chicago. The receptions will host the delegates from VA and KY -- both "tobacco states" (8/14).

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ADVERTISEMENT:

The abortion issue continues to grab headlines for both Clinton and Dole.

The following study was produced by TrendPlus, a content-analysis tracking service of LEXIS-NEXIS. Here's how it works: Using the US File in the NEWS Library political campaign articles from over 100 daily newspapers, transcripts, and newswires from around the country are compiled and analyzed each month.

The following figures represent the percentage of headline mentions in which either Bill Clinton or Bob Dole appear with the issue of "Abortion."

	Clinton Headline	Dole Headline
Months	Mentions	Mentions
1/96	2%	7%
2/96	7	2
3/96	3	5
4/96	21	4
5/96	7	8
6/96	4	33
7/96	2	21

Margin of error +/- 2%

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

***7 DOLE: MEETS WITH DISABLED; PROMISES A NY CAMPAIGN STOP**

Bob Dole's day took him, "in some ways, back home" to KS, when he returned from WW II badly wounded. At a San Diego park, he joined others who are disabled "for a demonstration of dogs trained to help them" (Hillman/Camia, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/14). ABC's Cochran: "Because of his war injuries, Dole says he feels a special kinship with the disabled, but he bristles at the thought he's using them for his campaign." Dole: "I hope I can stand here without somebody saying, 'Well, there's a politician up there trying to exploit the disabled.' I've never done that, that's not my bag" (8/13). CNN's Watts: "For the disabled and decorated war veteran Dole, it was a chance to remind this group of his commitment to them" ("IP," 8/13). NBC's Bloom: "Dole did not mention how his own right arm was shattered and rendered useless in World War II. ... Dole was wary of how this photo opportunity would be perceived" (8/13).

APPLE OF HIS EYE: Dole and Jack Kemp "zeroed in" on NY, "targeting the state for a postconvention campaign stop and vowing to carry it" in Nov. "In an unexpected joint appearance" before the NY delegation, Dole and Kemp said Pres. Clinton can no longer consider NY safe territory. Dole, announcing that he'll visit Buffalo with Kemp: "We're not going to surrender New York, we're going to carry New York" (Lombardi, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 8/14). ABC's Cochran: "Dole vowed to fight for every state" (8/13). CBS' Jones: "Aides admit tonight that, among all the hoopla and celebration, they do have one very serious concern and that's how to keep this momentum going after San Diego. ... Dole promised not to write off any state." Dole: "The only thing we're going to write off is Bill Clinton and Al Gore -- they're gone" (8/13).

D'AMATO: "Usually adept at balancing both aspects of his career," Sen. Al D'Amato (R-NY) "the financial policy-maker is now clashing with" D'Amato "the politician as he struggles to lay to rest persistent reports" that "he is one the outs" with the Dole campaign "and that he disagrees with the central tenets" of the platform (Zehren, L.I. NEWSDAY, 8/14). D'Amato "insisted ... he believes" Dole's plan for "massive" tax-and-spending cuts can be achieved "without slashing" Medicare and Social Security. D'Amato was "seeking to head off a flap triggered" by 8/12

comments on the Don Imus radio show in which he "suggested" that programs like Medicare would have to be reduced, or fees for them increased. Clinton campaign operatives "quickly jumped" on D'Amato's remarks. WH senior adviser George Stephanopoulos "claimed D'Amato was making a better case against Dole's tax plan" than were the Dems. An "angry" D'Amato told reporters, "Let's set the record straight. I absolutely, totally, support the Dole tax plan, without any equivocation. Do I believe you have to cut entitlements to have the tax cut plan? The answer is no" (Dicker, N.Y. POST, 8/14).

IL: Dole and Kemp "are planning a jaunt to Chicago, conveniently timed to coincide" with the Dem convention. DNC chair Chris Dodd, who is "none too happy about it," said, "It is one thing to have the chairman of the party there, but quite another to have the candidate. I question the wisdom of that" (Newman, NATL JOURNAL CONVENTION DAILY, 8/14).

CA: Dole chief CA strategist Ken Khachigian said "he has been given an 'irrevocable commitment' for 'a intense, vigorous, all-out campaign to win this state.'" Khachigian "would not reveal" how much money would be spent in CA but said "it will be enough to ensure a competitive race." Khachigian "pledged" the campaign would begin airing TV ads within at least the next 30 days (Trounstine, S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 8/14). L.A. TIMES' Sipchen profiles voters in the Fresno area (8/14).

NOMINATION: Sen. John McCain (R) will place Dole's name in nomination tonight, with seconding speeches by Wendy Gramm and Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX) (Keen/Hasson, USA TODAY, 8/14). L.A. TIMES' La Ganga previews the biographical video that will introduce Dole under the header "Dole Video Is Images of Past and the Posed" (8/14).

DAY AFTER: On 8/16 the Dole campaign gets two wire transfers to its general election bank account of \$62M in federal funds and \$12M from the GOP (Feeney, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/14).

POWELL: CBS' Rather, in the lead story, said that Colin Powell "is under consideration for a top post in a Dole Cabinet, such as Secretary of State, and that Senator Dole is considering announcing that far in advance of the election. Moreover, the Senator is considering a plan to name in advance his top two or three Cabinet members to give Team Dole a post-convention, pre-election boost." CBS' Bradley reported, "Part of the campaign strategy is to announce what you might call a Team Dole probably in September or October." Bradley said Powell "is said to be in line" for Sec/State or Defense Sec. "or possibly as a roving Ambassador to some trouble spots." Pat Buchanan, asked by Rather if he "could buy" Powell in a Cabinet position: "Sure. Listen, Colin Powell's got enormous respect in the area of foreign policy and national defense. If he were Defense Secretary, Secretary of State, National Security Adviser, I don't think you'd see any protests from any part of the Republican Party. Moreover, I think it's widely expected that Colin Powell will be in the next administration." Speaker Newt Gingrich: "It doesn't get any better than this. Colin Powell is so widely respected and compared with the chaos of the Clinton foreign policy, having that level of maturity, the lessons he learned with Ronald

Reagan, the strength he gained working with George Bush, I can't imagine anybody who would make Americans feel more secure than to have Colin Powell in a position of responsibility" (8/13).

SEND ME IN COACH: Buchanan, on what he will do for the ticket: "I will do what I'm asked" ("Today," NBC, 8/14).

*8 KEMP: "SHARP TURNABOUT" ON IMMIGRANT CURBS

"Reversing strongly stated earlier positions that had clashed with Bob Dole and party conservatives," Jack Kemp told the L.A. TIMES "that he now supports expelling the children of illegal immigrants from public schools and backs" CA's CCRI ballot initiative to repeal state affirmative action programs. Kemp "also denounced a provision" in the platform "that calls for a constitutional amendment to deny citizenship to children born" in the U.S. to illegal immigrants. Kemp: "I've never agreed with that constitutional amendment. Born in America, you're an American." Kemp's comments on these issues "continued a rapid ideological repositioning" since his selection. "Particularly on immigration, Kemp's new remarks constitute a sharp turnabout." Dems "immediately argued that by reversing his earlier positions on affirmative action and immigration, Kemp was undermining his promise to open the party to minority voters." WH adviser Rahm Emanuel: "So much for Colin Powell's advice to the party Monday night" (Brownstein, L.A. TIMES, 8/14). In a W. POST interview, Kemp said "he had not 'abandoned a thing' in his commitment to civil rights and urban needs" when he joined the ticket (Broder, 8/14). W. POST's Cohen writes, "It turns out Bob Dole has not honored Kemp by choosing him. ... He has merely silenced him" (8/14). "No on CCRI" campaign manager Pat Ewing, on Kemp's "180 degree turn" in his position on affirmative action programs: "Jack Kemp has said for years that he supports equal opportunity efforts, and now, with the vice-presidency in his reach, he is turning his back on the causes he has championed for years" (release, 8/13). When asked about the impact of Kemp's "flip-flop," one GOP official "dismissed it by saying the topic 'is no longer the hot bottom issue' it used to be" (McDonald, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 8/14).

ECONOMIC PLAN: Kemp told USA TODAY that Medicare and Social Security won't have to be cut to pay for Bob Dole's tax cut plan. Kemp said the plan would generate more money and a safety net for the elderly and poor: "We'll concentrate on growth, concentrate on getting more revenue from a bigger pie, and we'll be able to do a lot more to save people from the problems [of aging]. ... You can save Social Security, Medicare, the social welfare net without hurting people by raising taxes. The answer is to cut taxes" (Hasson, USA TODAY, 8/14). Kemp "said he thinks the economy, fueled by tax cuts, could safely grow at least as fast" as the 3.5% annual rate envisioned in Dole's plan. Kemp: "With regulatory reform, tort reform and tax reform ... we could get 3.5% or more" (Seib, W.S. JOURNAL, 8/14). Kemp's "zeal for cutting taxes came alive" as he and some GOP govs discussed the Dole economic plan with several dozen San Diegans. Kemp was in shirt sleeves and acted "like a talk-show host." Kemp "used the laid-back forum to underscore" the differences between the

tickets (Hillman/Camia, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/14). Kemp told the W. TIMES the Dole-Kemp campaign "will not make" Pres. Clinton's character central in the election. Kemp: "The American people are fully capable of making up their own minds about the character of their leaders" (Roman, 8/14).

NOMINATION: NY Gov. George Pataki (NY) will put Kemp's name in nomination tonight. Pataki "ended days of speculation over whether he would win the honor after turning down an earlier offer to address the convention on immigration" (Zehren, L.I. NEWSDAY, 8/14). Other Kemp nominating speeches: Lynne Cheney and OH treas. Ken Blackwell (convention release, 8/14).

PROFILES: Kemp's wife and two of his kids made the rounds on today's a.m. talk shows. Joanne Kemp: "He takes it as an awesome responsibility and a great honor and is thinking only of the fact that he would like to be Bob Dole's Vice President. ... This was something that he really did not seek. ... Right now ... he's finding it very comfortable to be the back-up quarterback" ("GMA," ABC, 8/14). Son Jimmy: "We all like to talk so we can't criticize him too much" ("Today," NBC, 8/14). More Joanne: "He did like [being second string] in the early years. He was grateful to be there at all, to have made the team" ("This Morning," CBS, 8/14).

CASH: Kemp has been a "savvy corporate insider and public speaker" since he left gov't in '93 earning \$3-4 million in speaking fees and an annual "five-figure" director's fees on corporate boards. He is believed to earn as much as \$35,000 per speech and has had as many as 70 speaking appearances in the last year (Solomon, AP/USA TODAY, 8/14).

GET THIS: VILLAGE VOICE header: "Buffalo winged: Does Jack Kemp have mafia ties?" (Bastone, 8/14).

JUST FRIENDS: Pat Buchanan, on Kemp: "We used to agree on everything in the '80s. He and I were as close as anybody when I was in the Reagan White House and we were doing the Reagan doctrine" ("Today," NBC, 8/14).

*9 WHITE HOUSE 2000: QUAYLE FIRES UP DELEGATES

A Republican with a "big past and possibly a bigger future stirred up" the CA delegation in a pep rally designed to "rev support" for Bob Dole. The "spirited" delegation "cheered and honored" Dan Quayle with "several standing ovations" during his 15 min. talk. Quayle, who is "clearly readying himself" for a possible pres. bid in 2000, was one of several "high profile" speakers scheduled to "court" CA delegates this week. Quayle "brought the house down" during his remarks with a story about being stopped by convention security. Quayle, who carries no ID because he is so recognizable, was stopped by an officer who said, "Hey, you stop!" as he tried to enter the hall. Quayle said, "Excuse me?" The guard said he could not go in without an ID. Quayle said, "Well, I'm Dan Quayle." The guard "eyed him" for a moment and said, "You don't look like him, but go ahead." Quayle closed with a "humorous reference" to comments made by Lloyd Bentsen in '88: "I know Bob Dole, Bob Dole is a friend of mine, and Bill Clinton, when it comes to character, you're no Bob Dole" (Cousart, FRESNO BEE, 8/14). Quayle also drew "sustained

applause" when he used the "Dole is a friend of mine" line in remarks to the TX delegation. Quayle addresses the full convention tonight (Attlesey, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/14). Quayle, asked if Dole saying he would only serve one term opens the door for him in 2000: "It could, but you know that I'm not going to answer that question now" (CNN, 8/13).

BUCHANAN: C.S. MONITOR header: "Buchanan to Lend GOP a Hand, but His Eye is on 2000" (8/14). Until Buchanan "puts his own ambitions on the shelf," the "bitterness" exhibited by one S.D. voter who exhorted Buchanan to "get with" Dole during Buchanan's brief floor appearance after Colin Powell's speech 8/12, "isn't likely to fade" (Witcover, Balto. SUN, 8/14).

FORBES: Steve Forbes may not have "gotten very far" in the primaries, but on 8/13 he "basked in the vindication of his ideas" with Dole's economic plan and the fact that the man he once tried to convince to run for pres. is now Dole's running mate. Forbes "acknowledged a certain irony" about the fact that if the GOP ticket wins, Kemp "most likely" would be the GOP nominee in 2000. But Forbes "insisted" the triumph of his ideas is more important than his own political aspirations: "Ideas are the lenses with which we see the world, and I would much rather see them prevail than my own career." Forbes was asked if he would serve as Treas. Sec. in a Dole admin.: "Until a week ago, when a question like that was asked, I'd jocularly say something like, 'All of you have a better prospect of being asked than me.' I can't say that anymore with the miracle of Jack Kemp" (Claiborne, W. POST, 8/14).

ALEXANDER: Lamar Alexander "worked" the FL delegation and "hinted that he hasn't ruled out another run in the year 2000" (Fiedler, MIAMI HERALD, 8/14).

KEMP: Header over William F. Buckley's N.Y. POST column, "Win or lose: Jack Kemp for the top job in 2000" (8/14).

*10 CLINTON: AD TAKES ON DOLE ECONOMIC PLAN

The Clinton/Gore campaign has announced a new ad that will target Bob Dole's economic strategy. The ad, entitled "Tell," maintains that Sen. Al D'Amato (R-NY) has said that he would look at raising Medicare premiums to help pay for the Dole tax cut. TEXT: "Dole's risky economic scheme. ... He still won't tell us how he'll pay for it all. ... Business Week says it could 'balloon deficits.' ... Deficits. Higher interest rates. Slower growth. We've seen that before. ... Dole's campaign co-chair, Senator D'Amato, says he'd look at raising Medicare premiums to help pay for Dole's promises. ... Imagine what Newt Gingrich will go after. ... President Clinton. \$100 billion targeted tax cut while balancing the budget. 10 million new jobs. A better future." The ads will begin airing 8/14 in San Diego (release, 8/13).

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ADVERTISEMENT:

To find the full text of the 1992 Republican Platform, "The

Vision Shared: Uniting our Family, Country, Our World":

LIBRARY: LEGIS

FILE: DREXEC

ENTER: headline (1992 republican platform) AND date is 8/18/92

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

*11 COLORADO RESULTS: ALLARD, STRICKLAND MOVE ON TO NOVEMBER

In the GOP primary in the race to succeed Sen. Hank Brown (R), who is retiring after one term, Rep. Wayne Allard (R-04) defeated AG Gale Norton (R). Allard, who succeeded Brown in the House, will take on atty Tom Strickland, who won the Dem primary over ex-Univ/CO Law School dean Gene Nichol. Results with 99% reporting (AP, 8/14):

DEM PRIMARY		GOP PRIMARY	
Strickland	87,252 66%	Allard	115,048 57%
Nichol	44,787 34	Norton	87,412 43

WHEN IT WAYNES IT POURS: Allard completed a "come-from-behind sprint" as he "trounced" Norton in the GOP primary, while Strickland "crushed" Nichol in the Dem contest. Strickland "made clear" he will attempt to paint Allard as "too conservative." Strickland: "Voters are going to choose between two very different agendas. Wayne Allard has voted with Newt Gingrich 92% of the time." Both candidates "have liabilities to overcome." Strickland is a first-time cand. who can "come off as an aloof didactic lawyer," while Allard "stumbles in debates when he can't rely on memorized speeches" (Kerwin, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 8/14). The GOP primary was "supposed to be close," but Allard's 3-2 fundraising edge and "deeper" organization helped him overcome Norton's early lead (McAvoy, PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN, 8/14). The abortion issue also "may have been a deciding factor" for the pro-life Allard against the pro-choice Norton (Roberts, DENVER POST, 8/14).

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

*12 COLORADO RESULTS: DEGETTE WILL FACE ROGERS IN 1ST DISTRICT

CO 01: Rep. Pat Schroeder (D), the senior woman in the House, is retiring after 24 years. State Rep. Diana DeGette (D) defeated ex-Denver City Councilmember Tim Sandos (D) for the Dem nod and will face atty Joe Rogers, an ex-aide to Sen. Hank Brown (R), in November. Results with 100% reporting (AP, 8/14):

DEM PRIMARY	
DeGette	21,514 56%
Sandos	16,926 44

CO 04: Rep. Wayne Allard (R) is running for the Senate.

The GOP nomination went to state Sen. Bob Schaffer (R), who defeated state Rep. Pat Sullivan (R) and state Sen. Don Ament (R). Schaffer will face Univ/CO regent Guy Kelley (D) in the fall. Results with 100% reporting (AP, 8/14):

GOP PRIMARY

Schaffer	15,136	40%
Ament	11,474	30
Sullivan	11,124	29

*13 OR 02: COOLEY MAY MAKE IT OFFICIAL TODAY; SMITH IN?

Frosh Rep. Wes Cooley (R) said "he'll be out of his re-election race officially today," while ex-Rep. Bob Smith (R), who has been under pressure from GOP leaders to return to Congress, "might announce" his plans today as well. Earlier this week, Cooley was "balking" about making his withdrawal official until Smith got in the race. As it currently stands, the candidates in the race include Deschutes Co. DA Mike Dugan (D); GOP state Sen. Greg Walden, who is running as an ind.; and Christian broadcaster Perry Atkinson (R). Cooley said he would support either Smith or Atkinson but that Walden "is too liberal" to represent the CD. GOP leaders will meet 8/24 to choose the party nominee to replace Cooley, who stepped down from a second-term bid (Hill, Portland OREGONIAN, 8/14).

*14 PA 10: DEFENSE INDUSTRY FOOTS BILL FOR McDADE PARTY

PHILA. DAILY NEWS' Chapman reports Rep. Joe McDade (R) was the "guest of honor" 8/12 at the "most lavish party [PA] delegates have seen at the San Diego convention yet." The \$12,000 party was "in large part" paid for by defense contractors and PA-based businesses (8/14). But "none of this seemed to particularly disturb" McDade, who was acquitted last month on charges of conspiracy, racketeering and accepting more than \$100,000 in gifts from defense contractors who later "landed millions" in public contracts. PACs affiliated with the defense industry have donated about \$70,000 to McDade's campaigns since '87 and have made him one of the House's "top recipients" of contributions from the industry. When McDade was asked if letting defense corporations sponsor the event was "unseemly," he responded, "They don't influence me. ... They don't influence what I do" (Zausner, PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/14). GOP officials and the sponsors say that the events represent "merely a show of goodwill." But Center for Responsive Politics' Ellen Miller argued the event was "an opportunity to cozy up to the powers that be, to cement the relationship between corporate America and lawmakers": "When big corporations are able to buy lawmakers time and attention at the convention, what they're doing is buying access, buying influence" (Jesdanun, AP/SCRANTON TRIBUNE, 8/13). McDade said the event did not "flaunt" his acquittal and insisted, "Nobody's flaunting it. We're here as free citizens. We're not flaunting anything. We're here for an evening of merriment." McDade, who is seeking an 18th term, said he had "no intention of lying low" in the upcoming election. If McDade defeats environmental atty Joe Cullen (D) in November, he will

become the most senior GOPer in the House (PHILA. INQUIRER, 8/14).

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

*15 HOTLINE/S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE: HORSE RACE STAYS FLAT

1,000 registered voters surveyed 8/12-13 (500 night) by Ed Goeas (R) and Celinda Lake (D); margin of error +/- 3% for cumulative, 4.5% for each night (8/14). "TS" = ticket-splitters.

	EACH DAY		CUMULATIVE					
3-WAY	8/13	8/12	8/12-13	MEN	WOM	GOP	TS	DEM
Clinton	47%	48%	48%	42%	53%	11%	45%	86%
Dole	35	36	36	38	34	76	26	5
Perot	8	8	8	11	5	8	11	5
DK/other	10	8	8	10	8	5	18	4

	CUMULATIVE			
3-WAY	18-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Clinton	51%	47%	49%	43%
Dole	29	36	35	44
Perot	11	7	10	3
DK/other	9	10	6	10

	8/13	8/12	8/12-13	
FAVORABILITY	FAV/UNFAV	FAV/UNFAV	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Clinton	55%/ 40%	55%/ 39%	55%/ 40%	99%
Dole	47 / 42	49 / 39	48 / 40	99
Kemp	51 / 18	45 / 16	48 / 17	84
Perot	29 / 56	26 / 58	27 / 57	99

CLINTON RE-ELECT	8/13	8/12	8/12-13
Deserves re-election	47%	45%	46%
Give new person chance	44	46	45
DK/Depends on opponent	9	9	9

GENERIC HOUSE BALLOT	8/13	8/12	8/12-13
Republican	41%	39%	40%
Democrat	39	41	40

WHICH COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR VIEW OF CLINTON?	8/13
Makes decisions based on what he believes in and what he thinks is best for country	45%
Doesn't really stand for anything and makes decisions based on what he thinks people want to hear	48

WHAT POWELL SAID TO THE CONVENTION MADE ME ...	8/13
More favorable toward Powell	14%
More favorable toward the Republican Party	3
More favorable toward both	16
Did not make any difference	30
Don't know what he said (vol.)	34

***16 ABC TRACK: CLINTON DIPS BELOW 50% IN 3-WAY**

Third in series of daily tracking reports during the GOP convention. Two day rolling average of tracking interviews conducted 8/11-12 by Chilton Research. Sample size: 1,004 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (8/13).

3-WAY	8/11-12	8/10-11	8/6 & 9-10	8/6
Clinton	49%	51%	51%	50%
Dole	33	32	32	34
Perot	12	11	12	13

2-WAY

	8/11-12	8/10-11	8/6 & 9-10	8/6
Clinton	55%	56%	56%	55%
Dole	37	36	37	40

KEMP AS VP	8/11-12	8/10-11	8/9-10
Approve	64%	63%	56%
Disapprove	15	14	15

GENERIC HOUSE BALLOT	8/11-12	8/10-11	8/9-10
Dem	49%	49%	49%
GOP	42	40	41

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

***17 THIS MORNING:** ABC's "GMA" hosted Joanne Kemp, Jimmy Kemp, Kemp's daughter Jennifer Andrews, CA Gov. Pete Wilson, Cokie Roberts, Chris Matthews, and Bill Kristol. NBC's "Today" hosted PA Gov. Tom Ridge, Kemp's family, GOP consultant Charlie Black and James Carville. CBS' "This Morning" hosted Susan Molinari. C-SPAN's "Wash. Journal" hosted Phyllis Schlafly.

LAST NIGHT: CBS led with Colin Powell. ABC, NBC and "NewsHour" led with the GOP convention. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Dan Quayle, Pat Buchanan and Henry Kissinger. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Dole co-chair Vin Weber and DNC co-chair Don Fowler. CNN's "Capital Gang" hosted Bill Bennett. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted Pat Robertson, NJ Gov. Christie Whitman, GOP Reps. John Kasich (OH), J.C. Watts (OK) & Henry Hyde (IL), GOP strategist Ed Rollins, Carville, Molinari, Rep. Bill Paxon (R-NY), RNC chair Haley Barbour, GOP analyst Mary Matalin and Dem media adviser Bob Squier. CNBC's "Chris Matthews" hosted Jerry & Jack Ford, and Sens. John McCain (R-AZ) and Fred Thompson (R-TN). CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted Quayle. ABC's "Nightline" hosted Roberts, George Will, ABC's Michele McQueen and GOP pollster Frank Luntz.

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on Kemp: "Doctors in California have discovered that football players who receive too many blows to the head can become brain damaged and this can lead to poor decision making later in life. That's why Kemp decided to go with Dole." More Leno: "President Clinton went on an eight mile hike, which is a first. It is the longest Clinton has gone in

the same direction since he took office" ("Tonight," NBC, 8/13).

TOP TEN WAYS PRESIDENT CLINTON CAN SABOTAGE THE GOP CONVENTION

10. Empty out convention hall by having Roger Clinton sing national anthem.
9. Right before Dole takes podium, declare full-scale U.S. invasion of Canada.
8. Give Susan Molinari government grant to conduct more marijuana "experiments."
7. Offer to let Hell's Angels work security for a case of beer.
6. Switch Dole's hair dye with Dennis Rodman's.
5. Never underestimate the power of a few dozen bad clams.
4. Divert media attention by attempting to jump Snake River Canyon in a tricked-up Dodge minivan.
3. Blind speakers at podium by reflecting light off his pasty white thighs.
2. Replace Dole's acceptance speech with lyrics to the Macarena.
1. Somehow get Quayle involved ("Late Show," CBS, 8/13).

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

"It was grand TV, well scripted, well staged, craftily designed for a broadcast image of tolerance and diversity that's starkly at odds with reality."

-- ABC's Jim Wooten, 8/13

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A TALE OF TWO CAMPAIGNS	SPOTLIGHT
Clinton stumps on GOP turf in	
AZ; talks drugs and crime in	IS THE PLAYING FIELD
CO; rakes in party cash. (#2)	SHRINKING FOR GOOD?
MEANWHILE: Dole forced to	
reassure Hill GOPers he won't	As post-Dem Convention
be a drag on the party. (#3)	polls continue to trickle
	in from the states, the
I WANT MY FREE TV	news for Bob Dole can get
PBS agrees to give free time	downright grim.
to candidates for 12 nights	
leading to the election. (#5)	TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: A new
	INDIANAPOLIS STAR poll has
FEELING MINNESOTA	Dole trailing Clinton, 39-
Wellstone (D) and Boschwitz	33% (Perot gets 9%). Thing
(R) dead locked as rematch	is, no Dem has carried IN
campaign begins. (#12)	since LBJ in '64.
	LET'S LOOK BACK: In
DIGGING FOR DIRT IN OREGON?	1992, George Bush carried
Smith (R) accuses Bruggere	18 states for a total of
(D) of nasty oppo research on	168 EVs (Clinton carried 33

his family members. (#13) | states for 370 EVs). |
| According to this week's |
HEATING UP IN HOOSIER LAND | HOTLINE Electoral Score- |
O'Bannon (D) erases Goldsmith | board, Dole is trailing in |
(R) lead for IN gov. Goldsmith | four of those states: AZ, |
blames Dole. (#19) | FL, IN and VA. Only in MT, |
| with 3 tiny EVs (and based |
<http://www.PoliticsNow.com>		on a poll from last May),
Go "In the War Room" where		does Dole lead in a state
HOTLINE founder Doug Bailey		that Clinton carried four
poses campaign questions.		years ago. (#1)

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

"If so, it's about damn time."

-- Ben Wattenberg, on reports that the Dole campaign
is about to "go negative," W. TIMES, 9/12

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and to allow more control over the site. You should see no
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???? OVERLOOKED ????

The winner of the Dem primary in AZ 04, Maria Elena Milton, is a
follower of "extremist" Lyndon LaRouche. Milton, who narrowly
defeated "mainstream" Dem Stuart Turnansky, is not considered a
threat to frosh Rep. John Shadegg (R). -- Courtesy AZ REPUBLIC

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

*1 ELECTORAL SCOREBOARD: INCLUDES 18 POST-CONVENTION POLLS

The Electoral Scoreboard is The HOTLINE's weekly 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 outside the poll's the margin
of error; (+) means a lead within the margin. NOTE: State-by-
state results lag behind nat'l polls.

STATE	CLINTON	DOLE	PEROT	POLL	DATE	MoE
AL (9)^	36	++47	7	WSFA/WBMG	6/17-18	+/- 3.5
	+37	36	4	MOBILE REG.	9/3-5	+/- 5
AK (3)	36	++44	9	Mason-Dixon	8/9-11	+/- 3.5
AR (6)	++46	34	12	Mason-Dixon	6/3-5	+/- 3.5
AZ (8)	+43	36	6	AZ State Un.	8/27-29	+/- 4.7
CA (54)#	++55	33	4	Field	8/29-9/3	+/- 4.5
CO (8)	+48	38	8	R.MountainN	9/3-5	+/- 5
CT (8)	++55	29	7	Cour/CT Poll	9/3-9	+/- 5
DC (3)	++81	5	2	Mason-Dixon	8/9-10	+/- 3.5
DE (3)	++48	31	8	Mason-Dixon	8/2-4	+/- 4
FL (25)	+44	42	4	Orl. Sent.	6/21-23	+/- 3.5
GA (13)	+46	41	3	WXIA-TV	7/27-29	+/- 3.5
HI (4)	++51	32	6	Star-Bullet.	7/11-15	+/- 4
ID (4)	33	++50	7	Spokane Rev.	5/16-18	+/- 3.5
IL (22)	++54	33	5	Mason-Dixon	9/7-9	+/- 3.5
IN (12)	+39	33	9	Indy Star	9/4-7	+/- 3.1
IA (7)	++47	37	6	Mason-Dixon	9/8-10	+/- 3.5
KS (6)	38	+45	5	K.C. Star	7/29-31	+/- 3.5
KY (8)	++43	34	10	Mason-Dixon	5/20-22	+/- 3.5
LA (9)^	++48	28	5	So. Med. Res	9/3-4	+/- 4.5
	+47	42	3	Mason-Dixon	8/30-9/2	+/- 3.5
MA (12)	++51	32	6	B. Globe	9/4-5	+/- 5
ME (4)	++51	36	5	Mason-Dixon	8/4-6	+/- 4
MD (10)	++52	37	5	Mason-Dixon	8/1-3	+/- 3.5
MI (18)	++47	29	4	Epic/MRA	9/3-5	+/- 4
MN (10)	++52	32	7	Mason-Dixon	9/1-3	+/- 3.5

MO (11)	++47	34	8	Mason-Dixon	7/28-30	+/- 3.5
MS (7)	36	+41	11	Mason-Dixon	3/3-5	+/- 3.5
MT (3)	43	+47	9	Mason-Dixon	5/18-20	+/- 3.5
NC (14)	43	+44	4	Mason-Dixon	7/18-20	+/- 3.5
ND (3)	36	+44	9	Mason-Dixon	7/25-27	+/- 4
NE (5)	37	+44	10	Mason-Dixon	8/4-6	+/- 3.5
NH (4)	++45	36	11	Mason-Dixon	9/3-4	+/- 3.5
NJ (15)	++45	32	6	Mason-Dixon	7/28-30	+/- 3.5
NM (5)#	++49	36	3	Alb. Journal	9/3-5	+/- 5
NV (4)	+43	38	11	Mason-Dixon	7/3-6	+/- 3.5
NY (33)#	++54	29	7	Marist Inst	9/9-10	+/- 5
OH (21)	+42	36	9	Mason-Dixon	8/4-6	+/- 3.5
OK (8)	39	+45	6	Mason Dixon	8/3-5	+/- 3.5
OR (7)	++50	36	4	Mason-Dixon	5/13-14	+/- 3.5
PA (23)	++51	33	4	Mason-Dixon	9/9-10	+/- 3.5
RI (4)	++55	26	9	Mason-Dixon	7/31-8/2	+/- 4
SC (8)	41	+47	2	Mason-Dixon	8/3-5	+/- 3.5
SD (3)	39	+42	8	Mason-Dixon	7/25-27	+/- 4
TN (11)	++46	36	7	Mason-Dixon	7/20-22	+/- 3.5
TX (32)	38	++49	5	Mason-Dixon	9/6-8	+/- 3.5
UT (5)#	37	+42	4	SaltLakeTrib	9/4-5	+/- 3
VA (13)	+39	38	5	Rich.Times-D	8/12-17	+/- 4
VT (3)	++51	17	8	Burl.Free-P	8/22-29	+/- 4%
WA (11)#	++44	27	7	Elway Poll	7/26-28	+/- 4.6
WI (11)	++51	30	12	Talmey-Drake	7/17-23	+/- 3.2
WV (5)	++60	35	6	Char.Gazette	8/26-28	+/- 4.1
WY (3)	37	+43	6	Mason-Dixon	8/7-8	+/- 4

WA, NM, and CA had Nader at 2%, NY at 3%.

^ The MOBILE REGISTER polled for Clinton and Dole. Perot received 4% through a volunteered response asked as part of the general "other" question. Since this poll shows Clinton leading in AL, we've called it a wash and not added it into our scoreboard totals. For LA, we have tabulated Clinton's lead as outside the margin of error.

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

LEADS OUTSIDE MoE			ALL LEADS		
STATES	EVs		STATES	EVs	
Clinton	28	321	Clinton	35	425
Dole	3	39	Dole	14	104
Perot	0	0	Perot	0	0

CLINTON REMAINS SOLID: Current tallies include results from 50 states plus DC, nine new polls since last week's Scoreboard (see HOTLINE, 9/5). The last Scoreboard showed Clinton leading with 317 (27 states) outside the MoE to Dole's 21 EVs (4 states). For all leads last week, Clinton had 36 states, 425 EVs; Dole had 15 states, 113 EVs.

*2 CLINTON: TALKS DRUGS IN COLORADO, MEDICARE IN ARIZONA

"In a new effort to show he can be tough on drugs," Pres. Clinton went to Pueblo, CO 9/11 to "promote a two-part program

aimed at closing the 'revolving door' of drug abuse by recidivist criminals": "We have to stop this cycle or we'll never get on top of the problem." Clinton addressed 15,600 supporters at the Pueblo courthouse and said he would support legislation requiring that states test prisoners and parolees for drugs before they qualify for fed. money to build prisons. Clinton also announced that \$27M from the '94 crime bill would be made available to states to conduct the drug tests and follow up with substance abuse and treatment programs for former inmates after they're released. Clinton also Congress "is partly to blame for a feeble anti-drug effort": "Last year, Congress gave me about \$700 million less than I sought to fight drugs" (Brown, DENVER POST, 9/12). Clinton's speech "focused on crime," but not until he told the crowd, "There are 10.5 million new jobs, and the deficit has been reduced for the last four years in a row." Referring to his '92 visit to Pueblo, Clinton said, "I came to this community just two weeks before the election and said that we could be tough on crime and smart as well. Since signing the crime bill, we've provided for 100,000 more officers on the streets, including 500 here in Colorado, five here in Pueblo" (Roper, PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN, 9/12). Clinton's visit "invigorated" CO Dems and "renewed [GOP] criticism of his record" (Vigil, CHIEFTAIN, 9/12). NPR's Liasson: "The president tried to regain the offensive, taking credit for the overall drop in the crime rate and using his office to announce a new attack on the connection between crime and drugs" (9/12).

PLAYS SUN CITY: Clinton "breezed through" AZ, speaking to several thousand in Sun City and paying a "surprise visit" to Barry Goldwater who is recovering from a stroke. The AZ stop was intended to show that Clinton is "serious" about fighting Dole for the 8 EVs. It is "no coincidence" that Clinton spoke at a Sun City retirement community. His strategists believe he can "find support among retirees" who were "alarmed" by the efforts of GOPers in Congress to "scale back the growth of Medicare." Clinton told the audience: "Yes, we'll balance the budget. But we'll do so in a way that brings us together, not drives us apart. We'll do it in a way that honors our commitments." No Dem has won AZ since Truman in '48 (Salkowski, AZ DAILY STAR, 9/12). "The nation's baby-boomer-in-chief landed in the senior-citizen capital of the world and reached across the generation gap" (Mayes/Moeser, AZ REPUBLIC, 9/12). Clinton "made a run behind enemy lines." Outside the event, "more than two dozen people offered a show of support" for Dole "not often seen at Clinton events." The seniors backing Dole carried signs, one of which read: "Clinton: Gangster, Liar, Socialist" (Feeney, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 9/12). "That Clinton was in [AZ] at all was testament to the commanding lead he enjoys in the polls" (Cloud, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 9/12). As he does on "virtually all his campaign trips these days," Clinton "blended the roles of stern father and dutiful son, bragging on a bushel of old programs and suggesting a sprinkling of new ones, and pronouncing himself pleased with the effort" (Purdum, N.Y. TIMES, 9/12). After arriving at the retirement community, Clinton joked, "I just got my AARP card and I thought I'd check it out. It looks pretty

good to me" (L.A. TIMES, 9/12). In the am. in CO, Clinton played "defense on drugs," in the afternoon in AZ, he played "offense on health care for senior citizens" (Harris, W. POST, 9/12).

AuH20: Clinton's visit with Goldwater "overshadowed his rally with seniors." In 8/96, Goldwater "stunned" AZ GOPers by saying he would choose Clinton over Dole. Goldwater later said he was joking and formally endorsed Dole, but "many Goldwater observers don't think his comments [about Clinton] were in jest." Clinton said his visit wasn't "political payback": "It was purely personal. There weren't any politics" (Murphy/Williams, AZ REPUBLIC, 9/12).

SNEAKING THROUGH THE VALLEY WITH BILLY: Clinton left AZ for a fund-raiser with high-tech execs in Silicon Valley. For a man who "boasts" of his strengths among "real people," Clinton had "no apparent problem chowing down with a crowd of Silicon Valley guys who paid \$50,000 each" (Marinucci, S.F. EXAMINER, 9/12).

JOAQUIN TALL: Clinton is in Fresno today for a rally at the Morris E. Dailey Elem. School. GOP activist Mark Johnson's suit to block the event (see HOTLINE, 9/11) was rejected (Howard, FRESNO BEE, 9/12). Dole CA strategist Ken Khachigian called the visit an "affront" to the San Joaquin Valley: "Little wonder he's chosen to speak to schoolchildren who will not speak back. No wonder he's not chosen to meet with the unemployed, the highly taxed, the dispossessed and the disenfranchised." Clinton strategist Bob Mullholland called Khachigian's remarks off-base: "Unemployment was higher in 1992. Ag sales are up" (Howard, BEE, 9/12). Tonight will be "memorable" for Clinton as "Barbra Streisand will serenade him under the stars, Maya Angelou will read him poetry, and he will mingle with Hollywood's corporate elite at a breathtaking Mediterranean style estate overlooking Beverly Hills." Once the evening is over, the DNC will be "\$3.5 million richer." When it comes to raising money for Dems "no one does it better than Hollywood" (Wayne, N.Y. TIMES, 9/12).

ABACHA ENDORSES: Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL) revealed a letter in which Nigerian dictator Gen. Sani Abacha endorsed Clinton. The Sen., embroiled in controversy over her visit with Abacha, showed copies of the letter to reporters after defending her Nigerian trip in a conference with human-rights advocates. A WH official "first expressed amazement at the unsolicited endorsement," then said the WH was "drafting a response." Abacha's support for Clinton was in the last paragraph: "I have watched with keen interest your personal efforts at re-election." Abacha added he wanted to join "your admirers worldwide in wishing you a successful campaign and a resounding victory at the polls" (Talbot, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 9/12).

HHS DEPARTURES: Two of the Clinton admin's senior HHS officials on welfare policy resigned 9/12 in protest of the welfare bill Clinton signed last week. The departure of Mary Jo Bane and Peter Edelman "illustrated the continued deep divisions" in the admin. over Clinton's decision to support the GOP bill (Mitchell, N.Y. TIMES, 9/12).

*3 DOLE: MIXED REACTION TO HILL PEP RALLY

"Recalling that he once had been all but given up for dead,"

Bob Dole went to Capitol Hill to "reassure jittery" GOPers that he is a survivor "who will deliver a come-from-behind victory" that protects the GOP majorities in Congress. Dole: "I want to say to the fainthearted people in this audience: Don't worry about this election, we're going to win." The meeting was a "tacit acknowledgement of fears that Dole's poor showing in nationwide polls could mean a landslide" for Pres. Clinton "and jeopardize their chances of keeping" the House and Senate (Hardy, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 9/12). CBS's Rather: "This was no social call, it was to stop the talk, some of it from Republicans, that [Dole] may be a sure-loser and they'd be smart to distance themselves from him." CBS' Jones: "Dole made a hastily arranged campaign stop at the Capitol to reassure Republican incumbents that he's not a loser" (9/11). NPR's Wertheimer: "Dole tried to calm GOP fears on Capitol Hill saying he has come back from seemingly irreversible situations before." NPR's Arnold: "This was a pep rally pure and simple" (9/11).

MIXED REAX: The "sparsely attended" meeting was called after Dole and Jack Kemp were "warned" in a private dinner last weekend that GOP lawmakers "are beginning to worry his poor prospects will hamper their own re-election efforts." Dole, "clearly aware of the task before him, went straight at the doubts": "First, we're behind right now. Second, we will win, And third, we're not going to go back to a liberal Democrat Congress in 1996" (Connolly, ST. PETE TIMES, 9/12). There were "signs the rally was aimed more at bucking him up" (Povich, L.I. NEWSDAY, 9/12). Some lawmakers "said they were rejuvenated" by Dole's "generally upbeat remarks. Others acknowledged that a substantial loss by Mr. Dole could cost them control of Congress" (Camia, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 9/12).

INDIES: "Privately," some GOP members "are trying to figure out how to campaign independently" of Dole. Retiring Rep. Bob Walker (R-PA): "Most members of Congress are running their own campaigns independently, but they can be hurt if the top of the ticket doesn't do well." Sen. Dick Lugar (R-IN) "was meeting with reporters instead" of Dole. "He was reluctant to criticize Dole but had nothing complimentary or encouraging to say" about him either. He "said Dole is in a deep hole; he criticized" Dole's foreign policy positions; and "he said he was worried" that other GOP office-seekers "might be victimized" by a Clinton landslide (L.I. NEWSDAY, 9/12). Rep. Chris Shays said Dole "is suffering because he has not touted the GOP's legislative work": "The ticket is distancing itself from what we have been doing for the last two years" (ST. PETE TIMES, 9/12). Frosh Rep. Mark Souder (R-IN): "I'm assuming our basic message is correct, but the messenger is not connecting" (N.Y. TIMES, 9/12).

"SCARED TO DEATH": CNN's Crowley: "These are hard days for the Republican candidate: the polls are unforgiving, his opponent is unrelenting, and some of the pundits are writing him off. Worse though are the whispers that Capitol Hill colleagues fear he will take them down too. Returning to sooth their fears, and/or draw some strength from them, Dole asked his friends to keep the faith" ("IP," 9/11). ABC's Wooten: "Privately, many of these Republicans are not at all optimistic. Most believe some

congressional seats will be lost, and some would rather not hitch their wagons to Dole's campaign. There's no general panic yet, just a sense of self-preservation" (9/11). GOP pollster Neil Newhouse: "There's a sense of unease and the unease is due to probably a lack of closure in the presidential campaign" (9/11). Rep. Scott Klug (R-WI) said House GOPers in the northeast were "scared to death" (Aukofer, Milwaukee JOURNAL SENTINEL, 9/12).

LACK OF ATTENDANCE: "Turnout was low for the event -- staffers filled dozens of empty seats" in the House Ways & Means cmte room (ST. PETE TIMES, 9/12). House Maj. Leader Dick Armey said the lack of attendance "was not a sign that" Hill GOPers are worried that the Dole-Kemp campaign would hurt them. Armey said the meeting was held at 8:30 am. to fit Dole & Kemp's schedule (L.I. NEWSDAY, 9/12). The turnout was attributed to "heavy rain and bad traffic" (Blomquist, W. TIMES, 9/12). L.A. TIMES' Fulwood writes the scene "would have been familiar" to Dem pres. aspirants like George McGovern, Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis -- "a sparse crowd, a half-filled room, chairs set aside for members of Congress filled at the last minute with staff members" (9/12). CBS' Hughes: "Only about half of the Republican members of the House and Senate showed up to hear Dole attempt to quell growing fears about his candidacy and their future" ("This Morning," 9/12).

KEMP: Some at the Hill meeting "said Dole's performance was less than convincing. And many lawmakers are speaking eagerly about having Kemp -- not Dole -- campaign with them" (ST. PETE TIMES, 9/12). W. TIMES' Kellman reports Dole and Kemp "will reunite" on the campaign trail in Saginaw, MI 9/13 "as advisers seek publicity and excitement." A senior adviser: "We have learned that Dole is much better with Kemp there. He is excited, he is up, and he shows it more" (9/12). Under header "Jack Kemp's fumble," a N.Y. POST editorial on Kemp's Louis Farrakhan flap (see HOTLINE, 9/9): "Kemp's effort to distinguish between enthusiasm for Farrakhan's 'message' and praise for the 'messenger' encourages the sort of debate that animates junior high school students and second-rate media pundits" (9/12).

ADS: Dole media adviser Alex Castellanos, asked if a "sleaze factor ad" is imminent: "It's important to look at what's already out there. ... This is the most negative campaign that's ever been run in American history and Bill Clinton's running it. Now obviously he must think this is going to be a close race." Castellanos, asked if they have written off IL, WI and MO: "We're in a national campaign, haven't written off anything. ... We just came on board this week" ("IP," CNN, 9/11). AEI's Ben Wattenberg: "It is now being said, tut-tut, that Bob Dole's campaign will 'go negative.' The new Dole campaign team, it is explained, actually has experience in going negative. If so, it's about damn time, and perhaps too late. ... I approve of serious negative campaigning (SNC). It is hard to get anything done in this country if you don't have a seriously negative election. How can voters appraise what's seriously wrong if no one suggests what's seriously wrong and offers no serious plans to change what's wrong? ... Can Mr. Dole pull it off? It's getting late, but it is by no means impossible. The country

knows it has been ill-served by liberalism-as-we-have-come-to-know-it. ... Attacked by Mr. Dole (in sorrow, not in anger), Mr. Clinton will say he is not now nor has he ever been a liberal. If he wins, he will be reminded of that daily. Unattacked, he will coast home, fondling the idea that you can fool most of the people at least twice" (W. TIMES, 9/12).

ON THE ROAD: Dole, to a "Listening to America" session with the ITT Hartford Group insurance company in CT: "Don't pay any attention to the polls, particularly when they're taken during Iraqi bombing or something of that kind. What you want to pay attention to is what the candidates are saying and what their records are" (Black, BOSTON GLOBE, 9/12). Dole "blasted" Clinton's "latest attacks ads as fear-mongering to try to convince voters 'that we're going to cut Medicare, Medicaid, veterans benefits, education, the environment. There's nobody left that I'm for. I don't believe the American people scare that easily" (Foerstel/Rauber, N.Y. POST, 9/12). Steve Forbes led a "Listening" session in DE (Seelye, N.Y. TIMES, 9/12).

SAM'S A DOLE MAN: CBS' McEwen, on Dole's campaign song: "This song has the Dole campaign singing the legal blues. The publisher of the 1967 Sam and Dave hit 'Soul Man' is asking Bob Dole to stop using the song as his unofficial presidential theme or face legal action [see HOTLINE, 9/11]. Randor Music International says Dole does not have permission to use the song, even though the campaign has changed the lyrics, but Sam Moore of Sam and Dave, who sang the song on a recent campaign stop, does not agree." Sam Moore: "My wife wrote different words to it, I sang them, not no one else, I did them, and you're saying I can't do that? I don't think so" ("This Morning," 9/12).

*4 CHOATE: HITS CLINTON ON WELFARE BILL; BAD NEWS FOR DOLE?

Economist Pat Choate, Ross Perot's choice for VP, spent his first full day on the stump "dismissing the polls and vowing to wage much of the fall campaign on talk radio." In an interview with the DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Choate "sloughed off" questions about Perot's "low standing" -- about 5% in most polls -- saying, "This is a function of the media. The wonderful thing about American politics is you can become known very quickly." He said the Perot plan "is to saturate voters with a media blitz that features the candidates on their paid TV infomercials and talk radio." Choate "vowed to be more accessible to people, particularly reporters," than Perot, who "rarely gives interviews or takes questions" from the media. He also "chided" Pres. Clinton for signing the welfare-reform bill. Choate, asked whether he would have signed the final version of the bill: "I'd have vetoed them all. The president is just pandering." More Choate: "It's a punitive bill. It's a racist bill, in some respects, because of where the effects might fall." On the gay-marriage ban passed by the Senate, Choate "said he wasn't familiar enough" with it to comment (Stahl, MORNING NEWS, 9/12).

EFFECT: N.Y. TIMES editorial says Perot's choice of Choate "does little to increase his meager presidential prospects. At least in theory, a vice-presidential candidate should be qualified to assume the presidency. Both Al Gore and Jack Kemp

meet that test. But 'President Choate?' The words do not ring with plausibility. ... It is hard to see what value Mr. Perot has added to his ticket. Mr. Choate's experience is narrow, his name recognition negligible. The most that can be said is that he may sharpen positions Mr. Perot already holds dear. In political and policy terms, he adds no obvious new dimension" (9/12). L.I. NEWSDAY's Fireman writes, "Whether Choate and his prolific mind will provide much political help to a campaign that is hovering in single digits in recent polls remains to be seen." Pew pollster Andrew Kohut: "He is going to be a very small tail on a very big dog. I think the chances that he'll wag that dog are very slim." Kohut thinks the Perot-Choate ticket "has some potential to attract" supporters of Pat Buchanan. But he said its "biggest opportunity is among Republicans frustrated" by Bob Dole's "abrupt embrace of tax cuts after years of championing deficit reduction" (9/12). CNN's Woodruff: "Some observers are skeptical that a political newcomer, such as Choate, can bolster Perot's low poll numbers. But Choate suggested that he and Perot will benefit from Bob Dole's problems." Choate: "If Bob Dole can't get within 21 points before we begin, he's certainly not going to close it up with us in it. And I think as we discuss the issues, unless the Dole campaign gets serious in talking about where America is hurting and what we need to do, we'll blow past them sometime in October and the race will then be between Clinton and Perot. And the Perot people will have the satisfaction of saying a vote for Bob Dole is a throwaway vote" ("IP," CNN, 9/11). Indeed, writes W.S. JOURNAL's Cooper, the choice of Choate means that Dole's efforts to make Clinton "look soft on trade" have "just hit a major snag." In recent weeks, Dole "has been staking out a carefully scripted position that merges Patrick Buchanan-style economic nationalism with criticism of the Clinton administration's trade stances." But with the arrival of Choate, "the reality of just how far Mr. Dole's record is from the economic nationalist picture he's trying to paint is about to emerge" (9/12).

NIELSEN SCHMIELESEN: While Perot's infomercials in '92 "captured many viewers," this year "viewers have been reluctant" to watch them. For example, in his 10/5/92 infomercial, the average number of households watching per minute were 11.4. In Perot's 9/5, 9/8 and 9/10 infomercials this year, the latter where he announced Choate, the numbers were 2.0, 4.8 and 4.0, according to Nielsen Media Research (N.Y. TIMES, 9/12).

THROW MOMMA FROM THE CAMPAIGN: Choate began the day "by asking his mother to support" the Reform Party, "or at least stop bad-mouthing it." Betty Choate, 84, asked what she thought of her son's chances of becoming VP, said, "I don't think it will ever amount to much, but I'm proud people have that much respect for him." The next day, she told another reporter, "My son called me this morning and told me not to give anymore interviews" (Baker, W. POST, 9/12).

*5 FREE TV: PUBLIC TELEVISION BEGINS THE PROCESS

PBS has agreed to "provide short prime-time segments" to the pres. candidates for 12 consecutive weeknights prior to the

election. Advocates of the plan, led by the Free TV for Straight Talk Coalition, "hope to persuade" the major networks and cable TV stations to follow suit. Ex-CBS anchor Walter Cronkite: "The whole thrust is to capture those people who are not already interested in politics." Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) added, "No one can be satisfied with the state of political discourse today in America." He said "'we really need a roadblock' to capture the attention of those Americans who are not paying attention." The idea is to "move beyond the 10-second sound bites and slick 30-second ads and engage millions of citizens who ignore televised debates and news accounts." The networks said they will make a decision within 10 days, but ABC V.P. Sherry Rollins said, "We are not yet persuaded that this is the best way to inform the American public." Similarly, CBS Senior V.P. Martin Franks said, "Many viewers, at that hour of the evening, after a long day of work, having been besieged by candidates all day long, are not quite so anxious to listen to yet another message when the alternative is to watch the World Series." PBS' Ellen Hume said the "rotating appearances" are scheduled to begin just before 8p. Eastern time on 10/17, the night after the last scheduled pres. debate. The segments will continue for 11 more weeknights, ending 11/1, the Friday before the election. For the networks, the proposition "could be costly." It could cost them an estimated \$500,000 to \$750,000 in advertising a night in lost revenue. But the "greater concern" is that "uninterested viewers will click to another station as soon as the politicians come on and not return for the rest of the evening." While the Clinton and Dole camps "have each expressed interest" in the proposal, "there are some sticking points." Dole comm. dir. John Buckley said it would be "wholly improper" to allow Pres. Clinton to broadcast the segments from the Oval Office, a place where presidents "soothe Americans during times of crisis." The Clinton camp wants the addresses done live, but Buckley said they may have to be videotaped because Dole does not have his "campaign day driven by having to be someplace at exactly 8 o'clock where there is a satellite truck." The coalition also said it would include Ross Perot if the commission on pres. debates decides to include him. Elsewhere, FOX announced that the Dole and Clinton campaigns "have accepted its proposal to air one-minute candidate statements in the weeks before election day" (Sandalow, S.F. CHRONICLE, 9/12).

*6 MORRIS: DOES BOOK WORRY WH?

Two weeks after resigning as the Clinton-Gore chief political consultant, Dick Morris continues to have a "mystical hold" over the campaign and the media. After the acknowledgement that the WH knew about Morris' reported "years' long" affair and subsequent fatherhood, the Clinton admin. now is worried that Morris' "tell-all book" could feed into a "litany of character issues which have dogged" Pres. Clinton throughout his first term (McGrory/Chandler, BOSTON GLOBE, 9/12). W. TIMES' Bedard writes while the WH is "angered with the publishing antics" of Morris, they feel the latest controversy "has not damaged" Clinton's re-elect chances. WH press sec. Mike McCurry made "on-the-record"

assurances that Clinton is "not absorbed" by the news reports about Morris. And, McCurry said, Clinton does not feel "betrayed" by Morris' book-signing deal because he "doesn't know what is going to be in" the book (9/12). N.Y. TIMES' Purdum writes it is apparent that Morris "deliberately deceived" Clinton about his book deal. Quietly, WH aides were "livid" over the deal and accused him of "taking cynical advantage" of the gap in signing an employment contract with the Dem camp. and selling his memoirs (9/12). In a statement released by his publisher, Morris defends his "failure to disclose" his secret Random House deal and asserted that his book will be "dignified, insightful, accurate, and probing." Morris maintains it is out of a "duty to history" that any presidential adviser "write their memoirs and share their experiences with the public" (Baker, W. POST, 9/12).

OPINIONS: AEI's Suzanne Garment calls the scandal "just another political type teetering on the lip of the same old sort of disaster until bad luck or a misstep finally nudges him over the edge" (9/12). Arianna Huffington: "To believe that Clinton is 20 points ahead in the polls because he listened to Morris is to believe that trees moving make the wind. ... Clinton is poised to win in November not because of what Morris did, but because of what Gingrich and the GOP failed to do when they ceded the moral high ground to the Democrats" (N.Y. POST, 9/12). N.Y. TIMES' Safire: "Talk about irony: Here's the man who let a prostitute eavesdrop on his conversation with the President complaining about invasion of his privacy. But the difference is huge: Morris was an individual betraying his trust, while the Clinton administration, if retaliating by wrongfully leaking confidential files, would be a government abusing its power" (9/12).

THE LAST STRAW? Morris "just lost his last" political consulting client, Bronx Bronx Borough Pres. Fernando Ferrer (MacIntosh/Gannon, N.Y. POST, 9/12).

*7 ROGER STONE: CALLS X-RATED STORY A "DIRTY TRICK"

N.Y. POST's Smith reports GOP consultant Roger Stone, "who has done work on Bob Dole's campaign," reportedly "placed ads in raunchy swinger magazines looking for kinky group sex for himself" and his "bombshell wife" Nydia "(a.k.a. 'Nikki')." According to the NATIONAL ENQUIRER and the STAR, the Stones "posted messages on their X-rated Internet site and placed ads in sleazy magazines seeking male and females partners." The couple "also visited a Washington sex club where orgies took place, the Enquirer said in one of the stories sure to rock the morality-focused Dole campaign." The story "comes two weeks after the Dick Morris sex scandal plagued" Dems. Stone "denies all of the sex charges, saying the ads were placed by 'a sick individual' who got hold of pictures of the couple." From one Internet posting on the site called "BebeDD": "Super hot babe needs real men. In San Diego. Will be visiting with my husband ... and want men for 3-some action." The web site "also directs viewers to a red-hot picture of Nydia." Nydia "turned up topless in a similar ad" in the FL sex magazine "South Florida Direct Contact Swingers." According to the ENQUIRER, the ad reads: "Hot, former model seeks exceptional, in shape, muscular ... studs, for

threesomes with herself and attractive bodybuilder husband." Stone told the N.Y. POST "he thinks the web site and sex-magazine ads were placed by 'a very acrimonious individual' involved with his divorce years ago from his ex-wife, Ann." Stone said the photos of his current wife were dug up from her days as a model and the bare-chested photo of him came from a bodybuilding mag. Stone: "This has been going on for years. I've spent a small fortune on lawyers chasing this." But Stone "conceded he has not complained to police": "The laws regulating the Internet are very fuzzy. There's no regulation and no oversight." Stone, on his work with Dole: "I have done some volunteer work for the Dole campaign before the convention. I have no official capacity with the Dole campaign, so I'm not Dick Morris. I am the subject of a political dirty trick" (9/12).

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

***8 IRAQ: WILL CLINTON LAUNCH ANOTHER BIG IRAQ ATTACK?**

Pres. Clinton "hinted to a crowd of elderly residents" in Sun City, AZ "that action was imminent" in Iraq. Clinton: "We are going to do everything we can to make sure our pilots are safe, that they can fly their missions in safety. ... We will do whatever is necessary to protect them. And the determination of the United States in dealing with the problem of Iraq should not be underestimated. We will do what we must do to protect our people and our soldiers" (Farrell, BOSTON GLOBE, 9/12). Pentagon officials said another attack was "very likely" and would be "larger and more destructive" than the last set of strikes (Shenon, N.Y. TIMES, 9/12). CNN's Blitzer: "Clinton is being urged by some of his top advisers to up the ante in the latest confrontation. ... For now Iraq remains a top his agenda. ... One note of political sensitivity for Clinton: He had declared success after the initial cruise attacks" ("IP," 9/11). Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): "The last effort which was termed a success by the administration, by the president, has been a failure" ("FOX Morning News," 9/12).

DOLE-KEMP: CNN's Crowley: "[Dole] kept his own counsel though clearly it was on his mind." CNN's Woodruff: "While the current situation in Iraq forces President Clinton to balance his roles as Commander-in-Chief and candidate, it has Bob Dole walking a fine line between the tradition of supporting the President in times of international trouble and his desire to unseat the incumbent" ("IP," 9/11). Jack Kemp accused Clinton of "vacillating" on his policy with Iraq and said the admin.'s "vague and uncertain policy goals had contributed to the current state of unrest" in Iraq (Gray, N.Y. TIMES, 9/12). NBC's Brokaw: "Jack Kemp slammed Clinton's Iraq policy" (9/11). More Kemp: "The failure to define our objectives and to tell the American people how he intends to carry out those objectives and carry out this mission is, in my opinion, emboldening Saddam Hussein." Sensing that the situation in Iraq was "turning into a vulnerable spot" for Clinton, Kemp "jumped at the chance to score a political blow." Kemp: "Our alliances are in disarray and support for the mission is at risk because [Clinton's] policy is

vague and uncertain." Kemp, however, insisted that he was not playing politics with the situation in Iraq: "This is not headline hunting. ... This is a very serious question about U.S. foreign policy" (N.Y. TIMES, 9/12).

*9 WHITEWATER: DESK CALENDAR, LETTER SUGGEST HILLARY CONTACTS

As Whitewater ind. counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation reaches "a critical juncture," a desk calendar and a backdated letter are being examined by prosecutors for Starr. A "10-year old calendar" and a "newly unearthed" letter from the same time "suggest" that Hillary Rodham Clinton "may have had numerous contacts with" a top Madison Guaranty S&L official. According to sources who have seen the calendar, HRC, who served as Madison's lawyer in the mid-'80s, is mentioned "at least eight times in March and April of 1986." "Notations suggest" HRC "may have participated in discussions about loans and commissions" at Madison's Castle Grande project. Castle Grande led to charges against Whitewater defendant James McDougal and others and cost taxpayers \$2M when Madison failed (Schmidt, W. POST, 9/12). Although the letter was dated 9/24/85, prosecutors have "gathered material suggesting" it "may have been created in the Spring of 1986." The letter allowed Webster Hubbell, a friend and law partner of HRC, and his father-in-law Seth Ward, a Madison consultant, to "get hundreds of thousands of dollars" from the failing S&L owned by the Clintons' Whitewater partners. Both Hubbell and HRC have said they "do not recall" and "know nothing about" the letter, although a former Hubbell secretary believes she typed it. HRC has said she "recalls little of the legal work she did" (AP/BALTIMORE SUN, 9/12). Investigators "are trying to determine who drafted the letter," which "appears" to have been done by a lawyer (W. POST, 9/12).

HRC'S SIDE: HRC atty David Kendall said that although the First Lady worked on other S&L issues there's no indication she worked on the letter: "I can't reasonably speculate about the meaning of someone else's sketchy and cryptic notes from more than 10 years ago" (Yost, AP/W. TIMES, 9/12).

*10 TRAVELGATE: LOOK FOR A "BLISTERING" REPORT

The House Gov't Reform & Oversight Cmte is preparing to issue a "blistering" report on the 1993 WH travel-office firings. The report, prepared by the panel's GOP majority, "asserts" that pres. aides "covered up key facts" about the affair, "including the involvement of Hillary Rodham Clinton." According to the report, the Cmte met with "sustained obstruction emanating from the White House counsel's office to any and all investigation" on the travel-office matter: "The White House has engaged in an unprecedented misuse of Executive Power and Executive Privilege." The Cmte "singles out" a set of documents that were withheld from Congress "until recently," saying it was "the most frivolous claim of executive privilege since the Nixon administration." White House spokesperson Mark Fabiani: "Americans will see this for what it is: last-ditch, negative campaigning by innuendo and rumor." The Cmte "seeks to lay blame for the ... affair directly at the feet of the President." From the report: "Such sustained

obstruction could only persist if directed from the very top"
(Simpson, W.S. JOURNAL, 9/12).

STAFFERS SEEK LEGAL REIMBURSEMENT: According to the WH, 20 of its staff members have asked the DOJ "to reimburse them for legal expenses incurred while responding to investigations" of the Clinton admin. The DOJ civil division maintains a reimbursement fund "controlled" by the AG, although no payouts have been made to any WH worker in this matter. WH spokesperson Mary Ellen Glynn said the names of those gov't employees would not be released "so not to cause them embarrassment." Glynn: "These are not recognizable names and we frankly don't want to put them through that." Responding to inquiries into Whitewater and related issues, the WH staffers "used private lawyers because they were not permitted to rely" on attys at the WH or DOJ (Melton, W. POST, 9/12).

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

*11 IDAHO: CRAIG HOLDS BIG LEAD OVER MINNICK

An IDAHO SPOKESMAN-REVIEW poll conducted 9/5-7 by Mason-Dixon/PMR surveyed 809 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (9/11). Tested: Sen. Larry Craig (R), businessman Walt Minnick (D) and Mary Charbonneau (I).

	NOW	7/96
Craig	56%	54%
Minnick	32	31
Charbonneau	3	2

	FAV/UNFAV
Craig	52%/20%
Minnick	21 /14
Charbonneau	12 /12

ANALYSIS: Pollster Del Ali, on Craig: "He's a popular U.S. senator in Idaho and he's got a pretty safe seat." Craig spokesperson Mike Tracy said of the poll, "What it tells us is their [Minnick's] negative campaigning and a lot of their sleazy tactics don't sell to Idaho voters. And that's all we've seen out of their campaign for the last 100 days between your two polls." But Minnick spokesperson Bill Broadhead sees the race "tightening": "And given the volume of the Craig campaign's attacks on Walt Minnick, I would argue that the Craig campaign believes this race is much tighter" (Russell, STATESMAN-REVIEW, 9/11).

*12 MINNESOTA: POLL SHOWS WELLSTONE-BOSCHWITZ DEAD HEAT

A Minneapolis STAR TRIBUNE/WCCO-TV poll conducted 9/3-8 by Project Research surveyed 701 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.4% (9/11). The last previous poll was conducted 9/1-3 by Mason-Dixon (803 likely voters; MOE +/- 3.5%); see HOTLINE, 9/4. Tested: Sen Paul Wellstone (D), ex-Sen. Rudy Boschwitz and Reform Party candidate Dean Barkley.

	STAR TRIBUNE/WCCO			MASON-DIXON
	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	9/1-3
Wellstone	43%	39	47	46%
Boschwitz	42	47	37	37
Barkley	2	4	1	4

As Wellstone and Boschwitz "coasted to victories" in the 9/10 primaries, the latest poll indicated the race will be "among the closest and hardest fought in memory." Barkley's showing of just 2% suggested that the "centrist third-party movement" of '92 and '94 is "faltering" in MN. A "steady run" of NRSC TV ads "may be a factor" in the tightening of the race, ads that focused on Wellstone's vote against the welfare-reform bill signed by Pres. Clinton. "For more than a year," TV and radio ads have "ragged" Wellstone as being "ultra liberal" or "embarrassingly liberal" and have accused him of being "soft on crime." Wellstone has "bitterly complained" about the ads, arguing they are "grossly distorted and unfair": "We've taken a million dollars worth of attack ads, [but] we have some resources and we will have our strong presence. ... We are in great shape. We're ready. I can't wait." However, the Boschwitz camp "suggested that the attacks defining Wellstone as a liberal will intensify." Boschwitz mgr Jon Lerner: "We're encouraged by the poll. Wellstone's embarrassingly liberal voting record on welfare, taxes and crime is going to cost him his Senate seat" (Smith, STAR TRIBUNE, 9/11).

MORE ON THE "L" WORD: The Boschwitz camp unveiled a new billboard over Wellstone's campaign office in St. Paul which read, "Liberal Hall of Fame ... Paul Wellstone 1967." Boschwitz, on why he chose the year '67: "Because his votes on welfare, taxes, spending, and crime come from the 1960s" (release, 9/11).

*13 OREGON: SMITH ACCUSES BRUGGERE OF DIRT DIGGING

State Sen. Pres. Gordon Smith (R) "complained" that a firm hired by businessman Tom Bruggere (D) "is trying to dig up dirt on his wife, late father and other relatives." The flap over the activities of Research Group Inc. of S.F. came as recent polls show Smith and Bruggere in a "virtual dead heat" (see HOTLINE, 9/5) in the race to replace retiring Sen. Mark Hatfield (R). Smith "said he was appalled" that the firm had been hired to obtain information on his family members: "Had Tom Bruggere wanted to know something about my wife or my family, he could have asked me ... and I would have gladly told him. I now hold him responsible for any consequence or harm to my family as a result of this dirt-digging." The Bruggere camp said they were not interested in any "personal information" about Smith's family, but are seeking records relating to employees of Smith's business holdings. The campaign also defended the use of "opposition research" as a legitimate campaign tool as long as it is not employed to dig into a candidate's personal life (Cain, Eugene REGISTER GUARD, 9/10). NRSC release header: "Bruggere's Dirt Diggers Target Smith Family" (9/10).

BRUGGERE AD: Bruggere began running 9/11 a 30-sec. spot entitled, "Basic Bio." ANNCR: "The Basic Tom Bruggere. The son

of a candy salesman, Tom pumped gas to pay for college, served in Vietnam, built a business from scratch, and he's got a wife, two kids, and a dog." BRUGGERE: "But this campaign isn't about me. It's about your family's future -- making it secure, and electing a senator who knows what it means to work for a living and who puts Oregon families first." ANNCR: "Creating opportunities for Oregon -- Tom Bruggere." The ad, produced by Struble, Oppel and Donovan, will run for at least a week at a cost of \$150,000 (release, 9/11).

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

***14 AR 03: ANOTHER DEM SAYS NO TO OPEN HUTCHINSON SEAT**

State Sen. Jon Fitch (D) said he will not run for the seat being vacated by Senate nominee Tim Hutchinson (R), adding "his name to a growing list of Democrats." The Dems have been without a nominee since 9/3, when atty Boyce Davis withdrew "citing a lack of money." Fitch and state Sen. Lu Hardin (D) were the Dems "party leaders hoped would enter the race" against ex-AR GOP chair Asa Hutchinson, Tim's brother, but Hardin bowed out on 9/9 and Fitch followed the next day. Fitch: "Because of the shortness of time, it would be very difficult for me to put together a campaign with which I would comfortable." With less than two months before the election, potential Dems include car dealer Don Nelms and state Rep. Jerry Hunton (Tennille, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 9/11).

***15 KS 03: GOP DISMISSES DEM POLL SHOWING HANCOCK UP 8 POINTS**

K.C. STAR's Sullinger reports that although Dems are "optimistic" about taking the seat of retiring Rep. Jan Meyers (R), GOPers say they should "temper their swoon." The seat has not been won by a Dem in 38 years, and GOPers "make up the largest block" of voters at 40%, followed by Dems and indies, at about 30% each. House Maj. Leader Vince Snowbarger (R) is running against atty Judy Hancock (D), who won 43% against Meyers in '94 (9/8). A poll conducted 9/2-4 for Hancock by Media Strategies Research surveyed 500 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.4%. It showed Hancock with 47% and Snowbarger with 39%, with 14% undecided (release, 9/5). Snowbarger mgr Kevin Yowell called it a "push poll": "This is designed to try to make more money. Push polls are worthless." But Hancock mgr Andrew Hahn said the poll was "legitimate" and "not designed to show Hancock with a lead": "This campaign will not push poll. Judy would never stand for it" (K.C. STAR, 9/8).

***16 NH 01: SUNUNU WINS BY 616 VOTES**

Businessman John E. Sununu (R) officially won the "hotly contested" GOP primary for the seat vacated by unsuccessful gov. hopeful Bill Zeff (R) by a margin of 616 votes out of 53,092 votes cast. Sununu, the son of the ex-gov. and Bush CoS, defeated Manchester Mayor Ray Wieczorek; trailing were ex-TV news dir. Jack Heath, state Rep. Vivian Clark, Hillsborough Co. Commis. Toni Pappas, state Sen. Tom Colantuono, Joe DeMinico, and state Sen. George Lovejoy, who had dropped out but remained on the ballot (Tibbetts, Manchester UNION LEADER, 9/12). Dem: ex-NH

Dem chair Joe Keefe.

GOP PRIMARY

Sununu	14,768	28%
Wieczorek	14,152	27
Heath	13,678	26
Colantuono	5,033	9
Clark	2,174	4
Pappas	2,067	4
2 others		2

*17 NY 30: QUINN HOLDS 20-POINT LEAD

A BUFFALO NEWS poll conducted 9/3-6 by Buffalo Survey and Research surveyed 400 registered voters; margin of error +/- 5% (9/9). Tested: Rep. Jack Quinn (R) and state Rep. Francis Pordum (D).

Quinn	51%
Pordum	31
Undec.	18

MIGHTY QUINN: Quinn "holds a substantial lead" over Pordum, although the 30th is an "overwhelmingly Democratic" district. And despite the "anti-Newt Gingrich campaign" by Pordum, most voters give Quinn a "favorable job performance rating." Quinn: "I vote for the people I represent. The numbers tend to bear that out." Pordum said that he was "encouraged" by the poll: "I'd say that, with only 50 percent saying they will vote for him, his campaign is in trouble" (McCarthy, BUFFALO NEWS, 9/9).

*18 OK 3: CANDIDATES EXCHANGE CHARGES IN DEM RUNOFF

Ex-state Rep. Danny Williams (D) said his opponent in the 9/17 Dem runoff, state Sen. Darryl Roberts (D), voted against a bill to allow people to carry concealed weapons. Williams: "I believe we ought to be tougher on crime and criminals. That sets me apart from my opponent, a criminal lawyer." Roberts said he voted against the bill, passed in '95, because it made it illegal "for farmers to carry unloaded weapons behind the seats of their vehicles." More Roberts: "Farmers and ranchers need their weapons to protect both their animals and their crops. And this measure ensures that the right to bear arms is not infringed. ... A lot of people don't like the concealed weapons bill." The runoff winner will face ex-Dem Rep. Wes Watkins (R) in the race to succeed retiring Dem Rep. Bill Brewster Hinton, OKLAHOMAN, 9/8).

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

*19 INDIANA GOVERNOR: O'BANNON KNOTS IT UP WITH GOLDSMITH

An INDIANAPOLIS STAR-NEWS/WTHR TV-13 poll, conducted 9/4-7 by IN Univ. Public Opinion Laboratory, surveyed 1,061 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (9/10). Tested: LG Frank O'Bannon (D) and Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith (R). Gov. Evan Bayh (D) is term-limited.

	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	8/1-6
O'Bannon	37%	39%	35%	32%
Goldsmith	34	36	32	41
Undec.	25	20	28	24

ANALYSIS: O'Bannon has "caught up" with Goldsmith and "may even lead," though it currently is within the margin of error. The 25% who say they are undecided -- virtually unchanged from the August poll -- will play a "crucial roll" as the campaign plays out. O'Bannon: "Interesting numbers. I'm just delighted with it." O'Bannon began running TV spots in mid- August. Goldsmith did not "follow suit" until last week, although he "advertised heavily" during the May primary. More O'Bannon: "I feel that we've had a chance now for people to hear my message. Good schools. High-paying jobs. Reducing crime. Hearing it and seeing it, they believe that's what I'll be doing." Goldsmith's campaign insists it is "just a coincidence" that the poll numbers coincide with their decision to buy ad time on Chicago TV stations "attacking O'Bannon's record on taxes." Dems, however, "weren't buying it." O'Bannon press sec. Rachel Gorlin: "They're panicking." Goldsmith said he hadn't thought he was up nine in the August poll and doesn't think he's down three now: "It's a volatile election year. My guess is we're slightly ahead, not slightly behind." Goldsmith "isn't getting much help from the top of the ticket," as the same poll shows Dole trailing Clinton in the state. More Goldsmith: "I'm not getting the lift that normally a Republican in a presidential election year would get. If [Dole] rebounds, it will be very helpful. My numbers are obviously repressed by Dole" (Schneider, INDIANAPOLIS NEWS, 9/10). Sen. Dick Lugar (R), on the poll: "The Republican Party [in Indiana] may be under water" (L.I. NEWSDAY, 9/12). The HOWEY POLITICAL REPORT says the poll "confirms" its "suspicions that the GOP squandered a lead by letting the Democrats take to the air unchallenged. That Goldsmith is buying Chicago TV time t his early suggests mild panic" (9/11 issue).

CHICAGO AD BUY: Goldsmith's ad running in the "expensive" Chicago media market accuses O'Bannon of never having met a tax "he didn't hike" during his tenure as state senator. The "normally subdued" O'Bannon was "just furious about this -- absolutely livid," according to Gorlin. O'Bannon demanded Goldsmith remove the ad because it is "riddled with inaccuracies and outright lies." Goldsmith spokesperson John Hatfield said the campaign stood behind the ad and would not remove it: "We were very conservative in the tax increases we included in this ad" (Deiter, Louisville COURIER JOURNAL, 9/11).

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

*20 HOTLINE/BATTLEGROUND: 49% SEE CLINTON ROLE IN TEEN DRUG USE

1,000 registered voters (250/night) surveyed over 4 nights, excluding Fridays & Saturdays, by The Tarrance Group (R) and Lake Research (D); margin of error +/- 3%.

3-WAY	9/5-10	9/4-9	9/3-8
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Clinton	52%	54%	51%
Dole	33	31	34
Perot	7	7	7

GENERIC HOUSE	9/5-10	9/4-9	9/3-8	8/26-28	8/12-14
Democrat	40%	43%	40%	38%	40%
Republican	37	35	37	40	39

HOW RESPONSIBLE ARE CLINTON AND HIS POLICIES FOR THE INCREASE IN DRUG USE BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY?

ALL GOP T/S DEM MEN WOM

Very/Somewhat	49%	51%	45%	52%	45%	53%
Not very/Not at all	41	41	42	39	45	37

ALL 18-34 35-44 45-64 65+

Very/Somewhat	49%	53%	52%	47%	47%
Not very/Not at all	41	41	40	44	36

*21 CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRACKING: STABLE AT 21 POINTS

713 likely voters (about 237/night), surveyed over 3 nights;
margin of error +/- 4%. (release, 9/11).

3-WAY	9/8-10	9/7-9	9/6-8	9/5-7	9/4-6	9/3-5
Clinton	55%	55%	55%	54%	53%	52%
Dole	34	34	34	36	36	36
Perot	5	5	5	4	5	5

*22 ABC: 63% WANT PEROT INCLUDED IN DEBATES; PAT WHO?

514 registered voters surveyed 9/10 by Chilton Research;
margin of error +/- 5% (release, 9/11).

SHOULD PEROT BE INCLUDED IN DEBATES?

Yes	63%
No	34

PEROT'S SELECTION OF PAT CHOATE FOR VP

Approve	31%
Disapprove	19
No opinion	49

EFFECT OF SELECTION OF CHOATE

More likely to vote for Perot	4%
Less likely to vote for Perot	7
No difference	86

*23 L.A. TIMES: CLINTON AT 50% IN 4-WAY RACE

1,522 adults surveyed 9/7-9; margin of error +/- 3%.
Subsample: 1,265 registered voters; +/- 3% (9/11).

3-WAY (RVs)	4-WAY (RVs)	GENERIC HOUSE (RVs)
Clinton 51%	Clinton 50%	Dem 50%
Dole 35	Dole 34	GOP 40
Perot 10	Perot 8	
	Nader 5	

DIRECTION OF COUNTRY		YOUR PERSONAL FINANCES	
Right direction	42%	Secure	67%
Wrong track	48	Shaky	32

ARE YOU BETTER OR WORSE OFF THAN FOUR YEARS AGO?

Better	47%
Worse	19
Same	33

CLINTON JOB	APP/DISAP	PERSONAL RATINGS	FAV/UNFAV
Overall	57%/ 37%	Clinton	62%/ 37%
Economy	55 / 40	Dole	50 / 42
Foreign affairs	51 / 40	Perot	25 / 64
Iraq	58 / 31	HRC	51 / 44
Drugs	39 / 44	E. Dole	53 / 12
	Gore	58 / 27	
	Kemp	45 / 18	

SHOULD PEROT BE INCLUDED IN DEBATES?

Include	63%
Don't include	33

TEACHERS UNIONS' ROLE IN IMPROVING THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM (RVs)

Playing a positive role	41%
Playing a negative role	41

IN '91, DID PRES. BUSH AND U.S. ALLIES MAKE A MISTAKE BY NOT GOING INTO BAGHDAD DURING THE GULF WAR AND REMOVING SADDAM FROM POWER OR WAS IT THE RIGHT THING NOT GO DO IT?

Mistake	67%
Right thing	25

"IT'S WORTH RISKING THE LIVES OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN ORDER TO STOP THE MILITANT BEHAVIOR OF SADDAM AND TO PREVENT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST THE KURDS IN NORTHERN IRAQ"

Agree	41%
Disagree	48

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

*24 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Rep. Jim Moran (D-VA) and his family. NBC's "Today" hosted ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION's Mike Luckovich. "CBS This Morning" hosted the Morans. "FOX Morning News" hosted Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), columnist Steve Roberts, ex-Rep. Toby Moffett (D-CT), the STANDARD's David Tell, Georgetown's Michael Hudson and ex-NSA dir. Lt. Gen. William Odom (Ret.). C-SPAN's "Washington Journal" hosted COX's Jamie Dupree, ex-Amb. to Korea James Lilley, Brookings's Thomas Mann and Perot '96 field rep. Joan Vinson.

LAST NIGHT: NBC, CNN and "NewsHour" led with Iraq. CBS led with Hurricane Hortense. ABC led with a study on racial inequalities in health care under Medicare. "NewsHour" focused

on Perot with its panel of regional newspaper editors. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Dole media adviser Alex Castellanos. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted James Carville and USA TODAY's Linda Chavez. CNBC's "Chris Matthews" hosted Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL) and National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise's Robert Woodson. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT). ABC's "Nightline" focused on gays in the military.

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on Pat Choate: "Perot said Pat met all three criteria he was looking for in a vice president: He was home, he answered the phone, he said yes" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 9/11). David Letterman: "What a great country America is. ... One day you're working at Jiffy-lube, the very next day you're Ross Perot's running mate." Letterman, on Clinton's lead in the polls: "Experts say he's so far ahead he could quit campaigning now. But he is going to continue, because you know it's a great way to meet chicks!" ("Late Show," CBS, 9/11).

TOP TEN SIGNS YOU'VE CHOSEN A BAD RUNNING MATE

10. Ends his acceptance speech by declaring war on Hawaii.
9. His last job was playing Re-run on "What's Happening!"
8. He was once featured on the cover of "Outlaw Biker Magazine."
7. You're constantly having to slap silly putty out of his hands.
6. He can't even score with Dick Morris' hooker.
5. During live appearance on "Larry King Live," shorts out his microphone by drooling on it.
4. He asks you, "Since we're running mates, does that mean we have to, like, do it?"
3. Confesses to newspaper that his ultimate goal in life is to "Kick ass on 'Star Search.'"
2. He's most famous for killing his parents with his brother Lyle.
1. His favorite Kennedy: George ("Late Show," CBS, 9/11).

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

"The last effort which was termed a success by the administration, by the president, has been a failure."

-- Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), on Iraq, "FOX Morning News," 9/12

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SAY AAHHH... | SPOTLIGHT |
Clinton focuses on education, |
but CA visit (#1) marred by | YOUR TRAVEL PLANNER |
talk of what unreleased medical |
records might show. (#2) | There are 53 days until |
| the election. Here's a |
DEBATING THE DEBATES | handy calendar of what's |
Russ Verney crashes debate | coming up in the days |
negotiations. Dole camp wants | remaining. NOTE: Some |
Ross out; Clinton camp wouldn't | dates are tentative. |
mind his participation. (#4) | SEPT. 17 -- Decision on |
| whether to allow Ross Perot |
SLEW OF SENATE POLLS | in the debates is expected. |
IL: Durbin (D) has 11-point | SEPT. 17 -- Primaries in |
lead over Salvi (R) (#7); | MA (big race is open MA 10) |
IA: Two polls paint different | and WA (open gov. seat). |
pictures of Harkin's (D) lead | SEPT. 21 -- Primaries in |
over Lightfoot (R) (#8); | HI and LA. If no one gets |
MI: DETROIT NEWS has Levin | 50% in LA Senate race, |
(D) up 23 on Romney (R) (#10); | runoff will be held 11/5. |
TX: MASON-DIXON shows a | SEPT. 25 -- 1st pres. |

healthy Gramm (R) lead. (#12) | debate, St. Louis. |
| SEPT. 29 -- Cong. debates |
BY GEORGE! | between Lott and Daschle, |
Foley-slayer Nethercutt's (R) | Gingrich and Gephardt. |
first re-election bid could be | OCT. 2 -- VP debate, |
a rough one in WA 05. (#14) | Hartford. |
| OCT. 9 -- 2nd pres. |
<http://www.PoliticsNow.com>		debate, St. Petersburg.
In light of Pat Choate,		OCT. 16 -- 3rd pres.
Hot List asks: Who was the		debate, San Diego.
last pres. to sport a beard?		NOV. 5 -- ELECTION DAY.

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

"I think in spite of that criteria, Senator Dole
should be included in the debate."

-- Perot aide Russ Verney, on criteria requiring participants to
have a "realistic chance of winning." -- COPLEY, 9/13

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WHITE HOUSE '96: Clinton (#1) (#2); Dole (#3); Debates (#4)

NATIONAL BRIEFING: Iraq (#5); Travelgate (#6)

SENATE WATCH

ILLINOIS: Durbin leads by 11 in new poll. (#7)

IOWA: Two polls show different Harkin leads. (#8)

MASSACHUSETTS: Kerry & Weld have work cut out for them. (#9)

MICHIGAN: Poll has Levin up by 23 points over Romney. (#10)

SOUTH DAKOTA: Surprise! Internal polls contradict. (#11)

TEXAS: New poll has Gramm "slowly pulling away." (#12)

ON THE HOUSE

CA 22: Seastrand-Capps rematch is a "choice, not an echo." (#13)

WA 05: Poll has Nethercutt at 37% against Dem field. (#14)

50 STATE REPORT

WASHINGTON GOVERNOR: Rice leads the pack for 9/17 primary. (#15)

WEST VIRGINIA: Dead heat between Underwood and Pritt. (#16)

POLL UPDATE: HOTLINE/BATTLEGROUND (#17); CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRACKING (#18); Harris (#19); Pew (#20)

TV MONITOR (#21)

CORRECTION: Yesterday's ELECTORAL SCOREBOARD had the wrong number for Dole in Montana. It should have shown Clinton 43%, Dole 37% (not 47%), Perot 9%. Therefore, Dole does NOT lead in any state carried by Clinton in '92. We regret the error.

???? OVERLOOKED ????

As far as the calendar goes, the timing of Ross Perot naming his VP choice is not unusual for a third-party or indie candidate. John Anderson didn't name his choice, ex-WI Gov. Pat Lucey (D), until 8/25/80. And George Wallace didn't settle on retired Gen. Curtis LeMay until 10/3/68.

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

*1 CLINTON: PITCHES EDUCATION IN CA; MORE CELEBRITY MONEY

Pres. Clinton, surrounded by a "throng of children and parents on a Fresno schoolyard," unveiled a plan to spend \$1.3M on new charter schools in CA. Clinton said his admin. already helped start 90 charter schools and "our next budget calls for 3,000 more" nationwide. Charter schools, one of the "latest trends" in education, are experimental public schools in which parents and teachers design programs that operate independently of state regulations. Clinton's announcement came in a 20-min. speech to a crowd estimated at 8,000. The pres. left Fresno for a community college visit in L.A., and then to a Dem fundraiser with Barbra Streisand in Beverly Hills (Howard/Cousart, FRESNO BEE, 9/13).

APPLE FOR THE TEACHER: "Bearing money for more charter schools and a message of support for teachers," Clinton "responded to a stinging new report sharply criticizing the nation's public school teachers." The report was issued by a bipartisan commission headed by NC Gov. Jim Hunt (D) and concluded that "more than a quarter of newly hired teachers in the country need more training and should meet higher standards and that there should be a better system in place to fire incompetent teachers and reward good ones." While "courting" CA's 54 electoral votes, Clinton "also ordered the Education Department to establish a clearinghouse to gather and spread information on how to improve teaching skills and to issue annual 'report cards' on teacher training and performance." Without mentioning Bob Dole by name, Clinton "delivered a not-so-subtle slap" at his GOP opponent, saying, "We should be lifting our teachers up, not just bashing them and finding ways to be critical." Dole has "blasted" teachers unions on the campaign trail (Yoachum, S.F. CHRONICLE, 9/13). Clinton came to CA "both bearing and seeking gifts," and showed that when it comes to its electoral clout, "no need is beneath his notice." Federal money for charter schools is Clinton's "preferred alternative" to Dole's call for vouchers to let parents use public money to send

their children to private schools. By any "standard of government," the amount of money Clinton was offering for charter schools was "modest, less than a third" of the \$4M he was raising for the DNC at the Beverly Hills event which featured Streisand, Tom Hanks, Don Henley and the Neville Brothers (Purdum, N.Y. TIMES, 9/13).

NOT SO ORDINARY PEOPLE: The mega-fund raiser at the Beverly Hills home of "supermarket magnate" Ron Burkle indicated that Clinton is "once again unabashedly embracing the entertainment industry, much as he did early in his presidency before he faced a barrage of criticism for his wide-eyed ways. Harry Thomason, his once-exiled Hollywood friend, has resurfaced as a key adviser" (McGrory, BOSTON GLOBE, 9/13). The stars "ponied up \$2,500 just to get through the door, \$5,000 to attend a cocktail reception and \$12,500 for dinner" with Pres. and Hillary Rodham Clinton (Mathis, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 9/13). NBC's Curry: "The Clinton campaign is getting richer. ... Last night, the rich and famous turned out for a star-studded fundraiser at a private estate. Celebrities turned their pockets inside-out and donated an estimated \$4 million to the campaign" ("Today," 9/13).

HELPING HAND? ROLL CALL's Kondracke writes that Clinton says he wants a Dem Congress, but the question is "will he spend the money to make it happen?" Dem sources say "the test is whether the White House orders the [DNC] to target \$10 million or more of the \$100 million it will raise this year on House races." The sources said that "conversations" are under way "that might lead to the freeing-up of that money -- which would match the planned spending of the [RNC] -- but no final commitments have been made." A full-blown Clinton effort to regain Congress "would involve spending presidential time and DNC money, especially in states where Clinton either has little or no chance of winning electoral votes or is so sure of winning that little effort on his part is necessary." Dem analyst Mark Siegel: "If his own election is secure by mid-October, watch for the president to forge into non-Electoral College-rich states fertile with marginal House and Senate races." Other Dem sources "say, however, that if the outcome of 'talks' with the White House are successful, the DNC might start paying for congressional TV ads within two weeks" (9/12 issue).

***2 CLINTON: FLAP OVER MEDICAL RECORDS**

As Pres. Clinton campaigned in CA, WH officials "scrambled to deal with questions about why they will not release the president's full medical records." Campaigning in KY, Bob Dole "pointedly" remarked that he had released all his medical records and charged Clinton do the same. Clinton was supposed to have an "easy day" in CA, talking about the "congenial" subject of education and raising money for the Dems. However, in a "case study of how a campaign day can spin out of control," WH press sec. Mike McCurry "instead found himself starting the day ... responding to questions about Clinton's past and present health status" (Broder, L.A. TIMES, 9/13). The health issue "has refused to go away, partly because the White House has made public only summaries of the president's health records, not test

results and other detailed information that would provide a fuller picture of his physical condition." Asked whether Clinton's records were free of anything a "normal person" would consider embarrassing, McCurry responded, "I wouldn't say that." McCurry added, "All of us undergo tests that I'm not sure any of us would want to have spread out and printed on the front page of the newspaper." McCurry's "choice of words prompted a flood of press questions," and he subsequently explained he was referring to tests, "such as rectal examinations," that are of a personal nature and not normally made public. McCurry said if there was "anything related to a disease, that would be reported to you" (Cloud, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 9/13). NPR's Mara Liasson asked McCurry if Clinton had a sexually transmitted disease. McCurry responded, "Good God, do you really want to ask that question? That is an astonishing question. It's obvious he has not because that would have been reported" (Dahl/Connolly, ST. PETE TIMES, 9/13). The media's focus on sexually-transmitted diseases "upset McCurry" and "prompted a debate among reporters on the news value of his comments and whether they should be published. For example, the AP didn't mention Mr. McCurry's denial that the president is being treated for any sexually related disease." Clinton has been the subject of "unusually personal questioning, largely because of charges of womanizing" (Bedard, W. TIMES, 9/13). N.Y. POST header: "White House denies prez has sexual disease" (9/13).

REAX: The Dole camp "responded quickly." Press sec. Nelson Warfield: "It only deepens the mystery of why the president won't release his medical record. ... The reason for that is anyone's guess, and I've heard some pretty colorful guesses. I've always known the media to be creative" (Cloud, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 9/13). Dole spokesperson Christina Martin: "What does a man of 50 years of age who appears physically healthy and active have to hide?" However, the Dole campaign has "refused to release two records specifically requested" by the ST. PETE TIMES: "A 1982 coronary arteriogram and a more recent cognitive mini-evaluation." McCurry "pointed out" that the Dole camp had not released those records (Dahl/Connolly, ST. PETE TIMES, 9/13). McCurry said the fact the Dole camp was making an issue of the medical records demonstrated the "paucity of ideas" in their campaign (Nichols, USA TODAY, 9/13). CBS' Rather: "Bob Dole reopened one of his favorite lines of attack today about President Clinton's health records." CBS' Jones: "This campaign is headed exactly where everybody expected it to go, personal. ... Dole served notice that he has an issue to raise with the president" (9/12). NPR's Arnold: "Yesterday was one of the few times the Dole campaign has succeeded in rattling the Clinton camp" (9/13).

*3 DOLE: CHARGES CLINTON RUNNING "CAMPAIGN OF FEAR"

Campaigning in KY, Bob Dole accused Pres. Clinton of "running a hypocritical 'campaign of fear.'" Dole, speaking to 1,500 at Georgetown College, "laid the ground work for his own hard-hitting" TV ads, accusing Clinton of "character assassination" and of using "a flood" of negative ads. Dole: "[This election] is about trust, and it's about fear --

particularly vulnerable groups like those who are disadvantaged or disabled, the very young, the very old, the poor. They're going to try to frighten all of you ... but I don't think the people of America scare that easy, Mr. President ... Think about the campaign of fear that's being waged right now by the Clinton-Gore campaign. Oh, they'll deny it, they'll get up at their convention and say, 'Oh, Bob Dole's a decent man,' and then comes the ax. And it comes every day, it comes about every hour on your TV set, millions and millions and millions and millions and millions and millions of ... dollars in negative ads" (Cross, Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 9/13). The "stinging" remarks by Dole "represent a shift in tone," which was concentrated on promoting his proposal for an across-the-board tax cut (Hardy, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 9/13). Dole advisers said they "will soon begin running ads critical" of Clinton (COURIER-JOURNAL, 9/13). According to Dole officials, "nine of ten" Clinton-Gore ads have been negative (TRIBUNE, 9/13). On taxes, Dole said Clinton "believes what you have is negotiable and that the rest belongs to the government." Dole's appearance at the 167 year-old Baptist college "marked his fourth campaign stop" in KY (Brammer, LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, 9/13).

REAX: HOUSTON CHRONICLE's Roth writes: "Despite the calculated nature of the attack, Dole's remarks appeared more angry and bitter than at previous campaign events. The Kansan has been unable to gain any traction in [an] uphill race against Clinton and polls indicate voters have considerable skepticism about his tax-cutting economic plan" (9/12). ABC's Jennings: "The campaign ... took a nasty turn today. ... Dole departed from his standard stump speech ... lashing out at the Democrats for what he says they are saying about him, and negative advertising was the kindest thing Mr. Dole had to say." ABC's Wooten: "Aides said Dole's frustration with the Democrats' commercials, which they say are being aired in several parts of the country, has been building for some time now and finally just exploded today. Dole called himself a victim of character assassination. ... The Senator seemed to be raising the volume and the stakes of his campaign rhetoric" (9/12). NBC's Brokaw: "Dole, on the ropes and looking for a way to boost his sagging campaign, made it clear ... he is taking off the gloves in the war of the political airwaves." CNN's Crowley: "Dole sharpened his rhetoric and did what his friends have been telling him to do -- remind voters where Bill Clinton was before he moved to the middle. ... The speech was tough, the crowd was responsive, the day was beautiful, and the music wasn't awful. What more could a candidate ask for? Maybe some movement in the polls" (9/12). NBC's Gumbel, to Tim Russert: "Dole is losing ground and exciting no one, is the problem the message, the messenger, or both?" NBC's Russert's response: "A little bit of both. This week is going to be dominated by Iraq, by Saddam Hussein and Bill Clinton. It's a very difficult time for Bob Dole to be beginning a 'negative TV week'" ("Today," NBC, 9/13).

VOINOVICH DOESN'T SHOW: Cleveland PLAIN DEALER's Hallett reports that OH Gov. George Voinovich has been a "no-show" for the Dole campaign, "raising questions about whether the first

governor to endorse Dole has become the first to abandon him." Since the beginning of the year, Dole has spent 13 days in OH. Voinovich has been with him only half of the time, six days. In fact, he has not appeared with Dole at all since he announced 8/1 that he was removing his name from Dole's VP list. Voinovich press secretary Mike Dawson: "Voinovich has been with Dole on a great many of his visits to Ohio and will continue to do so between now and the election." OH Dem exec. dir. Elizabeth Conslick: "If Voinovich is such a popular governor in Ohio, why is he not appearing with Dole? Where's George when his candidate needs him?" OH GOP spokesperson Brett Buerck: "The reason Gov. Voinovich isn't around when these candidates come in is because he's busy doing the job people elected him to do -- govern the state" (9/12).

EVERYBODY MUST GET STONE: Following yesterday's "clearly troubling" reports that GOP strategist Roger Stone and his wife "engage in kinky group sex," the Dole cam "dumped" Stone from any campaign role. Stone, involved with the Dole campaign as a "volunteer speaker" for the candidate, was never on payroll and has not worked for the campaign since the August GOP convention. Dole press sec. Nelson Warfield: "These allegations are clearly troubling and certainly reflect behavior Bob Dole would not condone." Although Stone has denied the allegations, his role with the Dole campaign "will end." More Warfield: "It's just going to be impossible for [Stone] to talk about Bob Dole's record when all anyone wants to ask is about his sex life" (Orin, N.Y. POST, 9/13). Stone, appearing on "FOX Morning News": "Somebody put ads using previously published photographs of both my wife and me on the Internet with lude messages, and then worked very hard to make it look like I had put that ad up. ... And then you turn around and tip the press, who say, 'Ah-ha, we've got Stone.' I really think this story wouldn't have been written if we weren't in the middle of a political season. We deny the vile caricature that somebody's peddling. Somebody was paid a substantial amount of money to bear false witness against us and offer no proof, just accusations" (9/13).

***4 DEBATE: DOLE WANTS FOUR, NOT THREE; PEROT WANTS IN**

The "quadrennial debate over presidential debates" began as representatives from the Clinton and Dole campaigns "met in secret" to hash out details, while Russell Verney, the Reform Party nat'l coordinator, attempted in vain to participate. Negotiators from the Bob Dole campaign suggested the number of debates increased from three to four, have each one at an hour (instead of 90 minutes), and add a second VP debate. In addition to the already scheduled sites, they suggested adding Cleveland and Detroit. The Dole team also "insisted" on one-on-one debates with Pres. Clinton, hoping to exclude Ross Perot and avoid the town-hall format, which is "expected to complement and showcase Clinton's political skills." The meeting was "interrupted and ultimately cut short" when Verney "tried to crash the meeting." Verney "accused the Clinton and Dole campaigns of 'colluding' on the debates and argued that all 'potential participants' should be included in the negotiations." Clinton aides "insist" it is

the Dole folks who want Perot excluded -- a charge the Dole team "did not deny." Clinton chief debate negotiator Mickey Kantor said of Verney "with a slight smile," "We would have welcomed his participation." Verney, "clearly miffed" at the Dole campaign, noted that one of the criterion of the Commission on Presidential Debates is that debate participants include only those with a "realistic chance" of winning. Verney: "I think in spite of that criteria, Sen. Dole should be included in the debate. We have a realistic chance of winning. If anyone doesn't, it's someone who has spent \$72 million promoting themselves and is 20 points behind in the polls." The commission is expected to announce its decision on Perot 9/17. The Dole team is led by ex-SC Gov. Carroll Campbell, and includes mgr Scott Reed and nat'l co-chair/ex-Rep. Vin Weber (R-MN). In addition to Kantor, the Clinton team includes pres. "confidant" Vernon Jordan, Dem media "expert" Bob Squier and Hollywood producer/FOB Harry Thomason (Bayer, COPLEYS.D. UNION-TRIBUNE, 9/13). N.Y. TIMES' Wines says the debate negotiations are "Washington's version of the Vietnam War's Paris peace talks" (9/13). Campbell said Clinton is "someone who could charm the birds out of trees. We would be hard pressed to understand why the president would not want to debate Bob Dole one-on-one four times." But one Dem involved in the negotiations said the Dole proposal "would mean more debates, but less debating." Perot's Reform Party sent out an Internet bulletin "urging supporters to contact the debate commission to call for Perot's inclusion" (Richter, L.A. TIMES, 9/13).

CONFLICT? While the first pres. debate is scheduled for 9/25 in St. Louis, Clinton negotiators have said the date "presented a problem" because Clinton will speak at the UN the day before. The Dole camp then suggested moving the debate to 9/26; the Clinton people suggested that Thursday, 10/3 "might be a possibility" (Lambrecht, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 9/13).

CAN'T WAIT: Dole is looking forward to the debates: "President Clinton is a smooth talker. ... I think if I show up, I win. He's supposed to be so good. I can hardly wait for the debates" (Brammer, Lexington HERALD-LEADER, 9/13). Perot runningmate Pat Choate: "If we're in the debates we will certainly move to double digits very quickly. We will also move into a real challenge, I think, with Bill Clinton" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 9/12).

DOES IT MATTER? For most viewers, debates "tend to merely reinforce candidate preferences." But 97 million viewers tuned into the final '92 debate. UVA's Larry Sabato said, "They can be critical if a candidate makes a gaffe. As long as no major mistakes are committed by any of the candidates, all they do is solidify support." But Rice Univ.'s Earl Black said, "The debates are important for Bob Dole. They're not terribly important for Bill Clinton, given his lead" (Lewis, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 9/13).

WHAT ABOUT ME? Libertarian Party nominee Harry Browne said over 20,000 petitions will be delivered to the Commission urging his inclusion in the debates. Party chair Steve Dasbach: "We want them to know that if they exclude Mr. Browne, they are doing so against the express wishes of the American public." Also

urging Browne's inclusion are CNN talk-show host Larry King and frosh Rep. Steve Stockman (R-TX). W.S. JOURNAL editorial: "If you open the door to Ross Perot, you've got to invite in all the other pretenders as well" (9/12). DAILY OKLAHOMAN editorial: "If Perot, who is not going to win, is included, there is no basis to exclude Browne -- not to mention conservative Howard Phillips of the Taxpayers Party and liberal Ralph Nader of the Green Party. ... If the commission includes only Perot from the second-tier candidacies, its action will justifiably be regarded as a political decision designed to benefit Clinton's re-election" (9/11).

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

***5 IRAQ: REPUBLICANS ATTACK CLINTON POLICY**

Republicans "blasted" Pres. Clinton's Iraq policy and "demanded that he explain his next move," prompting Dems to "accuse the GOP of sowing division at a time of crisis." Jack Kemp: "Clinton must tell us what his goals are and how we can achieve them." House Maj. Leader Dick Armey "blocked a resolution supporting U.S. forces, complaining that" cong. leaders "had yet to be consulted." Dems were "furious." Bush Sec/State James Baker said Clinton's missile attack on Saddam Hussein wasn't "strong enough" and should have hit Baghdad and Iraqi ground troops." Baker faulted a "failure of leadership" on the part of Clinton for the "fracture" of the anti-Iraq coalition (Goldschlag, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 9/13).

REAX: CNN's Woodruff: "The Clinton administration is under verbal attack for its policy towards Saddam Hussein and it's not coming just from Baghdad" (9/12). Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-CT): "The question is what more could [Clinton] have done that would of been effective" ("Crossfire," CNN, 9/12). Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): "The only thing the American people saw was the President of the United States sitting in the Oval Office declaring these cruise missile strikes a success which, by the way, staggers my imagination" ("Chris Matthews," CNBC, 9/12). Sen. John Glenn (D-OH): "I can't think of anything dumber than a president that's 20 points ahead in the polls, by multiple polls, by reliable polls, going into something where he's going to take combat of any kind, if it was done for political reasons. I just don't think that was behind it. ... The term success was used to mean that we sent a message to Saddam Hussein that we were serious" ("NewsHour," PBS, 9/12).

DOLE IS MUM, BUT NOT SO IN 1990: CNN's Woodruff: "Dole mostly let his surrogates criticize the President's Iraq policy." CNN's Crowley: "Dole's only reference to Iraq was subliminal" (9/12). Dole "has remained silent on the issue" (Blomquist, W. TIMES, 9/13). L.A. TIMES' Robin Wright: "There's a great irony here. In the runup to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, [Dole] called Saddam Hussein an intelligent man who could be dealt with. Six days before the invasion, he actually wanted to weaken a sanctions bill to allow American farmers to sell grain to Iraq. And he once acknowledged while Iraq might have chemical weapons, Saddam Hussein wasn't going to use them. So I think there's a certain hypocrisy perhaps" ("Chris Matthew," CNBC, 9/12). DNC

co-chair Chris Dodd, on Dole's criticism: "I recall the days when ... there were people from the United States Senate that were over in Iraq with Saddam Hussein reporting back that there was nothing really to worry about with this guy. ... Talk about encouraging Saddam Hussein, he got a message a number of years ago that he had great friends in the United States, he could probably invade Kuwait. And then there were those who figured when we were there, we should have finished him off in the first place and didn't do it. So, you know, President Clinton inherits Saddam Hussein and Iraq in '93 and you do the best you can with the situation" ("Judy Jarvis Show," syndicated radio, 9/12).

KEMP: NBC's O'Donnell: "On foreign policy, especially the President's handling of Iraq, Bob Dole continues to hold back criticism. The job of attacking Bill Clinton has shifted to Jack Kemp" ("Today," NBC, 9/13). Jack Kemp: "President Clinton owes each and every American, particularly those young men and women who have to go into battle if they are directed to do so, an explanation of our objectives and how they are intended to be achieved" (ABC, 9/12). Dodd, on Kemp's criticism: "Maybe they're using Jack Kemp in all this because Bob Dole has some real vulnerabilities on the issue. ... But frankly, as I say, you've got 54 days before Election Day and they've run out of domestic issues to talk about so they're going to try this one on for size" ("Judy Jarvis," 9/12).

THIS A.M.: ABC's Gibson: "Slowly, inexorably, the U.S. is building up its firepower in the Persian Gulf region." ABC's Brown: "[This] is the biggest deployment of American firepower since the Gulf War. In the [Gulf] region, there is great discomfort over the prospect of further U.S. strikes. No country, apart from Kuwait, will let America use its territory as a base. There's a view that the U.S. policy is only enhancing the image of Saddam Hussein in the Arab world" ("GMA," ABC, 9/13).

***6 TRAVELGATE: HOUSE CMTE ACCUSES WH OF COVERUP**

A draft report by the House Gov't Reform and Oversight Cmte concluded that WH aides "sought to obstruct the inquiry" into the firing of seven WH travel office employees and "hide the role" of Hillary Rodham Clinton. A second report, to be released later this month, will "criticize Clinton administration officials for failing to maintain an arms-length relationship between the White House and the FBI" over the issue of FBI background files. The draft criticizes the WH for "sustained obstruction" of the cmte's inquiry, "declaring that such efforts could only have persisted 'if directed from the very top.'" The report said WH aides "covered up" HRC's role in the firing of ex-travel dir. Billy Dale and his colleagues "and later made frivolous claims of executive privilege to keep subpoenaed records out of the hands of House investigators." In response, WH officials "characterized the draft as a political document released in the heat of the presidential campaign and noted that it will be issued only by the panel's Republican majority." WH spokesperson Mark Fabiani called the GOP report "last-ditch negative campaigning by innuendo and rumor" (Jackson, L.A. TIMES, 9/13).

ABC's Judd: "Republicans hope the charges stick because, in this controversy, they don't have much left to say" (9/12).

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

*7 ILLINOIS: DURBIN LEADS BY 11 IN NEW POLL

A MASON-DIXON/PMR poll, conducted 9/7-9 for COPLEY NEWSPAPERS, surveyed 808 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (9/11). Tested: Rep. Dick Durbin (D-20) and state Rep. Al Salvi (R). Sen. Paul Simon (D) is retiring after two terms.

NOW 7/96 3/96			FAV/UNFAV ID		
Durbin	47%	44% 41%	Durbin	38%/20%	95%
Salvi	36	35 23	Salvi	35 /26	93
Undec.	15	21 36			

ANALYSIS: Durbin has "increased his lead" since July but is still drawing support from "less than half" of the electorate. Durbin leads "in every major region of the state as well as among both men and women." Support among whites is a statistical dead heat, but Salvi has "almost no support" among black voters. Durbin "said he was encouraged" by the poll numbers which he said "show that our decision to run an aggressive statewide campaign starting the day after the primary paid off." Salvi "said he too was encouraged" because the new poll shows "we have cut our opponent's lead in half since the spring." MASON-DIXON pollster Del Ali said the numbers indicate Salvi has an "uphill climb" to beat Durbin. Ali "said Durbin may be benefitting" from Pres. Clinton's popularity in the state (Krawzak, COPLEY/Springfield STATE JOURNAL REGISTER, 9/12).

AD SWAP: In the first exchange of ads between state Salvi and Durbin, it is "the commoner versus the politician." The "aggressive" first round of TV ads is just a "precursor" to what is expected to be a "bitter battle." Salvi's ad, entitled "Get Shorty," was produced by BradbenderCox and accuses Durbin of being "a big taxin', big spendin', pay grabbin' liberal congressman." The ad also says that the group Citizens Against Government Waste "described Durbin as 'hostile' toward families." Durbin's ad "calmly defends his record," but "takes a swipe" at Salvi, "trying to tie him" to Speaker Newt Gingrich. In an ad produced by Shorr & Assoc. called "Families," Durbin tells Salvi to "stop lying about his record" and says the "Gingrich-Salvi budget is all wrong for Illinois families" (McRoberts, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 9/11). CHICAGO TRIBUNE's McRoberts writes that "both ads provide less-than-full disclosure." Citizens Against Government Waste ranked Durbin as "hostile to taxpayers, not families," and the ad fails to mention that Durbin's vote to raise taxes on Social Security benefits "did so only for the most wealthy 13 percent." Durbin's ad "implies" that Republicans "are out to cut Medicare benefits below current levels" when in fact, GOP proposals would only slow the rate of growth of the health program (9/11).

***8 IOWA: TWO POLLS SHOW DIFFERENT HARKIN LEADS**

A MASON-DIXON/PMR poll, conducted 9/8-10, surveyed 809 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (9/12). A WHO-TV poll, conducted 9/10-11 by Personal Marketing Research (PMR), surveyed 700 likely voters; margin of error 3.7% (9/12). Tested: Sen. Tom Harkin (D) and Rep. Jim Ross Lightfoot (R-03).

	MASON-DIXON			WHO-TV
	NOW	FAV/UNFAV	5/96	NOW
Harkin	47%	48%/30%	46%	55%
Lightfoot	41	42 /19	36	31
Undec.	12		14	

***9 MASSACHUSETTS: KERRY & WELD HAVE WORK CUT OUT FOR THEM**

With the race "virtually tied," campaign operatives from both camps may "need a new tack." Gov. Bill Weld (R), "despite his recent high profile battle with his party over abortion and his nomination of a woman to the highest court ... still has to find a way to close" a 15-point gender gap with Sen. John Kerry (D). Likewise, Kerry, with 12 years of service in DC, "suffers from an indistinct political image among some voters." In addition, Kerry's favorability ratings have dropped while Weld's have "held steady." Analyst Lou DiNatale, on Kerry: "He should have been going negative on this guy. There's no question the Weld ad campaign has been much more effective than the Kerry ad campaign." Weld also faces a "new problem ... in the person of" Conservative Party cand. Susan Gallagher, who gets 5% in the recent BOSTON GLOBE/WBZ-TV poll (see HOTLINE, 9/9). DiNatale: "In a race this close, Gallagher is becoming a factor in draining conservative votes away from Weld" (Aucoin, BOSTON GLOBE, 9/9).

MUTUALLY GUTTER BOUND: Under the header "Gentlemen, get into the gutter," BOSTON GLOBE's Barnicle writes, "It is so encouraging to see Bill Weld and John Kerry start to take off the gloves and tell the Marquis of Queensberry to take a hike. We want -- and deserve -- a truly rotten, dirty, filthy, name calling, stool-throwing, thumb-in-your-eye run for the United States Senate seat" (9/10). BOSTON GLOBE's Aucoin begs the question: "Will one or the other of the candidates 'go negative' in a big way and scorch the airwaves with attack ads? (Likely answer: Yes. Both.)" (9/9).

***10 MICHIGAN: POLL HAS LEVIN UP BY 23 POINTS OVER ROMNEY**

A DETROIT NEWS poll conducted 9/5-11 surveyed 500 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.4% (9/13). Tested: Sen. Carl Levin (D) and ex-radio talk-show host Ronna Romney (R).

Levin 57%
Romney 34

RUNNING OUT OF TIME: DETROIT NEWS' Hornbeck writes that unless Romney "starts spending some big money," voters will return Levin for a fourth term. Pollster Steve Mitchell: "Levin is in the driver's seat. Romney hasn't even solidified her Republican base yet. She has to spend a lot of money to do two

things: Tell people who she is and define Carl Levin." The pro-choice Levin "even holds a nine-point lead among those who say they oppose abortion except in instances of rape, incest and to save the life of the mother." Romney is backed by Right to Life. Levin has started running TV ads; Romney's first spot "won't air until the end of this month." The two cand. will debate 9/30 and "perhaps two other times." Craig Ruff, pres. of an independent public policy think tank, said, "It's all about money. Romney's got to raise it and spend it. The only other thing she can do is come up with a theme or issue in the debates that captures the public's imagination." The Romney camp "said the poll numbers will shift once she trumpets her message on TV ads." Romney spokesperson Trent Wisecup: "The money will be there" (9/13).

***11 SOUTH DAKOTA: SURPRISE! INTERNAL POLLS CONTRADICT**

A poll for Sen. Larry Pressler (R) conducted 8/27-28 by AJF & Associates surveyed 500 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4.4% (NRSC release, 9/10). A poll for Rep. Tim Johnson (D-At Large) conducted 9/3-5 by the Mellman Group surveyed 600 likely voters; margin of error +/- 4% (release, 9/8).

	PRESSLER	JOHNSON	7/96
	POLL	POLL	MASON-DIXON
Pressler	49%	39%	49%
Johnson	39	49	39

***12 TEXAS: NEW POLL HAS GRAMM "SLOWLY PULLING AWAY"**

A HOUSTON CHRONICLE/KPRC-TV poll conducted 9/6-8 by MASON-DIXON/PMR, surveyed 803 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. The last previous poll, conducted 9/2-5 for the HOUSTON CHRONICLE and DALLAS MORNING NEWS by Blum & Weprin Associates, had a margin of error at 3.5% (see HOTLINE, 9/9). Tested: Sen. Phil Gramm (R) and teacher Victor Morales (D).

	MASON-DIXON	BLUM & WEPRIN
	NOW FAV/UNFAV	7/96 9/2-5
Gramm	54% 49%/35%	51% 50%
Morales	37 34 /29 36	39
Undec.	9	

SWEEP? Gramm is leading Morales by "wide margins in every part of the state except South and East Texas." And in E. TX, Gramm's lead is 50-40%. Statewide, the poll indicates Gramm is "slowly pulling away" from Morales. Gramm spokesperson Julie Hillrichs said the results "has to be distressing news for the Morales campaign." But Morales said Gramm "should be worried that he is not doing better": "Gramm has had people attacking me for seven weeks, my very character ... and he's still at 50 percent. Once I get on TV in the middle of October and start talking about his record, I think you'll see things change" (Ratliffe, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 9/12).

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

***13 CA 22: SEASTRAND-CAPPS REMATCH IS A "CHOICE, NOT AN ECHO"**

L.A. TIMES' Skelton writes that in the rematch between frosh Rep. Andrea Seastrand (R) and professor Walter Capps (D), "voters are being offered a real choice -- not an echo, not pastels, not merely a dime's worth of difference, to paraphrase some famous pols from the past." Seastrand is a "hard-right conservative who favors a constitutional amendment to outlaw abortion, supports assault weapons, advocates denying public services to illegal immigrants, objects to gays in the military and wants to spend tax money to help children attend private schools." Capps "is a liberal Democrat who favors abortion rights, gun control and gay rights." He opposes the death penalty, Prop. 187 and private school vouchers. But Capps' "main pitch is that he's not Andrea Seastrand and -- even more importantly -- he's not a political 'clone' of Speaker Newt Gingrich." And outside the district, Gingrich "is what this election is all about." That is "why the race had attracted national attention and big money, especially to finance anti-Seastrand/Gingrich attack ads. For it's difficult to see how Democrats can recapture the House unless they oust Seastrand." Seastrand "is considered vulnerable because she's a rookie, she's presumably too conservative for the moderate district, and she's too close to the unpopular Gingrich." In the end, "this election may be won or lost with TV ads, as so many are." The AFL-CIO is talking about spending \$900,000 against Seastrand; ads by the Sierra Club calls Seastrand an "ecothug" (9/12).

***14 WA 05: POLL HAS NETHERCUTT AT 37% AGAINST DEM FIELD**

A Spokane SPOKESMAN REVIEW/KHQ-TV poll conducted 9/5-9 by Political/Media Research, surveyed 401 likely voters; margin of error +/- 5% (9/12). Tested: frosh Rep. George Nethercutt (R), farmer Judy Olson (D), Sue Kaun (D) and Dan McCloskey (D).

Nethercutt	37%
Olson	24
Kaun	8
McCloskey	5

Nethercutt "probably will get the most votes" in the open 9/17 primary "but faces a tough re-election battle in November." Olson "has a commanding lead" in the Dem primary. Pollster Del Ali, on Nethercutt: "He's going to have a dogfight in November." Voters will get a single ballot with all four names; the top Dem and GOP finishers advance to the 11/5 general. Two years ago, a "crowded" GOP primary held then-Speaker Tom Foley (D) to less than 40% of the primary vote; he went on to lose to Nethercutt in November. With one voter in four undecided a week before the primary, "candidates who can afford it are likely to mount a television blitz" (Camden, SPOKESMAN-REVIEW, 9/12).

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

***15 WASHINGTON GOVERNOR: RICE LEADS THE PACK FOR 9/17 PRIMARY**

A MASON-DIXON/PMR poll conducted 9/5-10 surveyed 568 likely

primary voters; margin of error +/- 4.2% (9/12). Dems tested: Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, King Co. Exec. Gary Locke, enviro-engineer Bryan Zetlen, and ex-Rep. Jay Inslee. GOPers tested: state Sen. Ellen Craswell, House Maj. Leader Dale Foreman, King Co. Prosecutor Norm Maleng, state Sen. Pam Roach and atty Jim Waldo. The top Dem and GOP finishers in the open 9/17 primary will square off on 11/5. Gov. Mike Lowry (D) is retiring.

NOW FAV/FAV ID

Rice	23%	32%/23%	88%
Locke	14	30 /15	81
Foreman	10	21 /10	68
Inslee	9	22 /16	77
Roach	8	13 /12	61
Craswell	7	12 /16	63
Maleng	7	16 /11	69
Waldo	5	8 /16	60

*16 WEST VIRGINIA: DEAD HEAT BETWEEN UNDERWOOD AND PRITT

A MASON-DIXON/PMR poll conducted 9/4-6 surveyed 819 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Tested: ex-Gov. Cecil Underwood (R) and ex-state Sen. Charlotte Pritt (D). Gov. Gaston Caperton (D) is term limited.

NOW FAV/UNFAV 5/96

Underwood	44%	38%/27%	39%
Pritt	43	42 /37	44

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

*17 HOTLINE/B-GROUND TRACK: GOP SWERVES TO LEAD IN GEN. HOUSE

1,000 registered voters (250/night) surveyed over 4 nights, excluding Fridays & Saturdays, by The Tarrance Group (R) and Lake Research (D); margin of error +/- 3%. T/S = ticket-splitters.

3-WAY	9/8-11	9/5-10	9/4-9	9/3-8
Clinton	51%	52%	54%	51%
Dole	35	33	31	34
Perot	6	7	7	7

GENERIC HOUSE	9/8-11	9/5-10	9/4-9	9/3-8
Republican	40%	37%	35%	37%
Democrat	39	40	43	40

WHICH SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT?

ALL GOP T/S DEM MEN WOM

Balancing the budget	30%	39%	28%	22%	34%	26%
Improving the nation's schools	26	19	27	32	24	28
Preserving Medicare and Medicaid	15	10	13	21	12	17
Cutting taxes	10	14	8	7	12	7

WHICH SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT?

ALL 18-34 35-44 45-64 65+

Balancing the budget	30%	22%	42%	31%	23%
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Improving the nation's schools	26	41	24	23	15
Preserving Medicare and Medicaid	15	7	9	20	22
Cutting taxes	10	13	9	9	8

***18 CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRACKING: STABLE AT 21 POINTS**

710 likely voters (about 238/night), surveyed over 3 nights;
margin of error +/- 4%. (Also 1,310 adults for Iraq question;
+/- 3%) (release, 9/12).

3-WAY	9/9-11	9/7-9	9/6-8	9/5-7	9/4-6	9/3-5
Clinton	55%	55%	55%	54%	53%	52%
Dole	34	34	34	36	36	36
Perot	5	5	5	4	5	5

WOULD HE BE A GOOD PRESIDENT? YES NO

Clinton	65%	30%
Dole	50	43
Perot	18	75

CLINTON'S HANDLING OF IRAQ? (among adults)

Approve	57%
Disapprove	22

***19 PEW RESEARCH: EMOTIONALISM AT THE CONVENTIONS WAS A HIT**

1,508 adults, conducted 9/5-8 by Princeton Survey Research
Associates; margin of error +/- 3% (release, 9/13).

NOW	7/96	IF CLINTON RE-ELECTED, CONGRESS
Clinton	52% 44%	SHOULD BE CONTROLLED BY ...
Dole	34 34	Republicans 46%
Perot	8 16	Democrats 44

GENERIC HOUSE NOW 7/96 LIKE TO SEE YOUR REP. RE-ELECTED?

Democrat	51% 47%	Yes	62%
Republican	43 46	No	19

WHAT WILL YOUR VOTE FOR CONGRESS BE?

For Clinton	24%	For Gingrich	21%
Against Clinton	18	Against Gingrich	36
Clinton not a factor	51	Gingrich not a factor	36

GOP CRITICISMS OF HRC DEM CRITICISMS OF GINGRICH

Mostly agree	36%	Mostly agree	52%
Mostly disagree	58	Mostly disagree	40

PRESS JOB IN COVERING THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN? HOW MUCH INFLUENCE DO NEWS ORGS. HAVE ON PRES. SELECTION?

Excellent	13%	Too much	64%
Good	44	Too little	4

Only fair 29 About right amount 30
Poor 11

AT THE CONVOS, PEOPLE SPOKE EMOTIONALLY ABOUT THEIR STRUGGLES
W/ILLNESS, PERS'L RELATIONSHIPS, AND CRIME. THAT WAS A ...

Good thing 64%
Bad thing 29

WHO DO YOU THINK MOST PEOPLE IN THE MEDIA WANT TO WIN?

Clinton 59%
Dole 17

*20 HARRIS: 76% THINK PEROT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN DEBATES

937 likely voters, conducted 9/5-8; margin of error +/- 3%
(release, 9/12).

THINK DEBATES SHOULD INCLUDE PEROT?

Include Perot 76%
Only Clinton and Dole 22

IF COMMISSION EXCLUDES PEROT, WHO WOULD IT BE SERVING? The

public interest 20%
The political interests o Clinton and Dole 71

IF PEROT EXCLUDED, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?

Generally pleased 12%
Generally angered 36
Not care 50

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

*21 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted ex-CIA Dir. James Woolsey, FEMA's Lacy Suiter, and Barbara Walters. NBC's "Today" hosted Lisa Myers, Tim Russert & Gwen Ifill, Treas. Sec. Robert Rubin, FORTUNE's Alan Farnham, and Clinton/Gore press sec. Joe Lockhart. "CBS This Morning" hosted Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL), Public Voice for Food & Health Policy's John Schnittker, Dem strategist Bob Beckel, and the STANDARD's Fred Barnes. "FOX Morning News" hosted GOP strategist Roger Stone, Rep. Bill Richardson (D-NM), RNC's Suzy DeFrancis, Dem strategist Kiki Moore, and ex-Pres. George Bush.

TONIGHT: On ABC's "20/20," Barbara Walters interviews Bob and Elizabeth Dole. CNBC's "Chris Matthews," with guest host Steve Roberts, hosts analyst Charlie Cook and HOTLINE Managing Editor Ken Rudin.

THIS WEEKEND: SUNDAY -- NBC's "Meet the Press" hosts Speaker Newt Gingrich. "FOX News Sunday" hosts Christian Coalition Pres. Pat Robertson. CNN's "Late Edition" hosts Sen. Dick Lugar (R-IN) and Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-IN). CNN's "Both Sides with Jesse Jackson" hosts Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) and NAM's Paul Huard. SATURDAY -- CNN's "Evans & Novak" hosts Sen. Sam Nun (D-GA). CNN's "Capital Gang" hosts Rep. Vic Fazio (D-CA). At 8pm. EDT, FOX airs the next Perot informercial. At 8:45a. EDT, C-SPAN airs the Christian Coalition "Road to Victory" conference

from DC. Speakers include Jack Kemp, Pat Buchanan and Phyllis Schlafly.

LAUGHS: David Letterman, on Roger Stone: "This shows you just how conservative the Dole campaign is, this guy's in trouble for having sex with his wife!" ("Late Show," CBS, 9/12).

TOP TEN SIGNS YOUR NEW FALL SERIES WON'T BE A HIT

10. The writers accidentally named every character "Pedro."
9. Instead of a laugh track, there's an 80-year old guy clearing his throat.
8. On the night of your premiere, Dr. Kevorkian's business goes through the roof.
7. It's a reality-based show in which cameras followed retired cops around a golf course.
6. You lose in the ratings to a Ross Perot infomercial.
5. After Siskel and Ebert watch it, they cut off their thumbs and retire.
4. It was originally created to cash in on the Lambada craze.
3. "USA TODAY" review says, "This show won't last as long as a Tyson heavyweight fight."
2. It's a gritty, realistic police drama in which absolutely no one shows their ass.
1. Your network's new slogan: "Mustn't see TV" ("Late Show," CBS, 9/12).

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

"I really think this story wouldn't have been written if we weren't in the middle of a political season."

-- GOP strategist Roger Stone, "FOX Morning News," 9/13

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WHITE HOUSE NEWS REPORT

Thursday, Dec. 16, 1993

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SECRETARY ASPIN -- Front-page headlines:

"Aspin Resigns From Cabinet;

President Lost Confidence In Defense Chief, Aides Say" (NYT)

"Defense Chief Aspin Quits; Inman in Line for Job" (WP)

"Aspin quits Pentagon after troubled tenure" (WT)

"Aspin to leave Pentagon" (USA Today)

"Aspin Resigns as Defense Chief" (LAT)

"Aspin Walks the Plank" (New York Post)

"from now on we'll be seeing...LESS ASPIN" (New York Daily News)

All three evening newscasts led with reports of Secretary
Aspin's resignation. All the major papers also led with
Secretary Aspin's resignation.

ABC's Brit Hume reported that, "senior officials say that
the President and Aspin have been talking about his resignation
for a long time." CBS's Rita Braver reported that Aspin's
managerial style "never caught on" and that the President

"appeared to have lost confidence" in Aspin. NBC's Jim Miklaszewski reported that the President refused to say he had asked for Secretary Aspin's resignation but said that Aspin "was clearly pushed." (NBC) Mark Gearan said the President did not ask for Secretary Aspin's resignation. (USA Today)

The New York Times's Eric Schmitt reported that Secretary Aspin resigned "after concluding that President Clinton had lost confidence in his leadership," according to senior Administration officials and Aspin's associates. USA Today's Steve Komarow reported that the resignation's timing "caught Washington off-guard, a fitting end to a tenure marked by one unpleasant surprise after another for President Clinton."

The Washington Post's Ann Devroy and Barton Gellman reported that the announcement "ends a stormy year in which the White House and Aspin became enmeshed in unwanted controversies from gays in the military to the security of U.S. troops in Somalia." Administration officials said they were surprised at the suddenness of the departure but not at the departure itself. (WP)

The Los Angeles Times's David Lauter reported that, "White House dissatisfaction with Aspin's performance, which had been festering for months, was apparent and Administration sources said his resignation had been under discussion among a small

group of top officials for several weeks."

The Wall Street Journal's Thomas Ricks reported that, "On the other hand, Mr. Aspin has cleared away many of the toughest

issues at the Pentagon. In addition to implementing a compromise on homosexuals in the military, he has resolved the issue of allowing women in some combat roles and brought most of the Tailhook scandal to a conclusion." Ricks also reported that the "single biggest blow to Mr. Aspin came with the October firefight in Mogadishu." (WSJ)

One official said, "Aspin was the wrong man for the job. We knew it, he came to know it and the whole deal the last couple of months has been trying to figure out the timing of him leaving without making it look like he was forced out." (WP) The Washington Post's John Lancaster reported that, "it was the day-to-day running of the Pentagon that ultimately proved to Aspin's greatest weakness." The New York Times's Eric Schmitt reported that, "the Clinton Administration took pains to portray the departure as a personal decision by Mr. Aspin."

The Washington Post, USA Today and CNN reported that retired Admiral Bobby Ray Inman, former Deputy Director of the CIA, would replace Secretary Aspin. An announcement could come as soon as today. (WP, USA Today) CBS's Dan Rather listed CIA Director Woolsey, Gen. Colin Powell, Rep. McCurdy (D-Ok.) and Sen. Nunn (D-Ga.) as possible replacements. On CNN's "Larry King Live," Former defense secretary Dick Cheney said Inman would be a good replacement." (USA Today) In addition to Inman, the Wall Street Journal listed CIA Director Woolsey, and Adm. William Crowe, although he is barred from taking a civilian post for ten years after retiring.

The news of Aspin's resignation "was as closely held as

anything in the Clinton administration." (WP) Gen. Shalikashvili and Secretary Christopher were informed only yesterday of Aspin's resignation. (WP)

R.W. Apple's front-page New York Times new analysis said Aspin's "policies and his actions cut across entrenched interests and that hurt him. So, several officials said, did his decision no to reinforce American troops in Somalia, when officers on the scene had urged quick action."

A Los Angeles Times news analysis piece by Norman Kempster and Robin Wright said, "Les Aspin lived a nightmare -- a year from hell that ended with his resignation on a cold and rainy winter's evening."

A New York Times editorial said, "Mr. Aspin's best moments came when he re-allocated defense resources from confrontation to cooperation with Russia, tackling common problems like weapons proliferation. And he brought the politically sensitive challenge of military base closings to an orderly conclusion."

A Los Angeles Times editorial said, "it's hard to believe that Clinton, or Secretary of State Warren Christopher, could have been very happy with the way things were working. This is why, health reasons or not, the Aspin departure gives the President a terrific opportunity to get his sputtering foreign policy act together."

Broder reported that the President "fired back" at GOP critics of his health care plan yesterday, challenging the GOP to provide "an answer to the fact that the number of uninsured Americans is going up every single day." In a Wall Street Journal interview, the President said he was "real disappointed" that the AMA backed away from its previous endorsement of an employer mandate. (WSJ)

The New York Times's Robert Pear reported that in a report just released to Congress, the President showed how he "would reshuffle huge amounts of money, using optimistic assumptions about the ability of people to navigate a complex new health care system."

Under the headline, "Health card raises a public concern: Privacy," USA Today's Judi Hasson reported that privacy experts are warning that the health-care system is "ripe for abuse as technology takes over." White House health adviser Walter Zelman said, "The card is your guarantee that you have access to...benefits," and that the card will not be used for anything else. (USA Today)

Devroy and Broder also reported that the House Ways and Means Committee "got a good hint of the cost-pressures they will face from opposing elements of the business community." (WP) Ford Motor Co. economist Martin Zimmerman said cost-shifting will get worse unless all companies are required to provide insurance. (WP) PepsiCo vice president David Scherb said providing health insurance to a part-time worker in its Pizza Hut division would cost the company more than \$1,000 for someone earning \$5,700 a year. (WP) Gov. Campbell (R-SC) said, "The question becomes

whether workers are insured or out of a job." (USA Today) Gov. Dean (D-Vt.) said, "The quickest way to get everyone insured is an employer mandate." (USA Today)

At a luncheon yesterday, Sen. Nickles (R-Ok.) said the President's health plan limits consumer choice by instituting a package of minimum health care benefits on everyone. (WT) Sen. Nickles said his health care plan, the Consumer Choice Health Security Act, would require every American to buy health insurance but would end the practice of employers picking health plans for their workers. (WT)

The Washington Times's Paul Bedard reported that the group suing the White House yesterday told the federal court that the White House has released just 2% of the papers from the White House health care task force. Justice Department lawyers said in court filings that they have turned over essentially everything that Judge Lamberth ordered them to release. (WT)

Bradley Smith's Wall Street Journal op-ed said, "The lengthy list of criminal and civil penalties lays to rest the administration's oft-repeated claims that this is a plan based on choice and market incentives. This is a plan based on coercion, pure and simple, and lots of it."

RUSSIA -- The Washington Post's Daniel Williams and Jeffrey Smith reported that the President "renewed his support for Russia's reformist government, indicating that the strength of extreme nationalist forces" would prompt no immediate review of

policy. (WP)

The President said, "Because I don't know that there will be any change in Russian policy, I don't see any basis for a change in our policy at this time." (WP) "Clinton led a coordinated administration effort to dispel any speculation that the surge of support for Russian nationalists...would result in reduced aid programs to Russia or more cautious dealings over sensitive issues." (WP)

The Vice President met with Russian President Yeltsin yesterday and gained assurances that constitutional liberties would be respected. (WP) The Vice President said that Yeltsin reaffirmed "in the strongest possible terms Russia's absolute commitment" to the territorial integrity of other nations. (WP) "Gore rejected any suggestion that the vote called into question the wisdom of Washington's backing for Yeltsin's painful economic reforms," insisting that the vote was a "validation" of the President's approach." (WP) ABC's Peter Jennings reported that the Vice President used "sharp language" to criticize Zhirinovsky. NBC's Tom Brokaw reported that the Vice President's language created "even more distance" between the President and Zhirinovsky. The Vice President appeared from Moscow on NBC's "Today" show this morning and said that the "big victory" in the election was the passage of the new constitution.

The Los Angeles Times's John Broder and David Lauter reported that, "the statements from Gore in Moscow and Clinton in Washington illustrated the twin aspects of U.S. policy in the

wake of Sunday's election: an attempt to isolate Zhirinovsky while seeking to bolster support at home for continued aid to Russia by insisting that the elections do not represent a sudden lurch toward militant nationalism by the Russian people."

The Russian Interfax News Service reported unofficial results of the election that indicated that the pro-reform Russia's Choice bloc will be the largest single faction in the State Duma. (WP) The New York Times's Serge Schemann reported that the "wave of anxiety" over Zhirinovsky's initial success abated as the vote count showed that reformers would still form the largest single bloc in the new Parliament.

In a Wall Street Journal interview, the President "discounted" Zhirinovsky's strong showing and "voiced support for President Boris Yeltsin and his reform movement." (WSJ)

Joe Urschel's USA Today column said, "We should take comfort in the fact that our president puts this guy [Zhirinovsky] in the same class with 'protest candidates' like Perot, Jerry Brown and Pat Buchanan. It shows he's not paranoid."

William Safire's New York Times column said, "The Gore plan was to say nothing until the high-riding Zhirinovsky said something outrageous and then to zap him with 'reprehensible' and 'anathema' (the same hifalutin language that marked Yegor Gaidar's campaign)." The column also said that Yeltsin "will now use the threat of Mr. Z to discipline his own support. We should not let Yeltsin use the same threat to manipulate the West."

POLLS -- According to a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal

poll, 45% approve of the President's handling of foreign affairs

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and 56% said they approved of the way the President is handling his job overall. (NBC) Hillary Rodham Clinton's approval rating is also up, and Ross Perot's is down. (NBC)

The poll also found that 48% approved of the President's handling of the economy while 39% disapproved, the first time since last spring that "the public's yeas have exceeded its nays." (WSJ) When compared with previous presidents, 32% said the President had accomplished a lot while 44% said he achieved an average amount. (WSJ) However, 52% agreed with the statement that he has "tried to tackle too many of the country's most serious problems." (WSJ)

GATT -- CBS's Dan Rather reported that negotiators in Geneva approved a "watered-down" GATT treaty. Rather said the President believes the treaty will have a positive economic impact on America, though White House aides reportedly expect some opposition. (CBS) The New York Times's Bernard Weintraub reported that entertainment industry leaders, disappointed with the GATT agreement, "carefully avoided blaming President Clinton for failing to abolish European protections" on entertainment. However, "in private, there were expressions of disappointment in President Clinton, who has raised millions of dollars from the entertainment industry." (NYT)

The Wall Street Journal's Timothy Noah reported that

environmental groups are worried that the new GATT accord threatens environmental protections in both the U.S. and abroad.

GATT REACTION -- All the editorials said the GATT agreement was imperfect but nevertheless praised it.

Secretary Christopher's USA Today op-ed said, "We will work with Congress to approve this global deal with a winning bottom line: hundreds of thousands of new, high-paying American jobs through more open markets around the world."

A New York Times editorial said, "The agreement could have been better. But it's a victory for the U.S., opening up markets for many of the goods it produces best, and a victory for the global economy."

A Wall Street Journal editorial said, "Maybe culture didn't belong in the GATT. America's film industry has indeed been treated unfairly but will continue to thrive against European art, which is to say subsidized art. Cultural creations will multiply where they are freest to do so."

A Washington Post editorial said, "Great credit is owed to the chief American negotiator, Mickey Kantor, and his staff for successfully bringing this long process to a conclusion that will advance the interests of both the United States and the world economy."

A USA Today editorial said, "by promoting...free exchange, the new GATT, whatever its flaws, is a big winner for everyone. Except neo-imperialists and protectionists."

A Des Moines Register editorial said, "the new round of GATT

talks should bring about even more economic growth. It was a long time coming, but well worth the wait."

A Detroit Free Press editorial said, "On the stickiest

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points, the Clinton administration wisely agreed to disagree with its adversaries....For all its complexities and imperfections, the new pact will expand those benefits. GATT will be no small step toward peace and prosperity."

A San Diego Union-Tribune editorial said, "On balance, GATT is a milestone....With both GATT and the North American Free Trade Agreement, entrepreneurs should find making a buck a little easier."

APPOINTMENTS -- The Washington Post's Ruth Marcus reported that the Administration is "seriously reassessing" whether to nominate D.C. Corporation Counsel John Payton to head the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, according to administration sources.

ARKANSAS BANKING -- The Washington Post's Susan Schmidt and Charles Babcock reported that Ken Peacock, whose name is on a \$3,000 cashier's check that was used to help retire Clinton's 1984 campaign debt said he never made the donation. The check was collected at a post-election fundraising event sponsored by James McDougal. (WP)

Yesterday, Bruce Lindsey said the \$50,000 loan "was taken

for the purposes of the campaign, and the intent was to ultimately pay it back through campaign contributions, and it was. There was nothing improper about that." (WP)

HAITI -- Yesterday, the Administration said it has no intention of changing its policy of returning Haitian boat people without granting them a chance to seek political asylum. (NYT)

The announcement came as a rebuke to Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights John Shattuck who suggested Tuesday that the

policy should be reevaluated. (NYT)===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

PRESS BRIEFING BY

MIKE MCCURRY

The Briefing Room

1:36 P.M. EST

Q For nothing going on, why are you so late?

MR. MCCURRY: I apologize for being tardy. My general rule is 10 minutes late, it's okay, but if you're a half an hour late I owe you an apology. I owe you an apology. I've been goofing off today.

Q What's going on?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, the President did those tapings I mentioned to you. They went very well. He's taking some photos. Anything else you'd like to know about?

Q Do you have anything on Yeltsin's medical troubles?

MR. MCCURRY: On that, if I'm not mistaken, the Russian Federation had indicated that President Yeltsin had been suffering from some flu. I don't have -- we don't have anything beyond that officially communicated to us on his condition.

Q They say he's been hospitalized for pneumonia.

MR. MCCURRY: There are press accounts to that effect. I don't believe the government spokesman, if they put anything out on that.

Q Doctor says early signs of pneumonia.

Q Would it be customary for the government to inform this government of that fact if he had been hospitalized?

MR. MCCURRY: We inquire from time to time about his health and wish him well for a speedy recovery, particularly in the aftermath of his recent surgery.

Q But do you know if he has been hospitalized?

MR. MCCURRY: We do not have independent confirmation of those accounts.

Q Are you seeking it?

MR. MCCURRY: I said from time to time we inquire, when we hear that he has been hospitalized, obviously, we express our concern and our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Q Anything new on the Wyoming high school?

(Laughter.)

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Q Americans want to know.

Q Another tragedy.

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MR. MCCURRY: The President saw that story this morning and the President wants that story to have a happy ending. And the presidential Inaugural Committee is working furiously to make sure there will be a happy ending to that story. The band will be here and the band will do something that will make them proud while they're here. And the Inaugural Committee is working on that now. Actually, I suggest that you call over to the Inaugural Committee later today; they're working on that now.

They had, by the way, about 165 different bands apply,

but only 24 will actually be in the parade. So we did have to say no to people, and obviously kids get excited and enthusiastic about wanting to come. In this case we think, unfortunately, the band leader and members of the band and the parents and the community itself were misled, not by anyone connected to the President or to the Inaugural Committee, and that's unfortunate. But they are coming because they've got non-refundable tickets. And as I say, the President hopes for a happy ending to the story.

Q Misled by whom?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, you read the story today you can see a lot of likely culprits indicated.

Q Well, they aren't necessarily in the parade, correct?

MR. MCCURRY: Not necessarily, no. They're looking for a mix of different types of bands in the parade. Not every unit is a big marching band unit. There will be some jazz bands, some mariachi bands, different types of bands that will lend a cosmopolitan flavor to the march up Pennsylvania Avenue.

Q How did the President make it -- to whom did he speak about this? What did he say?

MR. MCCURRY: I believe he said something to Leon and

then Leon asked Mr. Ickes, who's been supervising some of the Inaugural activities from here, to look into it, and that's what Harold's been doing.

Q Are you convinced it was simply an oversight and not partisan politics of any kind being played?

MR. MCCURRY: I'm convinced that people get exuberant.

Q Oh, there goes the market. (Laughter.)

Q Overly exuberant.

MR. MCCURRY: Which, by the way, calls to mind -- I don't want you to get irrationally exuberant about the following, but the President did see Alan Greenspan today.

Q Why?

Q What did they talk about, Mike?

Q Did he congratulate him on his engagement?

MR. MCCURRY: To answer the query from NBC News, the President did wish the Chairman well for his pending nuptials to one of your former colleagues.

Q When are they?

Q "Former"?

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MR. MCCURRY: I don't know. I actually don't know. She indicated something about a --

Q Have I been fired? (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: To one of your former colleagues. I wasn't aware that you and the Chairman were planning to get married, Mick. (Laughter.) I thought it was your former -- the former occupant of that chair.

Q Why did come in and who invited him?

MR. MCCURRY: As he does periodically, the President and his economic team met with the Chairman of the Federal Reserve to discuss the state of the economy and issues related to the economy. The participants were the President, the Vice President, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Bowles, Secretary Rubin, Deputy Secretary Summers -- he's Deputy Secretary, not Under Secretary, right? Deputy Secretary newly enhanced, newly fortified with new positions -- Frank Raines and Gene Sperling, all participated. And for reasons that everyone here well understands, that's about all I'm going to say about the meeting.

Q Well, how often does the Chairman meet with the President?

MR. MCCURRY: Occasionally. They get together, I think, every several months. They share views about their outlooks on the economy and since both of them publicly address themselves to that question, I'll leave it to their public comments to describe their respective views of the economy.

Q What kind of coverage arrangements are you setting up for Saturday, for those of us who have to cover that Cabinet meeting?

MR. MCCURRY: We can -- we don't plan any coverage. It's a working session that obviously will be then reflected in the public work that the Cabinet and the President do later on this year. So I imagine we will let people catch the President waving on the way in, catch him waving on the way out; and then we will provide some type of readout at the end of the day so you don't have to camp here all day long. You can plan to show up late in the afternoon, probably around 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. and get the general drift.

Q Why time might they get started?

MR. MCCURRY: They are scheduled to get started at 10:00 a.m. What time might they get started? No doubt sometime

thereafter. (Laughter.)

Q So Camp David is out, it's a one-day deal?

MR. MCCURRY: One-day deal on Saturday, here, Blair House.

Q Mike, how long was the Greenspan meeting and did they discuss the budget?

MR. MCCURRY: It was about an hour. About an hour.

Q Did they discuss the budget in the --

MR. MCCURRY: They discussed the economy and issues related to the economy, as my statement said.

Q Did they talk about the Fed vacancy?

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MR. MCCURRY: They discussed the economy and issues related to the economy, as my statement said. No further details to be provided.

Q As long as she asked the question, though, what's the status on replacing Janet Yellen?

MR. MCCURRY: On the --

Q The Fed vacancy?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know, I'd have to check. I don't know that that subject came up.

Q Were you able to find out any more about the origin of the President's strong opposition to right-to-die legislation?

MR. MCCURRY: I looked into it. It goes back to the public position he took during the course of the 1992 campaign. He indicated in July of 1992, during a campaign appearance on a Seattle talk show, that he was asked about the activities of Dr. Kevorkian and said that he did not share the views of the caller, that people should automatically have an opportunity to be assisted in suicide. He cited his own experience with family members who had Alzheimer's disease.

So he traced it to some personal concern himself about particularly elderly relatives who get into a position where their ability to make judgement about their own health care needs might be impaired. And then several other times during the campaign it came up. He said he did not support doctor-assisted suicides on several occasions during that campaign.

Now, that is among the reasons that the Justice Department, of course, entered the case in an amicus brief filed in the case heard today in the court, Acting Solicitor General Dellinger argued that fairly forcefully, as some of you know, earlier today and the views of the government and the equal protection issues that arise under the 14th Amendment were set forth in the brief the Justice Department filed in November in the case.

Q And it is accurate to say that the arguments that Dellinger made he was making because the President dictated this as the position of the federal government?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, the President is interested anytime the United States government takes a case in a constitutional argument like this. The argument, of course, was crafted by the Justice Department, but they reflect the underlying view of the President that doctor-assisted suicide is not an acceptable policy.

Q Why can that not be seen as inconsistent with the President's statement a year ago that the era of big government is over when what could be more a sign of big government than telling a person who is ill and wants to end his life that he must continue to live?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, for exactly the reasons set forth in the brief filed by the government. They make a very strong and powerful argument about the concern a member of a state legislature

might have in drawing a distinction between assisting in death and allowing death to occur. So it's a well-reasoned argument, and I suggest that you look at the argument set forth in the brief, which provides a compelling answer to that question.

Q As a constitutional scholar, does the President offer advice to Justice Department officials in a situation like this?

MR. MCCURRY: They consult with the Legal Counsel's Office here and they take into account the President's views when they make judgments about how to enter cases. They certainly did that recently with respect to Proposition 209 in California. The Justice Department does reflect the thinking of the President in making decisions about cases of this nature.

Q But not specific legal precedent advice?

MR. MCCURRY: No, the President doesn't sit down and write the brief with the Justice Department, if that's the question. He is interested in that because of his own very keen interest in the Constitution. But he routinely allows the Legal Counsel Office here to work with the Justice Department to actually measure out the briefs that are submitted.

Q Does the President consider this a legal issue or a moral issue?

MR. MCCURRY: It's, in effect, both. The legal issue arises in what power does the state have to separate out the consequences of assisting in suicide, and that's a 14th Amendment issue that arises under the equal protection clause as a legal matter. But it also is a moral ethical issue as well, and the President recognizes that and in his public comments which we can provide you, he has reflected concern, deep concern, for the agony that patients go through when they're suffering with a terminal illness, but also the concern that one would have for families and others who are in difficult positions of making judgments.

There's an argument, and I think a compelling argument here about what the state takes on as responsibility if you move from the act of assisting in the death as opposed to allowing the death to occur. That's the nature of the argument that's set forth in the brief.

Q The President does sometimes use his position, his public platform, to speak out on moral questions like this. Is he sufficiently concerned because the rate of these assisted suicides seems to be increasing to start using his bully pulpit to speak out on, just on the moral questions?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know on this particular issue that that's when he -- he is satisfied with the argument that's now been made by the Justice Department before the Court, but he agrees with

the argument that they've set forth and that they've reasoned out in the brief, that there are consequences here and dangers and risks associated with changing the climate in which a doctor makes moral judgments about treatment of a terminally ill patient. And I think that's -- again, that suggests the brief is the best place to look to get the full flow of that argument.

Q Does the President have a position on looking the other way, not prosecuting the doctors who do assisted, but don't say much about it, the don't ask-don't tell policy --

MR. MCCURRY: The brief doesn't speak to that point. I don't know the President's thinking on that issue.

Q Has the President talked to Speaker Gingrich since he was sworn in yesterday?

MR. MCCURRY: He did call Warren yesterday and wished the Speaker well, had a good congratulatory call, and said he looked forward to working with the Speaker to address matters on the national agenda and to do the work that the American people have sent the Speaker of the Congress and the President here to Washington to do.

Q But the President liked what he heard from what the Speaker said yesterday?

MR. MCCURRY: Much about the Speaker's remarks yesterday in the House reflect concerns that the President himself has raised publicly, and indeed, on several of those issues it was clear that the thinking of the Speaker about at least the particular matters that have to be addressed is very similar to the President. Obviously, they have different approaches on many of these issues, but they have identified a common set of problems that are going to be on the agenda as we go into the work of the 105th Congress. And the President was encouraged especially by the tone of bipartisanship that the Speaker reflected in his remarks.

Q Does the President expect smooth sailing for all members of his Cabinet, or does he think he's going to have to weigh in and lobby?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, inevitably, nominations will proceed at different paces and some will raise more questions than others. The President has strong support for those that he's sent to the Senate and will be in a position to argue the merits of those cases. But so far we are encouraged by the support that we're seeing for the nominees that he has named.

Q Mike, is the President monitoring personally Madeleine Albright's hearing today, or is he just going to get some updates later on?

MR. MCCURRY: He'll be getting some updates from time to

time. Folks here and at the State Department are keeping an eye on it. She's doing swimmingly, in the opinion of most of us who have watched some of it.

Q Following the strategy session this week doesn't the President have any plans to have the Republican leadership come and meet with him, get started?

MR. MCCURRY: We don't have specific plans, but certainly an intention to meet early with the bipartisan leadership after they come back to town, because as you probably know, most of them have now left and will be out of town until the Inaugural, so sometime shortly after the Inaugural we do foresee a bipartisan leadership meeting. It has not been scheduled yet, but we will look for an opportunity to do that early in the calendar.

Q What about more meetings with committee chairmen like Archer?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, we'll have active contact, to be sure. As a matter of fact, just FYI, John Hilley, our Legislative Affairs Director, and Sandy Berger are up on the Hill today; I think they plan to see Majority Leader Lott to talk about getting some action going in the Senate on ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. So just as an example. There will be ongoing contact with the leadership, with the leadership staff and with other members as we begin to work through the agenda items that are now before the

President and the Congress.

Q Any specific lengthy meetings like the one he had with the Ways and Means chairman?

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MR. MCCURRY: I would not rule out the President getting together from time to time with individual members, as he did yesterday with Senator Moynihan. He'll be reaching out to this Congress and looking for opportunities to work with this Congress to do the things that he has set out as his agenda because, as we saw yesterday, there are some things that are certainly in common with the agenda of those who are now leading the Congress.

Q Mike, at the end of last year, President Clinton spoke of having more press conferences. Is there one being scheduled soon?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, as he told you, he plans to have one sometime this month. We haven't scheduled it yet, but we're working on scheduling one. And I think he's already made good on the notion of getting together more regularly with you.

Q Any reaction to Senator Lott's remarks on the speech today at the Chamber of Commerce event which seemed to suggest that they would be willing to accept lower tax cuts and that perhaps

the White House was willing to accept some deeper Medicare cuts?

MR. MCCURRY: I think there will be a lot of comments in and around the budget season about how we can move forward. And, so far, most of the comments coming from a lot of different places have been positive and have been aimed at suggesting there's room for agreement here. This is something you've heard the President say over and over again -- that we can balance the budget; we can do so consistent with the priorities and the values that the American people have embraced. And there is certainly room for agreement between what the Republican leadership has put forward as their priorities and what the President has put forward as his.

So we're encouraged by the atmosphere. Obviously, it's going to take a lot more work. Obviously, we have to complete our obligation to submit a formal budget document to Congress. But we remain hopeful that the environment for discussions about the budget will lead us to the goal that the President and, we believe, the Congress embraces -- balancing the budget by a date certain, doing so in a way that protects Medicare, protects Medicaid, makes the kinds of investments in education that will keep our economy strong into the next century and takes care of those priorities the President has identified.

Q Would'n't you have to put off the budget submission until February 10th?

MR. MCCURRY: We're talking to the Hill and -- we're still talking to them about dates for State of the Union and for the budget, and I'm not certain whether we announce or whether they announce, but when we've finalized the dates we'll make them public.

Q When will we get the President's schedule for the Inaugural, exactly what he's going to be doing and --

MR. MCCURRY: In advance of next weekend. And it's starting to come together. We can probably ON BACKGROUND give you a little sense of some of the things he'll be doing, but he'll have a very active schedule both at the White House and in and around some of the events here in Washington as we celebrate --

Q Did you know Greenspan was coming in this morning?

MR. MCCURRY: I didn't know until after he arrived, but I took the opportunity to say hello and to wish him well on his choice of brides.

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Q You said it was a routine day.

MR. MCCURRY: Well, that's pretty routine.

Q Mike, is there some discussion about changing the

State of the Union from the 5th to the 4th?

MR. MCCURRY: There may be, sure.

Q What does that mean, there may be? Is it being discussed? What would be the reason?

MR. MCCURRY: What would be the reason? Schedule. Make sure you get a good schedule.

Q Would the reason be so that he could send up a budget?

MR. MCCURRY: No, it would be lots of different reasons. We're just working with Congress to figure out when that week we're going to do various things and when we've got a schedule, we'll announce it.

Q Would a news conference be before Inaugural or after?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know yet because we haven't announced it.

Q Oooh! (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: My strong suspicion would be probably in

between Inauguration and State of the Union. That would work better from my point of view, but we'll see. We've got a lot of -- obviously, a lot of competing demands on the President's schedule, but he had said he would look forward to getting together with you early in the new year, and I want to make early in the new year sometime this month.

Q We do, too.

MR. MCCURRY: He's with you, Helen, on that subject.

Q Back to the Blair House meeting for a second.

Could you be a bit more specific on Erskine Bowles' ownership interest in the Carolina Panthers?

MR. MCCURRY: I sure can, because it turns out in fact he doesn't really have one. (Laughter.) But let me -- Mr. Toiv did some good research here on this. Apparently, before he came to Washington, he had an interest in a limited partnership that were exploring some opportunities to bring a team to North Carolina, and they did some exploratory discussions. They never actually invested in any entity that ended up being the Carolina Panthers, but Erskine's wife, Crandall, does have an interest in a partnership that's got -- in two limited partnerships that have investments in the Panthers. I guess her portion of the investment represents an ownership interest of about one percent of the Carolina Panthers. And we're all now inquiring whether that's a sufficient interest to

access tickets. (Laughter.) In case there is a Super Bowl appearance or something like that.

Q He wouldn't have to put this in the blind trust or divest himself?

MR. MCCURRY: No. The partnership he was in that was looking at the ownership opportunities he did divest himself of when he went to the SBA when he came to Washington. The Legal Counsel has looked at what his wife's ownership interest means in terms of the divestment that he is now doing. As you know, he is going through some divestment now, and they're trying to figure out whether his wife will have to divest that. They're thinking as probably not, because that type of limited partnership is difficult to get out of. There is also -- that's not a situation that the Legal Counsel's Office apparently believes will occasion many conflicts of interest, although if they do win the Super Bowl, apparently Erskine cannot play any role in scheduling the ritual appearance here at the White House.

Q It could be of interest if the Panthers ever play the Redskins.

MR. MCCURRY: Not for Erskine.

Q How about Hebron? The talks there seem to have significantly faltered. Is there any reason at all for optimism or

is it --

MR. MCCURRY: There is still reason to be hopeful in the view of Ambassador Ross, and he's communicated that here and he continues his work. He's made it clear to the parties that he will stay in the region, continue to work with the Palestinians and the Israelis so long as his presence there is useful in providing the facilitating, mediating roll that the United States brings to the Palestinian-Israeli talks. So he's there. That means that he is hopeful that the parties will bridge their differences. And he has been working intensively towards that end.

Q I mean, at one point we had talked about or thought there might be one as early as New Year's Day. The attack, obviously -- is that the reason why at this point --

MR. MCCURRY: Well, I'm not going to comment on how the parties approach their own dialogue. They do that themselves. Both Chairman Arafat and Prime Minister Netanyahu have addressed themselves to the issues and to their own view of the status of the discussions underway. And I don't think it's useful for us to add too much to that, other than to say that we will work hard to do our part to help them bridge those differences. And there are differences that remain, but as Ambassador Ross has said several times now, they are very close.

And we all remain hopeful that they will be able to

reach those -- bridge those differences because that aspect of implementing the declaration format is really, in a sense, a way that you can cross a hurdle and move into other issues that will still be within the context of the issues that the parties themselves have identified for deliberation in the future.

Q -- I'm unclear. The President spoke personally to Speaker Gingrich yesterday after the vote?

MR. MCCURRY: Yes, he gave him a call.

Q What time?

MR. MCCURRY: Late -- probably around mid-afternoon or so, sometime after the Speaker had sworn people in. And then he talked to -- a little bit earlier in the day he talked to Majority Leader Lott, as well. He also placed calls to Minority Leader Daschle and Minority Leader Gephardt.

Q I'm sorry, this may be irrelevant, but you seemed reluctant yesterday to say that he would call, and it just seemed like a routine protocol to offer those congrats. I'm just curious why --

MR. MCCURRY: I was reluctant to say it was going to happen until I knew for certain it would happen, only because then if it hadn't happened then people would have made a big deal out of

that, to be honest with you. Yes, why didn't it happen, so forth --

Q Who would have done that? (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: A petulant press corps with nothing else to do. (Laughter.)

Q Ooh.

MR. MCCURRY: Oh, you're saying you wouldn't have done that? Oh.

Q Those are our evil twins.

MR. MCCURRY: Forgive me, those are the evil twins?

Q You put a negative spin on it yesterday so we didn't think --

MR. MCCURRY: Negative spin? Oh, you mean because I said -- I wanted to make the point that he already talked to him before.

Q The Charles Ruff announcement of the appointment came quite late yesterday. I don't suppose there's any heads-up you could give us on anything planned like that today or --

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know. Just tell me -- if any

story starts the break and we want to get an official confirmation out there for everyone's benefit, let me know. Anyone planning on breaking any stories? Anyone on background have anything good? Wolf? (Laughter.)

Q Let us know if Ruff's already quit. (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: Cynic. What about George going on Spin City?

Q Yes, that's all right.

Q That's huge.

MR. MCCURRY: Now, if you were Michael J. Fox, would you let George come on your set?

Q No.

MR. MCCURRY: Run the risk of taking the lead away?

Q Nobody's ever seen the two of them in the same room, have they? (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: Well, apparently they're not going to be together at the same time, which does raise an interesting question, does it not?

Q Doesn't it?

MR. MCCURRY: Are there, in fact, two humanoids --

(laughter.)

Q It's another conspiracy.

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MR. MCCURRY: It looked that way. Another conspiracy

-- well, there's plenty of conspiracies to follow here.

Well, we're just babbling away here. Anything else

anyone wants to do while we're just hanging around?

Q How's your fan mail these days?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't get any.

Q Really?

MR. MCCURRY: I just get -- I'd describe it more as

anti-fan mail. (Laughter.)

Q What's going on tomorrow, Mike?

MR. MCCURRY: Tomorrow, we've got -- the President will be talking about college education opportunities and how we can help kids finance college educations. And the proposal is going to sound similar to the Hope Scholarship concept.

Q When is this?

MR. MCCURRY: He'll do that on the occasion -- talking about the progress we've made in reducing the student loan default rate. You'll recall back at the last, end of the 1980s we had student loan defaults in the neighborhood of 22 percent, 22.4 percent, right?

Q What is it now?

MR. MCCURRY: Lower. You can get the most recent statistic, but we've done a good job of bringing that loan default rate down. It's partly through things that we've done and procedures we've tightened up and, frankly, partly because the economy has gotten stronger. Kids coming out of college are getting jobs, reflected in the growth of employment opportunities that the growing economy has created and they're in a position, better position to pay back the money that they borrowed for their college education.

So we'll be making the point tomorrow that we've got to continue to make college education opportunities available; ways of doing that and ways that we can make sure that when money is borrowed

from the government, kids are in a position to pay it back.

Q Where is he going to make that statement?

Q Where?

MR. MCCURRY: At 10:00 a.m. in the Oval.

Q When he talks about that, Mike, is he going to talk about how he proposes to finance the Hope Scholarships now? Because I believe the funding source he identified in Princeton has since been used for other purposes and they're technically unfunded.

MR. MCCURRY: I don't think he'll be in a position to do that. We were very scrupulous during the campaign period about doing pay-fors as we made proposals. You're right, I think -- I don't know specifically --

Q The Spectrum sales were used for the '97 budget, I think.

MR. MCCURRY: I think some of the -- I seem to recall that someone suggested that there were still little bands in the Spectrum that were available for Hope Scholarships. (Laughter.) They hadn't been used up. That Spectrum is pretty good. Todd, to answer the question, I don't think he will try to attempt to do that tomorrow because that's now folded into the overall work on the

budget.

Q Is he going to be surrounded by college kids or something? I mean, what's the --

MR. MCCURRY: Yes.

Q Mike, is the evidence that students were defaulting because they couldn't repay the loans, or I thought word was out that they could get away with it, that the federal government was not --

MR. MCCURRY: The combination of not having tight enough enforcement, not having colleges that saw any consequence. You know, we started making colleges a little more responsible for doing some of the work of helping students understand their obligations. So there was a little of that type of job-owning that occurred. But part of it was also the status of the economy. They were just -- kids were having a hard time finding jobs during a time in which the economy was not growing as robustly as it is now after four years of brilliant economic leadership by this President and this administration.

Q Any reaction to this AMA study, announcement today at the National Press Club that doctors seem to have found three specific Gulf War illnesses and, in contrast to the presidential committee, say that stress does not appear to be a factor?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, I think Dr. Lashof and others did a good job yesterday at summarizing what they found in the report. The key thing they stressed was the need for ongoing epidemiological research into the health effects that the veterans are surely experiencing. And they were the first to say they had not found the causal link to those health effects, but that work needed to continue. And we welcome any of those who can come forward with research and can continue the work that the commission will now do, and that other agencies of government will do in the next nine months and, obviously, beyond that, because there's going to be an ongoing effort to attend to the health care needs of those who served in the Gulf.

Barry reports to me that the original exploration -- the original exploratory group that Erskine was part of did, in fact, get involved with the Panthers, but that was after he got out of it. So he was in the limited partnership that actually, eventually ended up bringing the Panthers to Carolina.

Q But he doesn't have any now?

MR. MCCURRY: He considers himself -- the key thing is, he considers himself a founding partner of the Carolina Panthers.

Q And bailed out too early?

MR. MCCURRY: He probably thinks he did, sure.

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MR. MCCURRY: You're all welcome. Good-bye. See you
tomorrow.

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MIKE MCCURRY

The Briefing Room

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Q For nothing going on, why are you so late?

MR. MCCURRY: I apologize for being tardy. My general rule is 10 minutes late, it's okay, but if you're a half an hour late I owe you an apology. I owe you an apology. I've been goofing off today.

Q What's going on?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, the President did those tapings I mentioned to you. They went very well. He's taking some photos. Anything else you'd like to know about?

Q Do you have anything on Yeltsin's medical troubles?

MR. MCCURRY: On that, if I'm not mistaken, the Russian Federation had indicated that President Yeltsin had been suffering from some flu. I don't have -- we don't have anything beyond that officially communicated to us on his condition.

Q They say he's been hospitalized for pneumonia.

MR. MCCURRY: There are press accounts to that effect. I don't believe the government spokesman, if they put anything out on that.

Q Doctor says early signs of pneumonia.

Q Would it be customary for the government to inform this government of that fact if he had been hospitalized?

MR. MCCURRY: We inquire from time to time about his health and wish him well for a speedy recovery, particularly in the aftermath of his recent surgery.

Q But do you know if he has been hospitalized?

MR. MCCURRY: We do not have independent confirmation of those accounts.

Q Are you seeking it?

MR. MCCURRY: I said from time to time we inquire, when we hear that he has been hospitalized, obviously, we express our concern and our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Q Anything new on the Wyoming high school?

(Laughter.)

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Q Americans want to know.

Q Another tragedy.

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MR. MCCURRY: The President saw that story this morning and the President wants that story to have a happy ending. And the presidential Inaugural Committee is working furiously to make sure there will be a happy ending to that story. The band will be here and the band will do something that will make them proud while they're here. And the Inaugural Committee is working on that now. Actually, I suggest that you call over to the Inaugural Committee later today; they're working on that now.

They had, by the way, about 165 different bands apply,

but only 24 will actually be in the parade. So we did have to say no to people, and obviously kids get excited and enthusiastic about wanting to come. In this case we think, unfortunately, the band leader and members of the band and the parents and the community itself were misled, not by anyone connected to the President or to the Inaugural Committee, and that's unfortunate. But they are coming because they've got non-refundable tickets. And as I say, the President hopes for a happy ending to the story.

Q Misled by whom?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, you read the story today you can see a lot of likely culprits indicated.

Q Well, they aren't necessarily in the parade, correct?

MR. MCCURRY: Not necessarily, no. They're looking for a mix of different types of bands in the parade. Not every unit is a big marching band unit. There will be some jazz bands, some mariachi bands, different types of bands that will lend a cosmopolitan flavor to the march up Pennsylvania Avenue.

Q How did the President make it -- to whom did he speak about this? What did he say?

MR. MCCURRY: I believe he said something to Leon and

then Leon asked Mr. Ickes, who's been supervising some of the Inaugural activities from here, to look into it, and that's what Harold's been doing.

Q Are you convinced it was simply an oversight and not partisan politics of any kind being played?

MR. MCCURRY: I'm convinced that people get exuberant.

Q Oh, there goes the market. (Laughter.)

Q Overly exuberant.

MR. MCCURRY: Which, by the way, calls to mind -- I don't want you to get irrationally exuberant about the following, but the President did see Alan Greenspan today.

Q Why?

Q What did they talk about, Mike?

Q Did he congratulate him on his engagement?

MR. MCCURRY: To answer the query from NBC News, the President did wish the Chairman well for his pending nuptials to one of your former colleagues.

Q When are they?

Q "Former"?

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MR. MCCURRY: I don't know. I actually don't know. She indicated something about a --

Q Have I been fired? (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: To one of your former colleagues. I wasn't aware that you and the Chairman were planning to get married, Mick. (Laughter.) I thought it was your former -- the former occupant of that chair.

Q Why did come in and who invited him?

MR. MCCURRY: As he does periodically, the President and his economic team met with the Chairman of the Federal Reserve to discuss the state of the economy and issues related to the economy. The participants were the President, the Vice President, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Bowles, Secretary Rubin, Deputy Secretary Summers -- he's Deputy Secretary, not Under Secretary, right? Deputy Secretary newly enhanced, newly fortified with new positions -- Frank Raines and Gene Sperling, all participated. And for reasons that everyone here well understands, that's about all I'm going to say about the meeting.

Q Well, how often does the Chairman meet with the President?

MR. MCCURRY: Occasionally. They get together, I think, every several months. They share views about their outlooks on the economy and since both of them publicly address themselves to that question, I'll leave it to their public comments to describe their respective views of the economy.

Q What kind of coverage arrangements are you setting up for Saturday, for those of us who have to cover that Cabinet meeting?

MR. MCCURRY: We can -- we don't plan any coverage. It's a working session that obviously will be then reflected in the public work that the Cabinet and the President do later on this year. So I imagine we will let people catch the President waving on the way in, catch him waving on the way out; and then we will provide some type of readout at the end of the day so you don't have to camp here all day long. You can plan to show up late in the afternoon, probably around 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. and get the general drift.

Q Why time might they get started?

MR. MCCURRY: They are scheduled to get started at 10:00 a.m. What time might they get started? No doubt sometime

thereafter. (Laughter.)

Q So Camp David is out, it's a one-day deal?

MR. MCCURRY: One-day deal on Saturday, here, Blair House.

Q Mike, how long was the Greenspan meeting and did they discuss the budget?

MR. MCCURRY: It was about an hour. About an hour.

Q Did they discuss the budget in the --

MR. MCCURRY: They discussed the economy and issues related to the economy, as my statement said.

Q Did they talk about the Fed vacancy?

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MR. MCCURRY: They discussed the economy and issues related to the economy, as my statement said. No further details to be provided.

Q As long as she asked the question, though, what's the status on replacing Janet Yellen?

MR. MCCURRY: On the --

Q The Fed vacancy?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know, I'd have to check. I don't know that that subject came up.

Q Were you able to find out any more about the origin of the President's strong opposition to right-to-die legislation?

MR. MCCURRY: I looked into it. It goes back to the public position he took during the course of the 1992 campaign. He indicated in July of 1992, during a campaign appearance on a Seattle talk show, that he was asked about the activities of Dr. Kevorkian and said that he did not share the views of the caller, that people should automatically have an opportunity to be assisted in suicide. He cited his own experience with family members who had Alzheimer's disease.

So he traced it to some personal concern himself about particularly elderly relatives who get into a position where their ability to make judgement about their own health care needs might be impaired. And then several other times during the campaign it came up. He said he did not support doctor-assisted suicides on several occasions during that campaign.

Now, that is among the reasons that the Justice Department, of course, entered the case in an amicus brief filed in the case heard today in the court, Acting Solicitor General Dellinger argued that fairly forcefully, as some of you know, earlier today and the views of the government and the equal protection issues that arise under the 14th Amendment were set forth in the brief the Justice Department filed in November in the case.

Q And it is accurate to say that the arguments that Dellinger made he was making because the President dictated this as the position of the federal government?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, the President is interested anytime the United States government takes a case in a constitutional argument like this. The argument, of course, was crafted by the Justice Department, but they reflect the underlying view of the President that doctor-assisted suicide is not an acceptable policy.

Q Why can that not be seen as inconsistent with the President's statement a year ago that the era of big government is over when what could be more a sign of big government than telling a person who is ill and wants to end his life that he must continue to live?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, for exactly the reasons set forth in the brief filed by the government. They make a very strong and powerful argument about the concern a member of a state legislature

might have in drawing a distinction between assisting in death and allowing death to occur. So it's a well-reasoned argument, and I suggest that you look at the argument set forth in the brief, which provides a compelling answer to that question.

Q As a constitutional scholar, does the President offer advice to Justice Department officials in a situation like this?

MR. MCCURRY: They consult with the Legal Counsel's Office here and they take into account the President's views when they make judgments about how to enter cases. They certainly did that recently with respect to Proposition 209 in California. The Justice Department does reflect the thinking of the President in making decisions about cases of this nature.

Q But not specific legal precedent advice?

MR. MCCURRY: No, the President doesn't sit down and write the brief with the Justice Department, if that's the question. He is interested in that because of his own very keen interest in the Constitution. But he routinely allows the Legal Counsel Office here to work with the Justice Department to actually measure out the briefs that are submitted.

Q Does the President consider this a legal issue or a moral issue?

MR. MCCURRY: It's, in effect, both. The legal issue arises in what power does the state have to separate out the consequences of assisting in suicide, and that's a 14th Amendment issue that arises under the equal protection clause as a legal matter. But it also is a moral ethical issue as well, and the President recognizes that and in his public comments which we can provide you, he has reflected concern, deep concern, for the agony that patients go through when they're suffering with a terminal illness, but also the concern that one would have for families and others who are in difficult positions of making judgments.

There's an argument, and I think a compelling argument here about what the state takes on as responsibility if you move from the act of assisting in the death as opposed to allowing the death to occur. That's the nature of the argument that's set forth in the brief.

Q The President does sometimes use his position, his public platform, to speak out on moral questions like this. Is he sufficiently concerned because the rate of these assisted suicides seems to be increasing to start using his bully pulpit to speak out on, just on the moral questions?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know on this particular issue that that's when he -- he is satisfied with the argument that's now been made by the Justice Department before the Court, but he agrees with

the argument that they've set forth and that they've reasoned out in the brief, that there are consequences here and dangers and risks associated with changing the climate in which a doctor makes moral judgments about treatment of a terminally ill patient. And I think that's -- again, that suggests the brief is the best place to look to get the full flow of that argument.

Q Does the President have a position on looking the other way, not prosecuting the doctors who do assisted, but don't say much about it, the don't ask-don't tell policy --

MR. MCCURRY: The brief doesn't speak to that point. I don't know the President's thinking on that issue.

Q Has the President talked to Speaker Gingrich since he was sworn in yesterday?

MR. MCCURRY: He did call Warren yesterday and wished the Speaker well, had a good congratulatory call, and said he looked forward to working with the Speaker to address matters on the national agenda and to do the work that the American people have sent the Speaker of the Congress and the President here to Washington to do.

Q But the President liked what he heard from what the Speaker said yesterday?

MR. MCCURRY: Much about the Speaker's remarks yesterday in the House reflect concerns that the President himself has raised publicly, and indeed, on several of those issues it was clear that the thinking of the Speaker about at least the particular matters that have to be addressed is very similar to the President. Obviously, they have different approaches on many of these issues, but they have identified a common set of problems that are going to be on the agenda as we go into the work of the 105th Congress. And the President was encouraged especially by the tone of bipartisanship that the Speaker reflected in his remarks.

Q Does the President expect smooth sailing for all members of his Cabinet, or does he think he's going to have to weigh in and lobby?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, inevitably, nominations will proceed at different paces and some will raise more questions than others. The President has strong support for those that he's sent to the Senate and will be in a position to argue the merits of those cases. But so far we are encouraged by the support that we're seeing for the nominees that he has named.

Q Mike, is the President monitoring personally Madeleine Albright's hearing today, or is he just going to get some updates later on?

MR. MCCURRY: He'll be getting some updates from time to

time. Folks here and at the State Department are keeping an eye on it. She's doing swimmingly, in the opinion of most of us who have watched some of it.

Q Following the strategy session this week doesn't the President have any plans to have the Republican leadership come and meet with him, get started?

MR. MCCURRY: We don't have specific plans, but certainly an intention to meet early with the bipartisan leadership after they come back to town, because as you probably know, most of them have now left and will be out of town until the Inaugural, so sometime shortly after the Inaugural we do foresee a bipartisan leadership meeting. It has not been scheduled yet, but we will look for an opportunity to do that early in the calendar.

Q What about more meetings with committee chairmen like Archer?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, we'll have active contact, to be sure. As a matter of fact, just FYI, John Hilley, our Legislative Affairs Director, and Sandy Berger are up on the Hill today; I think they plan to see Majority Leader Lott to talk about getting some action going in the Senate on ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. So just as an example. There will be ongoing contact with the leadership, with the leadership staff and with other members as we begin to work through the agenda items that are now before the

President and the Congress.

Q Any specific lengthy meetings like the one he had with the Ways and Means chairman?

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MR. MCCURRY: I would not rule out the President getting together from time to time with individual members, as he did yesterday with Senator Moynihan. He'll be reaching out to this Congress and looking for opportunities to work with this Congress to do the things that he has set out as his agenda because, as we saw yesterday, there are some things that are certainly in common with the agenda of those who are now leading the Congress.

Q Mike, at the end of last year, President Clinton spoke of having more press conferences. Is there one being scheduled soon?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, as he told you, he plans to have one sometime this month. We haven't scheduled it yet, but we're working on scheduling one. And I think he's already made good on the notion of getting together more regularly with you.

Q Any reaction to Senator Lott's remarks on the speech today at the Chamber of Commerce event which seemed to suggest that they would be willing to accept lower tax cuts and that perhaps

the White House was willing to accept some deeper Medicare cuts?

MR. MCCURRY: I think there will be a lot of comments in and around the budget season about how we can move forward. And, so far, most of the comments coming from a lot of different places have been positive and have been aimed at suggesting there's room for agreement here. This is something you've heard the President say over and over again -- that we can balance the budget; we can do so consistent with the priorities and the values that the American people have embraced. And there is certainly room for agreement between what the Republican leadership has put forward as their priorities and what the President has put forward as his.

So we're encouraged by the atmosphere. Obviously, it's going to take a lot more work. Obviously, we have to complete our obligation to submit a formal budget document to Congress. But we remain hopeful that the environment for discussions about the budget will lead us to the goal that the President and, we believe, the Congress embraces -- balancing the budget by a date certain, doing so in a way that protects Medicare, protects Medicaid, makes the kinds of investments in education that will keep our economy strong into the next century and takes care of those priorities the President has identified.

Q Wouldn't you have to put off the budget submission until February 10th?

MR. MCCURRY: We're talking to the Hill and -- we're still talking to them about dates for State of the Union and for the budget, and I'm not certain whether we announce or whether they announce, but when we've finalized the dates we'll make them public.

Q When will we get the President's schedule for the Inaugural, exactly what he's going to be doing and --

MR. MCCURRY: In advance of next weekend. And it's starting to come together. We can probably ON BACKGROUND give you a little sense of some of the things he'll be doing, but he'll have a very active schedule both at the White House and in and around some of the events here in Washington as we celebrate --

Q Did you know Greenspan was coming in this morning?

MR. MCCURRY: I didn't know until after he arrived, but I took the opportunity to say hello and to wish him well on his choice of brides.

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Q You said it was a routine day.

MR. MCCURRY: Well, that's pretty routine.

Q Mike, is there some discussion about changing the

State of the Union from the 5th to the 4th?

MR. MCCURRY: There may be, sure.

Q What does that mean, there may be? Is it being discussed? What would be the reason?

MR. MCCURRY: What would be the reason? Schedule. Make sure you get a good schedule.

Q Would the reason be so that he could send up a budget?

MR. MCCURRY: No, it would be lots of different reasons. We're just working with Congress to figure out when that week we're going to do various things and when we've got a schedule, we'll announce it.

Q Would a news conference be before Inaugural or after?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know yet because we haven't announced it.

Q Oooh! (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: My strong suspicion would be probably in

between Inauguration and State of the Union. That would work better from my point of view, but we'll see. We've got a lot of -- obviously, a lot of competing demands on the President's schedule, but he had said he would look forward to getting together with you early in the new year, and I want to make early in the new year sometime this month.

Q We do, too.

MR. MCCURRY: He's with you, Helen, on that subject.

Q Back to the Blair House meeting for a second.

Could you be a bit more specific on Erskine Bowles' ownership interest in the Carolina Panthers?

MR. MCCURRY: I sure can, because it turns out in fact he doesn't really have one. (Laughter.) But let me -- Mr. Toiv did some good research here on this. Apparently, before he came to Washington, he had an interest in a limited partnership that were exploring some opportunities to bring a team to North Carolina, and they did some exploratory discussions. They never actually invested in any entity that ended up being the Carolina Panthers, but Erskine's wife, Crandall, does have an interest in a partnership that's got -- in two limited partnerships that have investments in the Panthers. I guess her portion of the investment represents an ownership interest of about one percent of the Carolina Panthers. And we're all now inquiring whether that's a sufficient interest to

access tickets. (Laughter.) In case there is a Super Bowl appearance or something like that.

Q He wouldn't have to put this in the blind trust or divest himself?

MR. MCCURRY: No. The partnership he was in that was looking at the ownership opportunities he did divest himself of when he went to the SBA when he came to Washington. The Legal Counsel has looked at what his wife's ownership interest means in terms of the divestment that he is now doing. As you know, he is going through some divestment now, and they're trying to figure out whether his wife will have to divest that. They're thinking as probably not, because that type of limited partnership is difficult to get out of. There is also -- that's not a situation that the Legal Counsel's Office apparently believes will occasion many conflicts of interest, although if they do win the Super Bowl, apparently Erskine cannot play any role in scheduling the ritual appearance here at the White House.

Q It could be of interest if the Panthers ever play the Redskins.

MR. MCCURRY: Not for Erskine.

Q How about Hebron? The talks there seem to have significantly faltered. Is there any reason at all for optimism or

is it --

MR. MCCURRY: There is still reason to be hopeful in the view of Ambassador Ross, and he's communicated that here and he continues his work. He's made it clear to the parties that he will stay in the region, continue to work with the Palestinians and the Israelis so long as his presence there is useful in providing the facilitating, mediating roll that the United States brings to the Palestinian-Israeli talks. So he's there. That means that he is hopeful that the parties will bridge their differences. And he has been working intensively towards that end.

Q I mean, at one point we had talked about or thought there might be one as early as New Year's Day. The attack, obviously -- is that the reason why at this point --

MR. MCCURRY: Well, I'm not going to comment on how the parties approach their own dialogue. They do that themselves. Both Chairman Arafat and Prime Minister Netanyahu have addressed themselves to the issues and to their own view of the status of the discussions underway. And I don't think it's useful for us to add too much to that, other than to say that we will work hard to do our part to help them bridge those differences. And there are differences that remain, but as Ambassador Ross has said several times now, they are very close.

And we all remain hopeful that they will be able to

reach those -- bridge those differences because that aspect of implementing the declaration format is really, in a sense, a way that you can cross a hurdle and move into other issues that will still be within the context of the issues that the parties themselves have identified for deliberation in the future.

Q -- I'm unclear. The President spoke personally to Speaker Gingrich yesterday after the vote?

MR. MCCURRY: Yes, he gave him a call.

Q What time?

MR. MCCURRY: Late -- probably around mid-afternoon or so, sometime after the Speaker had sworn people in. And then he talked to -- a little bit earlier in the day he talked to Majority Leader Lott, as well. He also placed calls to Minority Leader Daschle and Minority Leader Gephardt.

Q I'm sorry, this may be irrelevant, but you seemed reluctant yesterday to say that he would call, and it just seemed like a routine protocol to offer those congrats. I'm just curious why --

MR. MCCURRY: I was reluctant to say it was going to happen until I knew for certain it would happen, only because then if it hadn't happened then people would have made a big deal out of

that, to be honest with you. Yes, why didn't it happen, so forth --

Q Who would have done that? (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: A petulant press corps with nothing else to do. (Laughter.)

Q Ooh.

MR. MCCURRY: Oh, you're saying you wouldn't have done that? Oh.

Q Those are our evil twins.

MR. MCCURRY: Forgive me, those are the evil twins?

Q You put a negative spin on it yesterday so we didn't think --

MR. MCCURRY: Negative spin? Oh, you mean because I said -- I wanted to make the point that he already talked to him before.

Q The Charles Ruff announcement of the appointment came quite late yesterday. I don't suppose there's any heads-up you could give us on anything planned like that today or --

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know. Just tell me -- if any

story starts the break and we want to get an official confirmation out there for everyone's benefit, let me know. Anyone planning on breaking any stories? Anyone on background have anything good? Wolf? (Laughter.)

Q Let us know if Ruff's already quit. (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: Cynic. What about George going on Spin City?

Q Yes, that's all right.

Q That's huge.

MR. MCCURRY: Now, if you were Michael J. Fox, would you let George come on your set?

Q No.

MR. MCCURRY: Run the risk of taking the lead away?

Q Nobody's ever seen the two of them in the same room, have they? (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: Well, apparently they're not going to be together at the same time, which does raise an interesting question, does it not?

Q Doesn't it?

MR. MCCURRY: Are there, in fact, two humanoids --

(laughter.)

Q It's another conspiracy.

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MR. MCCURRY: It looked that way. Another conspiracy

-- well, there's plenty of conspiracies to follow here.

Well, we're just babbling away here. Anything else
anyone wants to do while we're just hanging around?

Q How's your fan mail these days?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't get any.

Q Really?

MR. MCCURRY: I just get -- I'd describe it more as
anti-fan mail. (Laughter.)

Q What's going on tomorrow, Mike?

MR. MCCURRY: Tomorrow, we've got -- the President will be talking about college education opportunities and how we can help kids finance college educations. And the proposal is going to sound similar to the Hope Scholarship concept.

Q When is this?

MR. MCCURRY: He'll do that on the occasion -- talking about the progress we've made in reducing the student loan default rate. You'll recall back at the last, end of the 1980s we had student loan defaults in the neighborhood of 22 percent, 22.4 percent, right?

Q What is it now?

MR. MCCURRY: Lower. You can get the most recent statistic, but we've done a good job of bringing that loan default rate down. It's partly through things that we've done and procedures we've tightened up and, frankly, partly because the economy has gotten stronger. Kids coming out of college are getting jobs, reflected in the growth of employment opportunities that the growing economy has created and they're in a position, better position to pay back the money that they borrowed for their college education.

So we'll be making the point tomorrow that we've got to continue to make college education opportunities available; ways of doing that and ways that we can make sure that when money is borrowed

from the government, kids are in a position to pay it back.

Q Where is he going to make that statement?

Q Where?

MR. MCCURRY: At 10:00 a.m. in the Oval.

Q When he talks about that, Mike, is he going to talk about how he proposes to finance the Hope Scholarships now? Because I believe the funding source he identified in Princeton has since been used for other purposes and they're technically unfunded.

MR. MCCURRY: I don't think he'll be in a position to do that. We were very scrupulous during the campaign period about doing pay-fors as we made proposals. You're right, I think -- I don't know specifically --

Q The Spectrum sales were used for the '97 budget, I think.

MR. MCCURRY: I think some of the -- I seem to recall that someone suggested that there were still little bands in the Spectrum that were available for Hope Scholarships. (Laughter.) They hadn't been used up. That Spectrum is pretty good. Todd, to answer the question, I don't think he will try to attempt to do that tomorrow because that's now folded into the overall work on the

budget.

Q Is he going to be surrounded by college kids or something? I mean, what's the --

MR. MCCURRY: Yes.

Q Mike, is the evidence that students were defaulting because they couldn't repay the loans, or I thought word was out that they could get away with it, that the federal government was not --

MR. MCCURRY: The combination of not having tight enough enforcement, not having colleges that saw any consequence. You know, we started making colleges a little more responsible for doing some of the work of helping students understand their obligations. So there was a little of that type of job-owning that occurred. But part of it was also the status of the economy. They were just -- kids were having a hard time finding jobs during a time in which the economy was not growing as robustly as it is now after four years of brilliant economic leadership by this President and this administration.

Q Any reaction to this AMA study, announcement today at the National Press Club that doctors seem to have found three specific Gulf War illnesses and, in contrast to the presidential committee, say that stress does not appear to be a factor?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, I think Dr. Lashof and others did a good job yesterday at summarizing what they found in the report. The key thing they stressed was the need for ongoing epidemiological research into the health effects that the veterans are surely experiencing. And they were the first to say they had not found the causal link to those health effects, but that work needed to continue. And we welcome any of those who can come forward with research and can continue the work that the commission will now do, and that other agencies of government will do in the next nine months and, obviously, beyond that, because there's going to be an ongoing effort to attend to the health care needs of those who served in the Gulf.

Barry reports to me that the original exploration -- the original exploratory group that Erskine was part of did, in fact, get involved with the Panthers, but that was after he got out of it. So he was in the limited partnership that actually, eventually ended up bringing the Panthers to Carolina.

Q But he doesn't have any now?

MR. MCCURRY: He considers himself -- the key thing is, he considers himself a founding partner of the Carolina Panthers.

Q And bailed out too early?

MR. MCCURRY: He probably thinks he did, sure.

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MR. MCCURRY: You're all welcome. Good-bye. See you
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1996 Gay Discharges Highest Since 1991

Asking, Harassment and Witch Hunts Continue

Pentagon Ignores Violations of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network released its Third Annual Report documenting violations of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" by the military at a press conference today in Washington, D.C. The report is available at www.sldn.org, beginning this afternoon, east coast time.

SLDN's report, based on our casework for the period Feb 28, 1996 to Feb 26, 1997 finds that certain military commanders continue to ask servicemembers about their sexual orientation, conduct witch hunts to ferret out suspected gays and lesbians and condone dangerous climates of anti-gay harassment.

The executive summary and recommendations of the report will follow by second email.

Please write or call the following officials, and your representatives in Congress, to let them know that Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue MUST be implemented fairly and in compliance with the law and the original intent

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the policy. The asking, harassment and witch hunts of servicemembers
suspected of being gay MUST STOP. As always, please send SLDN a copy of
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correspondence or let us know the results of your phone calls. Also PLEASE
distribute this alert as widely as possible, our folks in the field need
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in
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Defense Secretary Says He Will Correct Treatment of Gays
Carolyn Lochhead, Chronicle Washington Bureau
Washington

Secretary of Defense William Cohen yesterday promised proper enforcement of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the armed services after a report that showed rising harassment of gays and lesbians. "I will do everything I can to see that it's stopped," Cohen said. Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a nonprofit group that gives legal assistance to gays in the armed forces, reported yesterday that the Pentagon discharged 850 men and women last year under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, up from 722 discharges in 1995 and 597 in 1994. The increase since 1994 is about 43 percent. The group said that last year's rate of discharges is the highest since 1987 and that the Pentagon's actions left gays worse off than under the old policy that permitted the military to question service members' sexual orientation. "The armed forces repeatedly excused or ignored prohibitions against asking, witch hunts and harassment," said Dixon Osburn, the group's co-executive director. "The relentless pursuit of gay personnel has resulted in gay discharges that have soared." The "don't ask, don't tell" policy, implemented after a roiling controversy in the first year of the Clinton administration, was a compromise intended to preserve the official ban on gays in the military but end their active harassment. Gays and lesbians are permitted to serve, but not if they make their sexual orientation known or act upon it. Cohen acknowledged that asking military personnel about their sexual orientation is against the law and added: "We're going to enforce the policy." The Defense Department released a statement yesterday saying that officials have not yet had a chance to review the report but promised "appropriate action" if there is "credible and specific information" of violations of the new policy. But the Pentagon also noted that more than half of the homosexual conduct discharges cited by the

group were in their first months of training and 90 percent in their first term of service. Officials said the figures indicate that most discharges do not involve career officers, implying that new recruits may be declaring themselves homosexual upon deciding they do not want to stay in the military after all. Michele Benecke, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network co-executive director, said the Pentagon cited no evidence to back up that assertion. She also made reference to cases described in the group's report in which the armed forces are alleged to have conducted "witch hunts" and elicited information in plea bargains to investigate other troops. Benecke said military commanders receive no training on how to enforce the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, citing a statement from a military official in one case saying "further investigation may turn up credible information" of homosexuality. "Of course, that is exactly backwards," she said, noting that the policy requires credible information before an investigation. Benecke pointed to Bay Area native Nicole Galvan, 22, born in Benicia and living now in Union City, who said she was forced out of West Point last spring after her commander asked her whether she was a lesbian and when she refused to answer, seized her personal diary and e-mails as evidence. "I felt violated and humiliated," Galvan said, adding that her female friends became afraid to talk to her for fear of being labeled lesbian, her roommates forced her to move to a different room, and male cadets called her "dyke" and other epithets on her way to class. "My cadet life became unbearable," she said. Galvan said West Point officials recommended that she leave based on the information from her journal and e-mails, and asked her to repay \$100,000 in tuition for her three years of study while threatening to deny her course credits. (After the third year of study, cadets are obliged to serve in the military or repay their tuition costs). Galvan said appeals from her father met with no response. Galvan said she was allowed an honorable discharge with credits and no requirement to pay for her education after the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network intervened. "Nikki Galvan never told," Benecke said. "She was asked, and she was pursued under circumstances most Americans would find abhorrent."

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House OKs Hate Measure

Gov. Threatens Another Veto

By Justin Brown

The Associated Press

SANTA FE -- A hate crimes bill moved closer to reaching the desk of Gov.

Gary Johnson on Saturday after it was approved 37-26 by the House. The governor vetoed a similar measure two years ago.

The measure, which was sent to the Senate for consideration, would allow a judge to impose a longer sentence if it's found that injury or damage

was inflicted because of a victim's race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, disability or other such factor.

Johnson vetoed a similar measure in 1995 and has said he probably would veto this year's bill. He says all crimes are hate crimes. In presenting the bill to the House, Rep. R. David Pederson, D-Gallup, contested that assertion by Johnson.

"There's a difference between throwing a rock through someone's window and burning a cross on a Black family's lawn," Pederson said.

His eyes appeared to well up with tears and his voice cracked when he told about a family trip he took to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Pederson cited statistics saying the types of hate crimes targeted in his bill have increased by 16 percent in New Mexico in the last year.

"This is truly an important issue," he said.

Opponents of the bill jumped on the inclusion of sexual orientation in the bill, saying it would be the first time that was included in state law.

Pederson said it was needed to protect homosexuals from "gay bashing." Rep. Jerry Lee Alwin, R-Albuquerque, called the measure a "real low for the state of New Mexico."

"This gives a special right to a small group based on what they do in the bedroom," Alwin said. "If anything, we need to add Anglo males to the

bill."

Rep. Timothy Macko, R-Albuquerque, asked Pederson whether the bill would protect those who had sex with animals or dead people.

"Would someone wanting to practice strange sexual orientation be protected under this statute?" he asked.

Pederson called such questions "facetious" and reiterated that the measure applies to people who commit crimes motivated by the group to which the victim belongs. It would be up to a judge whether to impose a tougher sentence, he said.

Supporters of the bill rose in defense of homosexuals being included in the measure.

"People who have a different sexual orientation are suffering and some of them have been brutally hurt," said Rep. J. Paul Taylor, D-Mesilla.

Rep. Sheryl Williams, D-Albuquerque, wrapped up more than two hours of debate by saying the House had been sidetracked and was missing the real issue.

"This bill is about racism," she said. "It is about whether a crime can be committed against someone because they're different."

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WE NEED SAME-SEX AMENDMENT

In an attempt to pre-empt the Circuit Court's decision to legalize same-sex marriage, legislators have been searching for a solution to address

the many complex issues associated with the marriage debate.

While this session holds great promise for opponents of same-sex marriage, we need to stay abreast of new proposals and keep on top of legislators to pass a clear constitutional amendment for the people to vote on. The battle is far from over.

Early on in the legislative session, the state House of Representatives proposed an amendment to the state Constitution confirming the existing statute that marriage is the union between one man and one woman. The Senate countered with a substantively flawed version. Under the Senate's proposal it is likely that the Supreme Court will ultimately legalize same-sex marriage.

The Senate bill would allow the state to regulate and define marriage, only if it does not deprive any person of civil rights on the basis of sex.

While this may initially sound appealing, the Hawai'i Supreme Court will likely view this language as self-contradictory. Only a clear constitutional

amendment will protect traditional marriage.

The Hawai'i Supreme Court in *Baehr v. Lewin* held that while marriage is a fundamental right, there is no fundamental constitutional right to same-sex marriage because the traditions and collective conscience of our people do not support the notion of same-sex marriage. However, the court also found that because a person may not marry a person of the same gender, it is possible that same-sex couples are being impermissibly discriminated against because of their gender. In other words, it is unconstitutional for us not to allow a man to marry a man, unless the state can show compelling reason to preserve marriage as we know it.

It is being argued by both the Senate and the courts that the denial of same-sex marriage is gender discrimination. However, this argument confuses "sex" meaning gender, with "sex" meaning sexual relationship. Gender is clearly different than sexual preference. Sexual relationships are a matter of choice, gender is not.

It is not discriminatory to regulate marriage [as] a union between one man and one woman because our marriage law treats everyone alike and applies to both sexes. Our laws to not discriminate based on gender because both males and females are treated equally under it. Therefore, it is necessary that

the constitutional amendment put before the people clearly confirms that Hawai'i's marital laws are constitutional even if marriage is limited to one

man and one woman in order to pre-empt the court's decision.

The 10 senators who voted against the Senate bill did so because they felt

it was substantively flawed and they were right. We need to remain focused with these senators in our efforts to resolve this issue with an amendment that is clear in language and purpose.

The public wants resolution soon on this issue. We will continue to remain visible and active during these upcoming discussion to ensure that a constitutional amendment that does the job comes out of the committee.

Debi Harmann, Jack Hoag, Father Marc Alexander and George Shea are members of the steering committee for Hawai'i's Future Today, a nonprofit, grass-roots coalition opposed to the legalization of same-sex marriage.

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The "don't ask, don't tell" travesty

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THE HUMILIATION of Nicole Galvan, a former West Pointer from

Benicia,
should convince President Clinton to rescind his politically expedient
policy
of "don't ask, don't tell" toward gays and lesbians in military service.

The ambiguous 1993 edict encourages hypocrisy by all concerned,
including homophobic commanders, closeted gays and a few heterosexuals who
choose this way to get out of uniform. The policy invites blackmail,
coercion, cynicism and deceit. Men and women with access to arsenals,
classified materials or computer networks become vulnerable to threats of
exposure.

Punishment by expulsion is swift, however, for ordinary honesty by
gay men, lesbians or anyone reconsidering heterosexuality.

We assume Galvan's resignation from West Point last May is counted
among the 850 gay men and lesbians who were discharged from the services in
1996, according to Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. She says she
never
discussed her sexuality with anyone during her three years at the military
academy; when her commander asked, she complained in a memo to her
superiors
about what appeared to be a violation of the don't-ask policy.

Instead, investigators seized her diary and found hints of a
"propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts." A tribunal recommended
"separation" from West Point. She then resigned, but now she wants a
Pentagon
review.

Defense Secretary William Cohen remains a supporter of the "don't
ask, don't tell" mistake, but we believe him when he promises a forthright

look into how the policy has been perverted by many commanders into "ask,
then tell."

Our view remains unchanged. Gay men and lesbians have every right
to
serve in the military - and every right to serve without persecution.

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