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HOW'S IT PLAYING?		SPOTLIGHT	
While some papers flat out			
say no on sending troops, most		CLASH OF THE TITANS	
of today's 73 Bosnia editorials			
reveal grudging acceptance of		The decision by MA Gov.	
Clinton's decision and offer a		Bill Weld (R) to take on	
reluctant recommendation for		Sen. John Kerry (D) sets up	

Congressional approval. (#12) | a collision between the |
| state's two most popular |

DOWN ON THE FARM | pols -- and makes the race |

On the stump before the IA | a top Senate priority for |

Farm Bureau, Buchanan decries | both sides. (#14) |

big pigging, Dole has to | |

explain his "welfare for | ISSUES: Weld hit Kerry |

farmers" remark and big oil's | over his votes on taxes and |

Gramm calls himself the | the death penalty, saying, |

"Ethanol Senator." (#2) | "You couldn't have a worse |

| voting record." Kerry said |

IT'S LIKE A SAUNA IN HERE | he's anxious to show Weld |

FEC GOPAC probe turns up the | as a Gingrich foot soldier. |

heat on Gingrich, but GOPAC | PROGNOSIS: A Weld |

attys say it's no issue. (#9) | victory would make him a |

| "giant killer" and could |

SCHROEDER'S SURPRISE | validate his socially lib/ |

Liberal icon Pat Schroeder | fiscally conservative |

(D-CO) calls it quits after 12 | message. |

terms. Also: The daily Outta | EARLY SOUNDINGS: A WBZ- |

the House update. (#18) (#17) | TV poll from last night |

| shows it 48-36% Kerry. |

AND WHAT'S HERE TODAY ... | TOUGH TERRAIN: The GOP |

Sen. Hatfield (R-OR) reveals | hasn't won a MA Senate seat |

his re-election plans, or lack | since '72. |

thereof, tomorrow. (#15) | |

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

"The gift ban was like breaking down the door. Lobby reform
was like cleaning out the hall. We've got the basement,
the attic and all the rooms [left]."

-- Frosh Rep. Linda Smith (R-WA), W. TIMES, 11/30

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

Poor Woody Harrelson. Bob Dole just doesn't seem to appreciate anything the actor does. First, Dole calls Woody's "Natural Born Killers" film a nightmare of depravity. Then, Dole calls for a boycott of "Money Train." Do you suppose Bob Dole's had it in for Woody ever since he replaced Coach on "Cheers?"

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

*1 NEW HAMPSHIRE: THIS IS RADIO CLASH

NH airwaves have "suddenly clogged with presidential ads featuring earnest looking men, uplifting soundtracks and pithy slogans." Die-hards may fight the deluge of political ads by "tossing their televisions out the window" and "tuning in some soothing music on the radio," but "radio is no safer." Phil Gramm is on radio using Sen. Bob Smith (R-NH) as an interpreter for his Texas twang and Buchanan "skips the interpreter and goes straight for the gut" with his Bosnia and Prop. 187 ads. For those who find "political rhetoric spoils holiday cheer, the season's saving grace is the federally mandated spending cap." The \$600,000 cap in NH makes most campaigns "hold back the heaviest advertising until shortly before" the 2/20 primary. There are, however, two "important exceptions" to the spending cap: Morry Taylor and Steve Forbes, two multi-millionaires financing their own campaigns who are not subject to the limits because they don't get federal matching funds. In one week alone Forbes spent \$50,000 on WMUR ads, "double or triple" what other

campaigns are spending. Gramm's TV buy at \$21,000/week is a level "high enough so that average viewers see the ad four times each week." Forbes manager Bill Dal Col "makes no apologies" for the heavy spending: "You're talking about career politicians who have had 20 years of free media at the taxpayers' expense. We're just trying to level the playing field." All of Forbes' ads have "earned him decent poll numbers and credibility as a candidate." Bob Dole is the only candidate yet to advertise in NH, but with "every other campaign filling the airwaves, don't expect him to wait much longer." He already has an ad running in IA where the spending limit is higher. Dole Dep. Chair Bill Lacy said Dole will go on the air "sometime in December." Lacy: "TV is very important. It is one of the few ways that a campaign can completely control the dissemination of information" (Timberg, CONCORD MONITOR, 11/20).

*2 IOWA: GOP CANDIDATES GO HOG WILD FOR FARM BUREAU

The GOP hopefuls "wooed" IA Farm Bureau members "with promises to reduce federal interference in rural America." The 1,200-member group is "heavily Republican ... whose members are often active in local GOP politics" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 11/30). Lamar Alexander, Pat Buchanan and Alan Keyes attended the event in person; Bob Dole, Phil Gramm and Dick Lugar "appeared as technologically enhanced larger-than-life images" from DC via satellite. Steve Forbes, Bob Dornan and Morry Taylor did not appear. The inheritance tax was a "popular target." Gramm and Keyes "went the furthest" on it, urging the "total

elimination of inheritance taxes ... to allow firms and ranches of any size to be passed to the next generation unencumbered by taxes on the estate." Buchanan called for a \$5 million exemption, while Dole "pushed a boost" to \$3.5 million. Dole's "roots in rural Kansas and his long political track record appealed to many in the crowd." Dole and Lugar "played on their Midwest rural upbringings and their long work" as members of the Senate Ag. Cmte. Mentioning that TX is one of the largest ag. states, Gramm "said he is farm-state senator" and, "although he has close ties with the oil industry, Gramm declared 'I'm an ethanol senator.'" Gramm "said there is no inconsistency between his vocal support for ethanol in Iowa and his opposition to mandated use of ethanol in Congress." And on "perhaps the most divisive agricultural issue" in IA, Gramm said he "opposed any federal effort" to help smaller hog farmers compete with factory-like operations. Gramm: "I'm not going to get the federal government into telling people how many hogs they can grow" (Kotok/Hendee, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 11/30). Touting his new "family farm bill of rights," Buchanan "got the loudest spontaneous round of applause when he called for local zoning controls over large hog confinement facilities." Alexander said Clinton must help sell farm exports by targeting markets for "special attention," and suggested the U.S. "reject the 'ostrich politics' of tariffs because they will threaten trade." Lugar, who has been "criticized ... for once suggesting dramatic cuts in farm spending," explained his position: "If I made a mistake it was in mentioning that if we're going to have a balanced budget

... we're going to have to have some reduction" in farm spending programs (REGISTER, 11/29). Dole had "to explain away" a reference he once made to legislation as "welfare for farmers." Dole "said he was referring to how it would be attacked by urban interests when payments went to farmers regardless of their income." Keyes "said it is time to get government totally out of agriculture": "This ag socialism isn't what it's cracked up to be" (WORLD-HERALD, 11/29).

*3 DELAWARE: WHO'S GONNA FILE THERE?

Because DE plans to have its primary on 2/24, just four days after the 2/20 NH primary, Bob Dole has promised NH Gov. Steve Merrill that he will not be on the DE ballot. Pat Buchanan will boycott DE also, "although the official announcement won't come until next Monday." As for the other candidates: Even though Lamar Alexander's NH dir. Bill Cahill "said on TV a couple of Sundays ago that Alexander won't file" in DE, now his campaign says he is undecided. "Why the switch? The Alexander campaign is smarting dearly" from Merrill's endorsement of Dole, "what it feels is a slap in the face." Dick Lugar and Morry Taylor are also undecided. Phil Gramm, "who at least never hid his intentions," will definitely file in DE, as will Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes and Bob Dornan (DiStaso, Manch. UNION LEADER, 11/30).

*4 PEROT: ORGANIZERS SAY THEY'RE QUALIFIED FOR MAINE

Russ Verney, exec. dir. of Ross Perot's Reform Party, said party organizers have gathered the requisite 25,551 signatures to

qualify for the Maine ballot, well ahead of the 12/14 deadline.

Verney: "We will keep right on going but we have passed the minimum threshold." With that accomplished, the Reform Party has completed its '95 mission. It has made it onto the ballots in CA, OH and ME -- the three states with '95 deadlines for new political parties to make the '96 ballots (REUTERS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 11/30).

*5 BUCHANAN: MAKING HOG LOTS A HOT BUTTON IN IOWA

Pat Buchanan is spending "much of this week" in Iowa plucking "three of the hottest strings in American politics these days" -- Bosnia, big hog lots and abortion. Buchanan is using these three issues to "stitch together" support which party leaders "say could give Buchanan a second-place finish" in IA. Buchanan has added the local issue of big hog lots, or "factory farms," to his more familiar stump material. Buchanan, on the farms: "These monstrous things, what are they good for? ... This gigantism, the worship of efficiency is one of the problems in our conservative movement. This is one area where we can get together with people who have different philosophies ... on the grounds that we all ante to preserve the family farm." With these issues, Buchanan is working to expand his base that has him "in the top tier of candidates" in IA polls. IA GOP chair Brian Kennedy: "He's got a lot of committed followers who will definitely turn out for him on caucus night" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 11/29).

RADIO DAZE: Buchanan launched two 60-sec. radio spots in NH and IA 11/29. The first is entitled "Out of Bosnia." EXCERPT:

"I'm Pat Buchanan. Friends, Bill Clinton is about to send 20,000 U.S. troops into that blood-soaked Balkan peninsula. Mr. Clinton says he does not need the approval of Congress or the American people. Well, he's wrong on all counts. There is no vital American interest in who controls what town in Bosnia. ... Atrocities have been committed on all sides, and America has no business going there. What is Mr. Clinton doing, sending the best and the bravest of our young into this dark and bloody ground? Not one American soldier should have to die in Bosnia. But we have to speak out. We have to tell the president he's wrong. That's what I'm doing. Give us a hand. American lives are at stake" (release, 11/29). The second is entitled "Prop. 187." EXCERPT: "I'm Pat Buchanan. A year ago, Californians -- in a landslide -- voted to cut off welfare to illegal aliens. Now, a federal judge has overturned that vote and ordered [CA] to keep sending out the welfare checks. Are you like me? Have you had enough of these arrogant federal judges? First they order the Bible out of public schools. Then they turn violent criminals loose because their cells are too crowded. Now, they say illegal aliens who break into our country are entitled to welfare at our expense. Let's put these black-robed politicians back in their places. As president, I will impose term limits on federal judges and give the people the power to recall and fire every single one of them ... Help us take back America. Give us a call at 1-800-GO-PAT-GO (release, 11/29).

NEW HAMPSHIRE HELP: Manchester UNION LEADER's DiStaso reports retired Union Leader editorial page editor Jim Finnegan

will become Honorary Chair of Buchanan's NH campaign (11/30).

*6 GRAMM: ADD IA TO PLAYLIST FOR NEW TV AD

Phil Gramm began running "Courage," a new TV ad, in NH 11/28 and in IA today (11/30). Gramm NH mgr. Jim Courtovich tells HOTLINE the campaign spent \$21,000 for a one week run on WMUR, "with an option to buy more." Media consultant Alex Castellanos would not say how much the campaign was spending in IA, but the run would be "open-ended" (Interviews, 11/29). The 30-sec. ad begins with "Balance the budget or not run for re-election," over a black screen. ANNCR: "Only one Republican has pledged to balance the budget as President or not run for re-election." ANNCR, over B&W photo of Gramm and graphic: "PhD. in Economics": "Not just because he's an economist." ANNCR, over B&W photo of Gramm with Ronald Reagan and graphic: "Phil Gramm wrote Reagan budgets": "Not just because he has a plan." ANNCR, over B&W photos of families and graphics: "Balanced budget," "Lowered taxes" and "Lower interest": "Not just because a balanced budget means lower interest on our families' cars and mortgages." ANNCR, over cutaways of Gramm with people: "Phil Gramm has pledged to balance the budget as president or not run for re-election for just one reason ..." B&W graphic: "PRINCIPLE." ANNCR, over Phil and Wendy Gramm with an IA family: "Phil Gramm. Common sense. Uncommon courage" (release, 11/29). Gramm's portrayal as an ardent budget cutter attempts to "draw a contrast with front-runner Dole." All polls show Dole holding a lead in IA, but "some conservatives say they are nervous about Dole's

commitment to conservative causes" (Glover, AP, 11/30).

*7 INDEPENDENTS: IS TSONGAS TALKING ABOUT JOHN ANDERSON?

Paul Tsongas appeared on TIME's Online Press Conference 11/28 and commented on the "Gang of Seven": "The story, I think, indicates that there is a great deal of frustration in Democrats who are socially liberal and fiscally responsible. ... The dilemma is shared on the Republican side ... with the withdrawal of Sen. Specter there is now no pro-choice candidate running for President, even though a majority of Republican women have adopted a pro-choice position according to the polls. So this is a bi-partisan center and the center at this point feels unrepresented." Tsongas, asked if the group has asked Sen. Rudman (NH) or any other GOPers to join the group: "Sen. Rudman is a close friend of Senator Dole so this philosophizing about a third path would not be appropriate given his commitment. Secondly, Lowell Weicker was a Republican Senator as you know and there is another retired Republican Congressman, who is well known and whose name will surface in the next few days. But there will be others as well." Tsongas, asked if the "Gang of Seven" actually "exists as a cudgel to move" the Dems and Clinton in its direction: "That's a rather insightful analysis. I would add that if the power of our argument is strong enough, it should have the corresponding effect of moving the Republican party back to its center as well" (release, 11/29).

*8 WHITEWATER: AND THE EMMY FOR BEST DRAMA GOES TO ...

"Mention of Gennifer Flowers and a T-shirt marketing scheme enlivened" Whitewater hearings yesterday as Pres. Clinton's defenders sought to show that former Resolution Trust Corp. investigator Jean Lewis "carried a grudge." Dems on the Senate Special Whitewater Cmte disclosed a personal letter written by Lewis in which she described Clinton as a "lying bastard" for his "denial of a long-running affair with Flowers" (Lemons, AR DEM-GAZETTE, 11/30). Dems "attempted most of the day to discredit Lewis" (Seper, W. TIMES, 11/30). An excerpt from the letter: "His ability to lie surpasses that of our most astute politicians (Gennifer Who?? I never slept with that woman ... quoth the illustrious Gov. Bill Clinton. Everybody in Arkansas knows he did, the lying bastard, and then he put her on the state payroll!!)." N.Y. TIMES' Labaton reports the hearing "produced no significant new details ... but as political theater, it was one of the more interesting days in the long running Senate proceeding." While Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) "said the letter offered proof that Ms. Lewis' investigation had been politically motivated ... other Democrats looked pained by the ... introduction of the letter and Ms. Flowers into the record, as they realized that the line of inquiry would be an invitation for Republicans to discuss Mr. Clinton's character." And "indeed the Republicans wasted little time in responding." Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL): "What Ms. Lewis said, I'm sure millions of others

believe it" (11/30). Sen. Bob Bennett (R-UT) commented he has heard Dem colleagues privately say things about Clinton that "are even more derogatory" (W. POST, 11/30). Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT): "Whether Jean Lewis hated or liked the Clintons is irrelevant, as are the letters and the T-shirts. ... She did a good job, and she did it well" (W. TIMES, 11/30). Lewis' letter was written 2/92, a month before Lewis began reviewing Whitewater for the RTC. A year later, "after her work helped trigger a sweeping criminal review," Lewis tried marketing T-shirts poking fun at the Pres. and First Lady, using with the slogan, "B-I-T-C-H ... Boys, I'm Taking Charge Here." Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA): "Don't you think there's something here that doesn't pass the smell test?" Lewis "acknowledged that she was a conservative Republican but said she had kept her political feelings in check during her review of Whitewater and the Madison Guaranty S&L" (DEM-GAZETTE, 11/30). Meanwhile, Lewis continued on to say she "had no personal bias against Mr. Clinton" and added that she and her superior in the RTC's Kansas City office, Richard Iorio, "testified that they saw repeated signs that political appointees in the Washington RTC office wanted to impede" the investigation. Lewis: "There was an effort underway to control, manipulate and even obstruct the Madison investigation" (DEM-GAZETTE, 11/30). NPR's Greenberg: "Lewis says she has no doubt the Clintons benefited from Whitewater. ... She advised the committee if it wants to know what the Clintons knew about those corrupt activities, it should ask them directly" (11/29).

E.R.: After six hours, testimony ended abruptly when Lewis

"quietly signaled ... that she was having health problems and then had to be helped out of the room." A doctor was called and Lewis' blood pressure was said to be over 210 over 110. She was later taken by ambulance to a hospital, where she was admitted for observation (W. TIMES, 11/30).

*9 GINGRICH: FEC SEES "APPEARANCE OF CORRUPTION" AT GOPAC

The FEC released "hundreds of new documents" suggesting GOPAC "hid its role in 1990 congressional races in violation of federal law." Among the alleged improper activities: \$250,000 in "support Newt" projects during then GOPAC-chief Newt Gingrich's 1990 congressional race. Gingrich's 1990 opponent David Worley (D): "Newt Gingrich stole the 1990 election." The FEC is "suing GOPAC claiming it should have registered as a federal committee in 1989 and begun disclosing its campaign activity." GOPAC registered in 1991. FEC: "GOPAC's failure to register and file disclosure reports creates the appearance of corruption." Gingrich and GOPAC "deny the allegations," saying GOPAC was "designed to build a GOP "farm team" of state and local candidates who might someday run for Congress." GOPAC atty Peter Derry: "GOPAC hoped to have an indirect effect on federal elections" (Cummings, COX/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 11/30). More Derry: "They didn't give him any money to run his campaign or his reelection campaign. It was all in the context of his leadership of GOPAC ... They paid political consultants on whom Newt relied to generate a lot of the ideas that found their way into the state and local programs that GOPAC ran." Common Cause president

Ann McBride said the disclosures "raise serious questions about the speaker and GOPAC violating the campaign finance laws to get him elected. ... The speaker spent his career talking about a corrupt system in Washington and it appears that he may have at the same time been seriously violating campaign finance laws" (Marcus/Locy, W. POST, 11/30). Gingrich spokesperson Lauren Sims on expenditures questioned by the FEC: "These were legitimate travel expenses for strategy and planning sessions for GOPAC" (Gerth, N.Y. TIMES, 11/30). ABC's Zelnick: "Trying to separate GOPAC efforts on behalf of Gingrich the candidate from those on behalf of Gingrich the strategist, may be like trying to separate two types of broth in the same pot" ("GMA," ABC, 11/30).

IMPACT ON HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE: FEC documents are "expected to put added pressure" on GOP members of the House Ethics Committee, which is "deadlocked over the scope of a pending inquiry" into allegations against Gingrich. "The findings are also likely to refocus attention, at a time when the Speaker's popularity is plummeting, on allegations that Gingrich misused his office when he was a member of the GOP minority." The records provide "additional cases" of GOPAC contributors seeking "special treatment" from Gingrich. Gingrich's '94 opponent, ex-Rep. Ben Jones (D), "is expected to submit the FEC file to the ethics panel as corroborating material." GOPAC exec. dir. Lisa Nelson: "Nowhere in the 6,000 pages of documents we turned over is there any indication that we specifically helped a federal candidate." Nelson said the only federal candidates the FEC claimed that GOPAC supported were President Bush, an opponent

of former Speaker Jim Wright (D), and Gingrich himself, but records show no direct GOPAC contributions. More Nelson: "I think they are reaching pretty far to try to make the case" (Miller/Bunting, L.A. TIMES, 11/30). Under header, "Internal Documents Indicate Gingrich's GOPAC Mixed Fund Raising With Federal Policy Issues," W.S. JOURNAL's Kuntz writes: "The House Ethics Manual reminds lawmakers that an appearance of impropriety can arise when there is even the hint of linkage between donations and legislative favoritism. But the documents show that Mr. Gingrich's own letters sometimes included allusions to both public and policy donations" (11/30). W. TIMES editorial: "The question is not whether anybody associated with GOPAC harbored wishes about electing Republicans to Congress. Of course they did. The question is whether GOPAC used its resources to benefit federal candidates. On the strength of the FEC's own motion, the law has to be stretched like a rubber band to conclude that GOPAC did" (11/30).

*10 LOBBYING REFORM: HOUSE PASSES SWEEPING BILL; CLINTON TO SIGN

"A sweeping bill to restore teeth to federal lobbying laws" passed the House. It also passed the Senate and Pres. Clinton said he would sign it. Clinton: "For too long, Washington's influence industry has operated out of the sunlight of public scrutiny. This is precisely the sort of change that the American people have demanded." The passage "represents the second of three key reform measures promised by Congress' Republican majority, which was elected in 1994 in part on a promise to take

the privilege out of the Washington power structure" (Kellman, W. TIMES, 11/30).

REAX: Rep. Charles Canady (R-FL), the bill leader: "I don't claim that this is a perfect bill, but I do know that if history repeats itself, we won't get anything done on this issue." Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA): "This bill has a lot of enemies who don't want to admit they are its enemies" (NPR, 11/29). Frosh Rep. Linda Smith (R-WA): "The gift ban was like breaking down the door. Lobby reform was like cleaning out the hall. We've got the basement, the attic and all the rooms [left]." Rep. John Bryant (D-TX): "For untold numbers of years, the American people have justifiably believed unseen forces were causing Congress to make decisions. Those forces will no longer be unseen, and this Congress is no longer going to be wined and dined." American League of Lobbyists' Wright Andrews said that for lobbyists who are registered, the reform bill "does a lot of leveling. You should not treat different people who are lobbying differently. Some people never want to disclose what they're doing" (Kellman, W. TIMES, 11/30). Sen. Bill Cohen (R-ME) said that passage provides "momentum for the effort to enact a campaign-finance reform bill, I hope as early as next summer." Rep. Paul McHale (D-PA): "In politics, as elsewhere, sunshine is the best disinfectant." (Hess, PHILA. INQUIRER, 11/30). Bill supporters were intent on keeping it free of amendments. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) labelled any effort to add amendments "a ruse to kill the bill" (Fulwood, L.A. TIMES, 11/30). Rep. Chris Shays (R-CT), who swore he'd retire after this year if lobby reform was not passed:"It's a

wonderful effort on the part of rank and file House members" (Lee, USA TODAY, 11/30).

MORE: NBC's Brokaw: "The House finally cracked down on Washington lobbyists -- and by a unanimous vote" (11/29). CNN's Jackson: "There are some notable omissions. Not included in the bill is any independent enforcement agency, no disclosure is required of who is being lobbied and there's no disclosure of grass roots lobbying expenses, so millions spent on television advertising or getting voters to telephone Congress won't be disclosed. What remains to be seen is whether increased disclosure of lobbying will in any way diminish the influence of lobbyists, and so far, Congress shows little appetite for restricting the campaign contributions they get from those lobbyists" (11/29).

*11 MAINSTREAM CONSERVATIVES: NEW ALLIANCE FORMED IN HOUSE

Two dozen House Republicans have formed a new group that will "seek to form alliances with conservative Democrats." The new Mainstream Conservative Alliance will seek to work with The Coalition -- a "caucus of conservative House" Dems -- to "deliver a bloc of 45 or so votes." The new Alliance includes three former Dems who were members of The Coalition: Reps. Greg Laughlin (R-TX), Billy Tauzin (R-LA) and Mike Parker (R-MS). Laughlin, on why he helped form the new group: "In early discussions with Speaker (Newt) Gingrich when I joined the Republican Party, he suggested to me to look for ways to have better communications with Democrats who were likely to vote with

us." Alliance members hope to form an influential bloc of votes.

Laughlin: "It's an effort to ensure that we have input and also to try to broaden the number of votes that we get on a bill"

(Mittelstadt, AP/Houston CHRONICLE, 11/29). The alliance "could have its advantages" for Gingrich "by forcing him to act in a bipartisan manner when other members of his party would rather he did not" (Kuhnhenh, K.C. STAR, 11/30). The 24 members (all GOPers) are: Reps. Brian Bilbray (CA), Michael Bilirakis (FL), Peter Blute (MA), Henry Bonilla (TX), Jim Bunn (OR), Richard Burr (NC), Sonny Callahan (AL), Tom Coburn (OK), Larry Combest (TX), Michael Crapo (ID), Barbara Cubin (WY), Bill Emerson (MO), John Ensign (NV), Walter Jones (NC), Greg Laughlin (TX), James Longley (ME), Mike Parker (MS), Dan Schaefer (CO), Clay Shaw (FL), Billy Tauzin (LA), Fred Upton (MI), Zach Wamp (TN), J.C. Watts (OK), William Zeff (NH).

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===== HOW'S IT PLAYING =====

*12 BOSNIA: SURVEY SHOWS MOSTLY SKEPTICAL CONSENSUS TO GO ALONG

ALBANY TIMES UNION: "It's now up to the President's critics to articulate a more persuasive argument for keeping the troops home. It's unlikely that they will be able to do so" (11/29).

ALLENTOWN MORNING CALL: "[Members of Congress who oppose Clinton] 'are blowing to the political winds. They may be blowing against Mr. Clinton, but he has history and morality on his side'" (11/29).

AKRON BEACON JOURNAL: "Here is a test for Republican majorities in Congress. They would do well to ponder a passage toward the beginning of the president's address" (11/29).

ARIZONA REPUBLIC: "We don't question [Clinton's] sincerity. But we ... are not yet convinced that the White House has done all it can to minimize those risks" (11/29).

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE: "The sad, self-serving rationales for delay that Bill Clinton included in his address Monday night may have been unavoidable in a president who is also and always a politician -- but the case for American engagement has become stronger than ever" (11/29).

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION: "Clinton has laid out a convincing case, on both moral and practical grounds" (11/29).

AUGUSTA CHRONICLE: "Clinton's decision is not statesmanship; it's a foolhardy stretching of military manpower and resources. ... We agree with Gramm that our soldiers are being sent to

enforce an unenforceable treaty" (11/29).

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN states if Clinton's address "was the best case he could make for sending [troops] ... it only underscored the weakness of his argument" (11/29).

BANGOR DAILY NEWS: "The president's appeal was solid, but he must reinforce critical elements of his Monday night address ... to win the support of the public and Congress" (11/29).

BALTO. SUN: "The president must be supported" (11/29).

BILLINGS GAZETTE: "[JFK] said, to govern is to choose. Clinton chose. That's the political side of the question. The next question is of greater import. Will America's best interest be served with the Bosnia intervention? The answer is yes" (11/28).

BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD: "The Republicans in control of Congress should ask hard questions. But the President's case is not without merit" (11/29).

BOSTON GLOBE: "[Clinton's] is a just cause" (11/29).

BOSTON HERALD: "Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic says, 'What is wrong with the Dayton agreement' is that is 'has created a new Beirut in Europe; it is going to bleed for decades.' Does that look like the war is over?" (11/28).

Boulder DAILY CAMERA: "Two of the first words heard in some quarters after the peace agreement were 'draft dodger,' as if Clinton's opposition to the long-ago war in Vietnam had any bearing on Bosnia" (11/29).

BUFFALO NEWS: "Congress should stand up and stand behind [Clinton], and so should the American people" (11/28).

CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE: "Those who applaud Republican presidents' every military decision should remember that the Democratic president has equal freedom of action in international affairs" (11/29).

CHATTANOOGA FREE PRESS: "It is a dangerous and wrongful result of decision by Mr. Clinton alone" (11/28).

CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL: "Clinton has no choice" (11/29).

COLUMBIA STATE: "Dole is to be praised for saying that lawmakers 'need to find some way to be able to support the president.' Skeptics in Congress said [Clinton] needed to make his case. He has made it, and without any sugarcoating" (11/29).

DALLAS MORNING NEWS: "As Sen. Bob Dole rightly responded, it was only a good 'first step'" (11/29).

DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL: "Bosnia clearly a case for U.S. leadership" (11/29).

DES MOINES REGISTER: "The deciding factor is: If the [U.S.] doesn't do its part, [NATO] may start to unravel" (11/29).

DETROIT FREE PRESS: "Congress should give this president the support he needs" (11/29).

DETROIT NEWS: "The American interest in the Balkans isn't vital enough to warrant this venture" (11/28).

Eugene REGISTER GUARD: "Congress should approve a resolution of support for the Bosnian mission" (11/29).

FT. MYERS NEWS-PRESS: "The decision isn't about popularity, polls and public approval -- nor is it about Clinton's record, although ... Dole's support adds credibility to Clinton's stance. It's about leadership, consistency and commitment" (11/29).

FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM: "Congress should support the commitment of U.S. forces ... The days of timid, shrinking reticence in the face of criminal barbarity have ended" (11/28).

HARRISBURG PATRIOT-NEWS: "Like it or not, there are some things in this world that will get done only if the United States takes the lead" (11/29).

HARTFORD COURANT: "The president deserves public support and Congress's signing on to the mission" (11/29).

HOUSTON CHRONICLE: "Clinton has committed his presidency to the Bosnian peace effort; his re-election may rise or fall upon the result. His best hope may be that Bosnia's warring factions are so exhausted they must rest for at least a year before renewing their ancient disputes" (11/28).

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS: "His speech was compelling, but not wholly convincing. ... It is a European tragedy that demands a European solution" (11/28).

INDIANAPOLIS STAR: "There is no justification for the move in terms of national security interests" (11/29).

K.C. STAR: "It is not enough for members of Congress to grumble that Clinton still needs to make his case to the American public. Lawmakers are responsible for what happens in Bosnia as well. If they have better proposals, let's hear them" (11/29).

KEENE SENTINEL: "The history of this century has shown the [U.S.] and the rest of the civilized world benefit from constructive American engagement, and suffer greatly in its absence" (11/28).

LANSING STATE JOURNAL: "The overriding question is not if

the Bosnia situation should be 'fixed,' but can it. Until [Clinton] answers that with a clear-cut scenario for success, our troops should stay on friendly soil" (11/29).

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER: "It would be a dereliction of duty if the United States chose not to participate" (11/28).

L.I. NEWSDAY: "Congress must ask tough questions and insist on even more stringent conditions that Clinton outlined" (11/29).

L.A. TIMES: "The President's cause is right" (11/28).

LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL: "Clinton said ... 'America cannot and must not be the world's policeman.' Why, then, would he have us start walking this dark and dangerous beat?"

MANCHESTER UNION LEADER: "Buchanan does what the week-kneed Republicans refuse to do: He stands up and says 'No' to President Clinton's foolhardy plan" (11/29).

MIAMI HERALD: "[Clinton is] right not to duck U.S. responsibility at this defining moment in Europe's post-Cold War history -- not to say in his presidency" (11/28).

MILWAUKEE SENTINEL: "Despite risks, Clinton is right about Bosnia" (11/29).

MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE: "Congress should respond by sending American troops to Bosnia with a firm vote of confidence in the troops and in their mission" (11/28).

NATCHEZ DEMOCRAT: "We must know when they will leave, what other countries will participate and how much it will cost ... Even if we get those answers, Congress must still be skeptical about the need ... [for] so many troops" (11/29).

NASHUA TELEGRAPH: "Clinton has taken a stand. We applaud

him for that. He has decided what America's role will be in the world and acted because it's 'the right thing to do'" (11/29).

NEWARK STAR-LEDGER: "Clinton's effective presentation wins him converts" (11/29).

N.Y. DAILY NEWS: "Clinton made a strong case. ... America must lead the way" (11/29).

N.Y. POST: "It's clear that congressional Republicans, guided by [Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich, don't plan to oppose the Bosnia project. That's the correct call" (11/29).

N.Y. TIMES: "Clinton made a strong case ... Congress should honor his request in a timely manner" (11/28).

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD: "Speech didn't build confidence; Questions about Bosnia Remain" (11/29).

ORANGE CO. REGISTER: "Since the troops are going, no matter what ... polls might say, we will hope that, against all odds, the mission will succeed" (11/28).

ORLANDO SENTINEL: "Plea falls woefully short" (11/29).

PEORIA JOURNAL-STAR: "To back out now would ensure a resumption of the genocidal war in Bosnia" (11/29).

PHILA. INQUIRER: "If America turns away from its Bosnia pledges, do critics think that troublemakers in other nations won't notice?" (11/29).

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE: "It is a courageous stand for the president to take going into an election year. We hope Congress follows his example" (11/29).

PROVIDENCE JOURNAL-BULLETIN: "Clinton laid out a strong humanitarian and national-security case for sending American

troops to Bosnia" (11/29).

S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE: "Lawmakers would be wise to ... pass a resolution supporting [the Bosnia policy]" (11/28).

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER: "As President Clinton has told the nation, '[Sending troops] is the right thing to do' (11/29).

SIOUX FALLS ARGUS LEADER: "To hear ... Clinton tell it, sending U.S. troops to Bosnia is the best hope for keeping peace in war-torn Bosnia and is necessary for the strategic interests of the United States. ... He is wrong on both counts" (11/29).

S.F. CHRONICLE: "Clinton did a good job appealing to Americans' patriotism and morality. He was less clear on how America's interests are protected by our intervention in Bosnia. ... Dole wants to flog dead issues, such as why the [U.S.] enforces an arms embargo that prevented Bosnia's Muslim [govt] from defending itself effectively. That's history" (11/29).

S.F. EXAMINER: "Dole has the right idea on sending troops ... Ask tough questions, then support the president" (11/28).

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH: "Congress should participate in such a weighty decision ... and it must deliberate the issue responsibly, setting aside strictly partisan concerns" (11/29).

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT: "No American leader -- no world leader, in fact -- would agree before now to venture into a Bosnian cauldron boiling with centuries of bitterness" (11/29).

TAMPA TRIBUNE: "The President's idea of world leadership is, at the risk of American blood, to keep a lid on Bosnia until after the 1996 elections. The man has no shame" (11/29).

TOLEDO BLADE: "Congress put aside partisanship in the Gulf

War, and it should do so now" (11/29).

TOPEKA CAPITAL-JOURNAL: "America can't turn its back"
(11/29).

USA TODAY: "If we are to stand for our principles, we cannot
just avert our eyes and say Bosnia is someone else's problem to
solve" (11/29).

WACO TRIBUNE-HERALD: "No time for isolation" (11/29).

WATERLOO COURIER: "U.S. role in Bosnia requires public
backing" (11/29).

W.S. JOURNAL: "It would be ironic indeed if the GOP forsakes
the Reagan-Bush legacy for hell-no-we-won't-go isolationism, and
allows Bill Clinton to run with the banner of American
leadership" (11/29).

W. POST: "We think Mr. Clinton has now taken a strong
position and ... articulated it well" (11/29).

W. TIMES: "This was a speech that would have sounded much
more convincing coming from someone else. ... [Still] Arresting
the suffering and the inhuman cruelties that have ripped through
the Balkans ... will be to the credit of this nation" (11/29).

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

*13 OREGON SENATE: WYDEN BACKERS ANGRY OVER PACKWOOD COMPARISON

Rep. Ron Wyden's (D-03) campaign "pulled out all the stops"
to criticize Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-04) for airing a TV ad that

"seeks to tie" Wyden to ex-Sen. Bob Packwood (R). The campaign "even brought in one of the Packwood accusers, Julie Williamson, to accuse DeFazio of defaming Wyden." Wyden did not appear at the news conf., "perhaps because he didn't want to be in the awkward position of having to declare 'I'm no Bob Packwood'" (Mapes, Portland OREGONIAN, 11/28). Portland Mayor Vera Katz (D), a Wyden backer: "DeFazio's outrageous 'Packwood' ad has set off a strong reaction throughout the state. His use of Bob Packwood as a campaign tactic is nothing less than a smear campaign on one of Oregon's best and brightest leaders. This ad is absolutely outrageous, it crosses the line, and it's just plain wrong" (KATU/Channel 2 Portland, 11/26). DeFazio spokesperson Dave Crysler: "They are claiming we applied Bob Packwood's character defects to Ron Wyden. We simply point out that Packwood's financial backers have turned to Wyden" (interview, 11/28). DeFazio mgr. Pat Ewing: "People know the difference. ... Packwood ... sold out to special interests. Ron Wyden is a sellout too" (Eugene REGISTER-GUARD, 11/28). The Dem spat "overshadowed a similar tiff over advertising" on the GOP side between Schools Supt. Norma Paulus and Senate Pres. Gordon Smith (OREGONIAN, 11/28). Katz also endorsed Paulus for the GOP nod, "demanding that Gordon Smith apologize for a radio ad" that claimed Paulus would tax churches (McCullough, Salem STATESMAN-JOURNAL, 11/28). Elsewhere, AP's Sonner writes that DeFazio "apparently went a little overboard" trying to paint Wyden as a "champion of the rich." In criticizing Wyden's vote in '92 to repeal a luxury tax on yachts, "it turns out DeFazio himself

voted for a similar repeal a year later as part of an omnibus budget bill." Wyden spokesperson Lisa Grove: "Only a desperate candidate would make this kind of ethical and tactical mistake" (11/29).

ENDORSEMENTS: Corvallis GAZETTE-TIMES, for Smith and DeFazio: "Each of these men is an excellent representation of his party's philosophy. Taken together, they would give Oregon voters a clear choice" (11/23).

NEW CANDIDATE: Environmentalist Lou Gold, "who spent 12 summers praying on a mountaintop for peace in the battle over old-growth forests and was arrested protesting Sugarloaf timber sale," announced he is seeking the Pacific Party nomination at its 12/7 convention. Gold is a "spiritual leader in the Northwest environmental movement" (AP, 11/27).

THE PLANE TRUTH: On a 6:30 a.m. flight from Portland to Chicago on 11/28, Wyden stuffed his luggage in an overhead bin. Ten minutes later, another passenger stood up to get something out of the same bin. Wyden's luggage then tumbled out and struck another passenger in the chest. The passenger "happens to be" Packwood. OREGONIAN's Mapes: "Worried flight attendants found a doctor who examined Packwood." He "looked terrible" but was otherwise OK. Wyden: "It's an amazing world" (11/29).

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

*14 MASSACHUSETTS: WHEN GIANTS COLLIDE

Gov. Bill Weld (R) said he would challenge Sen. John Kerry (D) in '96, "launching what promises to be an epic election

battle" between two of MA's "most popular and politically divergent figures." Weld, announcing his candidacy in the middle of his second term as gov.: "We've succeeded in changing the political culture of Massachusetts for the better. Now it's time to change the political culture of Washington, DC. ... I don't believe Senator Kerry is the man to do it." Weld attacked several of Kerry's votes, including his "support for \$591 billion in tax increases and his opposition to the death penalty, the balanced budget amendment and 'workfare.'" Weld: "You couldn't have a worse voting record." But Kerry "said he welcomed the chance to show voters 'the real Gov. Weld,'" whom he depicted as "an uncaring conservative extremist marching under the banner of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who is highly unpopular" in MA. Kerry said, "This election will contrast cherished American values with the extreme agenda of someone who calls Newt Gingrich his 'ideological soulmate.' I welcome the chance to contrast my vision of the future with his." By tying Weld to Gingrich, Kerry focused in on "what many Weld advisers fear is their candidate's worst vulnerability." These advisers are "convinced Weld will prevail" if he can focus on crime, welfare and taxes, but they "fear he will lose" if Kerry is able to link Weld with Gingrich and tap MA voters' fears "that GOP leaders are going too far in their budget and Medicare cutting." Gingrich's popularity in the state, "never strong, has plummeted in recent weeks." A BOSTON GLOBE poll earlier this month showed him with a fav/unfav rating of 27/58%. Sen. Ted Kennedy (D) predicted Kerry would win: "The last thing Massachusetts needs in Washington is another vote for

Newt Gingrich." The Kerry camp said it would go after Weld's gov. record, but Weld said he would use his "cutting taxes 11 times and paring the growth in state spending as a centerpiece of his argument why voters should send him to the Senate." Some GOPers fear Kerry will "drown Weld in negative advertising" by tapping into the \$760M fortune of his wife, Teresa Heinz, though Weld said he thinks he can "do well enough to compete financially." He has asked Kerry to support a \$5M spending cap on the race (Phillips, BOSTON GLOBE, 11/30).

RISKS FOR BOTH: BOSTON HERALD's Sciacca & Battenfeld write that the "colossal" clash between Kerry and Weld "could vault the winner into national prominence. ... For Kerry, the race presents a chance to emerge from the shadow of [Kennedy] and fulfill his once-promising potential as a national Democratic star. For Weld, unseating Kerry in a heavily Democratic state would position him as a GOP giant-killer and validate his socially liberal, fiscally conservative brand of politics." The race is also "risky for both, so risky it could end their political careers. Both Weld and Kerry have shown the ability to attract strong support from independent voters. But Weld is especially dangerous to Kerry because he's proven he can win support from lunchpail Democrats in the state's economically depressed cities." As for the Kerry effort to brand Weld as a Gingrich "foot soldier," it "may not stick. Weld has proven to be immune from political stereotyping, and his liberal views [on abortion, gay rights and the environment] set him apart from the GOP mainstream" (11/30).

NATIONAL VIEW: N.Y. TIMES' Butterfield, noting Weld's efforts on behalf of the doomed pres. candidacy of CA Gov. Pete Wilson, writes, "The question of whether Mr. Weld devotes sufficient time to the governorship goes to the heart of what is expected to be one of Senator Kerry's main campaign themes -- that Mr. Weld is somewhat disengaged, and perhaps even bored with his job" (11/30). NRSC chair Al D'Amato (R-NY) called the race a "top priority national contest" and pledged Weld the maximum \$600,000 funding from the cmte. NRSC exec. dir. John Heubusch characterized Kerry's record as "anti-taxpayer, weak and ineffective. John Kerry has little to show for his long tenure in Washington" (release, 11/29). DSCC exec. dir. Don Foley said the cmte would give Kerry the maximum allowed "if the senator needs it" (Lambro, W. TIMES, 11/30). CNN's Shaw called Weld's announcement a "new threat to a key Democrat in the Senate" ("Inside Politics," 11/29).

THE INITIAL HANDICAP: A WBZ-TV poll, conducted 11/29 by KRC Research, surveyed 400 registered voters; margin of error +/-5% (11/29). The GLOBE poll was conducted 11/14-15 also by KRC, 400 RVs; +/-5% (see HOTLINE 11/20).

GENERAL MATCHUP WBZ GLOBE

Kerry	48%	50%
Weld	36	36
Undec.	16	15

POLL ANALYSIS: "Voters in Massachusetts ... face the

prospect of one of the best bare-knuckle heavyweight political fights in years. ... And the first exclusive WBZ poll on the battle indicates the Governor has his work cut out for him" (WBZ-TV, 11/29).

*15 OREGON: HATFIELD TO DISCLOSE PLANS TOMORROW

Sen. Mark Hatfield (R) will announce his re-election plans on 12/1 at the Silverton Hospital Dedication in Silverton, OR at 11 a.m. Pacific time (2 p.m. Eastern). Hatfield is expected to announce his retirement from the seat he first won in '66, the 11th senator to do, which would be a record. Declared GOPer: businessman Bill Witt. Declared Dems: '90 nominee Harry Lonsdale and ex-OR Dem chair Joe Smith. Definites, if Hatfield retires: state House Speaker Bev Carno (R). Possibles, if Hatfield retires: Rep. Elizabeth Furse (D-01), AG Ted Kulongoski (D), businessman Tom Bruggere (D), real estate broker/ex-state Sen. Ron Sunseri (R), plus whoever loses out in the special election for Packwood's seat. Filing deadline: 3/12.

*16 TEXAS: MONTFORD "PREFERS THE VIEW IN TEXAS"

State Sen. John Montford (D), "after looking at a Senate bid for months," announced he will not seek the Dem nomination for the seat held by Sen. Phil Gramm (R). Montford, a "top lieutenant" to LG Bob Bullock (D), said he want to "remain in the Legislature and work on Texas issues" as power shifts from the

federal gov't to the states: "It is obvious that the states will have greater and greater responsibilities to save our nation's problems. I, for one, welcome the challenge." Houston atty John Odam (D), on Montford's decision: "I respect John Montford a great deal and ... I understand and respect the reasons he gave for staying out of this race." Bullock applauded the decision, calling Montford "capable of holding ... any office" but the "state government is the winner" with Montford's decision to stay. Montford is the second Dem to opt out of the race; Richard Fisher, the Dem nominee against Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R) in '94, earlier said he wouldn't run (Holmes, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 11/29). Also: Rep. Jim Chapman (D-01), ex-Dem David Young (R).

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

*17 OUTTA THE HOUSE: ADD THE MOST SENIOR WOMAN TO THE LIST

The list of those not returning in '97 now stands at 25 (18 Dems, 7 GOPers). Not every Senate candidate listed below has officially announced.

TOTAL OUTTA THE HOUSE -- 25 (7R, 18D)

RETIREEES -- 15 (4R, 11D)

AR 02 Thornton (D) KS 03 Meyers (R)

CA 24 Beilenson (D) MA 10 Studds (D)

CA 27 Moorhead (R) MS 03 Montgomery (D)

CO 01	Schroeder (D)	MO 07	Hancock (R)
FL 02	Peterson (D)	TX 02	Wilson (D)
FL 19	Johnston (D)	TX 16	Coleman (D)
IL 07	Collins (D)	WI 03	Gunderson (R)
IN 10	Jacobs (D)		

RUNNING FOR THE SENATE -- 10 (3R, 7 D)

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

*18 CO 01: SCHROEDER DEPARTURE LEAVES WIDE OPEN RACE

Rep. Pat Schroeder (D), a CO "political institution for more than two decades and an icon of dwindling liberalism," announced she would not seek a 13th term. Schroeder, the longest-serving woman in Congress, said she might teach, get involved with charitable foundations, or do "some media stuff": "My adult life meter keeps ticking and while I'm active, vibrant and at the top of my game, I feel it's time to move on and tackle new challenges" (Brinkley, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 11/30). Schroeder, asked if she would run for the seat of retiring Sen. Hank Brown (R): "No, I don't think I'll run in '96. I don't know that I will never run again for anything else. ... It's a little too late." Asked if her leaving hurts Dem chances to retake the House: "The Republicans are defining themselves now as Newt

Gingrich. ... He's trying to get the party to morph into him and that's going to be very difficult for the Republican Party to deal with in the '96 election" ("Inside Politics," CNN, 11/29).

COME AND GET IT: Schroeder's decision has turned her CD "upside down, shaking the Democrats who have ridden her political coattails to victory for more than a generation." Her decision will create wide-open race for the seat in a "traditionally Democratic stronghold." Observers say "anywhere from six to two dozen" Dems will consider a run, including Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and his wife Wilma. Atty Joe Rogers is the only announced GOPer for the seat. Ex-CO Dem chair Buie Seawell: "There is going to be something approaching political chaos in the Denver Democratic Party." CO GOP pol. dir. Rob Fairbank said the announcement is "good news" for Rogers who has raised "more than \$75,000" thus far. Fairbank said he didn't know if other GOPers would join the field because Rogers has "made some serious inroads." Analyst Floyd Ciruli said in addition to the Webbs, possible Dems include Dottie Lamm (D), wife of ex-Dem Gov. Dick Lamm, and state Rep. Diana De Gette. Mayor Webb had no comment -- other than praise for Schroeder -- on either his or his wife's interest in the race (Shore, AP/Colorado Springs GAZETTE-TELEGRAPH, 11/30). The last GOPer to hold the seat was Mike McKevitt, who lost to Schroeder after one term in '72. Schroeder now becomes the "last of the Watergate-era Democrats who have dominated the party in Colorado for the past two decades." With Schroeder leaving, Dems have only one remaining member of the cong. delegation. Denver Dem consultant Eric Sondermann said

Schroeder felt "adrift in Newt Gingrich's Washington": "Not ideologically adrift, but almost personally adrift. These are people with whom she disagreed, but also people she couldn't abide." Schroeder denied any connection between her departure and the DC power shift, saying she considered stepping down at the end of her last term when Dems were still in power (Thomas, GAZETTE-TELEGRAPH, 11/30).

HOME-GROWN FAREWELL: DENVER POST editorial: "During her 23 years in Congress, Coloradans learned there were two Pat Schroeders. For our part, we'll miss them both. The nation saw Pat Schroeder as a high-profile crusader for the underdogs of the world. ... But residents of her district also saw another Pat Schroeder -- the highly effective 'take care of business in my District' politician. ... Goodbye, Pat -- and thanks for a job well done" (11/30). ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS editorial: "Candidates start your engines. The race begins today. The prize for first place: a salary that places you among America's elite 2%, the chance to talk back to the likes of Newt Gingrich. ... Not to mention the chance to succeed a woman who became a political legend" (11/30).

MORE FALLOUT: CO Dem vice-chair Mary Alice Mandarich: "It's kind of good that it's happening this early because it gives us time to go out and candidates time to look at it and we can move forward." CO GOP chair Don Bain: "Pat is a symbol of the past and has had the insight to recognize it" (NPR, 11/29). NBC's Ifill: "If there is one symbol of liberalism left in Newt's

Gingrich's House of Representatives, it's ... Schroeder. Her decision not to seek a 13th term earns her membership into Capitol Hill's fastest growing club -- exiting Democrats. ... It's no laughing matter for the Democratic Party as their leaders continue to pack it in. They don't like to admit it, but they're beginning to see their chances for regaining control of the House, or the Senate, slipping away" ("Today," NBC, 11/30).

*19 MN 06: HEY JUDE, DON'T MAKE THAT AD

A MN Grand Jury indicted ex-state Sen. Tad Jude (R) for a TV ad his campaign aired in its '94 campaign against now-Rep. Bill Luther (D-MN). Jude, who has already announced plans to challenge Luther again next year, was indicted because he "intentionally participated in the preparation or dissemination of political campaign material, knowing it is false." The ad accused Luther of blocking a bill proposed by Jude in '87 which Jude claims would have kept a repeat offender from kidnapping a woman and her children. Jude never asked for a hearing on the bill that year, and when it reached his Senate cmte in '88, Luther supported the bill. Jude dismissed the indictment: "I am convinced that the legal process will clear away the political smog and demonstrate my innocence." If found guilty, Jude could face up to a year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. Chief deputy Dakota Co. Atty Charlie Diemer said that there have been fewer than 10 previous indictments under the law" (Furst, Minneapolis STAR TRIBUNE, 11/29).

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

*20 WASHINGTON GOVERNOR: INSLEE GETS IN

Ex-Rep. Jay Inslee (D-04) "says he will wear his 1994 re-election defeat proudly" in his '96 gov. bid. Inslee said he lost to now-Rep. "Doc" Hasting (R) "largely over his vote in favor of a ban on assault weapons." Inslee, who served only one term: "What it showed was when you vote your convictions over political expediency, on occasion it's not good for your career" (Postman, SEATTLE TIMES, 11/29). Inslee: "The people are looking for leadership that is socially progressive, campaign reform-oriented, environmentally protective and fiscally very sound, and that's the list of values that I share." An atty since being defeated, Inslee was "an active opponent of the state's property rights law," which was overturned by voters 11/7. The announcement is "another sign that prominent Democrats believe public support for Gov. Mike Lowry [D] has eroded." Lowry has not yet declared if he will seek a second term. He has been "criticized for his early support of a tax increase, for his handling of health care reform and for his treatment of a former female employee." Inslee joined state Senate Budget chair Nita Rinehart as Dems who have announced they will run. Inslee is "less well known than Lowry or Rinehart, but he also has an advantage: because he is not an officeholder, he can raise money nonstop between now and the election." New campaign finance law

prevents Lowry and Rinehart from raising money "until at least mid-April" (Paulson, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, 11/29). Rinehart has raised \$30,000 since announcing her candidacy 11/8 (TIMES, 11/29). Possible Dems: AG Christine Gregoire, King Co. Exec. Gary Locke, Insurance Commiss. Deborah Senn, Seattle Mayor Norm Rice and state Auditor Brian Sontag. Announced GOPers: House Maj. Leader Dale Forman, King Co. prosecutor Norm Maleng, Ex-state Sen. Ellen Craswell, state Sen. Pam Roach and Sen. Gorton cmpn chair Jim Waldo. Possible GOPers: Rep. Linda Smith (R-03) and businesswoman Nona Brazier.

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

*21 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Labor Sec. Robert Reich. NBC's "Today" hosted U.S. Amb. to Ireland Jean Kennedy Smith and retiring Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-CO). "CBS This Morning" hosted Schroeder, Irish P.M. John Bruton and Smith. "FOX Morning News" hosted MD Gov. Parris Glendening (D), Sens. Phil Gramm & Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Hodding Carter and Nixon Ctr. for Peace & Freedom's Peter Rodman.

LAST NIGHT: ABC led with lobbying reform. CBS, NBC and "NewsHour" led with Clinton in England. CNN led with Bosnia. "NewsHour" focused on the budget with AEI's Norm Ornstein, and interviewed Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS). CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Schroeder and analyst Charlie Cook. CNBC's "Equal Time"

hosted MTV's Tabitha Soren. AMERICA'S TALKING's "Chris Matthews"

hosted Clinton adviser James Carville.

LAUGHS: David Letterman, on Pres. Clinton: "He was talking about ... his decision about sending American troops into Bosnia, and he kept saying, 'It's the right thing to do, it's the right thing to do.' Who is writing this man's scripts, Wilfred Brimley?" Letterman, on Clinton's trip: "Clinton, as you know now, is in England. He's going to stay over there until this Bosnia thing blows over." More Letterman: "There is a chance that Bill Clinton is a distant cousin of the British Royal Family. They think now he is a direct descendent of King Arthur's favorite knight -- Sir Lunalot" ("Late Show," CBS, 11/29). Jay Leno, on Bob Dole: "You know what would be kind of strange? Watching him on MTV. ... Ask him, 'Do you wear boxers or briefs?' [Dole:] 'Uh, Depends.'" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 11/29).

TOP TEN CHANGES WESTINGHOUSE IS PLANNING FOR CBS

10. Replace "CBS Eye" with something called "The Westinghouse Finger."
9. Goodbye old shows that suck; hello new shows that suck.
8. Change name to NBC.
7. Replace Christmas bonus with no Christmas bonus.
6. To boost ratings, switch Murphy Brown with Divine Brown.
5. Give a show to that Kramer guy -- he's a riot!
4. On a very special "Walker, Texas Ranger," Walker beats the crap out of Ross Perot.
3. Coming this fall: "Dr. Letterman, Medicine Woman."

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 On the stump before the IA | a top Senate priority for |
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"The gift ban was like breaking down the door. Lobby reform
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 the attic and all the rooms [left]."
 -- Frosh Rep. Linda Smith (R-WA), W. TIMES, 11/30

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

Poor Woody Harrelson. Bob Dole just doesn't seem to appreciate anything the actor does. First, Dole calls Woody's "Natural Born Killers" film a nightmare of depravity. Then, Dole calls for a boycott of "Money Train." Do you suppose Bob Dole's had it in for Woody ever since he replaced Coach on "Cheers?"

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

*1 NEW HAMPSHIRE: THIS IS RADIO CLASH

NH airwaves have "suddenly clogged with presidential ads featuring earnest looking men, uplifting soundtracks and pithy slogans." Die-hards may fight the deluge of political ads by "tossing their televisions out the window" and "tuning in some soothing music on the radio," but "radio is no safer." Phil Gramm is on radio using Sen. Bob Smith (R-NH) as an interpreter for his Texas twang and Buchanan "skips the interpreter and goes straight for the gut" with his Bosnia and Prop. 187 ads. For those who find "political rhetoric spoils holiday cheer, the season's saving grace is the federally mandated spending cap." The \$600,000 cap in NH makes most campaigns "hold back the heaviest advertising until shortly before" the 2/20 primary. There are, however, two "important exceptions" to the spending cap: Morry Taylor and Steve Forbes, two multi-millionaires financing their own campaigns who are not subject to the limits because they don't get federal matching funds. In one week alone Forbes spent \$50,000 on WMUR ads, "double or triple" what other campaigns are spending. Gramm's TV buy at \$21,000/week is a level "high enough so that average viewers see the ad four times each week." Forbes manager Bill Dal Col "makes no apologies" for the heavy spending: "You're talking about career politicians who have had 20 years of free media at the taxpayers' expense. We're just trying to level the playing field." All of Forbes' ads have

"earned him decent poll numbers and credibility as a candidate." Bob Dole is the only candidate yet to advertise in NH, but with "every other campaign filling the airwaves, don't expect him to wait much longer." He already has an ad running in IA where the spending limit is higher. Dole Dep. Chair Bill Lacy said Dole will go on the air "sometime in December." Lacy: "TV is very important. It is one of the few ways that a campaign can completely control the dissemination of information" (Timberg, CONCORD MONITOR, 11/20).

*2 IOWA: GOP CANDIDATES GO HOG WILD FOR FARM BUREAU

The GOP hopefuls "wooed" IA Farm Bureau members "with promises to reduce federal interference in rural America." The 1,200-member group is "heavily Republican ... whose members are often active in local GOP politics" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 11/30). Lamar Alexander, Pat Buchanan and Alan Keyes attended the event in person; Bob Dole, Phil Gramm and Dick Lugar "appeared as technologically enhanced larger-than-life images" from DC via satellite. Steve Forbes, Bob Dornan and Morry Taylor did not appear. The inheritance tax was a "popular target." Gramm and Keyes "went the furthest" on it, urging the "total elimination of inheritance taxes ... to allow firms and ranches of any size to be passed to the next generation unencumbered by taxes on the estate." Buchanan called for a \$5 million exemption, while Dole "pushed a boost" to \$3.5 million. Dole's "roots in rural Kansas and his long political track record appealed to many in the crowd." Dole and Lugar "played on their Midwest rural upbringings and their long work" as members of the Senate Ag. Cmte. Mentioning that TX is one of the largest ag. states, Gramm "said he is farm-state senator" and, "although he has close ties with the oil industry, Gramm declared 'I'm an ethanol senator.'" Gramm "said there is no inconsistency between his vocal support for ethanol in Iowa and his opposition to mandated use of ethanol in Congress." And on "perhaps the most divisive agricultural issue" in IA, Gramm said he "opposed any federal effort" to help smaller hog farmers compete with factory-like operations. Gramm: "I'm not going to get the federal government into telling people how many hogs they can grow" (Kotok/Hendee, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 11/30). Touting his new "family farm bill of rights," Buchanan "got the loudest spontaneous round of applause when he called for local zoning controls over large hog confinement facilities." Alexander said Clinton must help sell farm exports by targeting markets for "special attention," and suggested the U.S. "reject the 'ostrich politics' of tariffs because they will threaten trade." Lugar, who has been "criticized ... for once suggesting dramatic cuts in farm spending," explained his position: "If I made a mistake it was in mentioning that if we're going to have a balanced budget ... we're going to have to have some reduction" in farm spending programs (REGISTER, 11/29). Dole had "to explain away" a reference he once made to legislation as "welfare for farmers." Dole "said he was referring to how it would be attacked by urban interests when payments went to farmers regardless of their income." Keyes "said it is time to get government totally out of

agriculture": "This ag socialism isn't what it's cracked up to be" (WORLD-HERALD, 11/29).

***3 DELAWARE: WHO'S GONNA FILE THERE?**

Because DE plans to have its primary on 2/24, just four days after the 2/20 NH primary, Bob Dole has promised NH Gov. Steve Merrill that he will not be on the DE ballot. Pat Buchanan will boycott DE also, "although the official announcement won't come until next Monday." As for the other candidates: Even though Lamar Alexander's NH dir. Bill Cahill "said on TV a couple of Sundays ago that Alexander won't file" in DE, now his campaign says he is undecided. "Why the switch? The Alexander campaign is smarting dearly" from Merrill's endorsement of Dole, "what it feels is a slap in the face." Dick Lugar and Morry Taylor are also undecided. Phil Gramm, "who at least never hid his intentions," will definitely file in DE, as will Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes and Bob Dornan (DiStaso, Manch. UNION LEADER, 11/30).

***4 PEROT: ORGANIZERS SAY THEY'RE QUALIFIED FOR MAINE**

Russ Verney, exec. dir. of Ross Perot's Reform Party, said party organizers have gathered the requisite 25,551 signatures to qualify for the Maine ballot, well ahead of the 12/14 deadline. Verney: "We will keep right on going but we have passed the minimum threshold." With that accomplished, the Reform Party has completed its '95 mission. It has made it onto the ballots in CA, OH and ME -- the three states with '95 deadlines for new political parties to make the '96 ballots (REUTERS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 11/30).

***5 BUCHANAN: MAKING HOG LOTS A HOT BUTTON IN IOWA**

Pat Buchanan is spending "much of this week" in Iowa plucking "three of the hottest strings in American politics these days" -- Bosnia, big hog lots and abortion. Buchanan is using these three issues to "stitch together" support which party leaders "say could give Buchanan a second-place finish" in IA. Buchanan has added the local issue of big hog lots, or "factory farms," to his more familiar stump material. Buchanan, on the farms: "These monstrous things, what are they good for? ... This gigantism, the worship of efficiency is one of the problems in our conservative movement. This is one area where we can get together with people who have different philosophies ... on the grounds that we all ante to preserve the family farm." With these issues, Buchanan is working to expand his base that has him "in the top tier of candidates" in IA polls. IA GOP chair Brian Kennedy: "He's got a lot of committed followers who will definitely turn out for him on caucus night" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER, 11/29).

RADIO DAZE: Buchanan launched two 60-sec. radio spots in NH and IA 11/29. The first is entitled "Out of Bosnia." EXCERPT: "I'm Pat Buchanan. Friends, Bill Clinton is about to send 20,000 U.S. troops into that blood-soaked Balkan peninsula. Mr. Clinton says he does not need the approval of Congress or the American people. Well, he's wrong on all counts. There is no vital American interest in who controls what town in Bosnia. ...

Atrocities have been committed on all sides, and America has no business going there. What is Mr. Clinton doing, sending the best and the bravest of our young into this dark and bloody ground? Not one American soldier should have to die in Bosnia. But we have to speak out. We have to tell the president he's wrong. That's what I'm doing. Give us a hand. American lives are at stake" (release, 11/29). The second is entitled "Prop. 187." EXCERPT: "I'm Pat Buchanan. A year ago, Californians -- in a landslide -- voted to cut off welfare to illegal aliens. Now, a federal judge has overturned that vote and ordered [CA] to keep sending out the welfare checks. Are you like me? Have you had enough of these arrogant federal judges? First they order the Bible out of public schools. Then they turn violent criminals loose because their cells are too crowded. Now, they say illegal aliens who break into our country are entitled to welfare at our expense. Let's put these black-robed politicians back in their places. As president, I will impose term limits on federal judges and give the people the power to recall and fire every single one of them ... Help us take back America. Give us a call at 1-800-GO-PAT-GO (release, 11/29).

NEW HAMPSHIRE HELP: Manchester UNION LEADER's DiStaso reports retired Union Leader editorial page editor Jim Finnegan will become Honorary Chair of Buchanan's NH campaign (11/30).

*6 GRAMM: ADD IA TO PLAYLIST FOR NEW TV AD

Phil Gramm began running "Courage," a new TV ad, in NH 11/28 and in IA today (11/30). Gramm NH mgr. Jim Courtovich tells HOTLINE the campaign spent \$21,000 for a one week run on WMUR, "with an option to buy more." Media consultant Alex Castellanos would not say how much the campaign was spending in IA, but the run would be "open-ended" (Interviews, 11/29). The 30-sec. ad begins with "Balance the budget or not run for re-election," over a black screen. ANNCR: "Only one Republican has pledged to balance the budget as President or not run for re-election." ANNCR, over B&W photo of Gramm and graphic: "PhD. in Economics": "Not just because he's an economist." ANNCR, over B&W photo of Gramm with Ronald Reagan and graphic: "Phil Gramm wrote Reagan budgets": "Not just because he has a plan." ANNCR, over B&W photos of families and graphics: "Balanced budget," "Lowered taxes" and "Lower interest": "Not just because a balanced budget means lower interest on our families' cars and mortgages." ANNCR, over cutaways of Gramm with people: "Phil Gramm has pledged to balance the budget as president or not run for re-election for just one reason ..." B&W graphic: "PRINCIPLE." ANNCR, over Phil and Wendy Gramm with an IA family: "Phil Gramm. Common sense. Uncommon courage" (release, 11/29). Gramm's portrayal as an ardent budget cutter attempts to "draw a contrast with front-runner Dole." All polls show Dole holding a lead in IA, but "some conservatives say they are nervous about Dole's commitment to conservative causes" (Glover, AP, 11/30).

*7 INDEPENDENTS: IS TSONGAS TALKING ABOUT JOHN ANDERSON?

Paul Tsongas appeared on TIME's Online Press Conference 11/28 and commented on the "Gang of Seven": "The story, I think,

indicates that there is a great deal of frustration in Democrats who are socially liberal and fiscally responsible. ... The dilemma is shared on the Republican side ... with the withdrawal of Sen. Specter there is now no pro-choice candidate running for President, even though a majority of Republican women have adopted a pro-choice position according to the polls. So this is a bi-partisan center and the center at this point feels unrepresented." Tsongas, asked if the group has asked Sen. Rudman (NH) or any other GOPers to join the group: "Sen. Rudman is a close friend of Senator Dole so this philosophizing about a third path would not be appropriate given his commitment. Secondly, Lowell Weicker was a Republican Senator as you know and there is another retired Republican Congressman, who is well known and whose name will surface in the next few days. But there will be others as well." Tsongas, asked if the "Gang of Seven" actually "exists as a cudgel to move" the Dems and Clinton in its direction: "That's a rather insightful analysis. I would add that if the power of our argument is strong enough, it should have the corresponding effect of moving the Republican party back to its center as well" (release, 11/29).

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

*8 WHITEWATER: AND THE EMMY FOR BEST DRAMA GOES TO ...

"Mention of Gennifer Flowers and a T-shirt marketing scheme enlivened" Whitewater hearings yesterday as Pres. Clinton's defenders sought to show that former Resolution Trust Corp. investigator Jean Lewis "carried a grudge." Dems on the Senate Special Whitewater Cmte disclosed a personal letter written by Lewis in which she described Clinton as a "lying bastard" for his "denial of a long-running affair with Flowers" (Lemons, AR DEM-GAZETTE, 11/30). Dems "attempted most of the day to discredit Lewis" (Seper, W. TIMES, 11/30). An excerpt from the letter: "His ability to lie surpasses that of our most astute politicians (Gennifer Who?? I never slept with that woman ... quoth the illustrious Gov. Bill Clinton. Everybody in Arkansas knows he did, the lying bastard, and then he put her on the state payroll!!)." N.Y. TIMES' Labaton reports the hearing "produced no significant new details ... but as political theater, it was one of the more interesting days in the long running Senate proceeding." While Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) "said the letter offered proof that Ms. Lewis' investigation had been politically motivated ... other Democrats looked pained by the ... introduction of the letter and Ms. Flowers into the record, as they realized that the line of inquiry would be an invitation for Republicans to discuss Mr. Clinton's character." And "indeed the Republicans wasted little time in responding." Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL): "What Ms. Lewis said, I'm sure millions of others believe it" (11/30). Sen. Bob Bennett (R-UT) commented he has heard Dem colleagues privately say things about Clinton that "are even more derogatory" (W. POST, 11/30). Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT): "Whether Jean Lewis hated or liked the Clintons is irrelevant, as are the letters and the T-shirts. ... She did a good job, and she did it well" (W. TIMES, 11/30). Lewis' letter was written 2/92, a month before Lewis began reviewing Whitewater for the RTC. A

year later, "after her work helped trigger a sweeping criminal review," Lewis tried marketing T-shirts poking fun at the Pres. and First Lady, using with the slogan, "B-I-T-C-H ... Boys, I'm Taking Charge Here." Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA): "Don't you think there's something here that doesn't pass the smell test?" Lewis "acknowledged that she was a conservative Republican but said she had kept her political feelings in check during her review of Whitewater and the Madison Guaranty S&L" (DEM-GAZETTE, 11/30). Meanwhile, Lewis continued on to say she "had no personal bias against Mr. Clinton" and added that she and her superior in the RTC's Kansas City office, Richard Iorio, "testified that they saw repeated signs that political appointees in the Washington RTC office wanted to impede" the investigation. Lewis: "There was an effort underway to control, manipulate and even obstruct the Madison investigation" (DEM-GAZETTE, 11/30). NPR's Greenberg: "Lewis says she has no doubt the Clintons benefited from Whitewater. ... She advised the committee if it wants to know what the Clintons knew about those corrupt activities, it should ask them directly" (11/29).

E.R.: After six hours, testimony ended abruptly when Lewis "quietly signaled ... that she was having health problems and then had to be helped out of the room." A doctor was called and Lewis' blood pressure was said to be over 210 over 110. She was later taken by ambulance to a hospital, where she was admitted for observation (W. TIMES, 11/30).

*9 GINGRICH: FEC SEES "APPEARANCE OF CORRUPTION" AT GOPAC

The FEC released "hundreds of new documents" suggesting GOPAC "hid its role in 1990 congressional races in violation of federal law." Among the alleged improper activities: \$250,000 in "support Newt" projects during then GOPAC-chief Newt Gingrich's 1990 congressional race. Gingrich's 1990 opponent David Worley (D): "Newt Gingrich stole the 1990 election." The FEC is "suing GOPAC claiming it should have registered as a federal committee in 1989 and begun disclosing its campaign activity." GOPAC registered in 1991. FEC: "GOPAC's failure to register and file disclosure reports creates the appearance of corruption." Gingrich and GOPAC "deny the allegations," saying GOPAC was "designed to build a GOP "farm team" of state and local candidates who might someday run for Congress." GOPAC atty Peter Derry: "GOPAC hoped to have an indirect effect on federal elections" (Cummings, COX/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 11/30). More Derry: "They didn't give him any money to run his campaign or his reelection campaign. It was all in the context of his leadership of GOPAC ... They paid political consultants on whom Newt relied to generate a lot of the ideas that found their way into the state and local programs that GOPAC ran." Common Cause president Ann McBride said the disclosures "raise serious questions about the speaker and GOPAC violating the campaign finance laws to get him elected. ... The speaker spent his career talking about a corrupt system in Washington and it appears that he may have at the same time been seriously violating campaign finance laws" (Marcus/Locy, W. POST, 11/30). Gingrich spokesperson Lauren Sims on expenditures questioned by the FEC: "These were legitimate

travel expenses for strategy and planning sessions for GOPAC" (Gerth, N.Y. TIMES, 11/30). ABC's Zelnick: "Trying to separate GOPAC efforts on behalf of Gingrich the candidate from those on behalf of Gingrich the strategist, may be like trying to separate two types of broth in the same pot" ("GMA," ABC, 11/30).

IMPACT ON HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE: FEC documents are "expected to put added pressure" on GOP members of the House Ethics Committee, which is "deadlocked over the scope of a pending inquiry" into allegations against Gingrich. "The findings are also likely to refocus attention, at a time when the Speaker's popularity is plummeting, on allegations that Gingrich misused his office when he was a member of the GOP minority." The records provide "additional cases" of GOPAC contributors seeking "special treatment" from Gingrich. Gingrich's '94 opponent, ex-Rep. Ben Jones (D), "is expected to submit the FEC file to the ethics panel as corroborating material." GOPAC exec. dir. Lisa Nelson: "Nowhere in the 6,000 pages of documents we turned over is there any indication that we specifically helped a federal candidate." Nelson said the only federal candidates the FEC claimed that GOPAC supported were President Bush, an opponent of former Speaker Jim Wright (D), and Gingrich himself, but records show no direct GOPAC contributions. More Nelson: "I think they are reaching pretty far to try to make the case" (Miller/Bunting, L.A. TIMES, 11/30). Under header, "Internal Documents Indicate Gingrich's GOPAC Mixed Fund Raising With Federal Policy Issues," W.S. JOURNAL's Kuntz writes: "The House Ethics Manual reminds lawmakers that an appearance of impropriety can arise when there is even the hint of linkage between donations and legislative favoritism. But the documents show that Mr. Gingrich's own letters sometimes included allusions to both public and policy donations" (11/30). W. TIMES editorial: "The question is not whether anybody associated with GOPAC harbored wishes about electing Republicans to Congress. Of course they did. The question is whether GOPAC used its resources to benefit federal candidates. On the strength of the FEC's own motion, the law has to be stretched like a rubber band to conclude that GOPAC did" (11/30).

*10 LOBBYING REFORM: HOUSE PASSES SWEEPING BILL; CLINTON TO SIGN

"A sweeping bill to restore teeth to federal lobbying laws" passed the House. It also passed the Senate and Pres. Clinton said he would sign it. Clinton: "For too long, Washington's influence industry has operated out of the sunlight of public scrutiny. This is precisely the sort of change that the American people have demanded." The passage "represents the second of three key reform measures promised by Congress' Republican majority, which was elected in 1994 in part on a promise to take the privilege out of the Washington power structure" (Kellman, W. TIMES, 11/30).

REAX: Rep. Charles Canady (R-FL), the bill leader: "I don't claim that this is a perfect bill, but I do know that if history repeats itself, we won't get anything done on this issue." Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA): "This bill has a lot of enemies who don't want to admit they are its enemies" (NPR, 11/29). Frosh Rep.

Linda Smith (R-WA): "The gift ban was like breaking down the door. Lobby reform was like cleaning out the hall. We've got the basement, the attic and all the rooms [left]." Rep. John Bryant (D-TX): "For untold numbers of years, the American people have justifiably believed unseen forces were causing Congress to make decisions. Those forces will no longer be unseen, and this Congress is no longer going to be wined and dined." American League of Lobbyists' Wright Andrews said that for lobbyists who are registered, the reform bill "does a lot of leveling. You should not treat different people who are lobbying differently. Some people never want to disclose what they're doing" (Kellman, W. TIMES, 11/30). Sen. Bill Cohen (R-ME) said that passage provides "momentum for the effort to enact a campaign-finance reform bill, I hope as early as next summer." Rep. Paul McHale (D-PA): "In politics, as elsewhere, sunshine is the best disinfectant." (Hess, PHILA. INQUIRER, 11/30). Bill supporters were intent on keeping it free of amendments. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) labelled any effort to add amendments "a ruse to kill the bill" (Fulwood, L.A. TIMES, 11/30). Rep. Chris Shays (R-CT), who swore he'd retire after this year if lobby reform was not passed: "It's a wonderful effort on the part of rank and file House members" (Lee, USA TODAY, 11/30).

MORE: NBC's Brokaw: "The House finally cracked down on Washington lobbyists -- and by a unanimous vote" (11/29). CNN's Jackson: "There are some notable omissions. Not included in the bill is any independent enforcement agency, no disclosure is required of who is being lobbied and there's no disclosure of grass roots lobbying expenses, so millions spent on television advertising or getting voters to telephone Congress won't be disclosed. What remains to be seen is whether increased disclosure of lobbying will in any way diminish the influence of lobbyists, and so far, Congress shows little appetite for restricting the campaign contributions they get from those lobbyists" (11/29).

*11 MAINSTREAM CONSERVATIVES: NEW ALLIANCE FORMED IN HOUSE

Two dozen House Republicans have formed a new group that will "seek to form alliances with conservative Democrats." The new Mainstream Conservative Alliance will seek to work with The Coalition -- a "caucus of conservative House" Dems -- to "deliver a bloc of 45 or so votes." The new Alliance includes three former Dems who were members of The Coalition: Reps. Greg Laughlin (R-TX), Billy Tauzin (R-LA) and Mike Parker (R-MS). Laughlin, on why he helped form the new group: "In early discussions with Speaker (Newt) Gingrich when I joined the Republican Party, he suggested to me to look for ways to have better communications with Democrats who were likely to vote with us." Alliance members hope to form an influential bloc of votes. Laughlin: "It's an effort to ensure that we have input and also to try to broaden the number of votes that we get on a bill" (Mittelstadt, AP/Houston CHRONICLE, 11/29). The alliance "could have its advantages" for Gingrich "by forcing him to act in a bipartisan manner when other members of his party would rather he did not" (Kuhnenn, K.C. STAR, 11/30). The 24 members (all

GOPers) are: Reps. Brian Bilbray (CA), Michael Bilirakis (FL), Peter Blute (MA), Henry Bonilla (TX), Jim Bunn (OR), Richard Burr (NC), Sonny Callahan (AL), Tom Coburn (OK), Larry Combest (TX), Michael Crapo (ID), Barbara Cubin (WY), Bill Emerson (MO), John Ensign (NV), Walter Jones (NC), Greg Laughlin (TX), James Longley (ME), Mike Parker (MS), Dan Schaefer (CO), Clay Shaw (FL), Billy Tauzin (LA), Fred Upton (MI), Zach Wamp (TN), J.C. Watts (OK), William Zeliff (NH).

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Most Republican presidential candidates make headlines for their attacks on the entertainment industry. It's different with Steve Forbes. A famous entertainer was spotted recently working a GOP crowd on behalf of Forbes. To find out the celebrity's identity, check out The Buzz on Politics USA. If you got to know right now, here's a hint: Can we talk?

HOW'S IT PLAYING

*12 BOSNIA: SURVEY SHOWS MOSTLY SKEPTICAL CONSENSUS TO GO ALONG

ALBANY TIMES UNION: "It's now up to the President's critics to articulate a more persuasive argument for keeping the troops home. It's unlikely that they will be able to do so" (11/29).

ALLENTOWN MORNING CALL: "[Members of Congress who oppose Clinton] 'are blowing to the political winds. They may be blowing against Mr. Clinton, but he has history and morality on his side'" (11/29).

AKRON BEACON JOURNAL: "Here is a test for Republican majorities in Congress. They would do well to ponder a passage toward the beginning of the president's address" (11/29).

ARIZONA REPUBLIC: "We don't question [Clinton's] sincerity. But we ... are not yet convinced that the White House has done all it can to minimize those risks" (11/29).

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE: "The sad, self-serving rationales for delay that Bill Clinton included in his address Monday night may have been unavoidable in a president who is also and always a politician -- but the case for American engagement has become stronger than ever" (11/29).

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION: "Clinton has laid out a convincing case, on both moral and practical grounds" (11/29).

AUGUSTA CHRONICLE: "Clinton's decision is not statesmanship; it's a foolhardy stretching of military manpower and resources. ... We agree with Gramm that our soldiers are being sent to enforce an unenforceable treaty" (11/29).

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN states if Clinton's address "was the best case he could make for sending [troops] ... it only underscored the weakness of his argument" (11/29).

BANGOR DAILY NEWS: "The president's appeal was solid, but he must reinforce critical elements of his Monday night address ... to win the support of the public and Congress" (11/29).

BALTO. SUN: "The president must be supported" (11/29).

BILLINGS GAZETTE: "[JFK] said, to govern is to choose.

Clinton chose. That's the political side of the question. The next question is of greater import. Will America's best interest be served with the Bosnia intervention? The answer is yes" (11/28).

BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD: "The Republicans in control of Congress should ask hard questions. But the President's case is not without merit" (11/29).

BOSTON GLOBE: "[Clinton's] is a just cause" (11/29).

BOSTON HERALD: "Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic says, 'What is wrong with the Dayton agreement' is that is 'has created a new Beirut in Europe; it is going to bleed for decades.' Does that look like the war is over?" (11/28).

Boulder DAILY CAMERA: "Two of the first words heard in some quarters after the peace agreement were 'draft dodger,' as if Clinton's opposition to the long-ago war in Vietnam had any bearing on Bosnia" (11/29).

BUFFALO NEWS: "Congress should stand up and stand behind [Clinton], and so should the American people" (11/28).

CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE: "Those who applaud Republican presidents' every military decision should remember that the Democratic president has equal freedom of action in international affairs" (11/29).

CHATTANOOGA FREE PRESS: "It is a dangerous and wrongful result of decision by Mr. Clinton alone" (11/28).

CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL: "Clinton has no choice" (11/29).

COLUMBIA STATE: "Dole is to be praised for saying that lawmakers 'need to find some way to be able to support the president.' Skeptics in Congress said [Clinton] needed to make his case. He has made it, and without any sugarcoating" (11/29).

DALLAS MORNING NEWS: "As Sen. Bob Dole rightly responded, it was only a good 'first step'" (11/29).

DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL: "Bosnia clearly a case for U.S. leadership" (11/29).

DES MOINES REGISTER: "The deciding factor is: If the [U.S.] doesn't do its part, [NATO] may start to unravel" (11/29).

DETROIT FREE PRESS: "Congress should give this president the support he needs" (11/29).

DETROIT NEWS: "The American interest in the Balkans isn't vital enough to warrant this venture" (11/28).

Eugene REGISTER GUARD: "Congress should approve a resolution of support for the Bosnian mission" (11/29).

FT. MYERS NEWS-PRESS: "The decision isn't about popularity, polls and public approval -- nor is it about Clinton's record, although ... Dole's support adds credibility to Clinton's stance. It's about leadership, consistency and commitment" (11/29).

FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM: "Congress should support the commitment of U.S. forces ... The days of timid, shrinking reticence in the face of criminal barbarity have ended" (11/28).

HARRISBURG PATRIOT-NEWS: "Like it or not, there are some things in this world that will get done only if the United States takes the lead" (11/29).

HARTFORD COURANT: "The president deserves public support and Congress's signing on to the mission" (11/29).

HOUSTON CHRONICLE: "Clinton has committed his presidency to

the Bosnian peace effort; his re-election may rise or fall upon the result. His best hope may be that Bosnia's warring factions are so exhausted they must rest for at least a year before renewing their ancient disputes" (11/28).

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS: "His speech was compelling, but not wholly convincing. ... It is a European tragedy that demands a European solution" (11/28).

INDIANAPOLIS STAR: "There is no justification for the move in terms of national security interests" (11/29).

K.C. STAR: "It is not enough for members of Congress to grumble that Clinton still needs to make his case to the American public. Lawmakers are responsible for what happens in Bosnia as well. If they have better proposals, let's hear them" (11/29).

KEENE SENTINEL: "The history of this century has shown the [U.S.] and the rest of the civilized world benefit from constructive American engagement, and suffer greatly in its absence" (11/28).

LANSING STATE JOURNAL: "The overriding question is not if the Bosnia situation should be 'fixed,' but can it. Until [Clinton] answers that with a clear-cut scenario for success, our troops should stay on friendly soil" (11/29).

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER: "It would be a dereliction of duty if the United States chose not to participate" (11/28).

L.I. NEWSDAY: "Congress must ask tough questions and insist on even more stringent conditions that Clinton outlined" (11/29).

L.A. TIMES: "The President's cause is right" (11/28).

LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL: "Clinton said ... 'America cannot and must not be the world's policeman.' Why, then, would he have us start walking this dark and dangerous beat?"

MANCHESTER UNION LEADER: "Buchanan does what the week-kneed Republicans refuse to do: He stands up and says 'No' to President Clinton's foolhardy plan" (11/29).

MIAMI HERALD: "[Clinton is] right not to duck U.S. responsibility at this defining moment in Europe's post-Cold War history -- not to say in his presidency" (11/28).

MILWAUKEE SENTINEL: "Despite risks, Clinton is right about Bosnia" (11/29).

MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE: "Congress should respond by sending American troops to Bosnia with a firm vote of confidence in the troops and in their mission" (11/28).

NATCHEZ DEMOCRAT: "We must know when they will leave, what other countries will participate and how much it will cost ... Even if we get those answers, Congress must still be skeptical about the need ... [for] so many troops" (11/29).

NASHUA TELEGRAPH: "Clinton has taken a stand. We applaud him for that. He has decided what America's role will be in the world and acted because it's 'the right thing to do'" (11/29).

NEWARK STAR-LEDGER: "Clinton's effective presentation wins him converts" (11/29).

N.Y. DAILY NEWS: "Clinton made a strong case. ... America must lead the way" (11/29).

N.Y. POST: "It's clear that congressional Republicans, guided by [Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich, don't plan to oppose the Bosnia project. That's the correct call" (11/29).

N.Y. TIMES: "Clinton made a strong case ... Congress should honor his request in a timely manner" (11/28).

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD: "Speech didn't build confidence; Questions about Bosnia Remain" (11/29).

ORANGE CO. REGISTER: "Since the troops are going, no matter what ... polls might say, we will hope that, against all odds, the mission will succeed" (11/28).

ORLANDO SENTINEL: "Plea falls woefully short" (11/29).

PEORIA JOURNAL-STAR: "To back out now would ensure a resumption of the genocidal war in Bosnia" (11/29).

PHILA. INQUIRER: "If America turns away from its Bosnia pledges, do critics think that troublemakers in other nations won't notice?" (11/29).

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE: "It is a courageous stand for the president to take going into an election year. We hope Congress follows his example" (11/29).

PROVIDENCE JOURNAL-BULLETIN: "Clinton laid out a strong humanitarian and national-security case for sending American troops to Bosnia" (11/29).

S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE: "Lawmakers would be wise to ... pass a resolution supporting [the Bosnia policy]" (11/28).

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER: "As President Clinton has told the nation, '[Sending troops] is the right thing to do' (11/29).

SIOUX FALLS ARGUS LEADER: "To hear ... Clinton tell it, sending U.S. troops to Bosnia is the best hope for keeping peace in war-torn Bosnia and is necessary for the strategic interests of the United States. ... He is wrong on both counts" (11/29).

S.F. CHRONICLE: "Clinton did a good job appealing to Americans' patriotism and morality. He was less clear on how America's interests are protected by our intervention in Bosnia. ... Dole wants to flog dead issues, such as why the [U.S.] enforces an arms embargo that prevented Bosnia's Muslim [govt] from defending itself effectively. That's history" (11/29).

S.F. EXAMINER: "Dole has the right idea on sending troops ... Ask tough questions, then support the president" (11/28).

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH: "Congress should participate in such a weighty decision ... and it must deliberate the issue responsibly, setting aside strictly partisan concerns" (11/29).

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT: "No American leader -- no world leader, in fact -- would agree before now to venture into a Bosnian cauldron boiling with centuries of bitterness" (11/29).

TAMPA TRIBUNE: "The President's idea of world leadership is, at the risk of American blood, to keep a lid on Bosnia until after the 1996 elections. The man has no shame" (11/29).

TOLEDO BLADE: "Congress put aside partisanship in the Gulf War, and it should do so now" (11/29).

TOPEKA CAPITAL-JOURNAL: "America can't turn its back" (11/29).

USA TODAY: "If we are to stand for our principles, we cannot just avert our eyes and say Bosnia is someone else's problem to solve" (11/29).

WACO TRIBUNE-HERALD: "No time for isolation" (11/29).

WATERLOO COURIER: "U.S. role in Bosnia requires public backing" (11/29).

W.S. JOURNAL: "It would be ironic indeed if the GOP forsakes the Reagan-Bush legacy for hell-no-we-won't-go isolationism, and allows Bill Clinton to run with the banner of American leadership" (11/29).

W. POST: "We think Mr. Clinton has now taken a strong position and ... articulated it well" (11/29).

W. TIMES: "This was a speech that would have sounded much more convincing coming from someone else. ... [Still] Arresting the suffering and the inhuman cruelties that have ripped through the Balkans ... will be to the credit of this nation" (11/29).

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

*13 OREGON SENATE: WYDEN BACKERS ANGRY OVER PACKWOOD COMPARISON

Rep. Ron Wyden's (D-03) campaign "pulled out all the stops" to criticize Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-04) for airing a TV ad that "seeks to tie" Wyden to ex-Sen. Bob Packwood (R). The campaign "even brought in one of the Packwood accusers, Julie Williamson, to accuse DeFazio of defaming Wyden." Wyden did not appear at the news conf., "perhaps because he didn't want to be in the awkward position of having to declare 'I'm no Bob Packwood'" (Mapes, Portland OREGONIAN, 11/28). Portland Mayor Vera Katz (D), a Wyden backer: "DeFazio's outrageous 'Packwood' ad has set off a strong reaction throughout the state. His use of Bob Packwood as a campaign tactic is nothing less than a smear campaign on one of Oregon's best and brightest leaders. This ad is absolutely outrageous, it crosses the line, and it's just plain wrong" (KATU/Channel 2 Portland, 11/26). DeFazio spokesperson Dave Crysler: "They are claiming we applied Bob Packwood's character defects to Ron Wyden. We simply point out that Packwood's financial backers have turned to Wyden" (interview, 11/28). DeFazio mgr. Pat Ewing: "People know the difference. ... Packwood ... sold out to special interests. Ron Wyden is a sellout too" (Eugene REGISTER-GUARD, 11/28). The Dem spat "overshadowed a similar tiff over advertising" on the GOP side between Schools Supt. Norma Paulus and Senate Pres. Gordon Smith (OREGONIAN, 11/28). Katz also endorsed Paulus for the GOP nod, "demanding that Gordon Smith apologize for a radio ad" that claimed Paulus would tax churches (McCullough, Salem STATESMAN-JOURNAL, 11/28). Elsewhere, AP's Sonner writes that DeFazio "apparently went a little overboard" trying to paint Wyden as a "champion of the rich." In criticizing Wyden's vote in '92 to repeal a luxury tax on yachts, "it turns out DeFazio himself voted for a similar repeal a year later as part of an omnibus budget bill." Wyden spokesperson Lisa Grove: "Only a desperate candidate would make this kind of ethical and tactical mistake" (11/29).

ENDORSEMENTS: Corvallis GAZETTE-TIMES, for Smith and DeFazio: "Each of these men is an excellent representation of his party's philosophy. Taken together, they would give Oregon voters a clear choice" (11/23).

NEW CANDIDATE: Environmentalist Lou Gold, "who spent 12 summers praying on a mountaintop for peace in the battle over old-growth forests and was arrested protesting Sugarloaf timber

sale," announced he is seeking the Pacific Party nomination at its 12/7 convention. Gold is a "spiritual leader in the Northwest environmental movement" (AP, 11/27).

THE PLANE TRUTH: On a 6:30 a.m. flight from Portland to Chicago on 11/28, Wyden stuffed his luggage in an overhead bin. Ten minutes later, another passenger stood up to get something out of the same bin. Wyden's luggage then tumbled out and struck another passenger in the chest. The passenger "happens to be" Packwood. OREGONIAN's Mapes: "Worried flight attendants found a doctor who examined Packwood." He "looked terrible" but was otherwise OK. Wyden: "It's an amazing world" (11/29).

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

*14 MASSACHUSETTS: WHEN GIANTS COLLIDE

Gov. Bill Weld (R) said he would challenge Sen. John Kerry (D) in '96, "launching what promises to be an epic election battle" between two of MA's "most popular and politically divergent figures." Weld, announcing his candidacy in the middle of his second term as gov.: "We've succeeded in changing the political culture of Massachusetts for the better. Now it's time to change the political culture of Washington, DC. ... I don't believe Senator Kerry is the man to do it." Weld attacked several of Kerry's votes, including his "support for \$591 billion in tax increases and his opposition to the death penalty, the balanced budget amendment and 'workfare.'" Weld: "You couldn't have a worse voting record." But Kerry "said he welcomed the chance to show voters 'the real Gov. Weld,'" whom he depicted as "an uncaring conservative extremist marching under the banner of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who is highly unpopular" in MA. Kerry said, "This election will contrast cherished American values with the extreme agenda of someone who calls Newt Gingrich his 'ideological soulmate.' I welcome the chance to contrast my vision of the future with his." By tying Weld to Gingrich, Kerry focused in on "what many Weld advisers fear is their candidate's worst vulnerability." These advisers are "convinced Weld will prevail" if he can focus on crime, welfare and taxes, but they "fear he will lose" if Kerry is able to link Weld with Gingrich and tap MA voters' fears "that GOP leaders are going too far in their budget and Medicare cutting." Gingrich's popularity in the state, "never strong, has plummeted in recent weeks." A BOSTON GLOBE poll earlier this month showed him with a fav/unfav rating of 27/58%. Sen. Ted Kennedy (D) predicted Kerry would win: "The last thing Massachusetts needs in Washington is another vote for Newt Gingrich." The Kerry camp said it would go after Weld's gov. record, but Weld said he would use his "cutting taxes 11 times and paring the growth in state spending as a centerpiece of his argument why voters should send him to the Senate." Some GOPers fear Kerry will "drown Weld in negative advertising" by tapping into the \$760M fortune of his wife, Teresa Heinz, though Weld said he thinks he can "do well enough to compete financially." He has asked Kerry to support a \$5M spending cap on the race (Phillips, BOSTON GLOBE, 11/30).

RISKS FOR BOTH: BOSTON HERALD's Sciacca & Battenfeld write

that the "colossal" clash between Kerry and Weld "could vault the winner into national prominence. ... For Kerry, the race presents a chance to emerge from the shadow of [Kennedy] and fulfill his once-promising potential as a national Democratic star. For Weld, unseating Kerry in a heavily Democratic state would position him as a GOP giant-killer and validate his socially liberal, fiscally conservative brand of politics." The race is also "risky for both, so risky it could end their political careers. Both Weld and Kerry have shown the ability to attract strong support from independent voters. But Weld is especially dangerous to Kerry because he's proven he can win support from lunchpail Democrats in the state's economically depressed cities." As for the Kerry effort to brand Weld as a Gingrich "foot soldier," it "may not stick. Weld has proven to be immune from political stereotyping, and his liberal views [on abortion, gay rights and the environment] set him apart from the GOP mainstream" (11/30).

NATIONAL VIEW: N.Y. TIMES' Butterfield, noting Weld's efforts on behalf of the doomed pres. candidacy of CA Gov. Pete Wilson, writes, "The question of whether Mr. Weld devotes sufficient time to the governorship goes to the heart of what is expected to be one of Senator Kerry's main campaign themes -- that Mr. Weld is somewhat disengaged, and perhaps even bored with his job" (11/30). NRSC chair Al D'Amato (R-NY) called the race a "top priority national contest" and pledged Weld the maximum \$600,000 funding from the cmte. NRSC exec. dir. John Heubusch characterized Kerry's record as "anti-taxpayer, weak and ineffective. John Kerry has little to show for his long tenure in Washington" (release, 11/29). DSCC exec. dir. Don Foley said the cmte would give Kerry the maximum allowed "if the senator needs it" (Lambro, W. TIMES, 11/30). CNN's Shaw called Weld's announcement a "new threat to a key Democrat in the Senate" ("Inside Politics," 11/29).

THE INITIAL HANDICAP: A WBZ-TV poll, conducted 11/29 by KRC Research, surveyed 400 registered voters; margin of error +/-5% (11/29). The GLOBE poll was conducted 11/14-15 also by KRC, 400 RVs; +/-5% (see HOTLINE 11/20).

GENERAL MATCHUP WBZ GLOBE

Kerry	48%	50%
Weld	36	36
Undec.	16	15

POLL ANALYSIS: "Voters in Massachusetts ... face the prospect of one of the best bare-knuckle heavyweight political fights in years. ... And the first exclusive WBZ poll on the battle indicates the Governor has his work cut out for him" (WBZ-TV, 11/29).

*15 OREGON: HATFIELD TO DISCLOSE PLANS TOMORROW

Sen. Mark Hatfield (R) will announce his re-election plans on 12/1 at the Silverton Hospital Dedication in Silverton, OR at 11 a.m. Pacific time (2 p.m. Eastern). Hatfield is expected to announce his retirement from the seat he first won in '66, the

11th senator to do, which would be a record. Declared GOPer: businessman Bill Witt. Declared Dems: '90 nominee Harry Lonsdale and ex-OR Dem chair Joe Smith. Definites, if Hatfield retires: state House Speaker Bev Carno (R). Possibles, if Hatfield retires: Rep. Elizabeth Furse (D-01), AG Ted Kulongoski (D), businessman Tom Bruggere (D), real estate broker/ex-state Sen. Ron Sunseri (R), plus whoever loses out in the special election for Packwood's seat. Filing deadline: 3/12.

***16 TEXAS: MONTFORD "PREFERS THE VIEW IN TEXAS"**

State Sen. John Montford (D), "after looking at a Senate bid for months," announced he will not seek the Dem nomination for the seat held by Sen. Phil Gramm (R). Montford, a "top lieutenant" to LG Bob Bullock (D), said he want to "remain in the Legislature and work on Texas issues" as power shifts from the federal gov't to the states: "It is obvious that the states will have greater and greater responsibilities to save our nation's problems. I, for one, welcome the challenge." Houston atty John Odam (D), on Montford's decision: "I respect John Montford a great deal and ... I understand and respect the reasons he gave for staying out of this race." Bullock applauded the decision, calling Montford "capable of holding ... any office" but the "state government is the winner" with Montford's decision to stay. Montford is the second Dem to opt out of the race; Richard Fisher, the Dem nominee against Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R) in '94, earlier said he wouldn't run (Holmes, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 11/29). Also: Rep. Jim Chapman (D-01), ex-Dem David Young (R).

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

***17 OUTTA THE HOUSE: ADD THE MOST SENIOR WOMAN TO THE LIST**

The list of those not returning in '97 now stands at 25 (18 Dems, 7 GOPers). Not every Senate candidate listed below has officially announced.

TOTAL OUTTA THE HOUSE -- 25 (7R, 18D)

RETIREEES -- 15 (4R, 11D)

AR 02	Thornton (D)	KS 03	Meyers (R)
CA 24	Beilenson (D)	MA 10	Studds (D)
CA 27	Moorhead (R)	MS 03	Montgomery (D)
CO 01	Schroeder (D)	MO 07	Hancock (R)
FL 02	Peterson (D)	TX 02	Wilson (D)
FL 19	Johnston (D)	TX 16	Coleman (D)
IL 07	Collins (D)	WI 03	Gunderson (R)
IN 10	Jacobs (D)		

RUNNING FOR THE SENATE -- 10 (3R, 7 D)

AL 03	Browder (D)	NJ 09	Torricelli (D)
CO 04	Allard (R)	NJ 12	Zimmer (R)
IL 20	Durbin (D)	RI 02	Reed (D)

LA 02 Jefferson (D) SD AL Johnson (D)
LA 03 Tauzin (R) TX 01 Chapman (D)

***18 CO 01: SCHROEDER DEPARTURE LEAVES WIDE OPEN RACE**

Rep. Pat Schroeder (D), a CO "political institution for more than two decades and an icon of dwindling liberalism," announced she would not seek a 13th term. Schroeder, the longest-serving woman in Congress, said she might teach, get involved with charitable foundations, or do "some media stuff": "My adult life meter keeps ticking and while I'm active, vibrant and at the top of my game, I feel it's time to move on and tackle new challenges" (Brinkley, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 11/30). Schroeder, asked if she would run for the seat of retiring Sen. Hank Brown (R): "No, I don't think I'll run in '96. I don't know that I will never run again for anything else. ... It's a little too late." Asked if her leaving hurts Dem chances to retake the House: "The Republicans are defining themselves now as Newt Gingrich. ... He's trying to get the party to morph into him and that's going to be very difficult for the Republican Party to deal with in the '96 election" ("Inside Politics," CNN, 11/29).

COME AND GET IT: Schroeder's decision has turned her CD "upside down, shaking the Democrats who have ridden her political coattails to victory for more than a generation." Her decision will create wide-open race for the seat in a "traditionally Democratic stronghold." Observers say "anywhere from six to two dozen" Dems will consider a run, including Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and his wife Wilma. Atty Joe Rogers is the only announced GOPer for the seat. Ex-CO Dem chair Buie Seawell: "There is going to be something approaching political chaos in the Denver Democratic Party." CO GOP pol. dir. Rob Fairbank said the announcement is "good news" for Rogers who has raised "more than \$75,000" thus far. Fairbank said he didn't know if other GOPers would join the field because Rogers has "made some serious inroads." Analyst Floyd Ciruli said in addition to the Webbs, possible Dems include Dottie Lamm (D), wife of ex-Dem Gov. Dick Lamm, and state Rep. Diana De Gette. Mayor Webb had no comment -- other than praise for Schroeder -- on either his or his wife's interest in the race (Shore, AP/Colorado Springs GAZETTE-TELEGRAPH, 11/30). The last GOPer to hold the seat was Mike McKevitt, who lost to Schroeder after one term in '72. Schroeder now becomes the "last of the Watergate-era Democrats who have dominated the party in Colorado for the past two decades." With Schroeder leaving, Dems have only one remaining member of the cong. delegation. Denver Dem consultant Eric Sondermann said Schroeder felt "adrift in Newt Gingrich's Washington": "Not ideologically adrift, but almost personally adrift. These are people with whom she disagreed, but also people she couldn't abide." Schroeder denied any connection between her departure and the DC power shift, saying she considered stepping down at the end of her last term when Dems were still in power (Thomas, GAZETTE-TELEGRAPH, 11/30).

HOME-GROWN FAREWELL: DENVER POST editorial: "During her 23 years in Congress, Coloradans learned there were two Pat Schroeders. For our part, we'll miss them both. The nation saw

Pat Schroeder as a high-profile crusader for the underdogs of the world. ... But residents of her district also saw another Pat Schroeder -- the highly effective 'take care of business in my District' politician. ... Goodbye, Pat -- and thanks for a job well done" (11/30). ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS editorial: "Candidates start your engines. The race begins today. The prize for first place: a salary that places you among America's elite 2%, the chance to talk back to the likes of Newt Gingrich. ... Not to mention the chance to succeed a woman who became a political legend" (11/30).

MORE FALLOUT: CO Dem vice-chair Mary Alice Mandarich: "It's kind of good that it's happening this early because it gives us time to go out and candidates time to look at it and we can move forward." CO GOP chair Don Bain: "Pat is a symbol of the past and has had the insight to recognize it" (NPR, 11/29). NBC's Ifill: "If there is one symbol of liberalism left in Newt's Gingrich's House of Representatives, it's ... Schroeder. Her decision not to seek a 13th term earns her membership into Capitol Hill's fastest growing club -- exiting Democrats. ... It's no laughing matter for the Democratic Party as their leaders continue to pack it in. They don't like to admit it, but they're beginning to see their chances for regaining control of the House, or the Senate, slipping away" ("Today," NBC, 11/30).

*19 MN 06: HEY JUDE, DON'T MAKE THAT AD

A MN Grand Jury indicted ex-state Sen. Tad Jude (R) for a TV ad his campaign aired in its '94 campaign against now-Rep. Bill Luther (D-MN). Jude, who has already announced plans to challenge Luther again next year, was indicted because he "intentionally participated in the preparation or dissemination of political campaign material, knowing it is false." The ad accused Luther of blocking a bill proposed by Jude in '87 which Jude claims would have kept a repeat offender from kidnapping a woman and her children. Jude never asked for a hearing on the bill that year, and when it reached his Senate cmte in '88, Luther supported the bill. Jude dismissed the indictment: "I am convinced that the legal process will clear away the political smog and demonstrate my innocence." If found guilty, Jude could face up to a year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. Chief deputy Dakota Co. Atty Charlie Diemer said that there have been fewer than 10 previous indictments under the law" (Furst, Minneapolis STAR TRIBUNE, 11/29).

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

*20 WASHINGTON GOVERNOR: INSLEE GETS IN

Ex-Rep. Jay Inslee (D-04) "says he will wear his 1994 re-election defeat proudly" in his '96 gov. bid. Inslee said he lost to now-Rep. "Doc" Hasting (R) "largely over his vote in favor of a ban on assault weapons." Inslee, who served only one term: "What it showed was when you vote your convictions over political expediency, on occasion it's not good for your career" (Postman, SEATTLE TIMES, 11/29). Inslee: "The people are looking

for leadership that is socially progressive, campaign reform-oriented, environmentally protective and fiscally very sound, and that's the list of values that I share." An atty since being defeated, Inslee was "an active opponent of the state's property rights law," which was overturned by voters 11/7. The announcement is "another sign that prominent Democrats believe public support for Gov. Mike Lowry [D] has eroded." Lowry has not yet declared if he will seek a second term. He has been "criticized for his early support of a tax increase, for his handling of health care reform and for his treatment of a former female employee." Inslee joined state Senate Budget chair Nita Rinehart as Dems who have announced they will run. Inslee is "less well known than Lowry or Rinehart, but he also has an advantage: because he is not an officeholder, he can raise money nonstop between now and the election." New campaign finance law prevents Lowry and Rinehart from raising money "until at least mid-April" (Paulson, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, 11/29). Rinehart has raised \$30,000 since announcing her candidacy 11/8 (TIMES, 11/29). Possible Dems: AG Christine Gregoire, King Co. Exec. Gary Locke, Insurance Commiss. Deborah Senn, Seattle Mayor Norm Rice and state Auditor Brian Sontag. Announced GOPers: House Maj. Leader Dale Forman, King Co. prosecutor Norm Maleng, Ex-state Sen. Ellen Craswell, state Sen. Pam Roach and Sen. Gorton cmpn chair Jim Waldo. Possible GOPers: Rep. Linda Smith (R-03) and businesswoman Nona Brazier.

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

*21 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Labor Sec. Robert Reich. NBC's "Today" hosted U.S. Amb. to Ireland Jean Kennedy Smith and retiring Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-CO). "CBS This Morning" hosted Schroeder, Irish P.M. John Bruton and Smith. "FOX Morning News" hosted MD Gov. Parris Glendening (D), Sens. Phil Gramm & Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Hodding Carter and Nixon Ctr. for Peace & Freedom's Peter Rodman.

LAST NIGHT: ABC led with lobbying reform. CBS, NBC and "NewsHour" led with Clinton in England. CNN led with Bosnia. "NewsHour" focused on the budget with AEI's Norm Ornstein, and interviewed Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS). CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Schroeder and analyst Charlie Cook. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted MTV's Tabitha Soren. AMERICA'S TALKING's "Chris Matthews" hosted Clinton adviser James Carville.

LAUGHS: David Letterman, on Pres. Clinton: "He was talking about ... his decision about sending American troops into Bosnia, and he kept saying, 'It's the right thing to do, it's the right thing to do.' Who is writing this man's scripts, Wilfred Brimley?" Letterman, on Clinton's trip: "Clinton, as you know now, is in England. He's going to stay over there until this Bosnia thing blows over." More Letterman: "There is a chance that Bill Clinton is a distant cousin of the British Royal Family. They think now he is a direct descendent of King Arthur's favorite knight -- Sir Lancelot" ("Late Show," CBS, 11/29). Jay Leno, on Bob Dole: "You know what would be kind of strange? Watching him on MTV. ... Ask him, 'Do you wear boxers

or briefs?' [Dole:] 'Uh, Depends.'" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 11/29).

TOP TEN CHANGES WESTINGHOUSE IS PLANNING FOR CBS

10. Replace "CBS Eye" with something called "The Westinghouse Finger."
9. Goodbye old shows that suck; hello new shows that suck.
8. Change name to NBC.
7. Replace Christmas bonus with no Christmas bonus.
6. To boost ratings, switch Murphy Brown with Divine Brown.
5. Give a show to that Kramer guy -- he's a riot!
4. On a very special "Walker, Texas Ranger," Walker beats the crap out of Ross Perot.
3. Coming this fall: "Dr. Letterman, Medicine Woman."
2. Heightened sexual tension between Morley Safer and Mike Wallace.
1. Fire everything that moves ("Late Show," CBS, 11/29).

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

"I'm not quitting, and not dying, and I'm not
running away, and I'm not leaving the party,
and I plan to be terribly, terribly active."

-- Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-CO), "CBS This Morning," 11/30

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

"This disgusting act of cowardice with my purported leaders
 caving in to a pro-homosexual, draft-dodging pathological liar in
 the White House is pathetic."
 -- Rep. Bob Dornan (R-CA), DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 4/25

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Candidates in NJ may include a slogan with their name on the ballot. Physicist Rush Holt (D), who is running in the open 12th CD, wants to use the slogan "Democrats Against Gingrich." But according to the NJ Sec/State, Holt will have to get written consent from Gingrich to have the slogan appear on the ballot. We wonder what Newt's decision will be.

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

*1 CLINTON: "FRAYING" IRISH RELATIONS; KNIGHT'S CLIENTS LIST

One of Pres. Clinton's "most loyal constituencies, Irish America, is starting to fray at the edges." By breaking Washington's "hands-off policy" on Northern Ireland and facilitating the peace process there, Clinton "had earned widespread and almost reverential support" among Irish-American activists. "But suddenly, Clinton's Irish support is not as universal as once thought." While he remains popular, there have been "two high-profile breakings in rank this week, for two very different reasons." The nation's largest Irish-American lobbying group, the Irish Nat'l Caucus (INC), "has accused Clinton of flip-flopping" on his support for the MacBride Principles, which mandate affirmative action hiring in N. Ireland, where Catholics have an unemployment rate 2 1/2 times that of Protestants. Secondly, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the nation's largest Irish-American fraternal org., has withdrawn an invitation to Clinton to speak at its 7/96 nat'l convention, citing Clinton's veto of the "partial birth" abortion bill. The order also "joined in the unusual public criticism of Clinton about the MacBride Principles." To "add insult to injury," some are saying Bob Dole, supports the MacBride bill that cleared Congress "and as a result could gain votes that have long been assumed Clinton's." Irish Nat'l Caucus pres. Sean McManus "believes Dole will benefit from the controversy." WH spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn "insisted that Clinton supports the principles, and vetoed them only as a rider on a much larger foreign policy bill he opposes." But John Hume, "the leading moderate nationalist in Northern Ireland, who is considered the most influential Irish politician with the White House, opposes the principles, which he says could scare off badly needed investment" (Cullen, BOSTON GLOBE, 4/24).

KNIGHT REACTION: The appointment of Peter Knight, 45, as campaign manager for Clinton-Gore "should inject some urgency

into what has been a low-key campaign operation." The decision "marks a turning point in Clinton's campaign. ... Clinton had avoided selecting his campaign leadership -- or even his candidacy -- as part of a strategy to bask in the prestige of the presidency while appearing above the political fray" (Fournier, AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 4/25). BOSTON GLOBE's Kranish writes, "The selection ... came as a surprise to campaign officials. Knight's selection, however, was considered a symbol both of Gore's influence in the campaign and of President Clinton's desire to pick a noncontroversial manager who could resolve some well-known differences between his two top campaign strategists," adviser Dick Morris and Dep. WH CoS Harold Ickes (4/24). Knight "was one of the rare candidates that onetime Republican Morris and liberal Ickes could agree upon" (AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 4/25). Knight entered politics in '72 as an intern for ex-Rep. Torbert MacDonald (D-MA), and joined the staff of then-Rep. Al Gore in '77 and remained with him in the House and Senate until '89. Knight ran Gore's VP campaign in '92 and has since worked as a lawyer and as a Dem fundraiser. He is chair of the upcoming DNC gala, to be held 5/8 (BOSTON GLOBE, 4/24).

KNIGHT'S LOBBYING ACTIVITIES: SCRIPPS HOWARD's Powellson reports Knight "is a registered lobbyist for 14 special interests, ranging from trash king Browning Ferris Industries to entertainment giant Walt Disney Co." As a "lawyer-lobbyist and partner at the Washington firm of Wunder, Diefenderfer, Cannon & Thelen, Knight is registered with the Secretary of the Senate to lobby for two regional Bell systems," Bell Atlantic and Pacific Telesis. Gore "was very active recently in pushing Congress to adopt telecommunications reform." Senate records "show Knight also registered to lobby for the Tennessee Valley Authority." TVA chair Craven Crowell "said recently" that TVA, "barred by federal law from lobbying federal entities, has not asked Knight to lobby anyone." Other Knight lobbying clients: Lockheed Martin, U.S. Olympic Cmte, West Publishing, Siemens, Molten Metal Technology, M4 Environmental Management, the Int'l Olympic Cmte; and Fluor Corp., "an engineering, heavy construction, and coal and lead mining firm" (Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 4/25).

***2 DOLE: MORE \$1,000 DONATIONS, MORE "BUNDLING" ASSERTIONS**

W.S. JOURNAL's Kuntz reports employees of a PA landfill operation and their relatives contributed nearly \$50,000 to Bob Dole's pres. campaign "a week before a trash transportation bill the company was lobbying to change was brought to the Senate floor." There were "some 50 donations of \$1,000 each" from employees of Empire Sanitary Landfill and an associated trash-hauling company. All the contributions were made to the Dole campaign on the same day -- 3/3/95 -- and some of the \$1,000 donations came from "low-ranking employees, including a secretary." At the time, "lobbyists for the company were trying to persuade the Senate to protect its ability to import trash from out of state in a bill that was being debated in the Senate the following week." The lobbying effort was not successful, and Dole played no role in the matter other than to bring the bill to the Senate floor. Still, "it is unusual for so many associates

of a relatively small company like Empire Sanitary to give so much money to a candidate on a single day." However, the practice of "bundling" campaign contributions is legal, "as long as the individuals aren't reimbursed by their employer" -- which is alleged to be the case with Dole contributions from Aqua-Leisure Industries (see HOTLINE 4/22). Four Empire Sanitary officials also gave \$1,000 each to Pres. Clinton's campaign on 9/20/95 and the company itself gave a \$20,000 corporate donation to the Dem Party last year, along with a \$15,000 GOP contribution (4/25). W. POST's Marcus & Babcock write bundling is "neither illegal nor unusual in campaign contributions; politicians rely on fund-raisers who tap their networks of colleagues and friends to help generate the millions of dollars required to run modern campaigns." But it has long been a "controversial practice." Critics contend that bundling "allows corporations or groups to circumvent the intent of federal election laws, which strictly limit individual contributions and prohibit companies from contributing at all. By grouping together the individual contributions of employees, companies are able to exert greater sway over candidates, critics say" (4/25).

LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY: ROLL CALL's Kondracke, on what Dole manager Scott Reed and RNC chair Haley Barbour: "Reed and Barbour ... think that Dole and the rest of the GOP Congress should pass major pieces of legislation when they can -- as with health insurance reform this week -- but not waste time and cause GOP discord by fashioning new legislation and negotiating with Clinton when the efforts will be blocked by Senate Democratic filibusters or Clinton vetoes" (4/25). Bob Novak, on Dole: "No plans were laid during his two-week Florida vacation. There is no strategy, neither short term for the legislative session nor long term for the campaign. ... But ... the biggest problem ... happens to be Bob Dole. With each passing day, it becomes clearer that his strength of character and negotiating skills are insufficient to defeat Bill Clinton" (N.Y. POST, 4/25).

HIS TONGUE IS PLEASING TO THE EAR: W. POST's Harden profiles various linguists' positive assessments of Dole's voice. Hollywood dialect coach Robert Easton: "He hasn't become 'Beltway Bob' linguistically. His speech has a kind of lean, terse quality. In musical terms it is the opposite of baroque. It's a nice warm sound that most Americans relate to very well." Michigan State's Dennis Preston: "Bob Dole is in a perfect position. Nobody is going to say he sounds like a crook. The North midlands dialect is the one with the least negative caricatures. His speech does not suggest untrustworthiness to anyone." Georgetown's John Staczek: "When Dole speaks he simply sounds authentic to a lot of Americans" (4/25).

BILL LIVE: Bill Bennett appeared on CNN's "IP." Bennett, on why he is concerned about the Dole campaign: "It's time to break out of the funk and boredom and molasses and get cracking, get going. ... Three or four weeks ago we were down by 14 or 15 points and now you just report that we're down by 20 points. I would suggest that this is not the direction we want to be heading." Bennett, on why Dole should stop operating strictly from the Senate floor: "Operating from Washington, even from the

well of the Senate, is not the most popular place in America. It is not the place where people see you as the leader of the country." CNN's Crowley: "The Senate platform can be a snake pit. ... The truth is, the Senate is better politics than theater" ("IP," 4/24).

JUDGE NOT: N.Y. TIMES' Anthony Lewis, on Dole's statements attacking the ABA: "That's one of the most comic lines uttered by a United States Senator in years" ("NewsHour," PBS, 4/24).

*3 VEEPSTAKES: QUAYLE SPEAKS OUT ABOUT POWELL

At a news conference prior to a paid speech at the Univ. of Missouri-Rolla, Colin Powell "said there are several qualified candidates" to be Dole's VP, "including several GOP governors. But he declined to identify any personal favorites. Powell also reiterated his plans not to seek elective office this year and said he had no presidential campaign role in mind." Powell: "I am just barely dry from being a soldier" (Sentell, K.C. STAR, 4/25). Dan Quayle told the COLUMBUS DISPATCH "he isn't sure Bob Dole wants to share the ticket" with Powell. Quayle: "There are arguments why he shouldn't put him on the ticket." Quayle said Powell's stance in favor of abortion rights "is not a fatal flaw" but still Dole "may decide for various reasons that Colin Powell is not the right person." Quayle "said there is not 'total unanimity' in the Dole camp about asking Powell to sign on, but he declined to elaborate." Quayle: "If [Dole] decides that Colin Powell is the man, he's got to go to Colin -- and others like myself and George Bush and Dick Cheney will weigh in -- and say, 'Colin, it's time to suit up. ... We need you.' And under the right set of circumstances, if Dole really wants him, I would anticipate that Colin would say yes." Without Powell, Quayle said the VP spotlight turns to Midwest governors (Rowland, DISPATCH, 4/25).

KIRKPATRICK: N.Y. POST's Orin discusses a Jeane Kirkpatrick scenario, "being floated by a few Republicans. Suppose, as polls suggest, Boris Yeltsin loses the Russian election to a communist in June, reviving Cold War jitters. Suddenly, foreign policy looms as a huge issue. And few in the GOP have more credibility than the former U.N. ambassador and staunch Reaganite who is America's own no nonsense Margaret Thatcher." A "few more assets: Kirkpatrick, who is a Presbyterian, is pro-choice, but doesn't focus on the issue and could please both sides. There's no way the right wing would walk out on her. ... Drawbacks? She turns 70 next fall. ... Also, the widowed mother-of-three doesn't deliver a state. And her speaking style, says a Dole aide, is 'very cerebral and doesn't lend itself to an attack dog'" (4/25).

*4 BUCHANAN: JUDGE UPHOLDS TX SORE LOSER LAW

A federal judge upheld TX's "sore loser" law that bans Pat Buchanan from appearing on the general election ballot as a pres. candidate because he already ran unsuccessfully in the GOP primary. U.S. District Judge James Nowlin "rejected arguments from the U.S. Taxpayers Party that the law violates the U.S. Constitution. He said the law merely guarantees that internal party fights will not be carried over to the general election."

Nowlin: "Once you select a team in [an election cycle], that season you've got to stay on that team. Professional sports would be a lot better off if they followed a similar rule." Taxpayers Party attys "said they will appeal the ruling" to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. In his ruling, Nowlin "said he had no reason to believe the Supreme Court would rule that sore loser laws are valid in congressional races but not presidential races. He also said the law does not violate the First Amendment right of association because Buchanan can associate with the Taxpayers Party even if he could not be the party's presidential nominee before the year 2000." The Taxpayers Party "will continue a petition drive to get the party listed" on the TX ballot in the Nov. gen. election. The party has until 5/28 to gather the signatures of 43,962 registered voters to get on the ballot this fall (Ratcliffe, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 4/24).

*5 FORBES: A LOOK AT HIS MARCH FEC REPORT

Steve Forbes spent \$33 million of his own money on his failed pres. bid. According to his 3/96 FEC report, Forbes loaned his campaign committee \$3.7M in the final days of his candidacy. "He had already sunk" \$29.6M into the effort before pulling out in mid-March. Forbes "loaned the money to his campaign, but has said that he doesn't expect to be paid back." The FEC report shows his campaign spent \$4.8M in March, including the \$3.7M Forbes kicked in himself. The media/polling firm John McLaughlin & Assocs. received \$2.1M in March and was owed \$323,288 as of 3/31. Contributors gave slightly more than \$1M to Forbes' campaign in March (AP, 4/24).

*6 ALABAMA: LOOKS LIKE A DOLE STATE, SOUNDS LIKE A DOLE STATE

A WSFA-TV poll, conducted 4/18-20 by Mason-Dixon PMR, surveyed 834 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (4/25).

CLINTON JOB		GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUPS			
Excellent/Good	37%	Dole	49%	Dole	45%
Fair/Poor	63	Clinton	40	Clinton	37
		Perot	8		

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

*7 BUDGET: WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS AGREE TO '96 DEAL

ABC's Dean: "Seven months of budget brinkmanship are finally over" ("GMA," 4/25). After two days of "intense negotiations" -- and seven months of stopgap spending measures and partial gov't shutdowns -- negotiators for Congress and the WH agreed on a permanent \$163B FY '96 budget that will keep the gov't open through 9/30 (Gray, N.Y. TIMES, 4/25). NBC's Miklaszewski: "Both sides this morning are declaring victory" ("Today," 4/25). ABC's Zelnick: "In content, the Republicans prevailed on many of their cuts. In terms of politics, it was the greatest tactical retreat by Bill Clinton since Dunkirk and one of the most serious

Republican setbacks in a long time" ("GMA," 4/25). The bipartisan group of top-level negotiators "said the full details of the agreement would not be officially released until after they had been discussed with Clinton and House and Senate leaders of both parties" (Hook, L.A. TIMES, 4/25).

SOME DETAILS: The agreement makes "deep cuts in domestic spending" but preserves "many of President Clinton's most prized initiatives." In the final bargaining, Senate moderates "were forced to abandon their efforts to overturn restrictions that threaten to wreak havoc with U.S. population-planning programs overseas." In turn, "conservatives gave ground on an array of contentious issues" affecting everything from timber sales in AK to Pentagon policy toward military personnel who test HIV-positive (Rogers, W.S. JOURNAL, 4/25). The proposed compromise caps months of "protracted debate over historic spending cuts set in motion last year" by the GOP takeover of Congress. The reduced appropriation levels "would be about" \$19B to \$20B below what the last Dem Congress approved in FY '95. WH CoS Leon Panetta "estimated" that the total restorations amounted to about \$5B. Education, job-training and environmental programs "would receive substantially more than House GOPers had proposed at the height of their 'revolution' last year." Clinton "emerges with continued funding" for his national-service initiative as well as \$1.4B for a community police program that the House "once wanted to terminate." GOPers "dropped" a proposed cap restricting growth of the admin.'s new direct-student-loan program. Labor agencies, "an early target for the GOP's deregulatory agenda," would survive "with very modest cuts." The "most difficult fights ... have been in the area of environmental policy." The admin. "won back significant funds" for the EPA and "successfully weakened" restrictions affecting its regulatory power (W.S. JOURNAL, 4/25). ABC's Zelnick: "Of course, a complete budget accord would require agreement on entitlement programs like welfare, Medicare, and Medicaid, in addition to discretionary spending. And that seems beyond the reach of Congress and the administration" ("GMA," 4/25).

GOP: ABC's Cochran: "Above all, Republicans will be able to say the budget fight is over" (4/24). NBC's Tim Russert: "Bob Dole did not want shutting the government to be an issue in this campaign" ("Today," 4/25). The \$23B in savings "is a shadow [of GOPers'] ambitious promise to balance the budget in seven years." And the programs eliminated "are mostly small and noncontroversial, while fat targets of conservative ire, such as the Commerce Department, remain intact." Bob Dole: "The bottom line is ... we will save \$23 billion. That's an indication the appropriations process has worked" (L.A. TIMES, 4/25). Rep. Bob Dornan (R-CA), on the dropping of the military discharge requirement for people with HIV: "This disgusting act of cowardice with my purported leaders caving in to a pro-homosexual, draft-dodging pathological liar in the White House is pathetic" (Dodge, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 4/25).

WILL THE BILL PASS? Panetta: "We have an agreement, and I believe that the President will find it acceptable." House Appropriations Cmte Chair Rep. Robert Livingston: "There will be

individual differences in the House, but I think what we have is a consensus that most members in the House will ultimately vote for the package" (N.Y. TIMES, 4/25). WI Rep. David Obey (D) "said he expects substantial support from his party when the bill comes to the House floor." GOPers "frankly concede they will need [Dem] help after picking their way through a minefield of issues important to different conservative constituencies" (W.S. JOURNAL, 4/25).

THE "LARGER ISSUE": While the compromise "clears up the unresolved issues" of the '96 budget, "there is yet to be any sign that the WH and Capitol Hill "are closer on the larger issue -- how to balance the budget over seven years, as Clinton and the GOP say they want to do." A day after publicly inviting Dole "to meet to try to resurrect the collapsed effort," Clinton spoke with Dole for about five minutes before a WH ceremony for the signing of the anti-terrorism bill. Dole told Clinton "he would discuss the idea" with Speaker Newt Gingrich and other GOP leaders "and then would get back to the president 'pretty soon,'" according to the WH. Dole declined to discuss the details of his conversation with Clinton, "other than to tell reporters that 'we had a nice exchange.'" WH officials "are eagerly promoting the idea of resuming the balanced budget talks, believing that the president has much to gain from a deal that would enhance his standing as a leader and effectively erase the budget as an issue in the upcoming campaign" (Pianin/Harris, W. POST, 4/25).

EDITORIALS: W. POST, on a Clinton-Dole balanced budget negotiating session: "Who better to deal than the presumptive candidates and leaders not just of the opposing parties but of the elected branches of government. Both have been in the business for years, are good at it, know the programs and the budget by heart -- and guarantee each other cover. The risks of making a deal would be jointly undertaken. Neither could make a campaign issue of proposals to which they had both agreed" (4/25). CHICAGO TRIBUNE: "Dole should follow through on his proposal for one-on-one budget talks. If they produced a credible deal quickly, both men would establish themselves as responsible leaders. More important, they would give voters confidence that America has returned to sound fiscal policy" (4/25). L.A. TIMES, on the FY '96 agreement: "This nasty fight has been more about who will win the White House and who will reign on Capitol Hill than a reasonable debate over a fiscal policy. Still to come is a war over entitlements such as welfare and Medicare. But without further ado, this ugly budget battle should be put to rest" (4/25).

*8 MINIMUM WAGE: GOP LOOKS TO COUNTER, AVOID DEM ACCOLADES

"Moving to seize momentum from Democrats pushing a popular increase in the minimum wage," Speaker Newt Gingrich "endorsed a package of business-friendly alternatives that Republicans say will help American workers without raising costs to employers." Maj. Leader Dick Armey's spokesperson Michele Davis: "We welcome the opportunity to debate which party has better ideas for how to address the middle-class squeeze." The House GOP package will be formulated over the next few weeks and "may include such

disparate proposals as a \$500-per-child family tax credit and altering labor laws to allow more use of 'flex time' for workers." Among the GOP proposals is a "restructuring" of the Earned Income Tax Credit, to tailor it to help poor working families with children. The GOP package "makes an end run around" the Dems by refusing to increase the minimum wage but include other "income-boosting measures." GOPers believe introduction of the package "could remove political pressure from them, and that the House may not even vote on a minimum-wage increase." Arney said he did not intend to schedule a minimum wage vote (Jacoby, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 4/25).

DEMS: House Min. Leader Dick Gephardt: "Nobody is fooled by the latest Republican proposal to avoid a vote on the minimum wage." Gephardt accused GOPers of offering "an agenda of phony promises to workers while leaving out the one thing that could make a difference for millions of people right away -- an increase in the minimum wage" (Shogren, L.A. TIMES, 4/25). W. POST's Dewar & Broder write the Dems' "unexpected success" in moving the issue onto the GOP agenda, "has not only created problems for" Bob Dole, "but has split the [GOP] leadership and caused fissures in the interest coalition that powered the GOP to victory in 1994. ... What looked like a futile quest when it began last year has become a major political coup uniting" the WH, congressional Dems and their allies in organized labor. The "main architects of this turnabout" are Senate Min. Leader Tom Daschle, "pursuing what could be the biggest victory since he" became leader in '94, and Sen. Ted Kennedy (R-MA), who "has been energized" by the battle. Dole, on the other hand, "has been kept busy fending off Kennedy and Daschle instead of using the Senate floor, as he had hoped, to construct his own platform for running against President Clinton" (4/25)

AN EYE FOR AN EYE: A GOP min. wage package could include legislation permitting union members to stop their leaders from spending their dues on political campaigns. GOPers are "angry" that the AFL-CIO is spending \$35M to target many of the "most vulnerable GOP congressional incumbents" (CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 4/25).

CIVIL WAR OVER AN INCREASE? The minimum wage issue has "revealed wide differences among top" GOP leaders and "provoked a civil war between moderates and conservatives." It has also "fractured the Republican alliance with small business interest groups." Nat'l Federation of Independent Business lobbyist Mark Isakowitz: "A lot of our members are shaking their heads at the prospect of a Republican Congress passing this. They say, 'Tell me again who's doing this to us. Aren't these our friends? Aren't they the ones we made a majority?'" (W. POST, 4/25). Nat'l Retail Federation chief lobbyist John Motley, "a close ally of the House GOP leadership": "There has been a realization in the last 48 hours that if they pass a minimum wage increase, the Democrats and the president will get credit for it. The only way they can avoid that and get credit themselves is if they restructure the debate" (Jacoby, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 4/25). Rush Limbaugh, on a GOP alternative plan to link the minimum wage to the size of a worker's family, and have the IRS be responsible for administering the wage increase: "It absolutely is

unfathomable to me. ... The Republicans have come up with a way here to give the IRS more responsibility. ... They're now trying to out-liberal liberals, they're trying to out-Democrat Democrats. ... Any figure arbitrarily enforced on private business is Socialism. ... This is a mind-boggler" ("Limbaugh," WMAL, 4/24).

SPLITTERS: A coalition of "moderate Republicans and Democrats in coming weeks may be able to work around the GOP leadership and force a vote on" increasing the min. wage. If the bill reaches the floor, "it is likely to pass." Rep. Chris Shays (R-CT), "a key supporter of the wage increase": "I will fight to the end to have a vote on the minimum wage. Somehow, with Republican and Democratic support, this will come to a vote and will pass" (Georges, W.S. JOURNAL, 4/25). Meanwhile, Senate GOPers blocked an effort by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) to attach a minimum wage increase to an immigration bill (L.A. TIMES, 4/25).

"REVERSAL": W. TIMES' Blomquist reports that all 23 GOP Reps. who support the increase voted against an amendment to exempt minimum wage increases from the unfunded mandates legislation. Some other GOPers have said the minimum wage increase is an unfunded mandate that will require state governments to increase salaries without federal compensation. Frosh Rep. Jack Metcalf (R-WA), who supports the increase: "Frankly, I haven't thought of it that way. I didn't think state and local governments paid the minimum wage, but I guess some in the South still do." Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), who also supports the increase: "I don't see any contradiction at all. One can argue whether increasing the minimum wage is an unfunded mandate" (4/25).

***9 WHITEWATER: JUDGE ORDERS CLINTON TESTIMONY SEALED**

U.S. District Judge George Howard said that copies of Pres. Clinton's videotaped testimony in the Whitewater trial must remain sealed until he decides whether to release the material to the public. Clinton is giving his testimony on 4/28 in the fraud and conspiracy trial of AR Gov. Jim Guy Tucker (D) and ex-Clinton Whitewater partners James and Susan McDougal. Defense attys, "citing a fear of political operatives," suggested that "tight security measures be taken to protect" the tape. Sam Heuer, atty for James McDougal, said, "There's already been reports of Floyd Brown taking various and sundry steps to get his hands on this." Brown, an anti-Clinton activist, wrote the book "Slick Willie" and also "produced the Willie Horton television attack ad that damaged" Michael Dukakis' campaign in '88 (ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 4/25). WH counsel Jack Quinn, in arguing against releasing the tapes: "We intend to work with the court to give the public full access to the president's testimony -- and to give the president full protection against potential misuse of his testimony." Clinton's testimony will be taped at the WH on two cameras and monitored by Howard in Little Rock. WH spokesperson Mark Fabiani said the TV satellite link "will be scrambled to prohibit TV networks from downloading the testimony." Fabiani: "We have been increasingly concerned ... of indications the Republicans are virtually salivating at the

chance to politicize the tapes." Brown responded by saying the WH is "absolutely paranoid, and for good reason. ... If he doesn't have anything to hide, he should show it." The subpoena of Clinton is "rare but not unprecedented." Pres. Ford testified under oath at a cong. inquiry into his pardon of Richard Nixon, and Pres. Carter was deposed in a case involving his then-Budget Dir., Bert Lance (Bedard, W. TIMES, 4/25).

FALLING STARR? N.Y. TIMES' Purdum writes that Whitewater inquiries "suddenly seem more manageable to the Clinton administration, which just months ago was constantly consumed by them. No one at the White House is breaking out the champagne or breathing anything close to sighs of relief." But Ind. Counsel Kenneth Starr "is caught up in controversies over his private law practice, and an independent Government report [by the RTC] and best-selling book [James Stewart's "Blood Sport"] have failed to turn up smoking guns." There is a "palpable, if tentative, sense" among WH advisers that the "problems" of Whitewater "are dissipating -- in part through their offensives against the president's critics -- and may not loom as the political issue they once feared." Senior Clinton adviser George Stephanopoulos argues that "the picture of a partisan inquiry designed not to address problems that people care about but to embarrass a sitting president is more clear, and people are sick and tired of seeing their tax dollars spent on political witch hunts like this." Also, the 6/14 conclusion of the Senate Whitewater Cmte hearings "virtually assures that it will not be capable of keeping up a daily barrage of headlines as the campaign season heats up." Of course, WH aides "still nervously joke that the moment they whisper a benediction, some new embarrassment, like undiscovered documents or the indictment of a major administration figure, is bound to surface." The history of Whitewater is "sprinkled with surprise disclosures, like the discovery in the White House residence of Mrs. Clinton's long-missing billing records from the Rose [Law] firm. And in defending the president and first lady, the Clintons' aides have repeatedly been blindsided by lack of information about long-ago transactions." Polls have "repeatedly shown that Whitewater has failed to galvanize public feeling strongly for or against" Clinton. "But at the same time, those surveys have shown that a clear majority thinks the Clintons, while mostly telling the truth about Whitewater, are also hiding something" (4/25). CBS' Jones: "It's supposed to be President and Mrs. Clinton who are under scrutiny by ... Kenneth Starr. ... Unfortunately, Whitewater has also become all about presidential politics and Kenneth Starr himself" (4/24). ABC's Koppel, noting he had invited Starr to appear on "Nightline" but Starr had declined, relayed the answers to some questions he had given to Starr: "Is Judge Starr likely to heed any of the calls urging him to step down? Absolutely not. I was told that Judge Starr has no intention of resigning." Clinton adviser James Carville: "This is a partisan persecution of the President of the United States by a bitter political foe of his. ... Everything about this man reeks of partisanship. ... This is not an Independent Counsel, this is a persecutor." Former Starr deputy Independent Counsel

Mark Tuohey: "Starr left his politics at the front door and that's where they've remained" (4/24).

*10 IRAN-BOSNIA: GOP ESTABLISHES FOURTH INQUIRY

Speaker Newt Gingrich said he will name a select subcmte to investigate President Clinton's decision in '94 to allow Iran to ship arms to Bosnia despite a U.N. arms embargo. Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) will chair the subcmte. WH press sec. Mike McCurry said the WH "had no objection" to Gingrich's plan -- the second such GOP move in two days and the forth congressional inquiry scheduled on the issue. McCurry said Gingrich "has a right to ask for the creation of that type of committee. ... Given that there are so many committees that the Republicans have unleashed on this issue, perhaps this one will synchronize some of those efforts and save the taxpayers some money so we don't have duplicative efforts." The House Intelligence Cmte, Senate Intelligence Cmte and Senate Foreign Relations Cmte have all begun, or announced they will begin, investigations. Gingrich said the select subcmte was justified because "Clinton's policy of virtually inviting Iran into Europe could have disastrous results for America." Gingrich: "The president undertook this reckless policy hastily and then kept it secret from Congress, the American people and our European allies. We have an obligation to fully explore this policy, its formulation and execution." McCurry: "[The WH] is more than anxious to tell the story about how we conducted that diplomacy and what our objectives were, because it led to a very positive outcome. ... It did not give a foothold to the Iranians in Bosnia, because the Iranians were already there and very present and had a great deal of activity under way in Bosnia prior to any decision we made" (Whittle, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 4/25). More Gingrich: "The real legal question is whether or not, in fact, they violated the covert-action law and had an obligation to report it" (W. TIMES, 4/25). The subcmte will consist of five GOPers and three Dems and will "focus on the policy implications of Clinton's decision." The House "is moving more aggressively than the Senate to pursue the issue, a step which seems designed by" GOP leaders to give Bob Dole "some distance from the matter while still allowing Republicans to attack Clinton on the matter" (Risen, L.A. TIMES, 4/25).

*11 ONLINE "BUDGET COMMITTEE": GRASSROOTS PROPOSAL PASSES VOTE

A group of Internet-connected Americans banded together on the PoliticsUSA Web site, and, under the direction of budget expert Stanley Collender, created a balanced budget proposal. The on-line "Budget Committee" succeeded in preparing a fiscally-conservative proposal: a budget balanced in five years rather than seven. The final proposal of the Committee was put to a general vote in the PoliticsUSA "Voter Booth" 4/19-22. It passed by a 55-45% margin. "We did something that Congress and the White House have not been able to do," Collender told the Committee. "We developed a balanced budget plan that was accepted by the voting public."

The Budget Committee was born in 1/96 when, in a PoliticsUSA

online budget discussion, several participants requested a forum to create a balanced budget proposal of their own. They intended to prove grassroots Americans can succeed where politicians fail. Members of the committee labored under the same rules that govern the congressional budget committees -- rules which prohibit the Budget Committee from making line-by-line or program decisions. As in Washington, these choices were to be left to the authorization and appropriation committees.

Here's a look at the Committee's final proposal:

1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 96-02

PROJ'D DEFICIT 172 182 183 195 204 211 228 1375

(CBO est. deficit; #s in billions of dollars)

SPENDING CHANGES

Discretionary

Defense -5 -10 -15 -20 -30 -45 -55 -180

Non-defense -15 -25 -35 -50 -70 -95 -110 -400

Mandatory

Medicare -1 -5 -10 -15 -20 -29 -45 -125

Medicaid -2 -3 -10 -15 -25 -30 -45 -130

Soc Security 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Retirement -1 -2 -3 -4 -6 -7 -8 -31

Oth Mns-Tested -5 -11 -14 -20 -25 -30 -40 -145

Other -3 -5 -7 -10 -13 -16 -21 -75

TOTAL -32 -61 -94 -134 -189 -252 -324 -1086

REVENUE CHANGES -- -- -- -- -8 -77 -141 -226

INTEREST -1 -4 -8 -14 -23 -36 -45 -131

NET DEF'T CHANGES -33 -65 -102 -148 -204 -211 -228 -991

RESULTING DEFICIT 139 117 81 47 0 0 0

PoliticsUSA intends to use the Budget Committee as a model for future online deliberations on other watershed public-policy issues. To learn more about the PoliticsUSA Budget Committee, point your WWW browser to <http://PoliticsUSA.com/PoliticsUSA/news/0424pm04.html.cgi>, or contact Karl Eisenhower at 703-836-3300.

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

*12 COLORADO: STRICKLAND/NICHOL RACE IS SEEN AS THISCLOSE

The battle between the two "leading" Dem contenders for the seat of retiring Sen. Hank Brown (R) "grew tighter after Boulder County delegates threw most of their support behind favorite sons" Univ./CO Law Dean Gene Nichol (D) and state Sen. Paul Weissmann (D) and "virtually ignored presumed front-runner" atty Tom Strickland (D). As of 4/21, Strickland has 744 committed delegates, or 40.43% of the total, to Nichol's 738.5 delegates (40.41%); Weissmann has 84 delegates. CO Dem vice chair Mary Alice Mandarich: "Obviously Strickland and Nichol have become the

race." There are 3,023 total delegates statewide; candidates need 30%, or 907, "committed to their campaign going into the state convention" on 6/8 to have their name placed on the ballot for the 8/13 primary. The Strickland campaign "downplayed" the Boulder results, where Strickland "did not make the threshold" of 15%. Strickland spokesperson Tom Schilling said his candidate is "not a Boulder liberal. We did not expect to do well there." Both the Strickland and Nichol campaigns "stress that their goals are to simply go to the state convention with enough delegates to get their candidates' names on the primary ballot." Another Dem, Denver City Councilmember Ramona Martinez, is bypassing the caucus system and attempting to get on the primary ballot through petition. A "wild card" is the uncommitted delegates, "whose support all the campaigns will be seeking" and who Weissmann said "make his true count much higher" (Mathews, DENVER POST, 4/22). Filing deadline: 7/12.

*13 GEORGIA: ISAKSON GOES BETTER WITH COKE

"Armed with a bottle of Coca-Cola, his latest tax returns and a bunch of green Vidalia onions," state Sen. Johnny Isakson (R) "aimed a prop-filled attack" at his two main GOP opponents -- '94 gov. nominee Guy Millner and state Sen. Clint Day. Isakson, who was the GOP gov. nominee in '90, criticized Millner "for conservative positions that he said aren't, like Coke, 'the real thing.'" He brandished the onions to resurrect Millner's "memorable gaffe" of the '94 gov. campaign, when he vowed not to campaign in Vidalia, GA. Isakson also criticized Millner and Day "for refusing to release complete copies of their income tax returns." Millner has released "partial returns" and Day has refused to make public his returns (Alexander/Manuel, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 4/23). Millner initially refused to release his tax returns during his last campaign; when he finally did, they showed he paid no taxes in '91. However, Millner paid "nearly \$10 million in taxes over the last two years." As for Day, he "provided an ambiguous answer to a question about his taxes." When a reporter asked Day if "he had ever been able to avoid owing taxes," Day said, "At this time, I'm not prepared to answer that question." Sec/State Max Cleland (D) made public his tax returns which depict him as a relatively "impoverished professional politician ... in a Senate race crowded with millionaires." Cleland's taxable income never topped \$80,000 over the last five years. That income consisted primarily of his salary and his \$3,000 monthly disability pension from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs resulting from the grenade explosion in Vietnam that claimed three of Cleland's limbs (Sherman, JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 4/23). Sen. Sam Nunn (D) is retiring.

IN SEARCH OF SAM NUNN II: JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION's Sherman writes, "If voters are looking for a Sam Nunn redux, they will be disappointed." Cleland, who has tried to demonstrate he is the "natural heir" to Nunn, is a "proven vote-getter" who has tried to show his independence by breaking with Pres. Clinton on several issues. Emory's Merle Black "called Cleland the closest thing to Nunn in the race": "He seems to be positioning himself as a moderate Democrat who will not be afraid to break with the

party when necessary." But Sherman says Cleland "is no Nunn twin." Unlike Nunn, Cleland "is not a serious student of issues and has a gift for gab that is at odds with Nunn's quiet demeanor." Isakson "may resemble Nunn more than any of the candidates in his ability to work across party lines" in the state legislature. He maintains a "reputation for compromise and a speaking style that does not light fires under his listeners." Isakson: "I'm not exciting. I'm not sexy and I don't roll grenades in a room." In contrast to Nunn, Day's "aggressive defense of conservative social issues and his use of biblical references in campaign speeches make him the most ideological candidate in the race." Millner "serves as a kind of anti-Nunn." A businessman who has never held office, Millner "often fudges the details, abhors the politics of compromise and says he wants to go to Washington to make 'systemic' changes." Kennesaw businessman Bruce Hatfield (R) is promising to replace the income tax with a national sales tax. And two-time cong. candidate Paul Broun (R) calls himself a "committed Christian" (4/21). Filing deadline: 4/26. Primary: 7/16.

*14 ILLINOIS: DURBIN HAMMERS SALVI ON FINANCES

Rep. Dick Durbin (D-20) "turned up the heat" on state Rep. Al Salvi (R), charging him with "stonewalling" on his finances because he released only partial income-tax statements. Durbin: "I can't believe that people are going to let him get by with this." Salvi press sec. Paul Scheeler said Durbin was "beating a dead horse," and insisted Salvi has complied with his pledge to make his '95 tax returns public. Durbin made finances the "theme" of his attack, noting Salvi initially failed to disclose "more than \$400,000" in loans made to his campaign late in the primary. Salvi has since filed amended FEC forms (AP/ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH, 4/23). The Salvi campaign released documents showing several amendments to FEC reports that Durbin has had to file over the years, including one in which an \$18,137 disbursement had not originally been reported. The Durbin campaign acknowledged the mistakes, but said none had been of the "magnitude" of Salvi's error (Schoenburg, Springfield STATE JOURNAL-REGISTER, 4/23). Financial stories about Salvi began to circulate when it became clear he did not have the kind of wealth many originally thought. The portrayal of Salvi's wealth may have "scared away" some potential GOP challengers for the nomination; for his part, Durbin accused Salvi of being "less than honest" about his finances. Salvi's finances "remain murky," but it is clear he is willing to "sink what money he has into his political fortunes" (Armstrong, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 4/22).

SALVI STRATEGY: CHICAGO SUN-TIMES' Neal writes Salvi is "ripping Durbin as a tax and spend liberal" and attacking Durbin's votes against the Balanced Budget Amendment and term limits, pointing out his 95% voting record from the "liberal" Americans for Democratic Action. Still, Durbin is "well positioned" to win in November because he is a "Downstater," like retiring Sen. Paul Simon (D) and ex-Sen. Alan Dixon (D). The statewide Dem ticket in '94 was "wiped out" because five of the six cand. were from Chicago and had "minimal appeal beyond the

city." Durbin is "well-known and popular Downstate." Given his geographic advantage, if Durbin "succeeds in defining Salvi as a right winger, the Democrats will retain Simon's seat" (4/24).

TERM LIMITS: The Salvi campaign said in a release that Durbin must have breathed a "sigh of relief" when term limits failed by two votes in the Senate 4/23. The release cited a nat'l poll done in 1/96 by the Tarrance Group showing 80% favoring limits (4/24). A W.S. JOURNAL editorial notes the Chicago-based Americans to Limit Terms "has been credited" by LG Bob Kustra (R) "with being a factor in his surprise defeat last month" in the GOP primary by Salvi. ALT mailed out 440,000 fliers saying that "while voters expect disobedience from teenagers they shouldn't tolerate it among politicians such as Mr. Kustra who won't fight for term limits" (4/22).

*15 LOUISIANA: McMains Enters the Race for Johnston's Seat

State Rep. Chuck McMains (R) announced his candidacy for the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Bennett Johnston (D), saying his experience as an insurance exec. and his term in the legislature "give him an excellent background to take to Washington." McMains also said he expects the primary campaign to cost between \$3-5 million. His FEC report for the first quarter showed the campaign raising close to \$600,000, with \$525,000 coming in a loan McMains made to the campaign. McMains said his campaign must "go beyond" his own ability to fund it: "If you're not able to go out and raise money also, that says something about your acceptability as a candidate" (Redman, Baton Rouge ADVOCATE, 4/24). McMains is regarded as a "fiscal conservative with a strong record on ethics and 'good government' issues." He said he is "not worried" about the size of the GOP field -- already in the race are Rep. Jimmy Hayes (R-07), state Rep./78 Johnston Dem foe Woody Jenkins, N.O. Councilmember Peggy Wilson, businessman Bill Linder and ex-state Rep./ex-Klansman David Duke. McMains: "What the people are looking for is somebody who has not spent all his or her life in politics" (Wardlaw, N.O. TIMES PICAYUNE, 4/24).

DEMS: AG Richard Ieyoub is the only announced Dem, but ex-Treas./95 gov. cand. Mary Landrieu is expected to announce soon. TIMES-PICAYUNE's Kelso reports that Rep. Cleo Fields (D-04) "might become a candidate ... if he loses his black-majority district" (4/21). Filing deadline: 7/19. Election: 9/21.

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

*16 GA 06: NO CENTER STAGE FOR HIM

Atty Tony Center (D), who received 42% of the vote against then-House Min. Whip Newt Gingrich (R) in '92 and who had been planning another run this year, announced 4/24 he would instead support millionaire cookie manufacturer Michael Coles (D). The move makes Coles the "presumptive Democratic favorite." Center "said a heated primary would have taken too much time from his law practice." Homeowner advocate Cliff Oxford (D) said he would stay in the race (Alexander, COX/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 4/25). Filing deadline: 4/26. Primary: 7/16.

***17 MI 10: STILL WAITING FOR WORD FROM HEINTZ**

DETROIT NEWS' Weeks writes that a declaration of candidacy by MI GOP chair Susy Heintz against House Min. Whip David Bonior (D) had been "expected by now." Heintz, however, was "laid low" by an outbreak of mononucleosis at the state GOP. She is now "on the mend," but no announcement is expected until after Gov. John Engler (R) returns from his European business trip 5/1. Engler press sec. John Truscott said that the gov., who usually remains neutral in GOP primaries, would "seriously consider" getting involved on Heintz' behalf; the word is that the Engler camp "wants her to run." However, ex-state Sen. Gil DiNello (R), one of two GOPers already in the race, said he would stay in no matter what Heintz decides. The other GOPer, newspaper exec. Marlene Kler, has only raised \$7,605 thus far, but insisted her campaign is "charging forward" (4/23). Filing deadline: 5/13. Primary: 8/6.

***18 MT A-L: REPUBLICANS HOLD THEIR FIRST DEBATE**

The three GOPers for the seat of retiring Rep. Pat Williams (D) met in the first debate of the campaign. Ex-MT GOP chair Rick Hill, rancher/enviro. consultant Alan Mikkelsen and ex-Yellowstone Co. Commis./ex-Conrad Burns MT dir. Dwight MacKay "differed on the wisdom of a flat tax, membership in the United Nations, new operating loans to farmers who previously defaulted on government loans, international trade treaties and the extent of negative campaigning." Mikkelsen supports a flat tax, saying 70% of Montanans would not pay any tax under the system. Hill cited a study that shows MT would actually pay more under a flat tax than under the present tax system. MacKay quoted a study showing a flat tax is bad for agricultural interests and hurts middle-income taxpayers. The three agreed that U.S. military personnel should not serve under U.N. command. Mikkelsen and MacKay oppose NAFTA and GATT, while Hill "said ... the needed revisions would come with a Republican president." All three "very forcefully stated their personal opposition" to abortion. The four Dems -- ex-state Sen. Larry Yellowtail, state Sen. Mignon Watterman, atty Larry Jent & Yellowstone Co. Auditor Leo Hudetz -- will debate on 4/30 (Gransberry, BILLINGS GAZETTE, 4/23). Primary: 6/4.

***19 OR 02: ANOTHER OREGON REPUBLICAN IS MAKING GREAT COPY**

Frosh Rep. Wes Cooley (R) has been "catapulted into national prominence" recently, but not the way he had hoped. As a result of recent events, Cooley has been "branded as an intemperate lawmaker who couldn't laugh at himself. He has been chastised by Republican leaders for his public outbursts, raised doubts among colleagues in both parties about whether he could survive Washington and made some GOP legislators wonder whether it was worth the grief to try to save him from himself." Ex-OR GOP chair Craig Berkman: "The worst thing that could happen to a public official is not to be taken seriously and to be held up to ridicule. That's what's happened with Mr. Cooley." Cooley's "trouble began" with an April Fool's edition of ROLL CALL.

Cooley "fell so hard for the fictional stories that he repeated them as fact in a speech before hundreds of timber executives." When a reporter asked him about the speech, Cooley "exploded. Before stunned and embarrassed House colleagues, he shouted repeatedly at a pregnant reporter that he'd like to punch her in the nose. ... Making matters worse," Cooley "clarified" the situation by telling the reporter, "I never talked about punching anybody. ... I said, 'You should be whipped, and if you were not a lady I would whip you.'" As a result, "congressmen of all persuasions joked to reporters that if their questions were too tough, they might get slugged." A few days later, Cooley referred to a "short male reporter as a 'pipsqueak.'" Hill GOPers "described mounting frustration with Cooley, saying he'd been chastised" by Maj. Leader Dick Armey and Maj. Whip Tom DeLay; Speaker Newt Gingrich "also was planning a stern discussion" with Cooley (O'Connor/Walth, Portland OREGONIAN, 4/21). In his CD, voters "say they think he represents their interests well, but his actions are eroding their support." Tony Ahern, publisher of the weekly MADRAS PIONEER: "What I hear a lot of people saying is , 'Yeah, you know Wes, he's as dumb as the day is long, but he's our chump and he votes the way we like it.' ... It's going to be difficult for Wes. ... But ... I won't be surprised if he's able to withstand this." Crook Co. CENTRAL OREGONIAN editor James Smith said Cooley is a "strong supporter of the cattle and timber industries, which are extremely important to this area, and his voting record is very much in line with what we need." Smith added that Cooley's recent notoriety is a "far more important issue to the flaming liberals on The Oregonian staff than it is to anyone here in Central Oregon that the man actually represents." But the WALLOWA COUNTY CHIEFTAIN "ripped Cooley in print recently, saying his credibility with the public has evaporated." CHIEFTAIN editor Rick Swart: "People say to me, 'What's with this guy?' And I think the general sentiment is yeah, he's done a great job but he's a poor representative." Swart said the paper "would not support him for a second term" (Bates, OREGONIAN, 4/21).

DEMS: Deschutes Co. DA Mike Dugan faces "little-known" George Fuson for the Dem nod. Should Dugan win, he "could make it an interesting race." Dugan is "respected in the region as a conservative, tough-on-crime prosecutor who owns guns, hunts and chews tobacco" (Bates, OREGONIAN, 4/21). Primary: 5/21.

*20 UT 02: ANDERSON AIDE ADMITS TO BALLOT STUFFING

A "top campaign aide" to atty Ross Anderson (D) "has confessed to improperly stuffing the ballot box during a straw poll" conducted at the Salt Lake Co. Dem convention last weekend. Anderson pol. dir. James Gonzales admitted "he marked a number of ballots and placed them in the ballot box." Anderson won the poll, beating Dem rival Kelly Atkinson, 53-47%, or 312-281 (see HOTLINE, 4/23). Gonzales: "From the moment I dropped the ballots into the box, I have deeply regretted my conduct. I apologize to everyone concerned. I have spent my adult life working for the advancement of the Democratic Party in the state of Utah and regret having placed that work and commitment in question."

Gonzales "took care to distance his actions from the campaign standards of Anderson, who said he was disappointed but would not fire his aide." Dem leaders had said the straw poll's results were "meaningless and that its purpose was merely to be a lighthearted fund-raising event." Only delegates could vote, at \$3 a pop. "Allegations of tainted balloting surfaced ... after one delegate and vote counter saw Gonzales stuff the box. When vote counters opened it, they saw a wad of folded ballots on top -- all marked for Anderson and all in the same pen. They were tossed. A second bundle also marked for Anderson and in the same pen likewise was chucked" (Maddox, SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, 4/25).

ENID: DESERET NEWS' Davidson, citing FEC reports, notes the campaign cmtes of retiring Rep. Enid Greene (R) "continue to fall deeper in the hole and are now \$117,000 in the red. ... That's mostly because of mounting bills from attorney and accountants who are sorting through what Greene says was her campaign fraud and embezzlement" by estranged husband Joe Waldholtz. "With such expenses," Greene "is spending campaign money faster than" UT cands. who actually are running for Congress. The Enid '94 and '96 cmtes owe \$82,422 to the accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand, which audited her financial records, and owe another \$33,312 to the DC law firm of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, which represents her and her cmtes (4/24).

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

*21 HARRIS: CLINTON LEADS AMONG ALL EXCEPT GOP & CONSERVATIVES

1,005 adults surveyed 4/19-22 by Lou Harris & Assocs.;
margin of error +/- 3% (release, 4/24).

2-WAY	NOW 4/1	3-WAY	NOW 4/1
Clinton	57% 58%	Clinton	51% 49%
Dole	37 39	Dole	31 32
	Perot 12 16		

THIS TIME IN '92	THIS TIME IN '92
Bush 40%	Bush 36%
Clinton 28	Perot 28
	Clinton 24

CLINTON'S LEAD

ALL VOTERS +20 pts. (57-37%)

REGION

East	+32 pts.
Midwest	+31
South	+ 8
West	+15

AGE

18-24	+14
25-29	+27
30-39	+20
40-49	+19
50-64	+20
65+	+25

SEX	
Male	+20
Female	+21
RACE	
White	+ 9
Black	+79
Hispanic	+33
INCOME	
\$7,500 or less	+57
\$7,501-\$15,000	+23
\$15,001-\$25,000	+17
\$25,001-\$35,000	+35
\$35,001-\$50,000	+18
\$50,001+	+ 5
PARTY ID	
GOP	-55
Dem	+77
Indy	+32
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	
Conservative	-17
Moderate	+36
Liberal	+68

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

*22 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Speaker Newt Gingrich, on dinosaurs. NBC's "Today" hosted Tim Russert and HUD Sec. Henry Cisneros. "FOX Morning News" hosted Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN), Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-MA), Dan Quayle, Dem pollster Geoff Garin and GOP pollster Ed Goeas. C-SPAN's "Washington Journal" hosted Quayle.

LAST NIGHT: ABC, CBS and CNN led with Palestine's charter change. NBC led with the minimum wage. "NewsHour" focused on Iran-Bosnia with Reps. Ben Gilman (R-NY) and Lee Hamilton (D-IN). "NewsHour" also focused on judicial appointments with N.Y. TIMES' Anthony Lewis and Institute for Justice's Clint Bolick. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Bill Bennett. CNBC's "Chris Matthews" hosted ex-Sen. Warren Rudman (R-NH). ABC's "Nightline" examined the controversy over Whitewater Ind. Counsel Ken Starr with Clinton adviser James Carville, and ex-Starr deputy Ind. Counsel Mark Tuohey.

LAUGHS: David Letterman, on the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis auction: "I understand the big item on the block tonight is Ted Kennedy's old liver" ("Late Show," CBS, 4/24). Jay Leno, on the auction: "I showed up at the Ted Kennedy auction by mistake. I got some beer cans, a revoked driver's license and a good deal on a rusty Oldsmobile" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 4/24).

TOP TEN SIGNS YOUR TELEVISION SERIES IS GOING TO BE CANCELLED

10. TV GUIDE describes every episode as "same crap as last week."
9. You recently had to start sharing your studio with a Mexican game show.
8. According to Las Vegas oddsmakers, show has less chance of

coming back than Dean Martin.

7. The chief surgeon in your tense medical drama is played by Carrot Top.
6. It's called "Those Wacky Menendez Brothers."
5. Sunset Boulevard hookers make you pay in advance.
4. Title contains any combination of the words "Central," "Park," and "West."
3. Everyone who sees it agrees with the Unabomber that all televisions must be destroyed.
2. Your only sponsor: Clogs for Dogs.
1. It's not a rip-off of "Seinfeld" ("Late Show," CBS, 4/24).

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

"While digging in their heels, Republicans may also
be digging themselves into a political hole."

-- NBC's Jim Miklaszewski, on GOP opposition to the minimum wage
hike despite large public approval of it, "Today," 4/24

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 -- GOP strategist Ed Rollins, asked what would happen if Dole
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 "Imus in the Morning," WFAN, 4/30

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ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN

Twenty-two years ago today, Pres. Nixon turned over to the House Judiciary Cmte heavily edited transcripts of his Watergate conversations. Nixon conceded that "certain parts of them will be seized upon by political and journalistic opponents" -- not unlike the Clinton videotape testimony.

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

*1 DOLE: BLASTS PUBLIC HOUSING, OFFERS RESIDENT INITIATIVES

"Venturing onto potentially explosive political turf," Bob Dole called for "abolishing public housing and issuing vouchers to tenants instead, so they might live anywhere they could afford." It "marked the first time" Dole has "injected the voucher issue" in his campaign. He "offered no details" in his address to the Nat'l Assn of Realtors, but a Dole spokesperson said he endorses a proposal by GOP Sens. Lauch Faircloth (NC) and Spencer Abraham (MI) "that would do away with public housing and phase in vouchers over a five-year period" (West/Hosler, Balto. SUN, 4/30). Dole's speech "marked the first appearance of public housing as a presidential campaign issue" (Gugliotta, W. POST, 4/30). He called public housing "one of the last bastions of socialism" and accused HUD of employing "big brother" tactics and deepening poverty through its programs. Dole: "Imagine, the United States government owns the housing where an entire class of citizens currently lives. We are the landlords of misery." Dole "pointedly criticized the HUD program -- since halted -- which investigated groups opposed to locating controversial facilities in their neighborhoods." Dole: "There is no room for discrimination in our society. But there is also no room for a Big Brother [HUD] threatening and intimidating those doing nothing more than expressing their First Amendment rights" (Feeney, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 4/30). Dole "blamed the probes" on ex-asst. HUD Sec. Roberta Achtenberg, "suggesting she could become a 'poster child' to attack" Pres. Clinton's appointees. Achtenberg quit to make an abortive run for S.F. mayor and then returned as a senior aide to HUD Sec. Henry Cisneros, "a post that doesn't require Senate confirmation" (Orin, N.Y. POST, 4/30). Achtenberg "was the only HUD official Mr. Dole mentioned by name. Her appointment was noteworthy because she was the highest-level open lesbian appointed" by Clinton. But Dole's aides "said he singled her out only because she was in charge of

the department behind these inquiries, and they were not trying to revive the controversy that surrounded her appointment" (Nagourney, N.Y. TIMES, 4/30).

VOUCHER REAX: Cisneros "was quick to dismiss Mr. Dole's speech as 'the kind of worn-out political tactic that the American people are tired of, going before an interest group and promising something that your own party has just opposed.'" Cisneros said Hill GOPers never acted on a WH voucher plan and cut funding for public housing reforms. Alphonso Jackson, pres. and CEO of the Dallas Housing Authority: "Sen. Dole is absolutely correct when he says public housing is the last bastion of socialism. Philosophically, I agree with him. But as a practical matter, it's impossible" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 4/30). Frosh Rep. Bob Ehrlich (R-MD), a "voucher critic," said Dole "hit on a very hot issue, but he may not be coming at it the right way. Dole has to be very specific about what he's advocating because the idea of vouchers alarms a lot of people" (Balto. SUN, 4/30).

OTHER ISSUES: Twice in the speech Dole "knocked" Clinton's '93 budget package. Dole "may not have been aware that the Realtors supported Mr. Clinton's 1993 plan. In fact, the president thanked the group for its backing during his [4/27] address" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 4/30). The speech was part of the Dole strategy of "using public appearances and the Senate forum to draw policy contrasts between himself" and Clinton. In separate speeches on the Senate floor, Dole "pressed his ongoing attacks on 'liberal leniency in Clinton courts' and characterized Clinton's trade policy with Japan as 'a spectacular failure, a fiasco.'" In his remarks on the judiciary, Dole "singled out for criticism" AZ federal judge Carl Muecke, who was appointed 30 years ago by LBJ. Dole said Muecke "had become 'the defacto administrator' of Arizona's prison system and epitomizes 'a textbook example of judicial activism run amok'" (Chen, L.A. TIMES, 4/30). DALLAS MORNING NEWS' Jackson writes "some political analysts question whether Mr. Dole's attacks on judicial opinions -- a sometimes esoteric subject -- will resonate with voters the way the [Willie] Horton controversy did" (4/30).

ROTUNDA BLUNDER? Dole's remarks included a "defense" of his ties to the GOP Congress. Dole aides believe his "recent political difficulties ... have been caused, at least in part, by his association" with House GOPers "and the difficulties he has encountered in trying to run the Senate" while running for pres. However, Dole "made clear today that he intended neither to step down from his position in the Senate, nor to step away from his colleagues in the House" (N.Y. TIMES, 4/30). W.S. JOURNAL's Jerry Seib, on Dole resigning his post: "People have been whispering this in his ear or shouting it in his face for six months now, really, and he's consistently said 'No.' ... It's not necessarily a good idea. ... I think about taking a fish out of water and that's kind of what you do to Senator Dole if you take him out of his environment. To pretend that he's not a legislator and he's not a Washington insider is to try and create

a new persona" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 4/29). Speaker Newt Gingrich said, "In the next 60 days, we will begin to make our case very, very, clearly," adding "that he sees no need for Mr. Dole to give up the majority leader post" (Barta, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 4/30). A Balto. SUN editorial says Dole should "stay where he is" (4/30).

MORE FROM THE CRITICS: Bill Kristol, on his "pessimistic" assessment of Dole's chances: "I'm not pessimistic I'm just truthful. ... I think a little alarmism is a good thing. ... Now there is a real sense that Dole has to make things happen over the next couple of months." Cokie Roberts: "There is cause for paying attention, and if that's what Bill has in mind that's one thing. ... There's a difference between getting Dole energized and writing him off." Chris Matthews: "This is a national presidential campaign, it's not running for Senate majority leader. And Clinton is cleaning their clock right now because he's running for president" ("GMA," ABC, 4/30).

*2 CLINTON: WAR ON DRUGS, AGAIN

In the middle of a Coconut Grove schoolyard before hundreds of "cheering students and civic leaders, President Clinton declared war on drugs. Again." Clinton outlined the admin.'s '96 Drug Control Strategy and unveiled a new policy, "which will be formally submitted to Congress later this week." For FY '97, the strategy requests \$1.3B more than the est. \$13.8B in the current budget for drug control efforts, a 9% hike over this year's allocation (Fiedler, MIAMI HERALD, 4/30). The strategy "calls for increased financing for law enforcement, border control and treatment of addicts, and a coordinated campaign to combat the spread of methamphetamine" (Purdum, N.Y. TIMES, 4/30). Clinton: "We can't stop drugs if our schools, hospitals and communities don't have the tools they need to get the job done." The policy "contains few new initiatives ... but it more sharply focuses the nation's resources on preventing drug addictions at its source: America's children." The pres. "made children the centerpiece of the event" by choosing to speak to an audience of young teens and "loading" the '97 budget request to Congress with increased spending for prevention and treatment programs (HERALD, 4/30). The audience "cheered and screamed, as if for a rock star, when Clinton arrived at the outdoor setting" (Troxler, ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, 4/30). Clinton, to the schoolchildren: "We are not here by accident and we are not here because of anything we have done. We are here because of what you have done -- zero guns, zero assaults, zero incidents of drug-related violence, zero drugs. That's where America ought to go and where America can go" (HERALD, 4/30). The event "was a classic of the genre that Mr. Clinton has come to rely on in recent months: A strong oratorical stand on a popular issue, a plea for public and community cooperation and bipartisan support and only modest new proposals for spending and legislation" (N.Y. TIMES, 4/30). CNN's Woodruff: "President Clinton is hardly the first chief executive to try to step up the fight against illegal drugs, with an emphasis on young people. It's seemingly a popular idea,

especially in Florida, a front line in the drug fight and in the presidential campaign." CNN's Dougherty: "Florida once looked like a lost cause for the Clinton campaign. Now he's making inroads into Republican leads" ("IP," 4/29).

LATE SHIFT: Clinton was "flanked" by AG Janet Reno, Treas. Sec. Robert Rubin and new drug czar/retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey. McCaffrey "told reporters after the speech that the government wouldn't be doing anything it isn't already trying": "I don't think the new drug strategy has more tricks to it. But it's a broad-based, coherent, holistic approach." The "shift" in policy, "to some extent ... marked an admission on the administration's part that its initial drug policy -- which focused more on intercepting drugs at the borders and attacking drug peddlers -- may have misfired" (HERALD, 4/30). The "political aim of the President's visit to this potential battleground state was to keep the Republicans from making hay of his decision to scale back the drug czar's office to save money earlier in his term." (N.Y. TIMES, 4/30). The "very office that McCaffrey heads, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, reflects the administration's changing views about how to deal with the drug issue." At the start of the Clinton admin., "the office had its staff slashed -- cuts made to help Clinton meet his campaign pledge to trim" WH personnel by 25%. When McCaffrey took the job, "he got those positions back." McCaffrey said the admin.'s "earlier approach, which returned some responsibility for drug fighting to Cabinet secretaries, 'didn't work out'" (Harris, W. POST, 4/30). ABC's Hume: "The very fact that he's introducing a new strategy three years and four months into his term is a sign that on drug policy he'd rather talk about what he's going to do than what he's done" (4/29). N.Y. TIMES' Rosenthal, on the appointment of McCaffrey, the allocation of \$15.1B, and a renewed focus on schoolchildren: "Good steps, all three. But Mr. Clinton, and his drug director, in public dance around an international drug scandal. Mexico has become the transfer center for 70 percent of the cocaine and 50 percent of the marijuana arriving in the U.S. That is the same Mexico under the same Government that Mr. Clinton bailed out with \$50 billion in loans and credits" (4/30).

GOP: "Curiously," Bob Dole left the job of responding to Clinton's major initiative of the day to other cong. GOPers (Chen, L.A. TIMES, 4/30). GOPers "pointed out that it was a little late ... three years and three months into Clinton's term, to be exact ... for him to be announcing a new drug strategy. They noted that statistics show drug use among minors has increased during Clinton's watch." Sen. Connie Mack (R-FL): "After three years of being AWOL ... absent without leadership ... in the war on drugs, it's good to see President Clinton finally listening to concerned families." The FL GOP "welcomed" Clinton with a full-page ad in the MIAMI HERALD "making fun of" Charles "Bud" Stack, a Miami atty who has raised \$10M for Clinton and the party (see HOTLINE, 4/29) (ST. PETE TIMES, 4/30). Speaker Newt Gingrich: "Since Bill Clinton was elected, the number of illegal aliens is up. The number of drug addicts is up" (AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 4/30). House GOP conf. chair John

Boehner: "Forget a war on drugs; Bill Clinton hasn't even fought a skirmish on drugs" (W. POST, 4/30). W.S. JOURNAL's Jerry Seib: "The unfortunate fact for the Republicans is that crime has always been their issue in recent times. It's evened out" ("Equal Time," CNBC, 4/29). CNN's Dougherty: "Crime is a red-hot issue this election year. And right now, both Democrats and Republicans are playing a game of political one-upmanship trying to show who's doing more to fight it" ("IP," 4/29).

HIGH APPROVALS: CNN's Schneider notes that at 56%, Clinton has reached his highest job approval rating in the CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP poll (see #12) in over two years. Clinton has only matched or exceeded 56% four times: just after his inaugural address in 1/93 (58%), after his first budget message to Congress in 2/93 (59%), after he delivered his health care speech to Congress in 9/93 (56%), and after his first SOTU in 1/94 (58%). In the horse race, Dole, at 37%, is at the lowest he has ever been in a trial heat against Clinton. This is the first time since the track began (2/95) in which Dole drops below 40% (4/29).

*3 GOP PLATFORM: WILSON TO JOIN FIGHT AGAINST PRO-LIFE PLANK

Gov. Pete Wilson (R-CA), who is a co-chair of Bob Dole's campaign, vowed to strip the pro-life plank from the GOP platform. Wilson said "he would not back away from a fight, even if asked to do so" by Dole. His move raised the "specter of floor fireworks" at the San Diego convention. Wilson: "There's going to be the need to try and come to some kind of compromise [on abortion]. And whether that's possible, I don't know. But I think we ought to make every effort to achieve it" (Farragher, S.J. MERCURY NEWS, 4/30).

BUCHANAN FACTOR: Wilson's pledge "could cause problems" for Dole since he is already viewed "skeptically" by some conservative Christian voters (Doyle/Howard, FRESNO BEE, 4/30). Conservatives, led by Pat Buchanan, have promised to oppose any attempt to alter the platform. Many believe that a "vitriolic party fight over abortion would hamstring Dole" as he leaves the convention and prepares to face Pres. Clinton. But Wilson said Dole "should not worry about Buchanan, whom he dismissed as a political distraction": "I don't think that Bob Dole as the nominee needs the blessing of a lesser candidate. I don't think that Bob Dole's first concern should be appeasement of anybody. If it is, it will not be a winning strategy." Buchanan chair Bay Buchanan: "If the Republican Party chooses to abandon the unborn, politically, it will be absolutely foolhardy. The last thing [Dole] needs is a fight over a life platform. Right now he's having trouble putting together the coalition to win an election. Why would he take the real core of the conservative movement and put his hand to them?" (MERCURY NEWS, 4/30). Buchanan co-chair Phyllis Schlafly: "The question is if he [Dole] wants the votes of people who supported Pat Buchanan. If he thinks he can win without them, he can conduct his campaign that way" (W. TIMES, 4/30).

DOLE FACTOR: Dole spokesperson Nelson Warfield said Dole would defer to the platform cmte to decide on changes but "has

always expected the platform to keep a pro-life plank." He also said disagreements on the issue were a sign of strength, not weakness: "It's a significant sign of unity that Bob Dole and Pete Wilson can hold different views on the issue but agree on the overriding need to replace Bill Clinton" (Freedberg, S.F. CHRONICLE, 4/30). Wilson said to avoid a conflict that might hurt Dole's chances he will search for "common ground" between pro-lifers and pro-choicers; for example, he said that all GOPers might agree on policies that discourage "unwanted" pregnancies and suggested that such a plank may be substituted for the one that now seeks a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. Wilson: "My hope and my advice is that we would be well disposed to agree on language that is a good deal more relevant to society than that plank" (Leshner, L.A. TIMES, 4/30). Some GOPers believe the decision to name pro-life Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) as Platform chair is designed to "send a strong signal" to pro-lifers that the party does not intend to retreat from the position that has been in the plank for 20 years. But other pro-lifers believe Hyde's stature with the pro-life movement makes him the "ideal" person to preside over a compromise plank which, while retaining a pro-life position, would express "greater tolerance" of other views than past platforms (Balz, W. POST, 4/30).

A CHOICE, NOT AN ECHO: If the party cannot agree on a compromise, Wilson "also helped set the stage for a showdown" by saying that he would join forces with pro-choice Govs. Christie Whitman (NJ) and George Pataki (NY) to try and eliminate the ban. Together "the trio of political heavyweights appears to be on a collision course with conservative" GOPers (L.A. TIMES, 4/30).

COLD SHOULDER: L.A. TIMES' Leshner reports that Dole and Wilson were scheduled for a joint news conference 4/29 after discussing campaign strategy, but "after Wilson's abortion comments were broadcast ... Dole skipped the appearance" (4/30).

REAX: ABC's Dean: "Republican infighting over abortion is intensifying" ("GMA," 4/30). NBC's Lauer: "A showdown is now shaping up over the issue of abortion" ("Today," 4/30). Family Research Council's Gary Bauer: "This is a prescription for disaster for Bob Dole and the Republican Party. These governors are on this issue on the fringe. By pushing a fight, they're running the risk of blowing up the Republican Party" (N.Y. TIMES, 4/30). Nat'l Right to Life Cmte PAC dir. Carol Long: "Wilson is wrong. Any effort to remove the pro-life plank is incredibly stupid. If that pro-life plank is removed, you will see Bill Clinton back in the White House for four more years, and it will seriously jeopardize Republican efforts to hold onto the House and the Senate" (S.F. CHRONICLE, 4/30). CA GOP central region vice chair Michael Der Manouel: "This has been a winning platform for us for 16 years. We have a congressional majority for the first time in 40 years with that in our platform. I just think, if it ain't broke, don't fix it" (FRESNO BEE, 4/30).

BIG TENT: Ex-Wilson comm. dir. Dan Schnur opines, "A window of opportunity has now opened for Dole. Clinton's recent veto of legislation that would have banned 'partial birth' abortions and the howls of outrage the veto drew from the Catholic Church present Dole with a chance to reach out to those voters. ... For

Dole to take full advantage of this opportunity also requires him to send out a signal of inclusion to the moderate pro-choice voters who abandoned George Bush. ... The good news is that he has the resources at his disposal to reach both camps: his decision on a running mate and the content of the party's platform. ... Dole's ultimate objective ... must be to redefine the current partisan division of abortion politics. He must convince voters that their choice is not between pro-life and pro-choice parties, but rather between a party that encourages discussion on both sides of the issue and one that allows no debate at all" (L.A. TIMES, 4/30).

*4 REPUBLICANS: BEHIND THOSE "ANTI-CLINTON" ADS

K.C. STAR's Goldstein reports on the "anti-Clinton" ad campaign "bankrolled" by a "coalition of conservative business and policy groups." The ad campaign, running in several "battleground" states, portrays Clinton "as a captive of special interests." For Dole, "the ads come at a time when his campaign is starved for cash and reliant on surrogates to carry his message." Among the sponsors of the ad campaign is Citizens for a Sound Economy, a conservative advocacy group. "The group is strongly supported by the Koch family of Wichita, owners of a vast empire of oil, real estate, manufacturing and cattle holdings, and one of Dole's top financial supporters." The TV, radio and newspapers ads are running in MI, KY, OH, MO "and other key electoral college states." The ads, which urge Clinton to sign product liability legislation, "represent one of the first shots at Clinton" from GOP flanks "outside of either" Dole's campaign or the RNC. "The ads' sponsors said the Dole campaign was not consulted and has nothing to do with their efforts." Frank Coleman, VP of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and "one of the ad's backers ... said the cost of the campaign was in the neighborhood" of \$1.5M, a figure that "pales" before a \$35M effort by organized labor on behalf of congressional Dems (4/30).

BUCHANAN: Bay Buchanan, on her brother's role at the GOP convention: "If Pat's not in prime time, he won't be speaking. He has earned the right to speak to those people at the convention in prime time. He has come in second in a race of 11 ... and he represents 25 to 35% of the Republicans today. If the party wants to bring these people home and make certain they feel they have a voice within this party, my brother Pat will be speaking in prime time at the convention" ("Inside Politics," CNN, 4/29). GOP strategist Ed Rollins, asked what would happen if Dole gave Buchanan a prime-time speaking slot: "Then they ought to shoot the program manager that allowed that" ("Imus in the Morning," WFAN, 4/30).

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

*5 GAS TAX: '93 TAX INCREASE FUELS CLINTON-DOLE CLASH

"There's a gasoline war on, but not between the oil companies. It's between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole. Four days after" Dole called on Pres. Clinton "to support repeal of a gasoline tax increase" he signed in '93, Clinton announced he's releasing 12M barrels of gov't-owned crude oil to the market to

help counter the recent rise in prices. The WH "is just as sure that its move will lower gasoline prices as Dole is certain that cutting taxes will." The sale will also "help cut the federal deficit" by adding \$227M to the Treasury. American Petroleum Institute's Arthur Wise "was critical of the sale": "The strategic petroleum reserve was never intended to be used to control prices or to dampen normal price fluctuations. It was designed as a strategic stockpile to provide Americans with a buffer in case of a major oil supply disruption or shortage." Some Hill Dems complained the oil industry was "profiting from a tight market" and Clinton's statement "may be interpreted as applying pressure to moderate the prices of oil" (Neikirk, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 4/30). NBC's Miklaszewski: "It's not clear that the release of that 12 million barrels of federal reserve oil will have any effect on the current prices, but in this political season President Clinton is determined not to let Bob Dole skip in line" ("Today," NBC, 4/30). Analysts "say the reasons" for the price rise "have been obvious for months: Domestic gasoline production is down, demand is unusually strong and inventories of both crude and petroleum products is extremely tight." GSC Energy Corp's Andrew Dickson: "To say that oil companies are trying to gouge consumers is ridiculous" (Noah, W.S. JOURNAL, 4/30). WH press sec. Mike McCurry said the pres. "was not expecting the oil sale to have a dramatic effect on pump prices." But McCurry said the WH expected prices to fall later this summer and this action would accelerate the trend. He called the sale a "precise, prudent and modest step designed to move the market in the right direction" (Mitchell, N.Y. TIMES, 4/30). Clinton also asked Energy Sec. Hazel O'Leary to "give him an explanation within 45 days for the sudden run-up in prices and to evaluate the outlook for 'the remainder of the peak summer driving season'" (Kasindorf, L.I. NEWSDAY, 4/30).

DOLE: Dole: "I'm glad he's finally doing something about gas prices. I'm glad we finally got his attention" (L.I. NEWSDAY, 4/30). The sale is "only partly a Clinton initiative." In last week's budget agreement, Congress directed the WH to sell enough petroleum to pay for education programs. "The goal was raising revenue, not influencing pump prices" (Harris/Dewar, W. POST, 4/30). Dole cited a Heritage Foundation study suggesting that from its inception through this year, the '93 gas tax increase will cost the economy 1.2M new jobs, 40,000 new jobs and \$112B in salaries (S.F. CHRONICLE, 4/30). More Dole, on Clinton's release of oil from AK's North Slope: "The one thing he left off is repealing the gas tax. That's one way to get immediate relief" ("GMA," ABC, 4/30).

REAX: ABC's Cochran: "The president's action is aimed at doing something about higher gas prices, just before demand peaks this summer" (4/29). NBC's Miklaszewski: "President Clinton told working Americans he feels their gas pain" ("Today," NBC, 4/30). ABC's Jennings: "Nothing in Washington goes untouched by politics and here's some basic political wisdom. Never underestimate the power of angry motorists. ... Politicians across the country are almost falling over themselves denouncing the oil companies and telling us what they would do to bring the prices down." ABC's

Cochran: "Democrats also want to make Republicans nervous by tying them to oil producers" (4/29). NBC's Faw: "Politicians smell not fumes, but opportunity" (4/29).

ON THE HILL: Sen. Phil Gramm (R-TX) "led a charge" to repeal the 4.3 cent-per-gallon tax. GOPers "hope the move will rival the popularity" of the Dems' call to increase the minimum wage. "The populist issue comes at a crucial time for Republicans, who appear to have lost control of the political agenda to Democrats and their demand for a higher minimum wage." Senate Maj. Whip Trent Lott: "If the Democrats want to do something to help the working middle class people, this is a way we could do it." The WH said "it would discuss a repeal," which was proposed in a 4/26 letter to Clinton from Dole. The increase at issue was passed in '93 as part of Clinton's deficit reduction plan. It cleared Congress "without a single" GOP vote. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle noted difficulty in replacing the \$4.8B the tax raises annually. Gramm said he would introduce legislation paying for the repeal by cutting welfare benefits to legal immigrants and by auctioning rights to currently unused parts of the broadcast spectrum (S.F. CHRONICLE, 4/30). Daschle said it "isn't the tax increase that generated those high costs, it's profits going into the pockets of the oil companies" (W. POST, 4/30). In Dallas for a fund-raiser, Speaker Newt Gingrich pledged to help with the repeal. Gingrich said the gasoline tax cut will prove to the public "we're for lower taxes." Gingrich: "The reality is that until Bob Dole replaces Bill Clinton, we can't get the kind of balanced budget we want and the kind of welfare reform we want or the tax cuts the American people deserve to increase their take-home pay" (Barta, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 4/30).

*6 WHITEWATER: NO MAGGIE WILLIAMS FINGERPRINTS ON RECORDS

FBI fingerprint experts, who found Hillary Rodham Clinton's prints on "long-lost" Rose Law Firm billing records, "did not find those of her" CoS, Margaret Williams. The Bureau was asked by investigators for indep. counsel Kenneth Starr to "check for prints of Mrs. Williams and others on the 116 pages of Rose firm records rediscovered this year in the [WH] living quarters." Looking into "possible" obstruction of justice charges in the WH's handling of documents, investigators "wanted to know if Mrs. Williams might have handled the papers" after they got to the WH after the '92 campaign. Williams was one of the three persons who searched WH deputy counsel Vincent Foster's office the night of his 7/93 death. A uniformed Secret Service officer told the Whitewater cmte "he saw Mrs. Williams take records out of the office" (Seper, W. TIMES, 4/30).

HRC'S PRINTS: CNN's Franken: "The White House is getting bolder now in pointing out that of course her fingerprints would have showed up. They were billing records, her billing records. Fingerprints, we hear from the scientists, can last 20 years. So the White House is asking the question you just did 'So what?'" ("IP," 4/29). "Blood Sport" author James Stewart: "It's another piece of bad news. ... The dark scenario ... is that it was Mrs. Clinton who had those documents in the White House recently

looking at them" ("Chris Matthews," CNBC, 4/29). Rush Limbaugh: "If they dusted Clinton, you'd find everybody's fingerprints except Hillary's. Go in there and dust Clinton for prints and you will not find Mrs. Clinton's prints anywhere" ("Limbaugh," WMAL, 4/29).

EDITORIALS: Quoting DNC chair Chris Dodd's statement, "The American public's interest in Whitewater is nonexistent. ...It's political. They think it's gone on too long," AR DEM-GAZETTE states: "So that explains why 'Blood Sport,' the account of Whitewater by James B. Stewart, languishes on the best-seller list at No. 2. ... Ah, that explains why such Republican organs as the New York Times and the Washington Post keep harping about the need to continue the Senate Whitewater hearings. ... But maybe Chris Dodd doesn't read the papers. Meanwhile, Whitewater is beginning to flow again. Moral: One of the surest ways to stir interest in an investigation is to try to cut it off" (4/30). W. TIMES editorial: "At what point did the White House cease cooperating with the independent counsel and instead start working to destroy the independent counsel?" (4/30).

STARR-TIME: NPR's Totenberg: "What has been a surprise even to some of Starr's closest friends is that the prosecutor has given some of his critics an opening. An opening that the White House has been only too happy to exploit" (4/29). CNN's Franken, on Starr's absence from Clinton's 4/28 testimony: "There was quite a bit of criticism about his not being there. ... This is after all, semi-historical. ... He was in town. He didn't go. Many people believe it's because he's so controversial" ("IP," 4/29).

LET'S GO TO THE VIDEOTAPE: Rush Limbaugh, on the scrambling of the satellite signal of Pres. Clinton's 4/28 testimony: "Somewhere out there I know that there's some little computer hacker nerd-type sitting in his basement with all kinds of satellite downlinks that was working real hard to unscramble that signal. I know it can be done. ... I will wager you yesterday somebody succeeded in descrambling this videotape signal. And if that computer whiz that did so is listening to this program, I am hereby putting out an appeal: Send us a copy. Send us a copy of the unscrambled video signal of the President's testimony. You could be an American hero. You could go down in history. ... If you successfully decoded the scrambled satellite feed of the President's testimony, I'm prepared to deal. Just look us up in New York and give us a chance." Right after his appeal, Limbaugh said he had been contacted by someone claiming to have an unscrambled copy and they were attempting to verify the claim ("Limbaugh," WMAL, 4/29).

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

*7 COLORADO: ALLARD, NORTON PICK UP SUPPORT IN DELEGATE POLLS

The GOP relies less on preference polls in selecting its nominees than the Dems, but for the record, early non-binding polls show Rep. Wayne Allard (R-04) "dominating" in Larimer and Weld counties, and AG Gale Norton (R) winning in Denver and Pueblo counties. The GOP will hold its state convention in Denver on 6/8, where candidates need to receive at least 30% of

the delegates in order to make the 8/13 primary ballot. In Weld Co., Allard had 81% to Norton's 7%. State Sen. Charles Duke (R) won 10%, and Denver atty Bill Eggert (R), who plans to petition his way onto the ballot, got 2%. In Larimer Co., it was Allard 70%, Duke 11%, Norton 10%, Eggert 7%. Denver: Norton 47%, Allard 30%, Eggert 14%, Duke 9%. Allard mgr Dick Wadhams said the polls were bad news for Norton because she couldn't get over 50% "on her home turf." Norton spokesperson Diane Rees: "I expected Allard to do better in Denver than he did. He's worked Denver so hard" (Kerwin, Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 4/28). Ex-Sen. Bill Armstrong (R) endorsed Allard: "Wayne has fought hard to get federal spending under control, to cut taxes on families and small business and to reform Congress by limiting terms. Wayne knows how to win tough elections" (release, 4/26). Sen. Hank Brown (R) is retiring after one term. Armstrong (who won in '78 & '84) and Brown account for the only three GOP wins out of 14 CO gov. and Senate elections since '74. Dems: Denver atty Tom Strickland, Univ/CO Law School dean Gene Nichol, real estate mgr Phil Perington, state Sen. Paul Weissmann and Denver City Councilmember Ramona Martinez. Filing deadline: 7/12.

*8 NORTH CAROLINA: GANTT HAMMERS SANDERS ON TIES TO HELMS

A "central theme" is emerging in ex-Charlotte Mayor/'90 Dem Senate nominee Harvey Gantt's (D) campaign as the 5/7 primary draws near: "He's on YOUR side. On the other side, working hand in hand, are big drug manufacturers, Sen. Jesse Helms and Charlie Sanders." In TV ads and in campaign stops across the state, Gantt charges Sanders, who once headed Glaxo-Wellcome pharmaceuticals, has collaborated with Helms to protect high drug prices that "gouge Tar Heel citizens." Gantt also argues that Glaxo gave big money to Helms through its PAC, and that the Glaxo-Wellcome merger caused layoffs of NC workers. Sanders, for his part, says Gantt is "distorting his record" as Glaxo CEO, and adds as a "political outsider," he will bring "independence and integrity" to DC. Sanders has received more PAC money -- \$32,000 -- from drug companies than any other Senate candidate. Pat Korten, spokesperson for the drug industry's main lobbying group, said, "The only inference that can be drawn is that Charles Sanders was in the business so long, he has a lot of friends all over the industry." Sanders spokesperson Sallie Stohler: "Charlie's not beholden to anyone. They're buying into his agenda. He's not buying into anyone else's agenda." Gantt press sec. Lisa Mortman: "Charlie Sanders is a wholly owned subsidiary of the pharmaceutical and health-care-products industry" (Rosen, Raleigh NEWS & OBSERVER, 4/29).

*9 VIRGINIA: WARNER-MILLER SPLIT THREATENS GOP HOLD ON SEAT

The "increasingly nasty" GOP primary between three-term Sen. John Warner and Reagan OMB Dir. James Miller "symbolizes, in miniature, the sharp divisions tearing away at the national party." The candidacy of Warner, who is under fire for his refusal to support Mike Farris, the '93 GOP cand. for LG, and his role in putting up an independent rather than back GOP Senate nominee Oliver North in '94, "splits his Virginia party straight

down the middle." Although his voting record is "generally conservative," he is "seen as a 'moderate.'" Miller, "a numbers-cruncher by training, wants to be seen as the pro-gun, antiabortion, pro-church candidate of a powerful new force in Virginia, and national politics -- the Christian social conservatives." The problem for Miller is he challenged North for the '94 nomination. Mary Washington College's Mark Rozell said Miller is "basically an economic conservative trying to sound these days like a preacher, and that raises credibility problems with Christian social conservatives. It may be hard for them to accept him as a true believer." Walter Barbee, a founder of the Family Foundation, "figures John Warner works in the interests of Christian conservatives 70% of the time;" for Miller, about 95% of the time. Barbee, "speaking for himself, says he wants Mr. Miller to win. But there's a problem." Barbee: "I'm not impressed with his campaign. He's dropped the ball." W.S. JOURNAL's Perry writes, "The fact is, the Miller campaign is almost broke, and there's a real question whether it will be able to pay for a serious media push." Warner, on the other hand, "has plenty of money, and his TV ads will begin running early in May." Miller "isn't catching on with 'true believers' and the moderates and independents and even some Democrats seem happy enough" with Warner. There is no party registration in VA, so any voter can participate in the 6/11 GOP primary. The Dem nomination has already been sewn up by ex-VA Dem chair Mark Warner, no relation. Miller is "counting on a low turnout, maybe less than 15%, to pull it off, and he says these will be people angered by Sen. Warner's refusal" to back Farris and North and "upset" by Warner's votes against the Robert Bork Supreme Court nomination "and for the nomination of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" to the Court. Miller: "I wouldn't stand a chance if he [Warner] hadn't alienated the party" (4/30).

ACROSS THE GREAT DIVIDE: W. POST's Baker writes, "On the surface, the contest centers on the question of whether an elected official should be cast out for abandoning nominees of his own party. ... Yet beyond the soap opera dynamics of loyalty and retaliation," the race "is emerging as a microcosm of the larger forces roiling the GOP nationally." Rozell: "If you want to pick one race that showcases the divisions between the party factions on the Republican side, you could hardly find a better one than the Warner-Miller race." Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed: "Obviously, the Miller-Warner race is serving as a sort of exemplar of a broader struggle in the party ... [pitting] the emerging post-Reagan, grass-roots, conservative coalition vs. a kind of pre-Reagan, old-guard, party establishment." Baker notes that because there is no other statewide contest on the ballot, "the voters most likely to come to the polls are the zealous Warner foes, which is why his strategists are more worried about the primary than the general." Miller can't compete with Warner financially, so he is "relying on the state's extensive network of party activists and playing to their sense of resentment." In a fund-raising letter, Miller "skewered Warner as an out-of-touch elitist": "You are more likely to find John Warner dining at the elegant Palm Restaurant in Washington,

DC with liberal TV 'journalist' Barbara Walters -- than testing out his hunting rifle at Clark Brothers shooting range in Warrenton!" (4/28). Last weekend, Miller won support at an "Amway convention, a Baptist church, gun and knife show, and a Civil War fair." Miller called the people who attend such events "God-fearin', energetic Americans" (Allen, Richmond TIMES-DISPATCH, 4/29).

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

***10 COLORADO: NATIONAL FOCUS ON SCHROEDER SEAT**

CO 01: With the retirement of Rep. Pat Schroeder (D), the race for her seat is getting an "enormous amount" of nat'l attention from both parties and special interest groups. EMILY's List has helped raise funds for state Rep. Diana DeGette (D) and brought in Michelle Rios from NM to run DeGette's financial operation. Dems say they must hold the seat if they are to win back control of the House, but they could be facing one of the "strongest GOP candidates in two decades" in atty Joe Rogers. The GOP is "clearly enamored" of Rogers' candidacy. Roughly 20% of Rogers' \$179,000 in contributions have come from out of state, most of which came after Schroeder announced her retirement. Rogers has raised more than any Dem in the field, and "clearly has their attention." NRCC comm. dir. Craig Veith: "It's our view that the strength of Joe Rogers is one of the primary reasons [Schroeder] got out of the race. He came to this committee very early on with an organized plan about how to win that district" (Lopez/Roberts, DENVER POST, 4/29). Other Dem: Ex-Denver City Councilmember Tim Sandos. Filing deadline: 7/12. Primary: 8/13.

CO 04: State Rep. Pat Sullivan (R) is considering a petition campaign to get on the 8/13 GOP primary ballot for the seat being vacated by Senate cand. Hank Brown (R). If Sullivan pursues the petition path, "that would almost guarantee a three-way" GOP primary that already includes state Sens. Bob Schaffer and Don Ament. Both Schaffer and Ament think they will garner the needed 30% of delegates at the 6/7 convention to make the primary ballot. Schaffer said he "expects" Sullivan to go through with the petition effort because he has already printed petition forms. Schaffer: "I believe the process was set up for a purpose -- to allow activists to determine what direction the party should take. Bypassing that insults the process in my book." 701 delegates from 21 counties will vote 6/7; a candidate needs 211 of them to reach the 30% threshold (Baun, Ft. Collins COLORADAN, 4/27). Filing deadline: 7/12.

***11 GA 04: McKINNEY TRIES TO WIN IN NEW TERRAIN**

Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D), the state's first African-American congresswoman with "a strong base of black support," lost her majority-black 11th CD last year when the Supreme Court decided the CD was an unconstitutional creation of racial gerrymandering. McKinney now resides in the 4th District where she has decided to run and where blacks make up about 1/3 of the vote. State Sen. Ron Slotin (D) is one of three white male Dems who have launched campaigns to oust McKinney in the 7/9 primary,

a contest "that will test racial loyalties and the notion that black politicians can't win in the South unless they represent majority-black districts." State Rep. Tyrone Brooks (D), pres. of the GA Assn. of Black Elected Officials: "These new districts pose some serious problems for African-American citizens. Since the Voting Rights Act of 1965, people assume we have arrived. We have not arrived." The "biggest threat" to McKinney "appears to come from" atty Comer Yates (D), who is backed by many of GA's leading Dems, including two former 4th CD incumbents -- Elliott Levitas and Ben Jones. Two years ago, Yates won the Dem nomination for the 4th CD, but lost the general election to Rep. John Linder (R). Now, "with a moderate message, big-name support and ample funding, Yates is mounting a significant challenge to McKinney." He starts off with \$184,000 in the bank to McKinney's \$179,000. "Without big dollars or big endorsements," Slotin "says he'll continue a grass-roots campaign": "I like being the underdog. I'm going straight to the people." The other Dem is atty David Hughes, who is a "political unknown." The challenge for a white moderate "is to defeat McKinney in the primary without alienating black supporters, who will be needed in November." Conversely, McKinney "could win the primary with a heavy black turnout, but find it difficult to reach the white voters needed to fend off a Republican." McKinney, who has accused the media of making race an issue in the election, is now "focus[ing] on gender": "The last congresswoman in our delegation was in [1962]. It has a lot to do with Southern culture. Southern women have not been as activist. Of course, I break all those molds." Yates "said neither race nor gender is a factor in the election": "I will not divide people along racial or gender or economic lines." The race for the GOP nomination "is likely to be less heated." The party establishment "appears to be behind" John Mitnick. His primary opponent, Ken Brown, is a black GOPer "and has mounted a less well-financed campaign." Mitnick "has already begun campaigning against McKinney." Mitnick: "Cynthia McKinney is not mainstream. I believe a Republican can win this district" (Helton, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 4/28). Primary: 7/16.

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

*12 CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP: CLINTON APPROVAL AT TWO-YEAR HIGH
1,001 adults surveyed 4/25-28; margin of error +/- 3%
(4/30).

CLINTON JOB	NOW	4/9-10	3/96	8/94	1/94
Approve	56%	54%	52%	39%	58%
Dissapprove	37	40	39	52	35

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUP

	NOW	4/9-10	2/96	2/95
Clinton	58%	57%	56%	45%
Dole	37	40	40	51

***13 MTV POLL: CLINTON MAINTAINS GEN-X LEAD**

MTV "Choose or Lose" poll, conducted 4/16-18 by Garin Hart Yang Research, surveyed 501 young adults aged 17-29, margin of error +/- 4% (4/29).

GENERAL ELECTION MATCHUP

BETTER ON EDUCATION?

	NOW	3/96		
Clinton	53%	50%	Clinton	44%
Dole	41	39	Dole	35

"MIND IS MADE UP"

	NOW	3/96
Dole	63%	50%
Clinton	54	54

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

***14 THIS MORNING:** ABC's "GMA" hosted Bill Kristol, Cokie Roberts, and Chris Matthews. NBC's "Today" hosted Tim Russert. "CBS This Morning" profiled Ross Perot's Reform Party. "FOX Morning News" hosted GOP strategist Craig Fuller, ex-Clinton aide Howard Paster, and the Rev. Jerry Falwell. "Imus in the Morning" hosted GOP strategist Ed Rollins.

TONIGHT: At 9 pm, PBS' "Frontline" airs "The Pilgrimage of Jesse Jackson." Drawn from journalist Marshall Frady's upcoming biography, it offers a "rare in-depth look" at Jackson and the "engine driving his ambition," as well as an examination of "race and politics" in America.

LAST NIGHT: ABC led with Clinton's drug speech. CBS and NBC led with FDA approval of a new diet pill. CNN led with the Australian massacre. "NewsHour" led with Shimon Peres' visit to the U.S. "NewsHour" featured an interview with Peres. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted ex-Perot pollster Gordon Black. CNN's "Crossfire" focused on drugs with Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY) and Bush drug policy dir. John Walters. CNBC's "Chris Matthews" hosted "Blood Sport" author James Stewart. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted W.S. JOURNAL's Jerry Seib. CNN's "Larry King Live" hosted Ted Turner and Tom Brokaw. ABC's "Nightline" hosted Peres.

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

"The very fact that he's introducing a new strategy three years and four months into his term is a sign that on drug policy he'd rather talk about what he's going to do than what he's done."

-- ABC's Brit Hume, on Bill Clinton's new drug policy, 4/29

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CREATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INDICES SAID GROWING INTERNATIONALLY

UNITED NATIONS -- Twenty-six countries are now crafting indices on
sustainable development, according to a draft report released by the United
Nations.

These environment and development ``indicators," which are analagous to
economic indicators such as gross domestic product or consumer price index,
will be released regularly. The report was prepared for the April 18-May 3
meeting of the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development.

The 26 countries developing the indicators are evenly divided between the industrialized and developing nations, the report noted. They are

Australia,

Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, Germany,

Iceland, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria,

Peru, the Philippines, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uganda, the United

Kingdom, the United States, and Venezuela.

Some former Soviet bloc nations -- called economies in transition because

they are shifting from socialism to free markets -- are interested in

developing this type of indicator, the report said.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has been

developing environmental indicators. According to OECD, those indices will

track environmental conditions and trends as well as examine the

relationship

between environmental and economic policies. They will be designed to help

evaluate the results of environmental policies and investments as well as

to

inform policy makers and the public, according to OECD.

Marius Enthoven, director general of the European Commission's directorate

general on environment, nuclear safety, and civil protection, said the

commission hopes to have two sets of indicators in operation by 1998.

He told BNA that one set would measure the short-term performance of

environmental policies. A second would track long-term movements toward

sustainable development.

One indicator likely to be used by the commission is a fairly simple one,

he said: the annual emissions of carbon dioxide, which is a greenhouse

effect

gas.

Environmental Data

The CSD report on indicators of sustainable development examined information needed by decisionmakers.

“Preparing, organizing, and delivering information to decisionmakers on environmental and developmental concerns in a way which can generate political commitment on their part to respond to those concerns is of paramount importance,” it said.

In industrialized countries, most of the data needed by decisionmakers are available, the report said. In these nations, much information exists regarding protection of the atmosphere, integrated land management, deforestation, sustainable agriculture, biological diversity, biotechnology, fresh water resources, toxic chemicals, and hazardous, solid, and radioactive wastes.

But industrialized countries only have weak data on international cooperation, changing consumption patterns, desertification and drought, and mountain ecosystems, the report said.

Economies in transition have strong data bases on protection of the atmosphere, deforestation, biological diversity, and solid and radioactive waste. The report added that these countries have only weak information on hazardous waste, toxic chemicals, changing consumption patterns, international cooperation, integrated land management, mountain ecosystems,

biotechnology,

and protection of oceans and seas.

In the developing world, good data bases exist for international

cooperation, desertification, deforestation, biodiversity. They are lacking

the most in protection of the atmosphere, biotechnology, and hazardous,

solid,

and radioactive wastes, the report said.

The report is available via the World Wide Web at

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WHO MIGHT THAT BE? Tommy Thompson says, if not Powell, Dole would be wise to name a gov. as his running-mate. (#3)	in the statewide NC and IN battles today, there are some open House seats to keep your eyes on.
IN 07: 15 GOPers are in	
PETER PAN, EXTRA CRUNCHY (#5)	the hunt for the seat being
One-time party loyalist Rep. Peter King (R-NY) rips Gingrich and Armey for driving away Reagan Dems to appease "wacko militias" and "hillbillies."	vacated by 30-year Rep. John Myers (R). Myers has endorsed ex-state Sen. Ed Pease, but confused voters may opt for "John Meyers."
IN 10: Another departing	
LESS FLUFF, MORE SUBSTANCE (#4)	old-timer, Rep. Andy Jacob
CBS to give pres. cand. free	(D), backs local trustee

air during news shows in fall. | Julia Carson, who faces ex- |
No word yet from ABC and NBC. | IN Dem chair Ann DeLaney in |
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Live results, news, and		again. But Dems say their
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IN primaries.		retirement. Runoff likely.

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

"It's a Southern, anti-union attitude that appeals
to the mentality of hillbillies at revival meetings."
-- Rep. Peter King (R-NY), criticizing the House GOP leadership
L.I. NEWSDAY, 5/7

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CORRECTION: Yesterday's HOTLINE incorrectly attributed a story by Carla Marinucci & Steve Capps to the SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE. They write for the SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER.

???? OVERLOOKED ????

Ex-KY Gov. Wallace Wilkinson (D) announced he would endorse Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) for re-election. Surprise? Well, McConnell's likely Dem foe is ex-LG Steve Beshear, whom Wilkinson beat in the '87 Dem gov. primary. But Wilkinson, a onetime client of James Carville, announced he would also work against Pres. Clinton this fall.

-- courtesy LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER
===== WHITE HOUSE '96 =====

*1 CLINTON: MEDIA SOLD ON CLINTON 'RAPID RESPONSE' STORY

It started with TIME's Nancy Gibbs piece about the WH rapid response: "Like sailors on a destroyer, [George] Stephanopoulos and his crew have drilled and plotted and practiced for attack so that when [Bob] Dole launches a torpedo, their countermeasures are ready to go in an instant." Gibbs calls WH policy aides Bruce Reed and Gene Sperling the "field commandos" of the effort (5/13 issue). Now, everyone else is getting into the act. K.C. STAR's Thompson reports the Clinton-Gore campaign is once again loaded for "lightening-quick" responses to any Dole offensive. The "3-D strategy": "defend Clinton, discredit Dole and dominate the news." Examples include VP Gore's preemptive strike against Dole's attack of Clinton's "liberal" judicial appointments, as well as the quick response to Dole's call for a repeal of the gas tax by citing gas tax increases Dole has supported. When Dole attacked public housing as the last bastion of "socialism" in America, "there was Henry Cisneros, trotting out to remind" Dole that he had proposed a similar voucher program months earlier. Much of the Clinton campaign's preparedness is a result of the year the pres. spent as an "unchallenged incumbent," allowing the campaign time to compile Dole's voting record, biography and statements. To coordinate message, the Re-Elect, the WH and the DNC hold a "daily teleconference" to try and weave their message into a "seamless web." Dole and the GOP now hold "similar" teleconferences, but "recent missteps" show the GOP isn't yet "playing on the same level" (5/6). N.Y. TIMES' Mitchell agrees, citing a WH that is "humming like a well-oiled political machine." The Re-elect HQ is "filling up," and the campaign plans to have "at least" 40 state coordinators in place by Memorial Day. The WH has become "relentless" in its oppo research, quickly answering Dole on liberal judges and the gas tax. The DNC has become "so quick," that directly after Dole hit Clinton on judges and crime, the campaign went on the air with ads

touting the president's record on crime (5/7). CNN's Woodruff: "In a bid to stay ahead of the campaign curve, the president's re-election team is trying to anticipate opposition tactics and use the GOP's favorite issues to Mr. Clinton's advantage." CNN's Blitzer: "Clinton and his aides are engaged in the dual strategy of responding quickly to Republican attacks, while at the same time searching for ways to strike preemptively against Republican candidate Bob Dole. ... Clinton's strategist say they've learned from what they regard as Michael Dukakis' fatal mistake in 1988, his willingness to remain silent when attacked" (5/6).

"CLICKING ON ALL CYLINDERS": W.S. JOURNAL's Frisby & Harwood report when Clinton "isn't stealing GOP issues," he is "copying the style" of Ronald Reagan. How effective is the strategy? GOP pollster Whit Ayers: "He's clicking on all cylinders right now." The WH is "operating more smoothly because there is less bickering over the roles of advisers. ... Staging events and crafting the message are firmly in the hands" of WH Comm. Dir. Don Baer and adviser Dick Morris. Stephanopoulos is the "key planner" in "rapid response." Harold Ickes is in charge of "political organizing." Ickes and Morris still "don't like each other," but their roles "don't often conflict" (5/7).

ADOPTING AN ISSUE: Clinton "seized" another GOP issue, endorsing a GOP-sponsored \$5,000 tax credit for adoptive families. Aides described Clinton as "giddy at the ease with which his team has stolen GOP issues." The move "is the latest example of how the Clinton-Gore campaign has tried to co-opt GOP issues as his approval ratings rise" (Bedard, W. TIMES, 5/7).

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT: USA TODAY cover story: "Are Clinton judges too liberal? Dole may be out of order." Studies show the 187 men and women Clinton has appointed to federal bench are "markedly moderate." Overall, Clinton's judges are "about as liberal as Gerald Ford's" (Mauro, 5/7). Also, the new FBI report showing violent crime on the decline again last year "is sending ripples through the presidential campaign, providing a boost for President Clinton and another setback for Republican efforts to make crime a central issue in the race" (Hook, L.A. TIMES, 5/7).

BUSINESS FOR BILL? N.Y. TIMES' Dobrzynski writes the "political mood in the nation's executive suites is showing signs of subtle change." Clinton, despite "irritating" execs with what they perceive as "broken promises and policy flip-flops, appears to have put himself back in the race." Many execs, "lacking enthusiasm" for Dole, are giving Clinton a "second look" (5/7).

STATE BRIEFS --

IL: Cook Co. Assessor Tom Hynes has been named chair of the party's Coordinated Campaign for IL. Hynes will direct a five-person panel which will disburse \$7 million to help Clinton and other Dem candidates on the ballot. Other members: IL Dem chair Gary LaPaille, state Senate min. leader Emil Jones, state House min. leader Michael Madigan, and Margaret Houlihan, who is representing Rep. Dick Durbin (D-20), the Dem nominee for Sen. Paul Simon's (D) seat (Neal, CHICAGO SUN TIMES, 5/6).

TX: Polls are unfavorable to Clinton in TX, some showing Dole up by "double digits." Some news accounts say the Clinton team "already has written off" the Lone Star State. Why, then,

are some Dems "cautiously optimistic" about Clinton's chances in TX? "Six words: Ross Perot. Victor Morales. Bob Dole." Dems think a Perot candidacy would draw from Dole in TX; Morales will bring a "record number" of Mexican-Americans to the polls which will help Clinton; and Dole will continue to be an "uninspiring" candidate. A final decision on whether the Clinton campaign will spend time or money on TX "will not be made" until after the convention (Attlessey, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 5/6).

AR: Clinton is "taking nothing for granted" this year, not even "the folks back home." Just in time for the state's 5/21 primary, the Re-elect is running a TV ad in AR, despite the "lack of serious primary competition." The ad running in AR touts Clinton's record on crime, drugs, support of Head Start and toxic waste cleanup efforts. The same spot is running in a "handful of states" (Kiely, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT GAZETTE, 5/7).

*2 DOLE: THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT RETURNS

Bob Dole plans to offer a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. To "lure" Dem votes, the measure "would not rely on Social Security surpluses." Dole also intends "to ask for Senate approval of a temporary repeal of Pres. Clinton's gas tax" while offering Dems "a vote on raising the minimum wage as part of a labor reform package." A Senate vote on a BBA failed last year by one vote. However, now with OR Sen./BBA opponent Ron Wyden (D-OR), and not Bob Packwood (R), in the Senate, Dole needs two votes. OR Sen. Mark Hatfield was the only Republican to oppose the BBA last year. Six Senate Dems -- Feinstein (CA), Reid (NV), Hollings (SC), Dorgan (ND), Daschle (SD) and Conrad (ND) -- last year said they were willing to support a BBA, but "balked at the last minute" citing concerns about the future of the Social Security trust fund. Feinstein, Hollings, Dorgan and Daschle had supported a BBA in 1994. Senate Judiciary Chair Orrin Hatch (UT): "This time, we're going to see if they really mean what they said or if that was just a phony excuse to stop it" (Hill, W. TIMES, 5/7). W. POST's Dewar and Pianin call Dole's revisiting of BBA "part of a broader effort to reclaim the initiative on Capitol Hill and draw a distinction between himself and Clinton on a popular issue." The Senate defeat of the BBA last year "was an embarrassing setback for Dole, [but] a victory now would provide a big boost for his presidential campaign." The Dem "clamor" for a vote on the minimum wage increase "added to Dole's urgent need to get back to GOP basics." The problem is Dole "has to rely" on Dems to win, and they keep "hoping to recast the showdown as a referendum on saving Social Security trust funds from being raided to cut the deficit." Dorgan: "It's a case of us waiting for them to make the right decision. ... If they do, we could pass it in a day." But "there were no signs" Dole could pick up any more votes than he got last year. Dole has said he hopes to bring up the BBA 5/8 and take a final vote next week, "although other Republicans said it could be put off" if negotiations with Dems are "making headway" (5/7).

MORE GOP BACKBITING: Arianna Huffington, on Sen. Al D'Amato's criticism of Speaker Gingrich: "It is D'Amato who is profoundly misreading where the GOP revolution went wrong.

Republicans are down in the polls not because they have moved away from the center, but because they became obsessed with dismantling government programs without giving equal time and attention to what must replace them. ... D'Amato has looked the poll numbers squarely in the face and, instead of spinning them, has cried out that the GOP message must undergo fundamental change. He got the diagnosis right. But if Republicans follow his prescription, they will be pulling the plug on any hope of reviving their party come November -- or their country thereafter" (N.Y. POST, 5/7). Rush Limbaugh, on D'Amato: "Could there also be something else going on here. Could it be that there just hasn't been nearly as much, nor enough, out of Whitewater that D'Amato had hoped and that this is a 'C.Y.A.' move to try to get back into some good graces for carrying the Whitewater hearings as far as he did with no apparent, big, smoking gun having been found or produced?" (WMAL, 5/6). D'Amato, on "GMA": "By setting the record straight maybe we'll try to calm people down. ... This isn't something I've said for the first time. I've written about it in my book, I've lectured about it but I think maybe for the first time it hit a raw nerve because some of the media picked it up." D'Amato, asked if he would stop his criticism if Dole asked him to stop: "He hasn't, nor do I think that he's going to try to impose his will. ... We don't need the philosophical ayatollahs telling people that you have to believe my way or we have no room for you in our party" (ABC, 5/7).

EVERYONE KNOWS BEST: Dan Quayle: "The biggest headaches are often caused not by your opposition, but by your own people. ... The real wake-up call should go to those who want to be the first to predict disaster. ... Let's focus on our message rather than on each other" (W. TIMES, 5/7). Limbaugh: "Well, it's about time. I've been growing impatient, but it finally happened. ... The Republicans, the conservatives, they finally have gotten back on offense -- the problem is they're going after each other. ... This is hurting Dole" (WMAL, 5/6). PHILA INQUIRER's Enda: "Everyone, it seems, knows best what Bob Dole should do ... step down as Senate Majority Leader, develop a vision, get out on the hustings, demonstrate warmth." Ex-RNC chair Rich Bond: "Dole is mature enough and seasoned enough not to let this derail his long-range planning" (5/7).

A LITTLE HELP FROM HIS FRIENDS: CNN's Jackson, on an ad run by a pro-business group urging Clinton not to veto the product-liability bill: "Dole may be out of money and behind in the polls, but he's got lots of friends in the business world, and they are pitching in. ... Business lobbies teamed-up to spend more than \$2 million on an anti-Clinton ad blitz." The ads were targeted in MI, KY, OH and WV. \$1.5 million was given by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Nat'l Assn of Wholesaler-Distributors. Citizens for a Sound Economy contributed an additional \$500,000 for the campaign. The groups also sponsored a set of polls conducted by Public Opinion Strategies. A poll, conducted among registered voters in MI and KY prior to airing the ads showed Clinton leading 46-33%, with the lead cut to 41-36% afterward. Jackson: "A damage control ad ran for a few days

on some of the same stations, paid by Citizen Action, a labor-backed group. ... But their budget was just over \$300,000. ... These days, lobby groups are acting more and more like political parties, running campaigns for their own narrow agendas. And though the product-liability bill may be dead, the ad's sponsors say this campaign was successful enough, they might well be back with more closer to the election" ("IP," 5/6).

GAS TAX: CBS' Attkisson: "Knocking four cents off a gallon of gas may seem like a small victory for Bob Dole, but it's a badly need one. It could inject a morale boost into his presidential campaign which has been criticized for lacking in focus" ("CBS This Morning," 5/7).

*3 VEEPSTAKES: TOMMY DOES DALLAS

DALLAS MORNING NEWS' Pederson covers WI Gov. Tommy Thompson's visit to Dallas to address the Nat'l Center for Policy Analysis and his meeting with the MORNING NEWS' editorial board. "When the question came," Thompson "was ready. Would he consider running" as Bob Dole's VP? Thompson: "Well you know, I've got 25 lines coming in to the governor's office in Wisconsin. And I'm making sure at least one of 'em is open all the time. ... Colin Powell would be the strongest choice, and he would be my first choice. But I think the second choice should be a Republican governor, somebody outside of Washington who can talk about the kind of ideas that this country needs." Pederson: "Judging from his Dallas remarks and his record in Wisconsin, you can at least say" that as a VP candidate, Thompson "would present a feisty contrast" to VP Gore. Thompson's "got some blunt advice on how Bob Dole could close that 20-point gap in the polls: 'Show your vision for America'" (5/5). Harriet Brown, who "is writing a book on child care," writes in the N.Y. TIMES on "Wisconsin's Welfare Boomerang": "If Wisconsin is to be held up as a model for welfare reform, the nation should know the reality behind the hype. Hidden in the rhetoric is an extremely dangerous provision. ... The state is creating a new category of child-care workers, currently called 'provisionally certified providers.' Unlike licensed providers, who must complete 80 hours of courses, the new workers will not be required to obtain any training. It's not yet clear whether they will even be subject to health and safety regulations" (5/7).

POWELL: C.S. MONITOR's Sperling: "There remains a realistic chance that [a] Dole-Powell combination might emerge. Indeed, one of my sources -- who is working hard to stir up support for Powell among public officials and at the grassroots level -- tells me that it 'really now is up to Dole' when it comes to how this story is going to play out." He says the 'philosophical direction' that Dole takes between now and the Republican convention will be decisive in determining Powell's answer. Powell, he says, simply won't be interested in running with a man who is too clearly lined up with the Christian right" (5/7).

CAMPBELL: Ex-SC Gov. Carroll Campbell (R) appeared on "Crossfire." Campbell, on Clinton's propensity to "steal" issues, including the adoption tax credit: "He's very good at seeing the train go, jumping on the caboose, and running from the

caboose to the engine" ("Crossfire," CNN, 5/6).

*4 FREE TV: CBS' FREE AIR TIME OFFER CALLED "HALF A LOAF"

"In the first such move by one of the Big Three networks," CBS announced it would give the pres. candidates free air time this fall on its a.m. and p.m. news shows. But CBS "stopped short" of the request, by the Free TV for Straight Talk Coalition, "that the access be provided during prime-time evening hours." CBS Senior VP Martin Franks, in a letter to Coalition exec. dir. Paul Taylor: "While final details will have to be worked out ... our plan is to invite the candidates to appear on CBS News programs to address the issues of greatest concern to the viewers. These concerns will be determined by a CBS News nationwide poll. The candidates would be given substantial time to give their views in a form that allows them to speak directly to the voters." Franks "said in an interview that taped comments by the candidates would be aired" on the "CBS Evening News" and "CBS This Morning," "probably daily, for the 'last couple of weeks' of the campaign. He said the candidates would be asked to submit tapes of up to 1 1/2 minutes on a half-dozen issues identified by the poll." Franks: "We will let them stand without instant analysis or further commentary. It's meant to give them a clean shot at the audience without it being a quiz on how quick they are on their feet" (Kurtz, W. POST, 5/7).

THE OTHER NETS: Spokespersons for NBC and ABC "said that they had no comment on the CBS plan, although NBC's spokeswoman said the network hoped to have a 'related' announcement in the next few days." ABC and NBC news execs. "have been discussing ways to accommodate Mr. Taylor's ideas" -- for the networks to provide two-to-five minute blocks in prime time to the candidates each night during the last month of the campaign -- "within existing news programs. At NBC, the discussions have included the idea of using time" within "Dateline," which appears four nights a week in prime time. NBC spokesperson Beth Comstock: "We've been discussing a number of different ways to cover the candidates within normal NBC news programming. We're making specific plans now and hope to have an announcement in the next day or two" (Mifflin, N.Y. TIMES, 5/7).

REACT: Taylor, on the CBS proposal: "This is a delicious half a loaf, and CBS is to be congratulated for offering it, but it's only half a loaf." He "said the air time would be 'all the more worthwhile in prime time, where it would reach more than double the audience'" (W. POST, 5/7). Taylor: "If a few minutes a night of direct communication from presidential candidates to citizens is a good idea on the evening news programs, then it's a great idea in prime time" (N.Y. TIMES, 5/7).

COMING UP NEXT: Taylor said CBS' Franks had also agreed to have CBS participate in a conference Taylor is organizing to work out "a comprehensive free-time format." Taylor "plans to invite" reps. of the commercial nets, PBS, the candidates, the Dem and GOP parties, the FCC, and the FEC. A Fox spokesperson said Fox reps. would participate in such a meeting (N.Y. TIMES, 5/7).

THE WAY IT IS: Coalition chair Walter Cronkite, in a USA TODAY op-ed: "Two of the three big traditional broadcast networks

are still missing in action. Monday's offer from CBS ... is a welcome breakthrough. The only problem is that the news programs reach only a portion of the audience reached by prime-time entertainment programming, and the news audience is the portion of the electorate already best informed about the issues. We still need to stretch the envelope to try to reach the disengaged. ... As the free-time movement has sprung up around them, network executives have hemmed and hawed, pointing out they already do a lot of news coverage of the campaign. They do. And the reporting is well done in most cases. But in the limited time of the evening newscasts, the networks haven't been able to find time for both the reporters and the candidates. ... Network reporters covering the presidential primaries this year got six times more air time than the candidates! ... Network executives, time is wasting. Wouldn't it be pitiful if we let this great chance to improve our democracy slip away?" (5/7).

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

*5 GOP CIVIL WAR: NY GOPers RIP HOUSE LEADERSHIP, DEFEND LABOR

Rep. Peter King (R-NY), "a loyal Republican who supported most" of the Contract With America, delivered "a blistering indictment" of House Speaker Newt Gingrich and House Maj. Leader Dick Arney, "saying their actions are driving union workers out" of the GOP. King, in an interview: "It's a Southern, anti-union attitude that appeals to the mentality of hillbillies at revival meetings" (Kessler, L.I. NEWSDAY, 5/7). King "said the GOP leaders are driving away Reagan Democrats and Catholic ethnics" by "going 'out of their way to appease wacko militias but needlessly antagonizing unions'" (Orin/Galvin, N.Y. POST, 5/7). King: "I don't know of any Republican leader who has attacked the militia leaders, and yet they attack 'union bosses.'" King pointed out that union members have supported GOPers in recent elections, and said the GOP leadership should not be so critical of the AFL-CIO's \$35M political fund: "Who are they (Gingrich and Arney) to complain about money? They get money from big business. Somehow we are making it evil when labor does it." Rep. Dan Frisa (R-NY): "These people -- in the construction and building trades -- are our people. These are the people Reagan appealed to. The Republican leadership is driving them away. ... [Gingrich and Arney] are more concerned with posturing and ego than getting the job done" (NEWSDAY, 5/7). N.Y. POST editorial on Sen. Al D'Amato's (R-NY) recent attacks on the Speaker: "It's time to stop pounding on Newt Gingrich. ... It would be a mistake for Bob Dole [to] sever his ties to Newt Gingrich. ... He won't succeed -- and he'll abandon his core constituency in the process" (5/7).

STEPPING UP: In an Arney profile, W. POST's Gugliotta writes that since Gingrich "stepped back" from the spotlight, Arney has "stepped forward, bringing with him an impeccable reputation as a red-meat conservative with rough edges, who, even in his current job, often serves as the leadership's ideological last line of defense" (5/7).

*6 HOTLINE PEOPLE: SUSAN THOMASES PROFILED IN VANITY FAIR

Under header "Desperately Leaking Susan," Jacob Weisberg profiles Friend-of-Hillary Susan Thomases in VANITY FAIR. On "Bloodsport" author James Stewart's treatment of Thomases: "In almost every episode in which Thomases figures, Stewart provides additional evidence that her political and personal judgment is lacking. In unattributed comments clearly traceable to her, she manages to alienate the friends of the late White House deputy counsel Vince Foster, implicate the First Lady in a cover-up of the travel-office scandal, and arouse suspicion that her testimony before various investigators was the product of crafty spin control." Weisberg: "Thomases is neither the first Clinton friend to be economical with the truth nor the only one to alienate colleagues by the political equivalent of poor table manners. She is hardly alone in her outsize ego or in her lack of a sense of humor. What is unique about Thomases, though, is her relationship with the First Lady. ... Thomases is Hillary unsheathed, the First Lady without the image-softening makeover or restraint. And it is this curious quality of being Hillary's doppelganger that helps to explain both her unpopularity among White House insiders and the outrage she has stirred elsewhere. ... To a small group who were her allies from before the campaign, or who became part of her coterie, Thomases was 'warm, loving, the most incredibly loyal, supportive friend you would ever want to have,' according to Kathleen Ambrose, who is now deputy counsel at the Commerce Department. To others, however, Thomases was closer to the description in 'Primary Colors': 'an antic conspirer ... out for blood,' or, in the unminced words of a young person who has worked with her, 'an evil screaming witch.' ... In the course of the campaign, her enemies came to vastly outnumber her defenders as she reportedly lobbied to have fired, among others: campaign manager David Wilhelm, pollster Stan Greenberg, and campaign lawyer David Ifshin. ... In an incident that became legendary, Thomases tried to keep Al Gore out of the inner circle of the campaign" (6/96 issue).

EMPOWER AMERICA: Empower America announced the appointments of Thom Weisel as board chair and Tex Lezar as pres. & CEO. Weisel is founder, chair and CEO of Montgomery Securities in San Francisco. Lezar was the '94 GOP nominee for TX LG. Ex-Empower America board chair Steve Forbes "will remain an active member of the Board." Ex-Empower America pres. Bill Dal Col, who was Forbes' pres. campaign manager, "will be working with Forbes while continuing informally to advise Empower America." Empower America's co-directors are Bill Bennett, Jack Kemp, Jeane Kirkpatrick, and Vin Weber (release, 5/6).

BROWN: "Even with the death" of Commerce Sec. Ron Brown, the criminal investigation into his finances "has new momentum." One witness, "often interviewed by investigators from the IRS, FBI and FDIC" says, "They keep telling us we're going to the grand jury, but it never happens because they keep getting new leads." Indep. counsel Daniel Pearson announced 4/19 that he was handing over the investigation of Brown's finances to the DoJ. Also named in the court order directing the indep. counsel to investigate Brown was his ex-partner Nolanda Hill (Thibault, W. TIMES, 5/7).

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

***7 ALABAMA: ENDORSEMENT SQUEEZES OUT BEDFORD**

The Jefferson Co. Citizens Coalition, an "influential black political group" led by Birmingham Mayor Richard Arrington (D), endorsed both pollster Natalie Davis (D) and Rep. Glen Browder (D-03) for the 6/4 Dem primary. The endorsement "surprised many watching the race, especially because Davis and Browder have been placed at opposite ends of the ideological spectrum" in the Dem contest. The news was seen as a "blow" to state Sen. Roger Bedford (D). Auburn Univ.'s Brad Moody: "Sometimes endorsements can hurt more than they help. In this instance, I think it will hurt Bedford more than it will help Davis and Browder." But Univ/AL's William Stewart noted that "although the coalition gave only a 'lukewarm' endorsement" to Davis and Browder, "both should see some benefit from it." Stewart said, "Browder needs the votes of blacks, particularly because he will get the votes of moderate to conservative whites." Davis "needs all the help she can get because she's not made a race before, and she's a political newcomer" (Hetzner, Birmingham POST-HERALD, 5/6). POST-HERALD's Bryant profiled Bedford 5/7. Other Dem: ex-state Rep. Marilyn Bromberg. Sen. Howard Heflin (D) is retiring. GOPers: AG Jeff Sessions, podiatrist Walter Clark, businessman Sid McDonald, state Sen. Albert Lipscomb, businessman Charles Woods, Birmingham City Councilmember Jimmy Blake, and atty Frank McRight.

NOT IN SESSION: MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER editorial, on the regular absences of Sessions from forums: "One must assume that he deems avoiding candidate forums to be in his best interest. Having made that decision, however, he must expect to bear some criticism for it and to have Alabamans -- including his opponents -- wonder why he so rarely consents to be in the presence of the rest of the GOP field. ... Sessions is the conceded frontrunner, but the race does not appear to be such a walkover that the other candidates can safely be ignored. ... Campaigning by press release and television commercial may prove effective, but it still strikes a disservice to the voters. ... Sessions should rethink his position. If he does become the nominee, it's hard to imagine this above-the-fray concept working in a one-on-one race against an aggressive Democratic opponent" (5/5).

MCRIGHT ON! MOBILE PRESS REGISTER's Owens writes, "If you were to ask each Republican senatorial candidate who, besides himself, is the most qualified candidate in the race, the consensus among the seven would probably be Frank McRight. Yet, McRight continues to languish in the primary public opinion polls. ... Critics from other campaigns say that McRight blew too much money on expensive consultants who were telling him the wrong thing" (5/1).

***8 NEBRASKA: SPARKS FLY AT GOP DEBATE**

Businessman Chuck Hagel (R) and AG Don Stenberg (R) "dropped all pretense" that their fight for retiring Sen. Jim Exon's (D) seat is a "friendly, intramural" affair. The two "shouted at

each other" in a 5/5 debate before 100 NE GOPers who "sat in stunned silence." The "war of words" came in the aftermath of Stenberg's current TV ad which hits Hagel for "spending much of the last 20 years" in VA, contributing to Sen. Bob Kerrey's (D-NE) '92 pres. bid, and "shifting positions." Hagel "invited the exchange" after telling the audience that for 14 months he had been trying to run a "dignified campaign," and then turned to Stenberg and said, "Don't rip me apart." Hagel said he joined many NE GOPers in giving money to Kerrey in his '92 primary campaign, and said the fact that both he and Kerrey served in Vietnam was also a factor in his support. Hagel then said to Stenberg: "Don, you don't understand this because you have never served your country." Stenberg called that comment "very offensive." Stenberg "made one concession" to party unity by "renewing his pledge" to back the primary victor at a GOP event 5/15, regardless of outcome (Kotok, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 5/6). Gov. Ben Nelson (D) is unopposed in his primary. Primary 5/14.

DEM AD: NE Dems are directing a "similar" ad at Hagel. From the 30 sec. spot entitled "Queen": "Chuck Hagel and the Republican Party insiders are responsible for the deceptive, negative ads against Ben Nelson. But we shouldn't be surprised. Because Hagel has deceived us about his own record. For almost twenty years, Hagel has lived in Virginia. Hagel even considered running for Governor of Virginia in 1993" (5/2). Stenberg response: "According to news accounts, this is a first in Nebraska political history that a political party has involved itself in a contested primary of the opposition party with paid television advertisements. The Democrats can see the handwriting of a Nelson defeat on the wall. If Chuck Hagel is the nominee, this is just a sample of the devastating attacks they'll run against him" (5/2). WORLD-HERALD editorial: "If Democrats think that this kind of advertising will benefit [Nelson] ... they are wrong. Advertising like this will turn off Nebraskans" (5/4).

EDITORIAL SUPPORT FOR HAGEL: Hagel was endorsed by the LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR: "There is not a dime's worth of difference between the positions of Chuck Hagel and Stenberg. But the Journal Star favors Chuck Hagel ... The real difference for Republican voters to consider May 14 is who would take a more reasonable and realistic attitude to Washington" (5/5). WORLD-HERALD editorial under header "Stenberg Should Clean Up His Act": "Stenberg last week went on the air with campaign commercials in which he labeled his Republican opponent, Chuck Hagel, as a 'big spending investment banker.' He has alluded to Hagel as the candidate of East Coast interests and Omaha money. The unspoken message is that Stenberg sees something wrong with Hagel's candidacy. Surely [NE GOPers] are smarter than that" (5/6).

*9 NORTH CAROLINA: DEMS DECIDE WHO WILL TAKE ON HELMS

The polls opened at 6:30 a.m. today, as a low voter turnout is expected in the Dem primary between ex-Charlotte Mayor/'90 Senate nominee Harvey Gantt and Charlie Sanders, the ex-chair of the Glaxo pharmaceutical co. Gantt has been endorsed by the CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL and Greensboro NEWS & RECORD; Sanders has the backing of the Raleigh NEWS & OBSERVER

(NEWS & OBSERVER, 5/7). L.A. TIMES' Harrison profiles the contest, noting the irony that Gantt lost to Sen. Jesse Helms (R) in '90, "many said, because of the color of his skin. ... Once again, race is being identified as a factor working against him. ... If Gantt loses the Democratic primary today -- and the most recent poll suggests a close race -- it may be because some black and liberal voters, intent on defeating Helms at any cost, turned to a white candidate they felt would have a better chance of doing that" (5/7). CNN's Shaw: "Who has the best chance of beating Senator Jesse Helms? That's the question Democrats are likely to be asking themselves as they cast their votes." CNN's Morton: "The old rule is about 45% of the state loves Jesse Helms, about 45% percent hates him and the other 10% decides his elections. ... Can either newcomer Sanders or second-effort Gantt beat Helms? Since Helms last ran, 345,000 new people have moved into the state. His success this time may depend on how they vote" ("IP," 5/6).

*10 WYOMING: ENZI 'NIPS' BARRASSO IN GOP SENATE POLL

State Sen. Mike Enzi won the GOP convention straw poll on 5/4 for the seat being vacated by Sen. Al Simpson (R). Enzi tallied 156 votes, "narrowly" beating surgeon John Barrasso, who got 149 votes. Barasso said he's "excited and energized" by the close finish. They were followed by state Sen. Curt Meier (with 67 votes), Natrona Co. D.A. Patrick Meenan (37), state Rep. Nimi McConigley (27), Brian Coen (12), and Kathleen Jackowski (6). Still, the results have "no official significance." The straw poll did not include Sec/State Diana Ohman, who said "she is considering filing for the spot" (Collins, Casper STAR-TRIBUNE, 5/5). Dem: '94 gov. nominee Kathy Karpen. Filing deadline: 6/7. Primary: 8/20.

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

*11 INDIANA: TWO OPEN SEATS HIGHLIGHT TODAY'S PRIMARY

IN 07: The retirement of Rep. John Myers (R) "has created a free-for-all," and with 15 candidates running in the GOP primary alone (there are four Dems), no one seems to know what will put someone over the top. State Sen. Dick Thompson (R) lives in the most populous part of the CD. Myers has endorsed ex-state Sen. Ed Pease (R). State Rep. Kathy Willing (R) is "hoping that being the only woman in the race will help her stand out in the crowd." And then "there's a candidate named [ex-Tippecanoe Co. GOP chair] John Meyers, whose similar name [to the retiring incumbent] may confuse some voters." Turnout "may not be everything here. It may be the only thing" (Schneider, INDIANAPOLIS STAR, 5/6). There is an "especially large" GOP field because Myers has held the seat since '67 and no Dem has won the seat "in decades." But some observers "say they don't agree with the conventional wisdom that the victor of the Republican primary" will win in November. IN Univ/Purdue Univ.'s Bill Blomquist: "It's a Republican-leaning seat, but I don't think it's a Republican-lock seat" (McBride, INDIANAPOLIS STAR, 5/6). Other GOPers include ex-state Rep./'94 Myers primary challenger Dan Pool, state Sen./'94 Myers primary challenger Richard Thompson, atty Pete Ross, businessmen John Lee

Smith & Jack Reynolds and real estate agent Jeff Baldwin. Likely Dem nominee is state Sen. Min. Leader Robert Hellmann; his strongest primary challenge may come from Terre Haute City Councilmember William Thompson.

IN 08: Although frosh Rep. John Hostettler (R) is "regarded by many political observers as endangered in the fall election, he is not expected to have much trouble" in the primary with accountant Michael McCamish (R). Of the seven Dems running, the "real showdown" is expected to be between state Rep. Richard McConnell and Jonathan Weinzapfel, an aide to ex-Rep. Frank McCloskey (D-08), who was unseated by Hostettler in '94. McConnell, who last month "secured the backing" of McCloskey, has "about three times as much money as Weinzapfel to invest in the campaign" (Stutevill, INDIANAPOLIS STAR, 5/7).

IN 10: Retiring Rep. Andy Jacobs (D) has endorsed Center Township Trustee Julia Carson (D), whose major challenger is thought to be ex-IN Dem chair Ann DeLaney. GOPers hope Jacobs' departure will give them "their best shot in decades" at capturing this "predominantly" Dem seat. Four GOPers are running, with the contest "largely" between endorsed cand. Marvin Scott and ex-state Sen. Virginia Blankenbaker (Schneider, INDIANAPOLIS STAR, 5/6).

*12 OR 02: FUN IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Frosh Rep. Wes Cooley (R-02) "has publicly admitted for the first time that he signed 1985 loan documents falsely stating he was married." Speaking to the OR Federation of Republican Women, Cooley "apologized for living with his wife before they were married." Cooley: "Sometimes we do things in life we're not very proud of and we rationalize to ourselves, not knowing what harm could come to others. ... I'm sorry." Cooley is also facing allegations he lied about both his educational background and military record. Cooley "said he lied about being married in 1985 because he was afraid he and Rosemary Herron, whom he married in 1993, would not get a loan for the couple's ranch." Cooley: "We took it out under the name 'Wester Cooley and Rosemary Herron.' ... [The bank] typed in 'husband and wife.' When we saw that ... we said, 'Well, we won't say anything about it because maybe we won't get the loan if we do. We'll just let it go.'" Knowingly signing loan documents that contain incorrect information "is illegal but rarely prosecuted as long as loan payments are being made." Cooley also said his wife "never took a nickel" from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs after their '93 marriage. "Questions have been raised about whether Cooley's wife received VA benefits as a widow from a previous marriage when she and Cooley were presenting themselves as husband and wife." Friends and relatives have said Cooley "had told them he and Herron were first married in Cancun, Mexico, in the early 1980s." But Cooley "denied that he ever described the 1993 wedding as a reaffirmation of earlier vows." Cooley also "said he was attempting to locate documents that would confirm he spent a short time on a training mission in Korea while he served in the Army as a member of its Special Forces" (AP/Eugene REGISTER-GUARD, 5/6). Portland OREGONIAN front page header: "Cooley: a

man cloaked in contradiction" (5/5).

MORE: Cooley's ex-wife, Beverly Charbonneau, said he "has a long history of lying" and once boasted he was a "government hit man who killed people with piano wire." She also said Cooley "boasted at parties of having connections with a shadowy secret agency" that "could make things happen to people." Charbonneau: "But that's Wester. ... He can't stop exaggerating to make himself look more than he really is." Cooley's half-brother Ron Melxsell "also accused Cooley of lying": "I don't understand why he does it." Charbonneau, on Cooley's military record: "Wester never left U.S. soil. I certainly would have known if he did." But Cooley's aunt, Gladys Jeans, defended him: "He's still a good boy. Wester, he just didn't want to do wrong things" (AP/REGISTER-GUARD, 5/5).

WHAT TO DO WITH WES? RNC chair Haley Barbour said, "I spent four days in [MI, OH, IL and MO] this week, I never heard one word about this story until I came back to Washington, where there's this feeding frenzy about Wes Cooley" ("FOX News Sunday," 5/5). W.S. JOURNAL's Al Hunt: "I thought basically that Enid Waldholtz had beaten out Helen Chenoweth and Steve Stockman to wrap-up, really, the biggest laughingstock in the Freshman class. But then along comes Wes Cooley. He's got to be a front-runner now" ("Cap Gang," CNN, 5/4). Dems: Deschutes Co. DA Mike Dugan and George Fuson. Primary: 5/21.

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

*13 INDIANA GOVERNOR: IS IT TOO LATE FOR EARLY?

In her review of the GOP primary campaign, INDIANAPOLIS STAR's Schneider writes that the "focus" will be on Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith (R) and ex-IN GOP chair Rex Early (R). Goldsmith "has the most money and is using it in ads to promote his plans to reform welfare and government. He has built his own network that draws more from those outside the regular Republican Party organization but nonetheless has the key endorsements of the last two GOP governors," Otis Bowen and Bob Orr. For his part, Early is being backed by "most" of the state's GOP county and district chairs. As state GOP chair he "took a party that was a half-million dollars in debt and left it with about that same amount in surplus." With his decades of being active in GOP politics, Early "has built up lots of IOUs that should help him." The polls have shown Goldsmith with a "wide lead through much of the race, a lead he says is holding solid." But Early, who has been "steadily attacking" Goldsmith, insists the race is "narrowing." A "key" factor may be the vote out of Marion Co. (Indianapolis); the question is not if Goldsmith wins the county but by how much. He has "long been at odds" with Marion Co. GOP chair John Sweezy, who is thought to be friendly with Early. "Complicating the picture" is the fact that Goldsmith ran for re-election as mayor only a few months ago, and some county voters "may hold it against him." Newspaper owner George Witwer (R) "is a longshot. He is not widely known and has relatively little money." But he is "hoping his grass-roots campaign and solid conservative message will help him stun the political experts" (5/6).

OTHER ENDORSEMENTS: Ft. Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke came out for Goldsmith, who he said "has been doing the things Indianapolis needs, and he'll do the same for the state." Ten other IN mayors have endorsed Goldsmith as well, including the mayors in Muncie, Marion, Dunkirk, and Tipton (Kamath, Ft. Wayne JOURNAL GAZETTE, 5/3). Backing Early include Reps. Dan Burton (R-06) and Steve Buyer (R-05). On the Dem side, LG Frank O'Bannon (D) is unopposed for the nomination; Gov. Evan Bayh (D) is term-limited.

***14 NORTH CAROLINA: CAN VINROOT HOLD OFF HAYES?**

In a last-minute bid to sway voters, ex-Charlotte Mayor Richard Vinroot (R) toured N. Raleigh and the Piedmont with "two of his biggest guns," ex-GOP Govs. Jim Martin and Jim Holshouser. He also campaigned with Raleigh Mayor Tom Fetzner. Meanwhile, state Rep. Robin Hayes (R), who held a three-point lead in the latest Mason-Dixon poll (see HOTLINE, 5/6), urged his supporters to "get all those people out to the polls. Don't blow it!" Vinroot has also been "racking up the endorsements" from the NC newspapers, getting the backing of the CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL and Greensboro NEWS & RECORD; Hayes "did not win any endorsements from the larger newspapers" (Raleigh NEWS & OBSERVER, 5/7). Gov. Jim Hunt (D) is unopposed.

DOWN THE TICKET: Other statewide primary contests include a GOP battle for LG between ex-state Reps. Joe Hege and Steve Arnold; the winner faces Dennis Wicker (D) in November. Treas. Harlan Boyles (D) is being challenged in the Dem primary by political newcomer/Raleigh businessman Michael Weisel. On the GOP side, it's ex-Employment Security Commis. chair Ann Duncan vs. state Rep. Larry Linney. The biggest attention has been on the Sec/State race, where Dem incumbent Rufus Edmisten resigned "amid allegations of office mismanagement." Six Dems are running, the winner likely to be determined in a 6/4 runoff; the winner faces retired NASCAR driver Richard Petty (R) in the fall (NEWS & OBSERVER, 5/7).

===== VEEPSTAKES INTERVIEW =====

***15 PART XIV: THE CASE FOR LAMAR ALEXANDER**

Lanny Griffith, a senior strategist for Lamar Alexander's pres. bid, discusses the merits of Dole picking Alexander for VP.

GRIFFITH: The first criterion in choosing a running mate should be whether or not he or she would make a good president. Lamar Alexander excels in that category. He has national stature, an impressive record as education secretary, and was the country's best governor in the 1980s. In addition, he's been vetted by a [pres.] campaign of his own, like previous running mates George Bush, Al Gore & Lyndon Johnson. Regardless of what you think of the politics of these folks, none had to go through that awful experience of introducing an unknown to a national audience like we saw with Quayle, Ferraro, Agnew and Eagleton.

The second criterion is compatibility with the top of the ticket. Despite the fact that they ran against each other for the nomination, Dole and Alexander are compatible. There's no trick on the voters. They're both conservative, both pro-life,

and they ended the primary campaign liking and respecting each other even more than when they started.

My third criterion would be that the running mate should complement the presidential nominee. Lamar Alexander does this in several important ways. Dole's from the Midwest, Alexander's from the South. Dole's from one generation, Alexander's from another. Dole's a respected Washington leader, and Alexander has spent most of his career outside Washington. Dole is our best legislative engineer and Alexander's one of the party's best visionaries and agenda-setters. In addition, Alexander helps with some of the areas where the party needs help. He runs well with women voters -- I suspect because of his high profile work on education. During the primaries he was almost a cult figure with younger voters; unfortunately most of them were too young to vote. Finally, he's telegenic. The camera loves him, and in modern politics that's no small consideration.

Insofar as geographic balance, I think that is important, but probably a later consideration. But even here Alexander brings as much to the table as the Midwest governors do. First, I think we would win Tennessee, which we will likely lose because of Gore. That's 11 electoral votes. Second, we will likely pick up neighboring Kentucky that we lost as well in 1992 -- that's eight more electoral votes. Together, they're more than Wisconsin and Michigan, and two short of Ohio. Finally, Alexander could probably ensure we carry Georgia, with 13 electoral votes. To win this time we have to win everything we won in 1992 and move 102 electoral votes from Clinton to Dole. With these three southern states moving, we're one-third of the way there.

HOTLINE: Why Lamar Alexander and not another Southerner like Carroll Campbell or Connie Mack?

GRIFFITH: Both of them are very good men and would do a very good job. But both their states were carried by Bush in '92.

HOTLINE: Isn't the South already Bob Dole's strongest region? Why not go to the Midwest or California?

GRIFFITH: It all depends on what you're looking for. The Midwest, of course, is Dole's home base. It's going to be the battleground in the fall. But there's a lot to be said for locking down what should be the Republican base, the South, by the convention so that you can focus on those states where the election is going to be decided.

HOTLINE: Do you think being selected or not for VP has any impact on Lamar's running for president again in 2000?

GRIFFITH: Whether or not he runs again for president depends an awful lot on things that are out of his control -- whether or not Dole would be running for re-election, which, of course, is what we hope will be happening. My sense is that Alexander's approach right now is to do everything he can to get Dole elected. That'll be his single-minded focus politically in 1996 and let the future

take care of itself.

HOTLINE: Does Alexander want to be considered as a running mate?

GRIFFITH: We spoke about a week ago for about an hour and the subject never came up, so my sense is he's not expecting it. I think one of his disadvantages is that we're in a town where sharp elbows are often successful, and it's just not in his nature to get engaged in that kind of effort. He has said, too, that he can think of a lot more people that would be a better number two than he. Here I would probably disagree with him a little. I don't think there's any question that he really enjoys the role of chief executive. And I did see him first-hand as George Bush's Secretary of Education. There he took a brain-dead department and demonstrated uncommon imagination and effective leadership. He did it all while showing loyalty and deference to President Bush and earned the admiration of the entire Bush family because of the way he handled his job. So it may not be the ideal for him, but on the other hand, when he's been put in a situation like that my impression is that he can work very effectively.

HOTLINE: Would his loss in the primary have him shy away from the national spotlight again this year?

GRIFFIN: I think there are some aspects of that. His campaign kept him tied up for a year and a half and obviously he's just now enjoying having some time of his own. But there was nothing that happened during the campaign that would either discourage him or be a problem. He ran a good race. Even the Dole campaign now agrees that, but for a handful of votes in New Hampshire, he would've won the New Hampshire primary. He did better in a first run for president than Jack Kemp did in 1988 or Dole did in 1980. I think he's proud of the race he ran and feels good about it.

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

*16 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Sen. Al D'Amato (R-NY). "FOX Morning News" hosted RNC chair Haley Barbour, ex-Reps. Fred Grandy (R-IA) & Dennis Eckart (D-OH), and DALLAS MORNING NEWS' Susan Feeney.

TONIGHT: CNN's Larry King hosts ABC's Peter Jennings.

LAST NIGHT: ABC led with crime statistics. NBC led with a new prostate treatment. CBS led with fires in NM. CNN led with new information regarding Israel's bombing of a UN camp. "NewsHour" led with Liberia. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed. CNN's "TalkBack Live" hosted Dan Quayle. CNN's "Moneyline" hosted ex-Commerce Sec. Robert Mosbacher. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted Dem consultant Don Sweitzer and ex-SC Gov. Carroll Campbell (R). CNBC's "Equal Time" was guest-hosted by NY LG Betsy McCaughey Ross (R) and hosted Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY). ABC's "Nightline" examined alleged human rights violations in Guatemala.

MAKING THE CASE AGAINST TERM LIMITS? Barbour, on why Pres.

Clinton shouldn't be re-elected: "When the election's over, what's Bill Clinton going to do? When he had a Democrat Congress he never presented a balanced budget, he never presented a tax cut, there was never a vote on welfare reform. Instead we got the largest tax increase in American history, Clinton increased domestic spending by 300 billion dollars, and he tried to create a government-run health care system. If he did that when he had to face the voters again, what in the world is he going to do if he never has to face the voters again?" ("FOX News Sunday," 5/5).

TOP TEN SIGNS YOU CAN EAT TOO MUCH RICE-A-RONI

10. You can't cross the Golden Gate Bridge without consulting a team of architects.
9. You drink a cup of boiling water and expand to three times your normal size.
8. You show up at work naked except for a strategically-placed seasoning pouch.
7. You get a little visit from a couple of Uncle Ben's goons.
6. You just spent \$1.7 million for a box of Rice-A-Roni that belonged to Jackie Onassis.
5. Every Wednesday night you have a small group meeting that begins with someone saying, "My name is Bob and I eat too much Rice-A-Roni."
4. When you go swimming in the bay, tourists mistake you for Alcatraz.
3. You actually pass up a delicious head of lettuce.
2. When you ask hookers for a "San Francisco Treat," you really do mean dinner.
1. Two Words: Giant Ass-A-Roni ("Late Show," CBS, 5/6).

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

"He's very good at seeing the train go, jumping on the caboose, and running from the caboose to the engine."

-- Ex-SC Gov. Carroll Campbell (R), on Pres. Clinton co-opting GOP issues, "Crossfire," CNN, 5/6

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

"Bob Smith calling a news conference is like Moses coming down
 from Mount Sinai to the people of the 2nd District."
 -- Univ/Portland's Jim Moore, on the growing opposition to
 Rep. Wes Cooley (R-OR), Bend BULLETIN, 6/6

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???? OVERLOOKED ????

Four GOP senators have been denied renomination in the primary since WW II: NY's Jacob Javits (who lost to Al D'Amato in '80), NJ's Clifford Case (who lost to Jeff Bell in '78), CA's Thomas Kuchel (who lost to Max Rafferty in '68) and WI's Bob LaFollette Jr. (who lost to Joe McCarthy in '46). D'Amato and McCarthy held the seats for the GOP; Bell and Rafferty did not.

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

*1 ABORTION: DOLE COMMENTS SET OFF NEW ROUND OF SPARKS

In a satellite appearance before ABC affiliates, and in an interview with ABC's Peter Jennings, Bob Dole was asked about potential changes to the abortion plank in the GOP platform. Dole told the affiliates: "We hope to have a plank in our platform that will reach out to all Republicans so everybody will understand that we can have diversity in our party and still reach out to people who have different views." Dole, asked by Jennings if the '92 platform language "should be retained exactly as it is": "I hope to make that decision even before the convention. My view is that I want to bring people into the party, not keep people out of the party. I don't want to build a fence around our party and say everybody has to agree with me on this issue. I happen to be pro-life. And I've tried to explain to some of the pro-life people, if we're going to win elections and build our party, we can have different views on this issue. And that'll be my hope when I determine precisely what that plank should be." Dole, asked if he "would support a human life amendment for which there were no exceptions": "I at one time supported the human life amendment. I do not support it now. And again you're weighing two lives, the life of the mother and the life of the unborn child. It's a tough, tough choice. But the view I have, as the nominee of this party, we're trying to attract more people" (6/6).

MORE DOLE: Dole, in a later interview with CNN's Crowley, on what he wants in the plank: "If you could go back to the 1980 platform that Ronald Reagan had, it started off with this declaratory statement that we recognize people have different views on this issue. ... It seems to me if we're going to reach out to people, we need to make it clear before the convention. ... I have some obligation to spell it out in advance what I believe it should be. ... To win this election we can't divide people up, we have to multiply. ... It probably will not please

everyone, but I think many pro-life people will support it. And I think many pro-choice people will support it" ("IP," 6/6).

OFF MESSAGE? Dole's comments were the "first definitive sign he wants any change in the platform's approach to the divisive issue" (Hines, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 6/7). CNN's Crowley: "They [Dole campaign] really wanted to get this issue out of the way, or at least start the ball moving. ... The fact that he's asked about it constantly ... harmed Dole and kept him off message" ("IP," 6/6). When the Dole campaign "realized" that ABC was to air the interviews, which might have "suggested some ambiguity" in Dole's abortion position, they issued a one-page statement clarifying his position on the pro-life plank (Seelye, N.Y. TIMES, 6/7). The timing and manner of the release of Dole's statement "provoked confusion in the media but little division" among pro-lifers (Hallow, W. TIMES, 6/7). In his statement, Dole "insisted" that the platform keep its call for a constitutional amendment banning abortions: "This is not compromise. It is civility." Dole's "new attempt to straddle the issue is straight out of Ronald Reagan's 1980 playbook." Then, the platform advocated a constitutional ban at the same time that it "made room" for differing opinions within the party, labeled then as the "big tent." By "embracing" Reagan's '80 platform, Dole advisers are hoping to make it "tougher" for Pat Buchanan and their "conservative Reagan followers" to avoid a "high-profile fight" at the convention (Yoachum, S.F. CHRONICLE, 6/7). CNN's Schneider: "He's using Ronald Reagan as the stamp of legitimacy. ... How can Pat Buchanan complain, because that's the language that got Ronald Reagan elected?" CNN's Crowley: "There are those in the Dole campaign who believe that Pat Buchanan will be very happy or will at least go ahead and accept the 'Ronald Reagan' language" ("IP, 6/6).

ARCANE POINT? W. POST's Harden & Balz note that Dole aides issued "differing interpretations" on how the declaration of tolerance would be dealt with in the platform. "This seemingly arcane point is of great importance to the antiabortion wing of the party." One Dole adviser said that suggestions that Dole wants to replace the '80 plank is "not what he is talking about here." He said Dole is seeking "an umbrella modifier" and not urging "specific language in a specific plank." But Dole spokesperson Nelson Warfield said, "It remains to be seen precisely where in the platform the committee will decide to include a declaration of tolerance" (6/7). An anonymous Dole source said "it would not be necessary" that the proposed language be in the abortion section of the platform or refer "specifically" to abortion (HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 6/7).

REAX: Dole's comments "immediately set off sparks" among pro-choicers and pro-lifers (Zuckman/Kranish, BOSTON GLOBE, 6/7). "There was some concern among" pro-lifers about the precise wording and placement of any changes to the platform (N.Y. TIMES, 6/7). Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed said his group would not object to tolerance language being added to the plank's preamble: "If there was an attempt to change the antiabortion plank itself, there would be strong objections" (Zuckman/Kranish, BOSTON GLOBE, 6/7). Nat'l Right to Life Cmte's Carol Long: "Our

organization does not see this as retreat by Bob Dole" (HOUSTON CHRONICLE, 6/7). ABC's Cochran: "The reaction to Dole's statement is decidedly mixed. Pat Buchanan did not want to pick a fight with Dole, although a spokesman did say Buchanan still opposes any change in the language of the party's abortion platform" (6/6). CBS' Schieffer: "Dole seems to be making his first real effort ... to clarify where he wants his party to be on this controversial subject of abortion, and he seems to be reaching out to pro-choice moderates ... Already Pat Buchanan and the anti-abortion forces say this is unacceptable and they say it guarantees a major fight at this summer's convention" (6/6). CA Gov. Pete Wilson "remained unconvinced that the declaration of tolerance' would be sufficient to "quell the opposition" to the party's current plank (S.F. CHRONICLE, 6/7). Dem strategist Bill Carrick, who is running Clinton's CA campaign, "dismissed" Dole's move as a "political stunt, another political fig leaf in order to try and make Dole a viable candidate. ... Why don't they just deal with the substance of the abortion issue?" (S.F. CHRONICLE, 6/7).

*2 DOLE: DON RUMSFELD TO JOIN CAMPAIGN IN POLICY ROLE

Gerald Ford's CoS Donald Rumsfeld will join the campaign as policy co-director. Rumsfeld "will share policy coordination" with ex-Rep. Vin Weber. GOP consultant Eddie Mahe on Rumsfeld: "He brings stature, credibility, experience." One longtime GOP strategist: "That doesn't really change anything, which may be why the people in the campaign did it. ... A lot of Bob Dole's friend have been arguing with him to bring adult supervision into the campaign. And the young people running it have been resisting." Weber and Rumsfeld will share leadership of policy matters. Dole adviser Don Devine, on the "moderate" label some have tagged Rumsfeld with: "He has definitely been a conservative. I don't consider him any kind of [ideological] enemy" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 6/7). USA TODAY' Keen profiles some members of Dole's economic team, including: Harvard' Robert Barro, Univ/Chicago's Gary Becker, Harvard's Martin Feldstein, Salomon Brothers' John Lipsky, Stanford's John Taylor, Rand Corp.'s Charles Wolf, Sens. Spencer Abraham (R-MI), Pete Domenici (R-NM), Bob Bennett (R-UT) and Connie Mack (R-FL), and Bear, Stearns' Wayne Angell (6/7).

MESSAGE FROM RUDY: NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R) criticized Dole "for supporting GOP-sponsored legislation that would restrict government aid to immigrants and called those restrictions a 'terrible, terrible mistake.'" Giuliani "did not single out" Dole during his speech before the Carnegie Endowment for Int'l Peace. But in response to reporters' questions he warned that Dole "would be committing a damaging political mistake if he followed public opinion polls that show broad antipathy to illegal immigrants who receive public benefits." Giuliani: "This is an opportunity to show you're a leader, a statesman and that you can step beyond the most immediate form of public opinion and really go to the core of what makes America such a great country" (Schmitt, N.Y. TIMES, 6/7).

WILSON'S TIPS FOR WINNING THE WH: W.S. JOURNAL's Shafer

reports CA Gov. Pete Wilson is urging Dole to push his opposition to affirmative action programs, "but Dole wants to move cautiously." Dole "avoids mention" of CA's anti-affirmative action initiative that he endorsed. "A big push would kill any hope of wooing Colin Powell as a runningmate." In a recent speech defending outreach programs, Powell said "we must resist misguided" efforts like CA's initiative. Conservative activist Clint Bolick calls Dole's failure to push his own anti-affirmative action bill "a grave disappointment." House Speaker Newt Gingrich "fears a backlash from such legislation, but will keep his promise to allow a floor vote on a House version this summer" ("Washington Wire," 6/7).

*3 CLINTON: DA' MAYOR DISINVITES DA' PREZ

S.F. Mayor Willie Brown (D), "who effusively told President Clinton earlier this year that Clinton should be in San Francisco where there's 'no snow and no Republicans,' has abruptly yanked the welcome mat." Asked by WH aides which public events Clinton should attend before going to a 6/9 private fund-raiser at the Sen. Dianne Feinstein's home, "Brown was blunt": "Don't come." The mayor said Clinton's public opposition to gay marriage "outraged" many in S.F.'s gay community who "may use the visit from the president as a reason to protest." Brown's comment appeared in Herb Caen's 6/6 column in the S.F. CHRONICLE. In the column, Brown said, "There'll be intense demonstrations. I think he should postpone his trip. S.F. Supervisor Tom Ammiano, who is gay, agreed: 'There definitely will be demonstrations. What Willie said makes sense.'" WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry said Clinton "still plans an as-yet-unspecified public event" in the afternoon before the fund-raiser. McCurry: "We understand there are strong feelings in parts of the gay and lesbian community about the president's stand on same-sex marriage. The mayor is so good because he keeps his ear to the ground. On this issue, we understand there are differences. We also love coming to the city." Allen White, a writer and "media coordinator in San Francisco's gay community, agreed Brown 'is right on target': 'Willie Brown is saying the obvious for us. Because of his political positions, Clinton is very much out of sync with San Francisco. ... If the Mayor of San Francisco says, 'I don't think you should come,' it was not an off-the-cuff remark. He would not say it unless he really felt there was significant reason ... They are fools if they don't listen to the man." Clinton will be in S.F. for "only a matter of hours" prior to the fund-raiser. He will be coming from Las Vegas and plans to campaign in San Diego and Los Angeles 6/10. He will leave for Albuquerque 6/11 (Yoachum, S.F. CHRONICLE, 6/7). In '92, Clinton won 72.4% of the vote in S.F. (Evans, AP/PHILA. INQUIRER, 6/7).

TAX TALK: "In another election-year pitch to the middle-class," Clinton moved to lower closing costs by \$200 for first-time home buyers who use gov't-backed loans. "By itself, the move was small potatoes," but it was the final step in lowering the average closing cost, in 1994 dollars, to \$3,400 from \$4,400. McCurry: "It's been American dream week: college educations and home ownership" (Purdum, N.Y. TIMES, 6/7). Dole spokesperson

Nelson Warfield dismissed the savings as "chump change" (mult.). CBS' Braver: "All these prizes the President has been offering the middle class are beginning sound like an episode of 'The Price is Right.' ... The President today said ordinary folks should 'Come on down,' and get another \$200 in savings on house-closing costs" (6/6). CNN's Hopkins noted the proposal was Clinton's "second election handout of the week" ("Moneyline," 6/6). "Politically, it's not hard to see why Dole and Clinton -- both noted for supporting record-breaking tax hikes -- are trying to glom onto the issue. Historically, tax cutting is boffo politics, while tax increases are viewed as the kiss of death. But 1996's born-again tax-cutters may be in for a jolt. At the moment, tax relief ranks relatively low on Americans' list of top concerns." Still, Dems "signal that if Dole pushes a Reagan-style tax agenda, they will be ready" (Dunham, BUSINESS WEEK, 6/17 issue).

WHY STOP THERE? WH economic advisers "fear that political guru" Dick Morris, "in his drive for tax cuts to woo swing voters, will persuade Clinton to propose a capital gains tax reduction." Talk of another tax cut for home buyers was postponed because, as one aide joked, "we can only take one pander a week" (Shafer, "Washington Wire," W.S. JOURNAL, 6/7). W.S. JOURNAL's Gigot writes about Treas. Sec. Robert Rubin and "Clintonomics: Tastes Great, Less Filling" (6/7). W. POST's Dionne writes about "Election Year Tax Gimmicks": "Clinton's rapid-response, beat-Dole-to-the punch approach has now become a parody of itself" (6/7).

*4 VEEPSTAKES: VOINOVICH DOES AN "ABOUT-FACE" ON TAX CUT

"In an about-face," OH Gov. George Voinovich said state tax cuts that "he once denounced as 'political bait' are now 'responsible.'" Voinovich "said he will not follow through on a threatened veto" of a \$165 million income tax credit and on increases in personal exemptions "because they will not eat away" at OH's \$822M "rainy day fund, which he said is 'sacrosanct.'" The tax cuts were approved by the GOP-controlled General Assembly "in apparent defiance" of Voinovich, "who savaged the proposed cuts two weeks ago as politically inspired and ill-timed." Senate Min. Leader Ben Espy (D) said Voinovich is now "playing to the national political scene": "He knows he's got to approve some kind of a tax cut for any kind of chance to be on the Republican ticket." Voinovich "flatly denied that his tax-cut change-of-heart was motivated" by VP interest. Voinovich: "I can guarantee you that if they touched that rainy day fund there'd have been a big veto. ... I may not have liked what they did but I am thankful what they did was responsible" (Johnson/Leonard, COLUMBUS DISPATCH, 6/5). CINCINNATI ENQUIRER editorial notes Voinovich was "bowing to public pressure and a veto-proof opposition in the General Assembly" (6/6). OH Dem Chair David Leland said Voinovich is willing to "say or do anything to be chosen as Bob Dole's running mate" (AKRON BEACON JOURNAL, 6/5). BEACON JOURNAL editorial: "He's dodged and weaved, perhaps because of vice-presidential ambitions" (6/6).

***5 BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT: FOR OLE TIME'S SAKE**

Senate Dems "killed a GOP-backed balanced-budget constitutional amendment for the second time in 15 months, dealing Bob Dole a legislative defeat but giving him a fresh campaign issue." The 64-35 vote fell two short of the two-thirds majority needed for passage. Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-RI) did not vote. (Had he been in the chamber, the amendment would have fallen three votes short of two-thirds.) Twelve Dems joined all but one Republican in voting for the measure. Retiring Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-OR), who was the only Republican to oppose the measure last time around, did so again (Chen, L.A. TIMES, 6/7). The 12 Dem Sens. voting "yes": Baucus (MT), Biden (DE), Breaux (LA), Bryan (NV), Graham (FL), Harkin (IA), Heflin (AL), Kohl (WI), Moseley-Braun (IL), Nunn (GA), Robb (VA) and Simon (IL). Baucus, Biden and Harkin are up for re-election this fall. Of the 7 Dem Senators facing re-election this year, four voted "No": Kerry (MA), Levin (MI), Rockefeller (WV) and Wellstone (MN).

HOW'S YOUR POSTURE? Pres. Clinton, before the vote, called the BBA a "gimmick": "However this vote comes out, it's not an excuse not to go on and balance the budget." WH Press Sec. Mike McCurry: "It's surprising that Senator Dole is occupying his last days in the Senate with empty gestures when he could be raising the minimum wage, writing a balanced budget reforming welfare and expanding health care." Dole, who will be leaving the Senate 6/11: "One day the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution will be passed in accordance to with the wishes of the overwhelming majority of Americans. ... As for today, at least every American will know exactly where President Clinton stands on the issue. ... Make no mistake, President Clinton's opposition continues to be the single largest obstacle standing in the way of a balanced budget amendment. ... Here is where the president has lacked leadership, where it matters most" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 6/7).

SO, WHADDAYA THINK? NBC's Myers: "Dole knew he would lose, but his last hurrah wasn't about winning. It was about scoring political points" (6/6). CNN's Chapman: "What the Senator did win ... was an election-year issue" ("Moneyline," 6/6). W. TIMES' Hill: "The landmark amendment's second near miss was a victory for President Clinton and Democrats that symbolized how the Senate has become a graveyard in the past year for even the most popular issues championed by the GOP" (6/7). W.S. JOURNAL's Rogers: "The defeat cast a shadow over the Kansas Republican as he prepared to leave the Senate" (6/7). USA TODAY's Welch: "[The vote] assured its center stage spot in the presidential campaign while ending its chances of gaining Congressional approval this year" (6/7). W. TIMES' Lambro writes many supporters of a BBA believed the vote "helped" Dole's campaign and "pushed the measure closer to approval." GOP strategists "hailed" Dole's move "saying it strengthens his credibility as someone who would push for the amendment as president and sharpened his differences on the issue with President Clinton." Dem pollster Alan Secrest: "This issue is not a vote-driver. Voters can be for it, but that

doesn't mean they are going to vote on it. ... It's a modest negative for Dole. Everytime he fails to move the ball forward, it not only reflects on his leadership skills, it reminds voters why they have reservations about him" (6/7). NPR's Kenyon: "The votes on this amendment were locked in well before the debate started. ... That left both sides with little to do besides complain" (6/6).

WEEK IN REVIEW: N.Y. TIMES' Wines: "This has not been a week of surprises in Congress. To a degree that even some longtime student of the institution find remarkable, the House and Senate have shelved their customary agenda to seize on another plate of issues: the ones that Senator Bob Dole is likely to wield against Bill Clinton in this fall's race for the White House" (6/7).

HE'S A DOER: CNN's Blitzer: "White House officials say they're amazed that Bob Dole is apparently ready to leave the Senate empty-handed, with no last-minute legislative achievements. The president's aides say that's fine with them because it underlines what they want the American public to think is a basic difference between Bob Dole and Bill Clinton. The president, they say, is doing something for America's middle-class, while the Senator is simply trying to score political points" (6/6).

*6 WELFARE: HOUSE PASSES WISCONSIN WAIVER

The House approved a bill that would allow WI to "fully implement a welfare reform plan that President Clinton praised several weeks ago" (Rodrigue, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 6/7). The vote was an attempt to "bypass" Clinton, "reflecting election-year efforts by Republicans and Democrats to outdo each other on the issue of welfare reform." The House legislation basically is an end-run on the standard procedures by which states get federal permission to experiment with welfare programs." Admin. officials, however, noted that the measure "must still pass the Senate and get a presidential signature to become law, and that by then, the [WI] waiver could have been approved through normal channels that require a 30-day waiting period" (Yang/Havemann, W. POST, 6/7). WI Gov. Tommy Thompson submitted his request for a waiver just last week.

*7 WHITEWATER: CBS LOOKS AT HILLARY AND HER SHREDDER

CBS' "Eye on America" examined the recent revelations that Hillary Rodham Clinton shredded Whitewater-related files in 1988. CBS' Rather: "At least one past supporter [of the Clintons] is having second thoughts." CBS' Threlkeld reported that NYU law prof./legal ethics expert Stephen Gillers was once one of HRC's "stoutest defenders. ... Now something comes to light that has Professor Gillers concerned -- the shredding of documents." Gillers: "I don't know how it could be that these files were destroyed. This is the first Whitewater/Madison-related event to come to the attention of the public that gives me pause."

DETAILS: According to Threlkeld, HRC in 1988, "earmarked four files for destruction relating to her Madison Guaranty and Castle Grande work." Threlkeld explained, at that time, Madison

was in "big financial trouble and a possible target of a federal investigation. Those files she destroyed might have been needed as evidence. And in doing so, she also made herself, her firm and her clients more vulnerable in case of a lawsuit. ... What's more," Seth Ward was suing Madison at the time. Gillers: "It makes it stranger that they were destroyed, not only so soon after they were created but also at a time when this lawsuit was about to go to trial."

WH VIEW: Threlkeld: "But the Clinton's personal lawyer, David Kendall, doesn't see anything strange about it at all. In a detailed response to questions from CBS News, he insisted 'Mrs. Clinton's actions in 1988 were entirely appropriate.' Perhaps Mrs. Clinton simply made a mistake or was pre-occupied. Still it's, well, troubling."

WHAT NOW: Threlkeld, to Gillers: "Her critics would say this is evidence she has something to hide." Gillers: "It certainly could lead to suspicion that she has something to hide because one possible inference from the destruction is that there was something in those files that she did not want to have made public." Threlkeld: "Mind you, Gillers says, the shredding of the documents was not illegal, but --" Gillers: "The obligation is Mrs. Clinton's now to come forward and tell us how this could have happened under the circumstances in which it did" (6/6).

TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE: CNN's Woodruff, on the 6/6 W.S. JOURNAL report on Senate Whitewater chair Al D'Amato one-day stock bonanza from the Stratton Oakmont brokerage house: "As it turns out, some of D'Amato's investments had a Midas touch similar to Mrs. Clinton's commodity trades." CNN's Jackson: "A Stratton spokesman told CNN Thursday the Senator was treated as 'a special client.'" D'Amato: "I made this information public three years ago. I know I've taken the appropriate steps and they're certainly was no activity that was improper" (6/6). CBS' Douglass: "The deal he got would normally only be offered to heavy-hitters" (6/6). CNN's Arena: "Charges against D'Amato could make Republican charges against the White House less credible with the American voters" ("Moneyline," 6/6).

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

*8 ALABAMA: DEBATES PROPOSED FOR DEMS; GOP ENDORSEMENTS

The four survivors for the seat of retiring Sen. Howell Heflin (D) "lost no time getting their three-week runoff campaigns into high gear." The main topic the day after the 6/4 primary "was whether, when and where to hold debates." Rep. Glen Browder (D-03) challenged runoff opponent state Sen. Roger Bedford (D) to a series of debates around the state; Bedford led the four-way Dem primary with 44% of the vote, followed by Browder (29%), pollster Natalie Davis (23%) and Marilyn Quarles Bromberg (4%). Bedford responded to Browder's challenge by suggesting 30-min. debates in five or six county courthouses each day to cover 67 counties before the 6/25 runoff. Browder "apparently set the runoff's tone by attacking" Bedford; referring to contributions Bedford received from the AL Trial Lawyers Assn, Browder said, "He got more money from a single

interest group that I spent in my entire campaign. ... Bedford is Alabama politics as usual." Bedford responded, "I'll be glad to debate him anywhere. ... What's important is not just that we debate, but the tone of the debate. Let's talk about positive issues" (Bryant, BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD, 6/6).

GOP: Businessman Sid McDonald (R), whose 21% earned him a second-place to AG Jeff Sessions (R), with 37%, said he and Sessions "agree on most major issues, so they should debate on qualifications." McDonald "said that his varied experience in business and as a former legislator make him more qualified and that he has the best chance of winning" in November (POST-HERALD, 6/6). Sessions, who was criticized by his primary opponents for "ducking" forums, is now "apparently sensitive" to those attacks, and used his first news conference to challenge McDonald to a debate on 6/22 (Saunders, AP/MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, 6/6). If GOP voters want their next senator "to vote for lower taxes, curbs on abortion and fewer limits on the control of firearms," both Sessions and McDonald "stand ready to deliver." The primary results "indicate that more voters may want Sessions to champion those causes, and McDonald has three weeks to change their minds." McDonald received the endorsement of Birmingham City Councilmember Jimmy Blake (R), the sixth-place finisher with 7% (Gordon, BIRMINGHAM NEWS, 6/5). Businessman Charles Woods (R), who came in third with 11%, endorsed Sessions "because they shared similar goals and because he knew Mr. Sessions personally and liked him." Woods: "I know he's going to need help in November. I don't think he'll need much help in the runoff here, I think he'll breeze through it" (Saunders, AP/MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, 6/6).

*9 KANSAS "B": EX-GOV. FINNEY JOINS THE RACE

Ex-Gov. Joan Finney (D) announced her candidacy for the seat being vacated by Bob Dole. The 71-year old Dem, undefeated in six statewide bids, is expected to face stockbroker Jill Docking in the 8/6 primary. Finney "served one tumultuous term" as gov. between '91-94 and chose not to seek re-election (Montgomery, K.C. STAR, 6/7). Sheila Frahm (R), who has been appointed to fill the Dole seat by Gov. Bill Graves (R), resigned as LG; she will move on to the Senate when Dole resigns on 6/11. Frahm "faces a tough opponent in the GOP primary" in frosh Rep. Sam Brownback (R-02) (AP/K.C. STAR, 6/7). Graves "doubts" he would reappoint Frahm to fill the LG vacancy if she loses for the Senate. He also indicated whomever he appoints "may not be his running mate" in '98" (Myers, Topeka CAPITAL-JOURNAL, 6/6).

THAT OTHER KS SENATE SEAT: Treas. Sally Thompson (D) officially filed for the seat of retiring Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R) and took her "anti-Washington message on the road," beginning a tour of 11 KS cities. Thompson promised "fiscally conservative, bipartisan leadership": "I know how to balance a budget and reduce spending." The likely GOP nominee, Rep. Pat Roberts (R-01), has a big financial advantage in a state "that usually elects GOP senators," and "holds the role of favorite" (Dvorak, K.C. STAR, 6/6).

*10 MAINE: CHARGES CONTINUE INTO REPUBLICAN DEBATE

Businessman Robert Monks (R), the '76 GOP Senate nominee, "demanded an apology" from state Sen. John Hathaway (R) during a TV debate "for labeling his campaign as the source of news stories about an investigation into Hathaway's alleged abuse of a minor" in AL in '91 (see HOTLINE, 6/6). The debate "was marked by angry exchanges between Monks and Hathaway. The two have clawed each other viciously in recent days in the aftermath of news reports that Hathaway had been investigated for the alleged sexual relationship." Hathaway has blamed Monks for providing information about the story to reporters, which Monks has called "lies." During the course of the debate, Hathaway backed away from asserting that Monks was responsible after learning the single reporter he named had denied any involvement by the Monks campaign. Monks "seized on Hathaway's shifts and said Hathaway could no longer be believed." Monks, to Hathaway: "You are very simply inventing things. You've presented no proof. I don't think John Hathaway deserves to be believed about anything." '94 gov. nominee Susan Collins, the third GOPer running in the 6/11 primary, "has declined to be drawn into the spat. She was virtually ignored for the first half of the debate" (Murphy, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, 6/7).

ADS: Hathaway "launched an aggressive" ad campaign "to minimize the damage caused" by the sex story. In 60-second radio and TV ads, Hathaway "tried to elicit sympathy from voters by stressing that his wife and children have been hurt by the allegation." The ad "also tries to deflect public attention away from Hathaway by accusing" Monks of "digging up old lies" about him. The ads were produced by the DC firm Sandler-Innocenzi (Campbell, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, 6/7).

*11 MASSACHUSETTS: WELD TAX-CUT HIT AS POLITICAL "GIMMICK"

Gov. Bill Weld (R) said the "revenue surplus he expects for this fiscal year should result in a tax cut for state taxpayers when they file next spring." Weld considered the tax cut "automatic," but MA Dem House leaders "immediately slammed" the proposal as being a "ludicrous election-year gimmick." Weld: "Just like a company that has a good year and decides to share its profits with its employees, we believe the state should return this fiscal dividend to the taxpayers. ... I would much rather see some harried parents enjoy a night out than see government engorge itself." State House Speaker Thomas Finneran (D), who believes the anticipated surplus might be put to better use on programs "like education reform": "It's an interesting election year politicking, spurred by a sputtering Senate campaign. ... The legislature is not philosophically opposed to tax cuts. We've done them almost a dozen times in the past six years. But this one ignores the fundamental framework we've been operating within -- a balanced budget that acknowledges the long-term commitments we've already made." If Weld is successful in pushing through the tax cut, "it would be his 12th since becoming governor in 1991. And since he's made his tax cutter's status the corner stone of his [campaign], Weld's proposed tax break would also likely pay political dividends." Kerry, on the

proposed cut: "It's a terrific election-year thing to do. ... But the real question is where was the governor last year when he could have raised the minimum wage and given working people a \$50 raise every week in their pay" (Vaillancourt, BOSTON GLOBE, 6/6).

MICROCOSM: PBS' "NewsHour" profiled the MA Senate race. PBS' Warner: "Kerry's strategy in this fight looks and sounds a lot like Bill Clinton's. Weld's a lot like Bob Dole's." Kerry, on his strategy: "I'm not trying to morph Governor Weld into Newt Gingrich. I'm just trying to get people to realize how Bill Weld defines himself." Columnist Jeff Jacoby, on Weld's strategy: "Almost the only thing he wants to talk about are taxes, crime, welfare. ... That's the holy trinity of the Weld campaign" (6/5).

POINTERS: Analyst Jon Keller, in an op-ed, writes, "Watching Bill Weld trying to gain traction against John Kerry is like reviewing the video of game 6 of the 1986 World Series. No matter how many times you watch it, Bill Buckner keeps trying to wish that grounder into his glove instead of fielding it. Weld keeps repeating a major error of his own." He is re-running past campaigns bearing "little resemblance to this one." Weld's current strategy of "hanging crime, taxes and welfare around Kerry seems a futile shimmy up a greased poll." What can Weld do? "The opponent and the times have changed, but one thing hasn't -- voter disgust with ... [the] political status quo." Tapping this resentment "won't be easy," but Weld "would be a fool not to try because Kerry just doesn't get it anymore. ... And heaven forbid" Weld should criticize "his old pal" Hillary Rodham Clinton and Whitewater. Isn't Kerry, "the relentless prosecutor of banking industry sleaze" in the BCCI scandal "the least bit embarrassed" by the controversy? While "a public sense that Gingrich and company are more interested in stroking fat cats than forcing badly needed reform is Kerry's ace card against Weld," couldn't "seizing on Kerry's evolution from aggressive outsider to defensive insider" help "neutralize" attacks and offer Weld "a much more effective strategy?" (GLOBE, 6/5).

*12 OREGON: STATE GOP CHAIR BLASTS NRSC ADS

"Poorly done ads" produced by the NRSC "could be" why state Senate Pres. Gordon Smith (R) "lags" behind businessman Tom Bruggere (D) in the race to replace retiring Sen. Mark Hatfield (R). OR GOP chair Randy Miller said the ads run prior to the 5/21 primaries were a "monumental mistake." The ads "attacked" Bruggere, saying he fired employees while paying himself more than \$2M. Meanwhile, a KPTV poll shows Bruggere with a 51-38% lead (see HOTLINE, 6/6). Miller "said the anti-Bruggere ads were poorly constructed 'and I told them so in Washington. They don't understand the political climate in Oregon.'" NRSC spokesperson Pat McCarthy defended the ads, but said "future tactics are now up to Smith": "This is Smith's campaign now and we are here to help" (AP/Eugene REGISTER GUARD, 6/6). OSU's Bill Lunch "said he is not too surprised that Bruggere would have a lead at this point but that he is skeptical about it being as large as 13 points." Lunch added that because Bruggere has never held public

office, he "has a relatively favorable public image. The strategic problem for Smith is how can he raise his own positive while avoiding the impressions of negative campaigning. He will face a very difficult task in the fall if Bruggere's negatives don't go up" (Beggs, Corvallis GAZETTE-TIMES, 6/6).

***13 SOUTH CAROLINA: THURMOND LOOKS SAFE IN PRIMARY**

A WCBD-TV poll, conducted 6/2-4 by Mason-Dixon PMR, surveyed 812 registered voters; margin of error +/- 3.5%. Subsamples: 372 likely GOP primary voters (+/- 5.2%), and 349 likely Dem primary voters (+/- 5.4%) (6/6). Tested: Sen. Strom Thurmond (R), state Rep. Harold Worley (R), technical college instructor Charlie Thompson (R), businessman Elliot Close (D) and photographer Cecil Williams (D). Primary: 6/11. Runoff: 6/25.

GOP PRIMARY	FAV/UNFAV ID			DEM PRIMARY	FAV/UNFAV ID		
Thurmond	62%	56%/ 21%	100%	Close	41%	30%/ 9%	65%
Worley	12	19 / 12	61	Williams	17	13 / 6	39
Thompson	5	11 / 10	52	Undec.	42		
Undec.	21						

	NOW			2/96			5/95		
STATEWIDE	FAV/UNFAV ID			FAV/UNFAV ID			FAV/UNFAV ID		
Thurmond	49%/ 34%	100%		48%/ 30%	100%		59%/ 21%	100%	
Close	22 / 13	56	16 / 11	51					
Worley	14 / 11	47							
Thompson	9 / 10	38							
Williams	8 / 7	32							

GENERAL ELECTION	ALL			MEN			WOMEN			WHITE			BLACK			2/96
Thurmond	49%	55%	43%	54%	34%	50%										
Close	31	30	32	24	51	28										
Undec.	20	15	25	22	15											

STROMMIN' ALONG: Thurmond "holds what appears to be an insurmountable lead" over Worley in the primary. Thurmond mgr Tony Denny: "Clearly, the poll shows we've got wide support in the primary. Worley tried to drum up the age issue and it hasn't worked." Worley campaign dir. Michael Graham "tried to put the best face on the numbers": "It's an aberration when compared to everything we've seen." Graham cited "internal polls and other private surveys showing Thurmond in the middle to low 50s." Graham: "If Strom Thurmond is at 62 percent, the election is over. But I haven't seen anything to confirm that. We're still in the fight for a runoff." For Close to meet up with Thurmond in the fall, he needs to get by Williams, which "may be no easy task." African-American voters "are expected to make up" between 40-50% of the Dem primary, "a development that could spell trouble for Close if blacks decide to vote en bloc for Williams," who ran in the for the Dem Senate nomination in '84. Rice Univ.'s Earl Black: "The poll suggests that Williams is positioned to win a substantial number of black votes. Close could be embarrassed." Thurmond would defeat Close in November, "but by a much slimmer margin." Black: "The fall campaign looks

like it's going to be competitive" (Bandy, Columbia STATE, 6/7).
Mason-Dixon pollster Del Ali said of GOP primary voters: "A lot of people see Thurmond as grandfatherly. They'd like him not to run, by they are going to vote for him anyway." Ali "said Worley's campaign probably is stuck, and that his" 12% support "might be a mix of people swayed by his TV buy or concerned about Thurmond's age." Graham "said Worley's TV buy will be at maximum exposure this weekend" (Kropf, Charleston POST AND COURIER, 6/7).

WORLEY'S HOPES: Worley said, "Don't think for a minute that the people of this state don't love Strom Thurmond. They do." But in this election, "age is the issue. It's all voters talk about" (Columbia STATE, 6/6).

*14 VIRGINIA: POLL SHOWS WARNER WITH 16-POINT PRIMARY LEAD

A WJLA-TV poll, conducted 6/3-4 by Mason-Dixon PMR, surveyed 827 registered voters; margin of error: +/- 4.6%. Subsample: 481 likely GOP primary voters; +/- 4.3%. Tested: Sen. John Warner (R), Reagan OMB Dir. Jim Miller (R) and ex-VA Dem chair Mark Warner. The 6/11 GOP primary is open to all voters.

GOP PRIMARY	ALL	MEN	WOMEN	4/96	10/95	FAV/UNFAV
J. Warner	53%	50%	54%	47%	41%	47%/ 29%
Miller	37	41	33	36	39	31 / 22

GENERAL	ALL	MEN	WOM	FAV/UNFAV	ID	GENERAL	ALL
J. Warner	58%	60%	56%	53%/ 20%	99%	Miller	38%
M. Warner	24	22	26	22 / 10	65	M. Warner	33

WHICH IS YOUR VIEW ABOUT J. WARNER? (AMONG GOP PRIMARY VOTERS)

He showed political courage by refusing to support Oliver 46%
North after North won the GOP Senate nod in '94
He betrayed the GOP by not supporting North in '94 36

NORTH'S ENDORSEMENT OF MILLER MAKES ME ...

More likely to vote for Miller 15%
Less likely to vote for Miller 32
No effect 50

NOT MILLER TIME: The poll "indicated that Warner's heavy media advertising appears to have played a major role in putting him ahead." But the Miller camp "disputed the numbers," noting that only 50% of the sample identified themselves as GOPers. Among that smaller sample, Warner led Miller 48-44%. Forty percent of those saying they would vote in the primary were independents, and 10% said they were Dems. Warner won the indies 55-33%, and the Dems 70-19%. While Miller's aides "disputed claims" that Dems would vote in the GOP primary, Randolph Flood, a DC lobbyist and the ex-chair of the VA chapter of the DLC "said he would do just that": "Democrats owe Warner a debt of gratitude, and thanks, for having the courage to stand up against Ollie North. ... I don't think the Republican right wing should run roughshod over a man of his integrity" (Whitley, Richmond TIMES-DISPATCH, 6/7).

BIG TENT THIS: Sen. Warner "has turned sharply negative" in

his new TV ads, which "accuse Miller of wasting taxpayer money while working in the Reagan administration." The ad may be an "effort to blunt any momentum Miller picked up from his endorsement" from North. Mark Goodin, who ran the '94 North campaign, "believes the endorsement could hurt Miller more than it helps." He "said that Miller had little choice but to take the chance but predicted that North remains such a lightning-rod figure with much of the public that his emergence will jar voters out of their 'lethargy' on Warner's behalf." Goodin: "With Ollie making it a bit of jihad and a call to action, they might have a reason to get off their butts and go out to vote. Now they have a demon involved in the race. ... It could backfire" (Hsu/Baker, W. POST, 6/7).

WARNER FIDDLES WHILE LESLIE BYRNES: Mark Warner, who will officially receive the Dem nod at the state convention on 6/8, was endorsed by his only rival for the nomination, ex-Rep. Leslie Byrne. Warner effectively locked up the nomination when he "trounced Byrne in a series of mass meetings that elected delegates to the nominating convention." Byrne, who "complained that the rules were rigged and the process was not open," will continue with the complaint she filed with the DoJ, but she released her remaining delegates to vote for Mark Warner (TIMES-DISPATCH, 6/7). Byrne: "It's become clear there's not a dime's worth of difference between the Republican candidates. When it comes to protecting the environment and standing up for working people and education, Mark is clearly head and shoulders above what the Republicans are offering" (McNair, AP, 6/6). W. TIMES' Cain notes that the Dem convention "seems like a lovefest compared with last weekend's GOP fracas in Salem," which Sen. Warner did not attend (6/7).

***15 WYOMING: HANRAHAN HOPES TO REVERSE TREND TOWARD SOCIALISM**

Retired air traffic controller/'88 GOP primary cand. George "Russ" Hanrahan (R) became the eighth GOPer for the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Alan Simpson (R). Hanrahan "said he is running to reverse movement toward socialism in the United States that he said started in the 1930s." Hanrahan: "The trend has been to put people in the so-called working class for the purposes of gaining votes to maintain their socialistic trend in government. The only way you can do that is to make (people) poor, make them dependent on you and you do that through deficit spending. You perpetually have the whole nation in debt, therefore you can control the people." He added that, if elected, "he will continue to expose the forces pursuing socialism": "The only way I can do that is to get inside, [because] people don't really know what is going on, it's being kept from them us by the elite of the invisible government." Hanrahan also vowed to not accept PAC contributions (AP/Casper STAR TRIBUNE, 5/30). Meanwhile, Mickey Kalinay (D), a Univ/WY journalism student "with a dream of building a tower into space," announced 6/6 (Sarche, AP, 6/6). Likely Dem nominee: '94 gov. nominee Kathy Karpan. Other GOPers: state Sen. Mike Enzi, state Sen. Curt Meier, state Rep. Nimi McConigley, surgeon John Barrasso, Natrona Co. DA Kevin Meenan, Kathleen Jachowski and

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

*16 AL 04: RICH WON'T SEEK GOP RUNOFF AGAINST ADERHOLT

Ex-state Rep. Kerry Rich (R) said he would not seek a 6/25 runoff with Judge Robert Aderholt (R). The two battled each other in the 6/4 GOP primary for the seat being vacated by retiring Rep. Tom Bevill (D). Aderholt "built a commanding lead" in the early returns (see HOTLINE, 6/5), but late numbers pushed him down from 52% to 47%. Rich said that while his "competitive spirit" tells him to stay in the race, he faces almost "insurmountable odds." In addition, Rich said electing a GOPer is the "most important" thing and a runoff would be a financial drain on both candidates. Aderholt will face the winner of the 6/25 Dem runoff between ex-Wallace aide Billy Joe Camp and ex-state Sen. Bob Wilson (Fitz, BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD, 6/6).

*17 CA 01: ALIOTO POLL SHOWS CLOSE RACE WITH RIGGS

A poll for ex-Gore aide Michela Alioto (D), conducted 5/29-6/2 by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates, surveyed 500 likely general election voters; margin of error +/- 4.5% (6/4). Tested: Alioto and frosh Rep. Frank Riggs (R).

GENERAL ELECTION

Riggs	40%
Alioto	38

*18 NY 21: LIBERAL PARTY ENDORSES DEM PRIMARY CHALLENGER

Environment lobbyist Lee Wasserman (D), who is challenging Rep. Mike McNulty (D) in the 9/10 Dem primary, was endorsed by the Liberal Party. McNulty has the backing of the Conservative Party, the only NY Dem incumbent who can claim that. Wasserman, on the Liberals' move: "This endorsement draws a bright line between myself and Mike McNulty. Capital Region Democrats have never had a clearer primary choice." Wasserman "refused to rule out" running against McNulty in November if he loses the Dem primary. GOPers "are not expected to field a candidate" (McGuire, Albany TIMES UNION, 6/5). Wasserman was also endorsed by ChoicePAC, an abortion-rights advocacy group. He "said the support of abortion-rights advocates could be critical" because McNulty is backed by labor and the Dem leadership. Wasserman: "Polls continue to show that upwards of 80 percent of Democrats in this district and statewide support a candidate who will fight for a woman's right to choose" (O'Brien, TIMES UNION, 5/26).

*19 OR 02: SMITH JOINS THE CHORUS IN CALL TO CAN COOLEY

Ex-Rep. Bob Smith (R) "ended his public silence" about frosh Rep. Wes Cooley (R), "calling on the embattled" Cooley "to get off the November ballot." Smith, "considered by many the most influential political figure" in the CD, "admitted he was embarrassed to say his successor, whom he endorsed, tended to lie and exaggerate." Smith: "Even though his congressional record is

admirable, it is tarnished by his private actions. His political capital has been spent." Smith "said Cooley has no chance of winning and can only hurt" the party, "the district, himself and his family by staying in the race." Smith "joined a growing chorus of GOP leaders who fear" the seat will be lost to Deschutes Co. DA Mike Dugan (D) "if they cannot replace Cooley." Smith: "I suppose now he believes I am part of a conspiracy to replace him. It's more like realism ... I think I'm doing the best thing a friend can do." Possible GOPers: state Sen. Greg Walden, Christian broadcaster Perry Atkinson, and ex-Jackson Co. Sheriff C.W. Smith. Bob Smith "said Dugan would defeat a GOP-backed write-in or independent candidate. He said he will urge people to write to Cooley and he thinks the congressman eventually will drop his candidacy" (Gorski, Portland OREGONIAN, 6/7).

IN SEARCH OF MR. PHELPS: ASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS' O'Loughlin writes, "In Mission: Impossible parlance, Wes Cooley has pretty much been disavowed." Smith came forward "to say he thought Cooley had lost touch with reality." An "emotional and determined" Smith said Cooley's "apparent lies and misstatements about his history, marriage, and business have gone too far." Smith "said it took plenty of soul-searching to decide to call on Cooley to step down." Smith mentioned" state Sens. Lenn Hannon (R) and Walden as possible replacements. Cooley reacted to Smith's move by releasing a statement "saying he still wanted to find out the will of the people in his district. He was reportedly commissioning polls to help him decide." Cooley: "I will continue to pursue re-election -- even without the backing of the organized political structure -- as long as I believe that the people of the 2nd District are pleased with my legislative accomplishments" (6/6). "Analysts say Cooley's career is effectively dead now that Smith has spoken." Univ/Portland's Jim Moore: "Bob Smith calling a news conference is like Moses coming down from Mount Sinai to the people of the 2nd District. If Bob Smith pulls out from under him, there is absolutely no way Wes Cooley can win re-election" (Nielson, Bend BULLETIN, 6/6).

===== INSIDER COMMENTARY =====

*20 HOTLINE INTERVIEW: MARK ROZELL ON THE VA GOP SENATE PRIMARY

With the VA GOP Senate primary between Sen. John Warner (R) and Reagan OMB Dir. Jim Miller (R) just days away, the HOTLINE talked with Mark Rozell, an analyst on VA politics and co-author of a new book, "Second Coming: The New Christian Right in Virginia Politics" (Johns Hopkins Univ. Press).

HOTLINE: How would you describe the mood in the Virginia Republican Party regarding John Warner?

ROZELL: There is no doubt the movement conservatives are deeply angry with Warner. They see him as an unreliable conservative, one who can't be counted on in important votes in the Senate, such as the Bork vote in '87, and obviously they are most angry with him for his actions against [GOP LG nominee] Mike Farris in '93 and [Senate nominee] Ollie North in '94. There is a strong

desire within the conservative faction of the party to exact revenge on Warner and to replace him in the Senate, even if it means nominating a candidate who is weaker in the general election, and potentially losing the Senate seat altogether.

HOTLINE: What do you make of the fact that you have an incumbent senator who fails to attend his own party's state convention?

ROZELL: It is a very strong measure of the deep anger toward John Warner among the movement conservatives who dominate these conventions in Virginia. I don't think that convention told us anything we didn't know already. ... I think if he had shown up at that convention, he probably would have been booed -- that would have been reported on television repeatedly for the next week and it would have been a major liability to his campaign. I think strategically he did the best thing by staying away.

HOTLINE: What about Oliver North's decision to back Miller?

ROZELL: I liken it to the Hail Mary pass at the end of a football game. ... It seems to me Miller had to know he was running behind and needed to make whatever desperate last step he could to shake up this campaign and try to turn it around. I sincerely do not believe he would have wanted a public North endorsement at the end of the campaign if he didn't need it. And I think it's a measure of his weakness right now because, quite frankly, Miller should not need North's support to get the backing of the movement conservatives. That should be his natural base to begin with.

HOTLINE: Is Miller a true social conservative?

ROZELL: Miller has done a lot more to talk like a social conservative in this campaign than ever before. He has focused much more on the social issues, but deep down many social conservatives don't believe he is the genuine article, that he is one of them. Social conservatives are very suspect of economic conservatives who suddenly find religion. ... That's why I think it was difficult for many of these people to get excited about Jim Miller as a candidate.

HOTLINE: Do the Christian conservatives risk losing their influence if Warner wins big?

ROZELL: That's a fair question. They will remain an active, influential part of the Republican Party, but they become somewhat marginalized at least in the short term if Warner wins. It will certainly evidence the fact that the Christian conservatives are not as powerful as many people believe them to be. ... If you have party conventions which limit participation to a smaller percentage of the Republican electorate, they can dominate the process and control nominations. But when you open it up to a primary, then you broaden out the population of participants and their influence is diminished substantially.

HOTLINE: What do you think turnout is going to be like?

ROZELL: That's the toughest thing to predict. We don't have a history of these primaries [in VA]; the last time was in '89, when turnout was 15%. I think if the turnout is 10% or below we could be surprised by the outcome. It would favor Miller because it's the very fervent Republicans who are participating, and that's Miller's base. My guess is turnout's going to be probably higher than that -- closer to what we had in '89 if not a little higher. My guess too is that Ollie North's endorsement has helped to polarize the electorate more, raise the stakes, and perhaps energize a number of voters on both sides. And on the whole it will be a negative for Miller more than a positive.

HOTLINE: It's an open primary -- are Democrats going to vote?

ROZELL: I think a certain percentage of them will vote, but I don't believe there will be a large percentage overall [of Dems and indies]. But in a relatively low turnout primary, if only several percent actually participate, I think that's enough to put John Warner over the top.

HOTLINE: Do you see any Machiavellian vote, that they vote for Miller because he would be weaker in November?

ROZELL: I think there will be a much larger number of Democrats and independents showing up to vote for John Warner to say thank you for his actions against Ollie North than there will be those voters showing up to vote for Jim Miller because he's the weaker general election candidate.

HOTLINE: How does all this play in November?

ROZELL: [Dem nominee] Mark Warner, as you know, has a nine-figure bank account. He's going to be able to buy a lot of the name recognition that he doesn't have and introduce his agenda to the voters. I don't think the current polls reflect how he's likely to be standing several months from now once voters have a chance to focus. Nonetheless, I believe that June 11 is probably the most important day in Mark Warner's campaign. If Jim Miller is to pull off an upset victory, Mark Warner's chances increase substantially because it is clear John Warner is the better general election candidate. Miller has staked out some far right positions which in Virginia have hurt Republican candidates very seriously in the past. Warner v. Warner -- I think the incumbent has the substantial advantage. Part of the difficulty is that Mark Warner has never ugsot public office. We really don't know just how well he is going to perform on the campaign trail.

HOTLINE: What does the right do in November regarding a possible third party, assuming Warner wins the primary?

ROZELL: I think the possibility is very slim. As I understand

Virginia election laws, there is a sore-loser rule, which would eliminate Miller. ... I wouldn't put it past [ex-VA GOP chair Pat] McSweeney to put himself forward as a candidate. It would be a spiteful act that would have the effect of denying John Warner re-election and ensuring Mark Warner being elected. And in all candor, I don't think Pat McSweeney would lose a minute of sleep over that outcome. ... I doubt it will happen, but I don't think it's implausible.

HOTLINE: It would be repeating what Warner did to North, right?

ROZELL: That's exactly right. Which is just the ultimate foolishness really. John Warner has moved to the political right in the past few years. It's very clear in his voting record he has rediscovered some form of conservatism that wasn't there in his past voting record. ... Some have suggested, I suppose cynically, or maybe correctly, that much of this was geared toward this renomination race.

HOTLINE: Do you see any similarities with what's going on in Virginia as to what's going on nationally?

ROZELL: Yes I do. The race in Virginia evidences the broad division within the party between the newly emerging social conservative wing and the old-line traditional Republicans. This would send shockwaves through the party establishment if Jim Miller were to win in a party primary that allowed cross-over voting from Democrats and independents. It would certainly show the grass-roots strength of the Christian Right, the ability of that movement to mobilize and win in an open election of this kind. I think many people around the country rightfully can look to this race as an indicator of the relative strength of the two factions within the [GOP]. The traditional Republicans, the establishment wing, is going to be celebrating a Warner victory without a doubt and quite frankly they haven't had a great deal to celebrate in the past few years.

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

*21 THIS MORNING: "FOX Morning News" hosted Sen. John Warner (R-VA), ex-WH travel office dir. Billy Dale, Dale atty Steven Tabackman, Brookings' Stephen Hess, DCCC pol. dir. Rob Engel and NRCC pol. dir. Ed Brookover.

LAST NIGHT: All nets led with the MT Freeman. CNN's "WorldView" led with the looming China/America trade war. "NewsHour" focused on Travelgate with Reps. Bill Clinger (R-PA) and Jim Moran (D-VA). "NewsHour" also hosted Christian Coalition exec. dir. Ralph Reed. CNN's "Inside Politics" hosted Log Cabin Republican exec. dir Rich Tafel and gay activist Allen White. CNN's Crossfire hosted Reps. Vic Fazio (D-CA) and David Dreier (R-CA). CNBC's "Chris Matthews" hosted actor Tom Selleck and Michael Josephson on character. CNBC's "Equal Time" hosted Educ. Sec. Richard Riley. ABC's "Nightline" examined the plight of the U.S. embassy, "the last bastion of sanity" in strife-torn

Liberia.

THIS WEEKEND: SUNDAY -- ABC's "Brinkley" hosts Treas. Sec. Robert Rubin, House Maj. Leader Dick Armey and Steve Forbes. NBC's "Meet the Press" hosts WH CoS Leon Panetta, House Budget chair John Kasich and ex-CO Gov. Dick Lamm (D). "FOX News Sunday" hosts Forbes, Sen. Phil Gramm (R-TX), Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL), Mary Matalin, Dem strategist Bob Shrum and U.S. NEWS' Michael Barone. CNBC's "Russert" hosts Gary Hart. CNBC's "Cal Thomas" hosts Ralph Reed. SATURDAY -- CNN's "Evans & Novak" hosts Reform Party's Russ Verney. CNN's "Capital Gang" hosts Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN).

LAUGHS: Jay Leno, on Pres. Clinton's campaign strategy for Whitewater: "He frames Hillary, he lets her take the fall for Whitewater, she goes to jail, people feel sorry for him, he gets the sympathy vote, gets re-elected and he's back in the White House as a single guy" ("Tonight Show," NBC, 6/6).

TOP TEN NEW ITEMS FROM KATHIE LEE GIFFORD

10. New workout video: "Sweatin' In The Sweatshop."
9. Cody and Cassidy salt 'n' pepper shakers.
8. Desk calendar with 365 synonyms for "perky."
7. "Honduras on 30 Cents a Day" guidebook.
6. "If They Could See Me Now" wonderbra.
5. "Eau De Frank" designer fragrance for men.
4. Thousand-dollar lithographs of Cody's adorable crayon drawings.
3. "Carnival Booze" brand malt liquor.
2. The Kathie-Lee-Sing-The-National-Anthem Car Alarm.
1. Sweatshop Barbie ("Late Show," CBS, 6/7).

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

"I've tried to explain to some of the pro-life people, if we're going to win elections and build our party, we can have different views on this issue. And that'll be my hope when I determine precisely what that plank should be."

-- Bob Dole, ABC, 6/6

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I thought your list might find this interesting as a summary of the
current thinking of two pretty smart people.

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Subject: Report on symposium about Internet pricing

I attended a very interesting talk yesterday at MIT about pricing for the
Internet. The speakers were Hal Varian, a well-known economist who has
been
calling for changes in Internet pricing for many years, and David Clark, an
MIT professor who helped to develop TCP and has been on Internet governing
boards for many years. The moderator was another major figure in the world

of computer networking, Robert Metcalfe.

The big point on the agenda for both speakers was ending what they called "socialism" on the Internet. They were referring both to a specific government intervention (the original NSF support) and to a psychological mindset where university and commercial users expect unlimited free access. The main problem today is that people who want more reliable and high-speed access (perhaps on a temporary basis, as for a real-time conference) can't get it, even if they're willing to pay for it.

But let me tell you, comrades, capitalism is a strange model. It expects specific deliverables going from one party to another, which does not map well to the open marketplace of ideas that rules on the Internet. Varian and Clark had different solutions to offer; unfortunately they did not go head-to-head over their differences (at least not while I was there).

Varian did not present a specific pricing scheme yesterday, but he has often insisted that the Internet has to move to a usage-based model. He did mention that he likes micropayments, like the Post Office where you buy stamps and put one on every time you mail a letter. (This is often proposed as a way to pay for content, but Varian would like it applied to access too.)

Clark had a more creative solution. He finds usage-based pricing constitutionally unappealing - and points out that it cuts off innovation, because people don't know whether a new medium like the Web is worth money

or

not when it starts - so he wants to add some fields to IP packets and change

the flat-rate pricing structure to accommodate more levels of quality-of-service.

Clark made a neat analogy. He said the techies in the Internet industry created great protocols for the transmission of data, but didn't at all solve the problem of the transmission of money. He presented a figure showing the data flow between ISPs and users, then the money flow - all one way, from users to ISPs. There's a big hole in between ISPs. They're connected at "revenue neutral points," which means they can't find a way to charge each other.

Basically, who pays for data transmission, the ingoing user or the outgoing user? Payments have no relation at all to the flow of data. Whoever can better bully the others gets the money. There's even a shocking situation where one site - Viacom - has such a popular service - MTV - that it's trying to force the ISPs to pay it for the privilege of transmitting packets from its site!

Clark suggests extending the current flat-rate model to provide different levels of service for people with different needs and different abilities to pay. (He presented this as a personal proposal, but I've seen it elsewhere. Who knows, maybe Clark invented it.)

***** [I agree with the above idea that Clark presented.. why .. I and others have been saying that for years!!!!!! djf] *****

First, each business or individual determines how much of the pipe they need. They contract with the ISP for a guaranteed level of service. The faster they want their bits transmitted, the more they pay. The different rates are called "capacity zones."

But so long as routers aren't congested, all packets are treated the same. As soon as congestion occurs, the router starts to treat incoming packets differently from outgoing packets. So long as transmission rates are greater than what you've paid for, some of your outgoing packets are dropped. Ingoing packets are always transmitted.

When you come down to the level of service you've paid for, the router starts to treat your outgoing packets as ingoing ones - they all get transmitted.

Backbone providers can offer service to outlying providers on a similar basis, so that everybody is guaranteed whatever level of service they need to offer their customers a guaranteed level.

The "best effort" service historically used in TCP/IP was wonderful because it allowed the protocols to be implemented everywhere, on any kind of network. But "best effort" provides no guarantees. And big users feel the pinch worst; the high-bandwidth users lose much more speed than slower

users

in the leveling-out that now occurs during peak use.

You've probably heard the statistic that providing a high-bandwidth fiber

to

every American home would cost one hundred billion dollars. Local

telephone

companies have little incentive to do that now because they don't know

where

they'll get the money back. They don't know who will pay whom. (However,

if

the payment model does end up being like a broadcast model, where users pay

for content, the solution is fairly simple. ISPs or phone companies can

take a cut of each fee.)

The long-distance phone companies have a blissfully simple model. If you

really want to talk to somebody, you just make the call and pay for it.

Companies that want you to call them enough pay for 800 lines. We need to

find out who is willing to pay on the Internet. O'Reilly & Associates may

be

willing to pay somebody for all transmissions from our Web site, because we

get more sales that way. On the other hand, a Grateful Dead fan putting up

a low-budge Web site may not be willing to pay anything; he may insist that

other fans pay for viewing it. There could be a spectrum of

willingness-to-pay.

Back to Varian, who claims to be representing the long-term public interest

by making prices closely reflect costs. He says that if we keep flat-rate pricing (where Internet users are encouraged to keep their connections open 6 hours or more at a time - which 10% of all current Internet connections do) the phone companies will be forced to pay for a huge number of new POTS lines which, because of circuit-switching and other reasons, are very inefficient for digital use. Wouldn't it be better to spend the same money creating a new, more efficient network? That won't happen until there are pricing changes.

In general, if somebody complains about problems accessing a Web site, there is no way to tell whether the problem is in the server, or the pipe provided by one or more Internet providers along the way. There's no accountability. New solutions being implemented now - notably RSVP and priority classes - assume that there's some way to make people pay for the service they ask for. So pricing will have to become more sophisticated than it is now.

Basically, there are important costs for which we have no way of compensating providers. One tiny example: routing tables. Originally the NSF maintained good routing tables and encouraged everyone to use their servers. Now, the function has been taken over by for-profit providers.

But they don't get any extra money for all the connections that smaller providers make in order to access the routing tables. They've become a hot potato, something nobody wants to host. (This is an example of why I say the

capitalist model doesn't fit. Now back to our regular speakers.)

Clark put up one slide about universal service and the problem of the "have-nots," but didn't address it. He did say that the Telecom Act's provision for discounts to schools and libraries was a good idea, at least in the short term, for kick-starting greater access. Varian took a much more

conventional, free-market view. (It's important to realize that, as sophisticated as his Internet analyses are, he uses a pretty straightforward

free-market model underneath.) Varian said the Telecom Act was meant to bring prices more in line with the actual costs of providing telephone service, cable, etc., and that subsidies for schools and libraries were moving backwards.

He also revealed his conventional thinking when he said that it's wrong to provide service to urban and rural areas at the same cost. Robert Metcalfe,

for instance, has a home in rural Maine, and he is supposed to pay the same amount for phone service as if he were in Boston. But nobody makes him pay the same amount for parking his car as he would in Boston. A trivial comment, but the underlying point is that people have to weigh costs and benefits in deciding where to live, and Varian thinks the costs should be real ones, not artificially high or low.

Varian admitted that flat-rate local phone service was beneficial to the beginnings of Internet use. In Europe, where local service is metered just

like long-distance service, people are much more reluctant to dial up an Internet provider. (Deregulation/privatization is also happening slower there, because the regulators are the same governments who profit from current service, or lack of service.) But the factors that made the Internet so successful in the U.S. are now preventing it from "maturing," in Varian's words.

Internet phone came up among the questions, and Varian said the FCC "punted" because they realized there was no way technically to make Internet phone users pay long-distance charges. Clark said the ACTA petition against Internet phone was posturing, but pointed out that one major Internet provider - which happens to be a long-distance company - is promoting Internet phone as hard as it can. Their hope, in his opinion, is that they'll force the FCC to deregulate long-distance phone use in order to be fair. He believes that the FCC will not apply charges to the Internet because there are powerful forces (like Intel) strongly opposed to it.

One problem we may have, if we don't standardize around various levels of quality-of-service, is greater industry concentration. The reason is that providers can provide good quality of service internally. But there's no system for providing the same thing when you move from one provider to another. So a Sprint or MCI can trot out the huge number of users and promise each one good quality of service SO LONG as they talk to other users

on the same provider. The struggle over high bandwidth and reliability could become a selling point for big providers, and put smaller ones at a disadvantage.

ISDN cannot be priced very high, because it is easy to aggregate regular POTS lines and create as high-bandwidth a connection as you want.

(Microsoft has demonstrated it on an NT system). Four POTS lines aggregated offer the same bandwidth as one ISDN line. So currently, if a POTS line costs \$12 a month (California costs), Pacific Bell won't get away for long charging more than \$48 a month for unlimited ISDN use.

Varian mentioned, incidentally, that ISPs pay about 30% of their income to the phone companies (LECs) that provide their phone lines. ISPs could conceivably disappear and all service could be taken over by the companies providing the lines - but only if all support issues disappear and there's no need for fixing connectivity problems or holding the user's hand. The reason that LECs haven't pushed out the ISPs so far, according to Varian, is that labor and operational costs for LECs are notoriously high. "It's easier to pay a kid with a beeper than to send out a truck."

He also said that there was a way to resolve the "religious war" between those who want asymmetric bandwidth (the content providers and broadcasters)

and those who want it symmetric (Internet enthusiasts). Varian thinks it would be simple and cost-effective for individuals to maintain their Web pages, etc. on servers located nearby. They don't need megabit-per-second outgoing connections from the home. On the other hand, real-time conferencing does require symmetric bandwidth.

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