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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Craig Smith

SUBJECT: Weekly Political Update

ARKANSAS

This week, State Representative Lloyd George pled guilty to a felony charge of fraud in the sale of useless irrigation equipment to the Arkansas Department of Corrections. Former Prison Director Art Lockhart had turned state's evidence in consideration of leniency and was willing to testify against George. On Thursday, George announced his resignation from the State Legislature. Rumors indicate that former DF&A Director and Clinton Chief of Staff Jim Pledger will seek the seat when the date for the special election is set.

State Senator Mike Beebe has formed a gubernatorial exploratory committee. He anticipates having a poll done sometime within the next month. Bobby Hogue has announced he will not seek the position.

In the Senate race, Blanche Lambert Lincoln and State Representative Scott Ferguson have announced as candidates for the Democratic nomination. Attorney General Winston Bryant and Nate Coulter have formed exploratory committees. FEMA Director James Lee Witt and NLR Mayor Patrick Henry Hays are also considering the race.

On the GOP side, State Representative Faye Bozeman has announced his candidacy. Both Jim Keet and Lu Hardin are also considering the race. In an unusual move, Senator Tim Hutchinson made an early endorsement of Bozeman. Additionally, Bozeman announced that he has signed up Ed Goeas as his pollster and Don Sipple as his media consultant.

ARIZONA

Governor Fife Symington (R) will officially step down today at 5:00 pm after a federal jury found him guilty of seven felony counts of defrauding his lenders as a commercial real estate developer. Additionally, they acquitted the governor of three charges and deadlocked on 11 charges. The trial lasted 13 weeks. Sentencing is scheduled for November 10. Secretary of State Jane Dee Hull (R) will become the state's 20th governor and will serve the remainder of Symington's term. She has announced that she will run for reelection in 1998. '94 Democratic gubernatorial nominee Eddie Basha (D) and former Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson (D) have announced their candidacies in the 1998 race. '94 primary candidate Barbara Barrett has expressed her interest in challenging Hull for the GOP nomination.

CALIFORNIA

San Diego Mayor Susan Golding (R) recently received the endorsement of the Lincoln Club of Northern California, whose members represent the largest source of Republican campaign money in the region. This is seen as a victory over Treasurer Matt Fong (R), who reportedly sought the club's endorsement. The club is made up of mostly moderate Republicans, a limited but valuable

part of the California Republican Party.

Rumors of actor Tom Selleck seeking the Republican nomination for Senate continued to surface in the press through the end of August. However, insiders view say it is unlikely that he will run.

The results of a recent Field Poll conducted August 14-24 of 1007 adults with a margin of error of 4.5%, found Senator Barbara Boxer (D) still unable to top a 50% approval rating. The poll shows the three most likely Republican contenders still not drawing a lot of attention. Half did not have an opinion about Fong, the best known of the three. Seventy-five percent said they had no opinion about Golding, and 94% could not rate Issa, who is spending his own money on a radio campaign this summer.

	<u>Favorability</u>	<u>Boxer</u>
Fong	38%	43%
Golding	36%	44%
Issa	28%	45%

Senator Feinstein (D) still hasn't decided if she wants to run for Governor next year, but she leads the field of potential candidates for the job, according to the Field Poll. In a hypothetical general election match-up against probable Republican nominee Dan Lungren, Feinstein leads 46 % to 37% among registered voters. In an open primary contest set for June, Feinstein holds more than a 2-1 lead over each of four potential Democratic challengers. While Feinstein is expected to make her decision in January, some of her close advisors now think she is going to run.

Lt. Governor Gray Davis (D) is well into campaign mode for Governor, and multimillionaire businessman Al Checchi (D) will formally announce his decision by the end of September. Checchi, the former Northwest Airlines co-chair worth an estimated \$550 million, has said he will commit millions of his own fortune in seeking the Democratic nomination. Checchi has been traveling the state, speaking to interest groups, hiring a campaign team and boning up on the issues, but has barely registered on Field's survey. Less than 5% of respondents had an opinion of him and less than half of a percent favored him in the primary survey.

Californians are feeling pretty good about the President's job performance and the direction of the country overall. In the same Field Poll, President Clinton's job performance rating was 41%, up from 35% in May but down from 51% in February. Only 13% rated President Clinton's job performance Poor/Very Poor, his best showing ever. The poll found Californians upbeat about their state. Forty-three percent of those surveyed said the state was now headed in the right direction. Six months ago, only 34% thought so. Californians had even stronger feelings for the direction of the country overall, with 47% of those surveyed believing the nation was headed in the right direction, the best rating since 1989.

Clinton - Job Performance (2 Questions)

8/27/97

5/21/97

Very Good / Good	41%	35%
Poor / Very Poor	13%	23%
Approve	56%	55%
Disapprove	32%	33%

COLORADO

Governor Romer (D) in his capacity as DNC Chair, while in Denver this week called for changes in how candidates and parties raise and spend money. He said the present system of campaign finance is "eating at the insides of politics".

Representative Scott McInnis (R) has not yet decided whether to challenge Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R) in the primary. Likely Democrats are Dottie Lamm, the wife of former Governor Dick Lamm, and Representative David Skaggs.

HAWAII

Governor Ben Cayetano (D) collapsed unconscious at his home late Tuesday night. According to the Governor's office, he suffered from significant internal bleeding due to an ulcer and will be kept in the hospital until Friday, September 5. There is a request that you put a call into him.

ILLINOIS

On Tuesday of this week, Secretary of State George Ryan (R) announced he will seek the Republican Party's nomination for Governor. He billed himself as the right person to continue retiring Governor Jim Edgar's work, and touted his ability to work with leaders on both sides of the aisle. Ryan's opposition to the proposed Equal Rights Amendment in 1982 while serving as House speaker and his long standing support for restrictions on abortion, run the risk of alienating moderate suburban Republican women. His campaign is exploring potential female running mates.

Former Attorney General Roland Burris (D) launched his bid for Governor with a pledge to pump \$2.1 billion more into education and to hold town hall meetings to help people get along. Burris, the only Democrat in the race who has statewide campaign experience, was the first African-American ever elected to an Illinois constitutional office. His recent credentials are weaker with losses at the polls for governor in the '94 primary and for Chicago mayor in an Independent bid in '95. Burris is the third Democratic candidate to enter the race behind Representative Glenn Poshard, and former Department of Justice official John Schmidt. Former US Attorney Jim Burns is considered a likely candidate.

An article in the Chicago Sun-Times's reports that the Illinois Republican Party is discouraging Attorney General Jim Ryan (R) from running against Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D). Secretary of State George Ryan (R), the party's likely nominee for Governor, is reportedly worried about a possible backlash among women voters if the Republican ticket is headed by two Ryans who are both pro-life. The Party is said to want Comptroller Loleta Didrickson to run.

On August 26, Lieutenant Governor Bob Kustra followed Governor Edger's lead and announced he would not run for elective office next year. He had been considered a potential candidate for

several races, including those for US Senate, Governor, and Secretary of State. In an interview Kustra did not rule out a run for office in the future.

The Hill reported Wednesday that former St. Louis Cardinals quarterback Jim Hart is expected to announce his candidacy for the 12th Congressional District. Hart plans to challenge incumbent Jerry Costello (D).

IOWA

State Sen. Tom Vilsack (D) is proposing that Iowa use money from a tobacco lawsuit to pay for campaigns for governor. Vilsack feels that all contributions must be banned, in favor of public funding for elections, but many Iowans do not want tax dollars to go to politicians. Vilsack's solution is to assign part of the money Iowa expects from a settlement with tobacco companies go into a trust fund, rolling over into a self-perpetuating system.

KENTUCKY

Attorney General Ben Chandler (D) took the unprecedented step of talking with members of a special grand jury which is investigating the 1995 governor's race to allay concerns about his firing lead prosecutor Paul Richwalsky, Jr. The meeting was prompted after jurors raised concerns over the motive for the firing. Republicans charge that Chandler is trying to protect Gov. Paul Patton (D). Chandler fired Richwalsky last Thursday without public explanation, saying he does not comment on employees' job performance.

LOUISIANA

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle announced that beginning Thursday he would use parliamentary maneuvers to prevent many Senate committees from meeting while the Senate is in session in protest over the prolonged GOP inquiry into the 1996 Louisiana Senate race. Daschle also stated that action on appropriations bills would not be held up. Majority Leader Trent Lott responded with a harsh retort, saying Republicans won't be bullied into ending the probe.

A National Republican Senatorial Committee August poll conducted by Fabrizio, McLaughlin and Associates, surveyed 500 registered voters with margin of error +/- 4.2%. Tested: Sen. John Breaux (D).

<u>Breaux Job</u>		<u>Breaux Re-Elect</u>	
Excellent	13%	Deserves Reelection	39%
Good	38%	Someone else	36%
Fair	34%	Undec./refused	25%
Poor	4%		

<u>Vote For Breaux "regardless"</u>		<u>Breaux Ideology</u>	
<u>of who ran against him?</u>		Liberal	23%
Yes	24%	Moderate	40%

No 76%

Conservative

13%

MAINE

The *Bangor Daily News* reported that Governor Angus King (I) will decide whether to seek reelection by October 1. If King doesn't run, Representative John Baldacci (D) is expected to enter the race. Sources close to Representative Tom Allen (D) say that he is at least considering running at this point, although strategists from both the Democratic and Republican Party concede that their best candidates (including Baldacci who was reelected last year with 72% of the 2nd Congressional District vote) stand little chance against the popular King.

MARYLAND

Rep. Ben Cardin (D) announced that he will not run against Gov. Parris Glendening (D) in the 1998 Democratic gubernatorial primary. Among the Democratic challengers to Glendening are Harford County Exec. Eileen Rehrmann and ex-Redskins player Ray Schoenke, neither of whom have the name recognition of Cardin. The only announced Republican is '94 nominee Eileen Sauerbrey.

MASSACHUSETTS

According to the *Boston Globe*, DNC National Chair Steven Grossman is giving serious consideration to running for governor and will spend the next few weeks deciding whether to seek the Democratic nod. The *Globe* notes that Kennedy loyalists are looking for someone to block Attorney General Scott Harshbarger (D) from being the Democratic nominee. Other Democrats discussed as possible candidates include Rep. Martin Meehan (05), former Boston Mayor/Ambassador Ray Flynn, former Rep. Brian Donnelly, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, former Labor Sec. Robert Reich, and state Sen. Lois Pines. The announced Republican candidates include Governor Paul Cellucci and Treasurer Joe Malone.

Sources close to former state Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman Patricia McGovern (D) have said that she is "definitely running" for Governor. Her entrance into the race would give the liberal wing of the party a candidate to rally around, but her opponents could link her to fiscal problems, including the \$2 billion in taxes levied to balance the state budget during her tenure in the state Senate. At this point she has raised only \$125,000 in campaign funds, but should be able to count on political women's groups to raise substantial sums for her.

A longtime aide to former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn (D) has said that "although he has no money, no organization, and no obvious well of party support" Flynn is organizing a campaign and crafting strategy for an almost certain run for governor in 1998.

MICHIGAN

State Sen. Jim Berryman (D), who dropped out of the race for governor, announced he will run for the congressional seat held by Rep. Nick Smith (R). Debbie Dingell, the wife of Rep. John Dingell, will co-chair his campaign.

MINNESOTA

State Sen. Sandy Pappas (D) challenged Mayor Norm Coleman (R) last week to sign a pledge that he will serve his entire four-year term if reelected this fall. Pappas said "St. Paul and its

people should not be a stepping stone to the governor's mansion." When asked about his gubernatorial ambitions, Coleman has refused to give a definitive answer on his future plans although it is widely speculated the he will seek the Republican nomination for Governor next year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

According to the *Manchester Union Leader*, former U.S. Senator Gordon Humphrey (R) is "seriously" considering a run for governor in 1998. He has strong backing from state conservatives. Ovide Lamontagne, the '96 GOP gubernatorial nominee, said on Wednesday that he will not run in 1998 if Humphrey enters the race.

A WMUR-TV poll, conducted 8/27-30 by RKM Research, surveyed 400 NH Republicans, showed dismal support for Sen. Bob Smith (R) running for President from those in his own state.

Should Smith Run for President?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Should	25%	24%	26%
Should Not	59%	62%	57%
Dont Know/			
Dont Care	16%	15%	17%

Type of Candidate He Would Make

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Strong	22%	23%	21%
Weak	58%	62%	55%
Dont Know	20%	15%	24%

Consider Smith in NH Primary?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Would	25%	28%	22%
Would Not	55%	57%	54%
Too Early	18%	14%	22%

Dan Quayle is scheduled to address the New Hampshire GOP's annual dinner in Manchester on October 26. New Hampshire GOP executives wanted a speaker who hadn't been to the state recently, and who would be a "good draw." Jack Kemp, along with others, had apparently vied for the "juicy assignment."

NEW JERSEY

The most recent poll out of New Jersey regarding the gubernatorial race between Governor Christine Todd Whitman (R) and current Woodbridge Mayor/State Senator Jim McGreevey (D) shows a virtual dead heat between the two candidates. The *Asbury Park Press* poll, conducted 8/21-23, surveyed 601 likely voters. The poll shows Whitman's approval rating at 42%, the lowest since her second month in office (37%- February 1993).

General Election Match-Up

	<u>All</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
Whitman	35%	57%	13%
McGreevey	33%	30%	39%
Undecided	28%	--	--

Support Neither 3% -- --

According to the *Bergen Record*, the state chapter of NOW has decided not to endorse either candidate this year. This is a blow to Whitman, since she relied on NOW's support to defeat Governor Jim Florio (D) in 1993.

Libertarian candidate Murray Sabrin formally applied for matching funds on Tuesday. If he does have the minimum amount to qualify (\$210,000) he would be the first third party candidate in New Jersey history to do so, and he would qualify to appear in two gubernatorial debates with Whitman and McGreevey.

NEW MEXICO

The *Albuquerque Journal* reported this week that Rep. Steve Schiff (R), will "remain recuperating" at home from surgery. Schiff has completed 35 radiation treatments and lost both a portion of his right ear and 30 pounds during the treatment. Schiff, a four-term congressman, was diagnosed with "squamous cell carcinoma" on his right ear and is experiencing great pain.

NEW YORK

New Yorker's Joe Klein reported that outgoing Rep. Floyd Flake (D-06) is considering endorsing Mayor Rudolph Giuliani (R). Flake cites the relatively low levels of racial tension in New York City and the Mayor's "impeccable" response to the Louma case among his reasons.

The *Albany Times Union* AP reported that Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes (D), who is considering a possible run for governor next year, has laid the financial foundation for a race. Hynes commented that he would not talk about a final decision on whether he will run until his DA reelection campaign is over this coming November.

With less than a week before the New York City Democratic primary for Mayor, City Council member Sal Albanese (D) and Rev. Al Sharpton (D) "were stepping up their struggle to make it a race" by undermining Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger's "presumed front-runner status." Messinger released a 60-second radio ad featuring former NY Mayor David Dinkins (D) accusing Mayor Rudolph Giuliani (R) of "gender bashing." *New York Daily News's* Zion writes that pollster John Zogby thinks that Sal Albanese will force a run off with Messinger. Zogby said "I know I'm going out on a limb, but Messinger is in a free fall like I've never seen, and Sal is cooking. I give them both about 38% and Al Sharpton 24%." In New York City, a candidate needs 40% to avoid a runoff.

OHIO

Gov. George Voinovich's (R) former Chief of Staff, Paul Mifsud, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor ethics violations and had five felony counts dropped as part of a plea bargain struck with prosecutors on Wednesday. Mifsud, Voinovich's former "enforcer and deal maker," will spend three days in jail, two years on probation, pay \$1,750 in fines and serve 100 hours of community service.

The *Columbus Dispatch* detailed the problems facing the three major candidates for what it calls one of the mostly hotly contested races for governor in recent Ohio history. The paper states that

Treasurer Ken Blackwell (R) must show an African-American can win a GOP primary and prove he is planning to stay in the race. Secretary of State Bob Taft (R) must battle a reputation that he is a dull and colorless candidate with unimaginative ideas. Former Attorney General Lee Fisher (D) needs to answer the charge that he cannot be a viable candidate because of his 1994 loss to Betty Montgomery, a razor-thin 1990 win, and animosity from some within the Democratic ranks. Auditor Jim Petro (R) and Toledo businessman Bruce Douglas (D) are considering the race as well.

Businessman Bruce Douglas (D) is lining up strategist Gerald Austin to help run his campaign if, as many political observers expect, he seeks the Democratic nomination. Austin, who managed Gov. Rich Celeste's campaigns in '82 and '86, said he expects Douglas will announce his candidacy soon.

A Paul Werth Associates poll, conducted in August, surveyed 505 registered voters in Ohio with a margin of error +/- 4.4%. Tested: President Clinton, the Federal Budget Agreement, Secretary of State Bob Taft (R), former Attorney General Lee Fisher (D), Gov. George Voinovich (R), '94 senate candidate Mary Boyle (D).

<u>Clinton Job Performance</u>		<u>How Will Federal Budget Deal Affect Your Taxes?</u>		<u>Who Deserves Credit For Budget Agreement?</u>	
Approve	58%	Go up	57%	Clinton	9%
Disapprove	29%	Go down	11%	Congress	32%
		Remain the same	21%	Both	43%

<u>General Matchup</u>		<u>General Matchup</u>		<u>Voinovich Job</u>	
Taft	48%	Voinovich	50%	Approve	60%
Fisher	29%	Boyle	29%	Disapprove	26%

OREGON

Washington County Commissioner Linda Peters (D) is seen by party insiders as the frontrunner to replace retiring Rep. Elizabeth Furse (D). Other potential candidates, state Senator Joan Dukes and Beaverton Mayor Rob Drake, announced they would not seek the Democratic nomination. Attorney David Wu (D), is the only other announced Democrat to announce. Jon Kvistad (R) and '96 GOP nominee Bill Witt, who lost to Furse 52%-45%, is expected to announce their candidacies in the next few weeks.

TENNESSEE

Former state House Majority Leader, Bill Purcell, announced last Thursday that he will not to seek the Democratic nomination for Governor. He was considered the best shot to unseat Governor Don Sundquist (R). It is believe that Purcell would have had a severe fundraising disadvantage. Sundquist has raised well over \$3 million and expects to have \$5 million by early next year. Nashville mayor Phil Bredesen (D), who lost to Sundquist in '94, has not ruled out a run.

TEXAS

Congressman "Henry B" Gonzalez, 81, will leave Congress at the end of this session. Gonzales

cited health and family issues as reasons for his retirement. He is at home in San Antonio recovering from his hospitalization at Bethesda Naval Station for a dental infection that spread and eventually damaged a heart valve, causing fatigue and congestion. Governor George Bush (R) will announce a date for a special election when he receives Congressman Gonzalez's resignation letter. Gonzalez's office says a resignation date has not been set.

The 20th Congressional District is considered a safe Democratic seat. The following people have publicly expressed their interest in running for this seat: Rep. Gonzalez's son and District Judge Charlie Gonzalez, former city councilman Roger Perez, District Judge Andy Mireles and Bexar County Democratic Chair Walter Martinez. Republicans eyeing the seat are Ralph Velasquez, the brother of the late Hispanic activist Willie Velasquez (D), '96 GOP nominee James Walker and failed '96 candidate John Shull. Most observers of this race believe there will be many Democratic candidates vying for this seat which will force the special election into a run off.

DCCC Chair and Texas Congressman Martin Frost was profiled in the New York Times as "a master for raising cash," bringing in \$6.3 million thus far in '97, 30% more than in '95 when the committee broke its previous records.

While not totally agreeing with the FEC's interpretation, Democratic Congressman Max Sandlin (TX-01) will pay a \$7,000 FEC penalty because of late changes in loans to his campaign. Sandlin acted as his own treasurer in 1996 and relied mostly on his own money to finance his campaign.

An August 21 fundraiser for Gov. Bush in Houston brought in \$861,000 and another \$150,000 is expected. Bush plans to raise \$7 million this year, with a goal of \$12 million by the end of the year. Fundraising events for Bush are scheduled in New York, Boston and Greenwich, Connecticut. Lt. Governor Bob Bullock (D) contributed \$2,500 at an August 21 Houston fundraiser for Gov. Bush (R). Bullock has been "profuse in his praise" of Gov. Bush saying "I was there out of respect for what he's doing and what he has done. And I would be proud to call him my president." Bullock gave Land Commissioner Garry Mauro \$1,000 earlier this year.

A Harte-Hanks Texas Poll conducted August 11-25, surveyed 1,005 adults, and showed Bush with a 68% approval rating, up two points since a spring survey, and "that many people didn't know enough about the tax plan to know why it failed."

Land Commissioner Garry Mauro (D) has raised about \$300,000 and is expected to announce his intentions to run for Governor after his September 20th annual beach clean up initiative.

An issues poll conducted in early August by Mark Penn shows that job security, education and personal safety are among some of the top issues important to Texans. The same poll shows that the President has a 51% approval rating.

Governor Bush's office is receiving unwanted criticism because of two fundraising letters sent to individuals writing to the Governor seeking his help. A prison inmate wrote to Gov. Bush seeking a pardon and got a response from Bush's campaign soliciting him for money. However, he received no response regarding his request for a pardon. Arlene Mitchell from Temple also

wrote to the Governor on an issue unrelated to the campaign and received a solicitation letter. Mitchell "said the episode makes her wonder whether the Republican governor's official correspondence is used by his campaign for political fundraising." Karl Rove, Bush's advisor, said Temple's name appeared on a mailing list of customers who purchase grapefruit and the inmate's name was on a list of National Review subscribers, both purchased by the Bush campaign.

In the Houston mayor's race, the business community is shying away from endorsing any mayoral candidates, including businessman Rob Mosbacher, who is running on a business platform. Candidates are also missing out on donations that come from endorsements. The frontrunners are former police chief and drug czar Lee Brown (D) and Rob Mosbacher (R). Mayor Bob Lanier is term-limited.

VIRGINIA

Richmond Times Dispatch reports that former Attorney General Jim Gilmore (R) has called on Speaker Newt Gingrich (R) to raise money for him for his gubernatorial campaign. The fundraiser Gingrich will appear at will be held in Maryland. Others who have raised money for Gilmore include former President Bush, Dan Quayle, Senator Fred Thompson (R-TN), Representative J.C. Watts (R-OK) and Senator John McCain (R-AZ). Jack Kemp will help Gilmore next week.

Vice President Gore raised an estimated \$500,000 for Lieutenant Governor Don Beyer (D) at the McLean home of Sen. Chuck Robb (D) on September 3. Former Texas Governor Ann Richards (D) will help Beyer as well.

WASHINGTON

The GOP full court press continues for Rep. George Nethercutt (R) to run for Senate as he spent 40 minutes with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott September 3. For the last month, Republican leaders have encouraged Nethercutt to take on Rep. Linda Smith (R) in a primary race that will determine U.S. Senator Patty Murray's challenger. Nethercutt has said that he will likely announce in the next few weeks.

WHITE HOUSE 2000

The Indiana Republican Party hosted a cattle call for White House 2000 contenders last weekend. Reports coming back from the event state Lamar Alexander delivered a more conservative, but otherwise an unchanged message. George W. Bush failed to meet high expectations and received mixed reviews on his keynote speech. Steve Forbes perhaps gained the most, showing more polish. Newt Gingrich delivered an ambiguous message of his support for the flat tax. Jack Kemp gave tepid praise for budget agreement. Dan Quayle impressed the crowds and pundits, as did Sen. Fred Thompson and Rep. J.C. Watts.

Bush aides concede that the Governor's speech before the Midwest Republican Leadership Conference was a mistake. Bush received mixed reviews on his 25-minute, stiffly delivered speech. His aides say he did not know it was billed as a cattle call for GOP 2000 hopefuls and has no intention of attending future events like this. Aides said then that he "plans only two more out-of-Texas trips this year" to help the gubernatorial campaigns of former Virginia Attorney General Jim Gilmore (R) and California Attorney General Dan Lungren (R).

In the September 8 issue the *Weekly Standard* states that Bush is believed to have settled on a primary strategy for 2000. He will largely ignore Iowa and New Hampshire. On Super Tuesday, Gov. David Beasley "will deliver" South Carolina, Bush's brother Jeb "will deliver" Florida and Texas "will be in the bag." The *Columbia State* reported this week that Bush is planning to visit South Carolina, along with other GOP hopefuls.

Although he's taken only preliminary steps, Sen. Paul Wellstone (D) has discovered that a White House run in 2000 is in his "heart and soul" and that he wants to run. Wellstone has mapped a vigorous national travel schedule, with repeated stops in early primary and caucus states like California, Wisconsin, Illinois, Florida, New Hampshire, and Iowa -- where he'll give three speeches in September. Wellstone has opposed much of the Administration's major fiscal and economic legislation. He has expressed disdain for campaign fundraising practices and will issue a challenge to limit or eliminate high-cost television advertising. Wellstone stated that his strategy emphasizing grass-roots organizing and get-out-the-vote efforts will play well in New Hampshire and Iowa.

A Mason-Dixon poll of 1,123 registered voters (408 Democrats; 360 Republicans) conducted 8/25-27 showed Colin Powell as the only Republican ahead of Vice President Gore.

<u>Job Ratings</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Congress</u>	<u>Gingrich</u>	<u>Lott</u>
Excellent	14%	2%	2%	2%
Good	35%	37%	25%	27%
Fair	36%	41%	38%	30%
Poor	15%	17%	31%	7%

White House 2000 Democratic Primary Matchup

	<u>All</u>	<u>Fav/Unfav</u>	<u>ID</u>
Gore	65%	61% / 11%	100%
Gephardt	9%	34% / 7%	84%
Kerry	7%	21% / 4%	63%
Wellstone	3%	16% / 1%	38%

White House 200 Republican Primary Matchup

	<u>w/ Powell</u>	<u>w/o Powell</u>	<u>Fav/Unfav</u>	<u>ID</u>
Powell	32%	--	74% / 5%	99%
Bush	17%	24%	58% / 9%	98%
Kemp	13%	19%	56% / 7%	97%
Quayle	9%	12%	49% / 24%	99%
Forbes	7%	9%	29% / 15%	86%
Alexander	4%	5%	16% / 7%	68%
Thompson	3%	4%	12% / 2%	49%
Buchanan	2%	4%	21% / 33%	98%

	<u>Fav/Unfav</u>	<u>ID (asked of all)</u>		<u>Fav/Unfav</u>	<u>ID</u>
Powell	71% / 5%	98%	Forbes	24% / 18%	86%
Gore	46% / 26%	100%	Alexander	15% / 9%	65%
Bush	45% / 17%	97%	Buchanan	13% / 42%	95%

Kemp	44% / 16%	96%	Thompson	7% / 2%	44%
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General Election Matchups

Powell	51%	Gore	48%	Gore	49%	Gore	53%
Gore	38%	Bush	42%	Kemp	38%	Quayle	31%
Gore	54%	Gore	55%	Gore	51%	Gore	59%
Forbes	29%	Alexander	28%	Thompson	30%	Buchanan	22%

A WMUR-TV poll of 400 New Hampshire Republican voters conducted 8/27-30 by RKM Research showed Texas Governor George W. Bush as the front runner in the Republican nomination presidential primary.

Republican Primary

George W. Bush	16%	Newt Gingrich	3%
Jack Kemp	12%	Fred Thompson	3%
Lamar Alexander	11%	Alan Keyes	3%
Steve Forbes	11%	John Ashcroft	1%
Pat Buchanan	9%	J.C. Watts	1%
Bob Smith	8%	Other	3%
Dan Quayle	5%	Unsure	14%

Favorability Ratings

	Fav/Unfav.	ID		Fav/Unfav.	ID
Kemp	56% 25%	96%	Buchanan	37% 47%	97%
Bush	53% 17%	97%	Gingrich	31% 53%	97%
Smith	53% 31%	99%	Thompson	20% 17%	61%
Forbes	41% 36%	97%	Keyes	17% 25%	66%
Quayle	41% 42%	100%	Watts	11% 17%	50%
Alexander	40% 26%	95%	Ashcroft	6% 11%	47%

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