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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Doug Sosnik
RE: Weekly Report

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on Edgar
nomination*

1996 PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

Bob Dole. Dole was in Chicago this week, adding first-term Attorney General Jim Ryan (R) to his list of endorsements. Ryan and Dole were joined at the press conference by Gov. Jim Edgar (R), Comptroller Loleta Didrickson (R) and Speaker Lee Daniels (R), all of whom had previously endorsed the Kansas Senator. Dole made a western fundraising swing this week, stopping in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Phoenix for a fundraiser with Barry Goldwater.

Phil Gramm. Gramm wrapped up a three-day tour of Iowa this week, spending the time trying to draw clear distinctions with Dole, saying Dole is too willing to "cut deals with the Democrats" that compromise conservative principals and that Dole is "vacillating" on Henry Foster's nomination for surgeon general. (Gramm emphasized his pledge to filibuster the Foster nomination.) Gramm also blamed Dole for not winning a more conservative budget in the Senate. He said: "As people have watched me fulfill the Contract with America [and] fight to cut spending that's been added in the Senate ... people have started to see a clear difference between the two major candidates in this race." Gramm also hit Pat Buchanan for backing policies that amount to "building a wall around America and going to hide under a rock."

Pete Wilson. Smoothly executing a multi-stage assault on affirmative action, Wilson helped set the national news agenda for the entire week without even using his still-sore voice. On successive days, his team leaked the story, penned an op-ed, distributed an open letter to the people of California, issued an executive order, and announced his support for the California Civil Rights Initiative. Though many reporters exposed his long record of support for affirmative action in their stories, his hypocrisy was overwhelmed by the imagery of his actions. The issue has given his campaign a much-needed lift, but he still faces serious legislative and economic problems in the state, his voice remains unusable, and he has yet to dispense with his immigrant maid dilemma.

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MA GOP. Despite Massachusetts Governor William Weld's (R) strong support for California Governor Pete Wilson (R), several of the state's GOP leaders have endorsed Senator Bob Dole (R). Last week, while Weld was in California meeting with Wilson, Dole visited the state and secured endorsements from state Treasurer Joe Malone (R), Representatives Peter Blute (R-03) and Peter Torkildsen (R-06) and other state and local GOP leaders. Weld has come under heavy criticism in Massachusetts for his extensive out of state travel on Wilson's behalf.

Dole and Hollywood. Senator Dole's blistering attack on the entertainment industry has stimulated a predictably outraged response from the show business community. Norman Lear has been particularly outspoken in denouncing Dole's hypocrisy and disparagingly compares the positive contributions of the entertainment industry to the unredeemingly sleazy nature of politics. Following his strident statements in Hollywood, Dole qualified in Nevada that he is a known quantity and that he is "not extreme in any way."

Louisiana Presidential Primary. The Louisiana Senate voted Wednesday in favor of a bill that would kill the state's presidential primary. The Senate voted 21 to 13 in favor of approving the bill. However, the bill is expected to have a rough time once it goes to the House; a similar bill was defeated by a vote of the full House last month. Cancelling the state's presidential primary would save the state \$3.5 million, but would require both parties to hold caucuses for delegate selection.

Michigan Primary. The Michigan state legislature overwhelmingly passed legislation this week converting its primary from a "closed" one to an "open" one not requiring primary voters to declare their party affiliation. Governor John Engler (R-MI) is expected to sign the bill. Given that the DNC will not recognize delegates selected in open primaries, the state Democratic Party has passed a resolution indicating that it will select its presidential delegates via caucuses. Democratic delegates from Michigan, you will recall, were selected in a primary in 1992 but by caucuses in 1988, when Jesse Jackson scored a stunning upset victory.

1996 RACES

Illinois Senate Race. To the surprise of some observers, former Attorney General and 1990 gubernatorial nominee Neil Hartigan (D) announced that he will not run for the Senate next year. Rep. Lane Evans (D) also said this week that he will not be a candidate. Speculation is now focusing on Rep. Dick Durbin (D), who is considered likely to run, and David Wilhelm, who is giving the race serious thought and calling around to donors, fundraisers and operatives. Wilhelm said this week that he thinks the voters want a "fresh face" and, when asked whether a primary would reduce the Democrats' chances of holding onto the seat, said that "sometimes people are strengthened by primaries."

Hartigan's decision not to run was a disappointment to some Democratic activists, who felt he presented the party's best chance for holding the seat. At his announcement, he cited commitments to his law firm and his responsibilities as Chairman of the City's World Trade Center as the reason for his decision and many believe his family did not want him to run. He is considering another bid for Governor in 1998.

Nebraska Senate Race. Rep. Doug Bereuter (R), currently serving his ninth term in the House, announced this week that he will seek re-election rather than run for the Senate. Many observers believe he is the strongest candidate the Republicans could have fielded. There is still no official word on whether Gov. Ben Nelson (D) will run though Democrats in the state are hopeful.

Senator Baucus. The Montana Republican Party aired a \$6,000 radio buy this week, scheduled to coincide with your visit, labeling Senator Max Baucus a liberal who supports the Administration at the expense of regular Montanans. The ad criticizes Baucus for voting for the 1993 deficit reduction package and the gun control portion of the crime bill.

Maine - CD01. Three Democrats recently announced their interest in running for Maine's first district seat, currently held by Republican Jim Longley. Portland City Councilmember George Campbell, the former Transportation Secretary under Governor Brennan, has said he will announce his candidacy by July 1st. State Senator Dale McCormack has said she may run, but will likely face controversy over her openly gay lifestyle. The 1992 Clinton/Gore Chair and 1994 gubernatorial candidate Tom Allen is also contemplating a bid for the seat and is considered the strongest candidate of the potential Democratic field.

1995 RACES

1995 Mississippi Gubernatorial Race. Mississippi Governor Kirk Fordice (R) continues to receive negative press statewide for his refusal to debate Secretary of State and gubernatorial nominee Dick Molpus (D) in the traditional Mississippi Press Association (MPA) forum. Molpus is scheduled to attend the June 24th MPA event.

Denver Mayoral Race. Despite more cronyism allegations and two more uninspiring debate performances for Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, two polls show Webb and opponent Mary DeGroot entering the final weekend of campaigning in a statistical dead heat. A new poll, which is half-way completed and is scheduled to be released this Sunday, shows Webb with a 10 point lead. Governor Roy Romer, who endorsed Webb last fall and has remained silent since, will campaign with Webb tomorrow.

Willie Brown. The charismatic and controversial Speaker of the California Assembly is expected to announce his candidacy for mayor of San Francisco tomorrow. Though he has rhetorically disparaged the job as pothole-fixing and too low-paying, the 1994 election and term limits have left him with nowhere else to go. He instantly becomes the favorite, but will face tough attacks from the other three candidates. He is closely aligned with unpopular special interests (no politician in America has received more money from the tobacco industry) and has not faced a competitive campaign in decades, so the race will be challenging. It is certain to attract national media attention.

Tacoma Mayoral Race. Washington State House Minority Leader Brian Ebersole has stepped down from his leadership post to run for mayor of Tacoma. Ebersole is well known in Democratic circles and is considered the early front-runner in the mayoral race. The primary election is September 19 and the general is November 7.

VPOTUS Fundraiser in Atlanta. The Vice President participated in a joint fundraiser between the Georgia Democratic Party and the DNC on May 31st. The event, which was strongly supported by Governor Miller, raised \$140,000. While in Atlanta, the Vice President met briefly with Mayor-elect Ron Kirk of Dallas. Kirk was in Atlanta for a fundraiser the same night, hosted by Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell and other Atlanta community and business leaders.

Ernie Preate. PA Attorney General Ernie Preate (R) may enter into a plea bargain with federal prosecutors over his alleged ties to video poker operators. A grand jury is investigating allegations that the Attorney General accepted campaign contributions from illegal video poker operators in exchange for promising not to prosecute them. The rumored deal would have Preate plead guilty to one count of mail fraud and resign from office. The plea bargain would protect Preate's two brothers from indictment. Should Preate resign, Governor Ridge would appoint his successor, who would serve until a new election is held in '96.

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Texas. Gramm's campaign released a poll showing him well ahead among Texas GOP primary voters. Gramm scored 51%, followed by Dole with 25%. The poll also showed Gramm leading you 51%-42% in a general election match-up in Texas, a pretty good showing for you against the state's popular senior senator.

GOP in Georgia. In addition to his national agenda, House Speaker New Gingrich has taken an active role in leading the Georgia Republican Party. Gingrich held his first public strategy session with GOP state legislators on Wednesday in Atlanta where he promoted a plan for taking over the Georgia House and Senate in 1996. Democrats currently hold a strong majority in both chambers of the legislature. While Gingrich has not yet endorsed a GOP presidential nominee, Georgia's GOP leadership has already become divided in its support of Lamar Alexander and Phil Gramm. Gramm has received the endorsement of the state's GOP congressional members (other than Gingrich) while Alexander has won the support of key local GOP leaders from the metro-Atlanta area. Georgia will hold the first presidential primary in the southeast on March 5th--one week before "Super Tuesday."

Mrs. Gore in New Hampshire. Mrs. Gore travelled to New Hampshire this week on a two-day tour through Hampton, Exeter, Portsmouth, Durham and Manchester and received rave reviews everywhere she went. She opened the Seacoast Mental Health Center in Exeter, toured the Manchester Mental Health Center and delivered an address on mental health issues at Odyssey House at the University of New Hampshire. She gave exclusive interviews to John DiStaso of the Manchester *Union Leader*, WMUR-TV and *Foster's Daily Democrat*. She also attended several receptions with supporters and key elected officials.

1995 RACES

Denver Mayoral Race. A television poll released last night shows a tightening race and a deadlocked run-off. Mayor Wellington Webb leads the pack with 37%, while Councilwoman Mary DeGroot trails with 28%, followed by City Auditor Bob Crider at 14% and attorney John Frew at 4%. Webb's lead evaporates in a likely run-off with DeGroot to a statistically insignificant margin of 44% to 42%. The race was characterized this week by Webb's fending off charges of cronyism, saying in a televised debate: "I don't condone cronyism." Meanwhile, when DeGroot aired an ad stressing that Denver had never had a female mayor, former Colorado First Lady Dottie Lamm slammed her on behalf of Webb for pandering to gender politics. In a radio ad this week, DeGroot may have previewed a salient issue for her run-off campaign, advocating the elimination of Denver's current affirmative action programs.

Louisiana Gubernatorial Race. First quarter financial reports showed state Treasurer Mary Landrieu (D) with a strong lead in fundraising among Louisiana's gubernatorial candidates. Overall, she has raised almost twice as much money as any other candidate--and spent the most amount of early money on a campaign organization. By the April 14th filing period Landrieu enjoyed approximately \$1 million cash on hand, followed by former Governor Buddy Roemer (R) with \$776,000 on hand. U.S. Rep. Bill Jefferson (D) had more than \$500,000 on hand and

Lt. Governor Melinda Schwegmann (D) trailed with about \$275,000 on hand. Attorney Phil Preis (D), one of the lesser known candidates in the primary field, closed the reporting period with more than \$521,000 on hand.

Mississippi Gubernatorial Race. The Mississippi press has strongly reprimanded Governor Kirk Fordice (R) for his negative comments regarding the Oklahoma bombing. In a statement to the press last Thursday, Fordice criticized you for saying there would be "swift, sure justice" against the terrorists responsible. Fordice responded that he "hasn't seen anybody executed for the World Trade Center bombing." He further questioned, "is the president policeman, judge and jury? Don't we have laws and courts?" The Molpus campaign has not commented on Fordice's statement. A clip is attached.

San Francisco Mayoral Race. A new poll affirms Willie Brown's place as frontrunner in the November election for Mayor of San Francisco. While Brown finished a close second to incumbent Frank Jordan in the first round of balloting, he led by 9 points in a head-to-head runoff against the current mayor. Roberta Achtenberg earned 14 percent of the vote for third place, 15-20 points behind the two leaders. Brown hosted an elegant \$600,000 fundraiser for Assembly Democrats last weekend to commemorate his 15th (and last) year as Speaker. Meanwhile, Jordan consultant Clint Reilly has launched a signature-gathering effort to force a referendum on a campaign spending limit measure recently enacted by the Board of Supervisors. If the referendum qualifies, the spending limit will be suspended, helping frontrunners Jordan and Brown, who have stronger fundraising capabilities than the longshots. For the notoriously profligate Reilly, the referendum is a two-fer: he gets paid for running the referendum campaign and can make more money on a spending limit-less Mayor's race.

1996 RACES

Illinois Senate Race. Rep. Richard Durbin (D) has said that he hopes to make a decision on the Senate race by the end of the month. Former Attorney General Neil Hartigan (D) is expected to announce his candidacy soon and Rep. Lane Evans (D) insists he is still looking at the race.

Texas Senate Race. John Odom, an attorney and former aide to ex-Gov. Mark White (D), has joined trial attorney Shelton Smith in considering a run against Phil Gramm for his Senate seat in 1996. Odom lost a very close Democratic primary for Attorney General in 1990 to Attorney General Dan Morales (D). Odom, like Smith, is not well-known in the state but is highly regarded in Democratic circles. Smith and Odom met recently and there is apparently a good chance that they will decide between them which one should make the race in order to avoid a primary.

New Jersey Senate Race. Passaic Co. Freeholder Richard DuHaime announced this week that he is interested in running against Senator Bill Bradley in 1996. Other Republicans said to be looking at the race include Rep. Richard Zimmer, who has already announced his intention to run, Assembly Speaker/'94 Senate nominee Chuck Haytaian and Rep. Marge Roukema.

Nebraska Senate Race. There is no new news on whether Gov. Ben Nelson (D-NE) will enter the 1996 Senate race, though Rep. Doug Bereuter (R-NE) appears to be looking at it more seriously than previously thought.

Governor Lowry. Although Governor Lowry has a strong environmental record and must count environmentalists as a core constituency in his re-election bid, he received a lukewarm reception scattered with boos during his appearance at a Seattle Earth Day rally last weekend.

OTHER POLITICAL NEWS

New Mexico Chair. New Mexico Democrats will elect a new chair tomorrow, culminating one of the most hotly contested and expensive chair campaigns in state history. Attorney and early supporter Cate Stetson and Attorney Earl Potter have spent a combined \$100,000; Potter leads slightly in committed delegates. Potter, a party insider from Santa Fe with ties to former Governor King, plans to expand the party's fundraising base beyond traditional Democratic constituencies. Stetson, a resident of Albuquerque, has touted her ties to the administration and her outsider credentials during the course of the campaign.

Governor Bush. The Texas Poll released this week reports that Gov. George Bush (R) enjoys a 49% approval/27% disapproval ratio and a whopping 74% favorable/13% unfavorable personal favorability ratio.

New York Senate Race '98. The 1994 Republican nominee for State Comptroller, Herb London, said this week that he is interested in challenging Senator D'Amato in 1998. London is a New York University professor who has lost races for the governor's and comptroller's seats.

Senator Baucus. Senator Baucus blasted Montana's right wing militia groups in an impassioned editorial this week, saying "There is no place for hatred under Montana's Big Sky, and no place in America." Militia leaders have responded with staunch criticism of Baucus.

Representative Chenoweth. Although Representative Chenoweth condemned the Oklahoma bombing, she refused to back off her support of right wing militia groups, saying "I will not condemn any group or individual purely on the basis of guilt by association." Idaho Democratic party activists characterized her remarks as irresponsible and accused her of legitimizing militias. She also proposed federal legislation requiring federal officials to get permission from local law enforcement officials (i.e. sheriffs) in order to carry a weapon.

Los Angeles Riots. Tomorrow's third anniversary of the outbreak of the Los Angeles riots is passing without fanfare.

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Hillary Clinton tells grads at S.F. State: 'Thank you'

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**First lady lauds
university, students
in commencement
speech: 'You have
paid your dues'**

By Kandace Bender
EXAMINER POLITICAL EDITOR

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told S.F. State's graduating class to choose substance over style, to fight for education and to help put the word "civil" back into civilization.

Clinton, who is giving only three commencement speeches this year, said she chose San Francisco State over other more prestigious schools because "it represents the full diversity and possibility of America."

"This is the kind of university I wanted to come to in order to say thank you," she said at Saturday's sold-out commencement exercise. "This university takes the education of all people seriously — women, minorities, immigrants, refugees. Everyone who is willing to work hard and accept responsibility is welcome here."

More than 22,000 proud parents, students and faculty jammed Cox Stadium under overcast skies to cheer the achievements of 1995's graduating class. It was the most heavily attended commencement ceremony in the school's history, and extra seats were added after a flap last week over some grads not being given their allotted five commencement tickets.

The student population — which represents 92 nations — is 28 percent Asian American, 8 percent African American, 12 percent Latino, 9 percent Filipino and 38 percent white. Many are older, re-entry students, and Clinton acknowledged their struggles.

"You have paid your dues," she said. "Many of you have worked full time or part time, have raised families, have taken on all kinds of responsibilities. . . . Experience teaches, and you have brought your experiences to this campus."

Clinton warned against adopting an I've-got-mine attitude and urged the 3,700 graduates to re-

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Clinton a hit with S.F. State grads

member that education was no longer a "one-shot experience."

Broad range of opportunities

"What you have experienced here is critical not only for yourselves, but for those young people and older ones who will come after. ... There are all kinds of people in our society who need to learn and want to learn. ... That's why it's important we preserve a broad range of educational opportunities for all Americans."

Clinton reserved her harshest comments for what she called a federal and state attack on education by way of slashing funding for public schools.

"There are those among us who would pull up the ladders of opportunity after they have already climbed to the heights. We have to take a strong stand on behalf of education and universities like this. ... I hope each of you will raise your voices."

"If we sound the retreat on education, we deny opportunity," she said.

Education funding is in jeopardy as the Republican-controlled Congress seeks deep cuts in Medicare, Medicaid, education and other social programs as part of a seven-year plan to erase the deficit.

In California, 40 percent of the state budget is mandated for educational needs, but as the state's revenue shrinks, so does funding for public education. California's public schools rank 39th in the nation in per-pupil funding, according to the National Education Association.

Clinton also spoke out in support of the national service program known as AmeriCorps that is strongly embraced by President Clinton. For both Clintons, national service embodies a core tenet — that responsibility comes with opportunity.

In return for working to improve their communities, 20,000 young AmeriCorps volunteers have earned minimum wages, health care benefits and a stipend for college — \$4,725 a year for up to two

years of service. More than 250 young people in the Bay Area are involved in AmeriCorps.

But the program is under siege from Republicans such as House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has called national service programs

nothing more than gimmicks. He says the program is inconsistent with true volunteerism because the participants get paid.

"Now we are telling these young men and women that their mission of service and character doesn't re-

ally matter much," Hillary Clinton said.

"I think we ought to stand up and say that service is about building character ... it is one of the anchors of our society. It's not just talking the talk, it's walking the walk and building a civil society that lives up to its ideals."

Clinton's comments fell on receptive ears, as S.F. State is known for its community service. The campus is involved in more than 100 community partnerships and outreach services throughout the Bay Area.

'Turbo-charged capitalism'

She also attacked America's "turbo-charged capitalism," saying materialism is "dictating our tastes and desires, our values and dreams."

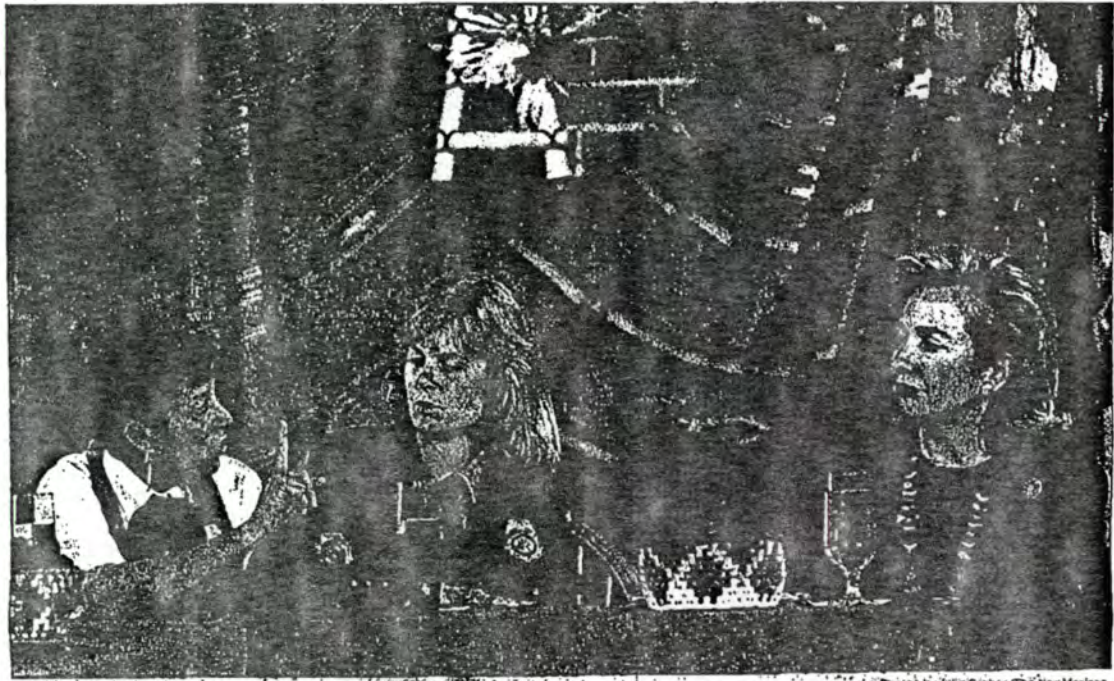
"The question for all of us is, do we define ourselves by our style or by our substance?"

Clinton is scheduled to give two other commencement speeches next month — at the University of Michigan and the University of Buffalo, said Lisa Abrams, White House spokeswoman.

Clinton was presented with an honorary doctorate degree, along with the Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Church. Also honored as alumna of the year was Oscar-nominee actor Annette Bening. The three were warmly introduced by S.F. State President Robert Corrigan and Mayor Jordan.

Williams gave a short but rousing speech in which he declared that urban problems could be solved. "But we need you. And we need not to lose what we've gained. Therefore, let us continue to work together and create a new community for the new century," he said.

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First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, right, listens to Lindy Glover, a checkout clerk at Albertsons, left, as firefighter Cheryll Holloway looks on. Glover told the first lady, 'The jobs are there, but females aren't given a chance.'

Clinton offers sympathy, advice

By MARK OSWALD
The New Mexican

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton sat down with a group of New Mexico women Friday for what she said she hoped would be part of a "national conversation" on the concerns of working women.

At Santa Fe's Tomasita's Cafe, Clinton offered sympathy and an occasional word of advice as women from various fields described balancing career and family, dealing with bias in the workplace and what

*"I wish there was
an instruction manual,
don't you?"*

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

Clinton called the "undeniable guilt" of losing time with children because of a job. Clinton also spoke at a brief reception for community leaders in the courtyard of

the Palace of the Governors that was closed to the news media. She then shook hands for a minute or two with some of the approximately 300 locals and tourists who gathered to get a glimpse of her.

"More power to ya, Hillary," a group of young women shouted in unison before she was driven off to visit Cochiti Pueblo.

At Tomasita's, the first lady heard life stories from 13 local women chosen to meet with her. Mayor Debbie Jaramillo and New Mexico first lady Dee Johnson

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also participated.

Paula Snook, a St. Vincent Hospital night-shift nurse with two young children, asked how one decides what to sacrifice in life. She wants to go back to school, "but how do I do that and maintain my job and the other roles in the family?" Snook asked.

And Snook described an instance when her son called from school to complain about a stomach ache and she put him off until he called a second time because she was busy with a work project. A day later, the child had to have his appendix removed. "It really hurt me" to be torn between her various responsibilities, Snook said.

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tion manual, don't you?" Clinton asked in responding to Snook. She said women have to talk about getting help from husbands, friends and family members.

Sandra Grodin, 60, who runs teen health centers at Santa Fe's two public high schools, said finding a job in Santa Fe after she became widowed was "the hardest thing I've ever done in my life." After a while, she realized she was victim of age discrimination. "In my head, I was still 30," she said.

KOB-TV Channel 4 news anchor Carla Aragón, a Santa Fe native, said she has put off a family in favor of pursuing her career. "Now I'm looking at the biological clock and I'm thinking, gee, what have I done?" she said.

Santa Fe firefighter Cheryll Holloway said there is "nothing" in the way of child care for women like her who don't work 8-to-5 hours. Clinton responded that cuts in government-subsidized child care programs "have never made sense to me."

Cleo Griffith of Santa Fe, who works part-time as a stenographer after giving up a law career to be with her son, said there is an assumption in the workplace

that a stenographer is "not real smart." That prompted Clinton to say that while many people talk about values, "We don't treat people with the respect they should have as individuals, as human beings."

Clinton said she hoped an "evolving discussion" on issues related to working women would lead to solutions. "I don't think there's any program that's going to solve it," she said.

Some of those who were invited to the reception at the Palace of the Governors said Clinton gave a short speech that called for cooperation across party lines to solve the country's problems. Among the about 150 invited guests were Lt. Gov. Walter Bradley and former Gov. Bruce King.

Leaving the Palace of the Governors, Clinton told the throng: "I never get to stay here long enough."

At Cochiti Pueblo, the first lady held a roundtable discussion with Indian mothers who said they fear federal budget cutbacks will further reduce their existing lack of day care, health care and education.

The seven women also told the first lady they were worried about the disappearance of their native language, Keres.

Cutbacks are "really affecting the people here," said Elizabeth Fredericks, a mother of four. "We depend on a lot of these (federal) programs to better ourselves, to educate ourselves."

But the first lady had few words of comfort for participants or the 400 pueblo residents who packed into a community center. Her advice — along with that of Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., who accompanied her on her New Mexico tour — was to speak out and to vote.

Richardson added: "Native Americans don't vote as much as they should. We have to get the voting numbers up. It's the Clinton administration that's been fighting these cuts."

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Our view

No war on the West

"I certainly have not made war on the West," President Bill Clinton told the Denver Post and audiences in Billings this week.

It was a somewhat defensive reaction to charges by some western lawmakers that Clinton had targeted the West with the Interior Department's efforts to increase fees and restrictions on grazing, mining and logging on federal land.



Clinton

The president's point, however, is that he was only trying to make users pay market value for the services or resources they use.

And the West has been heavily subsidized for most of the past century, stemming from the days when the federal government was trying to make it attractive to develop the West.

Well, we're developed.

And the president is right in declaring that we should not be giving mineral rights away for virtually nothing or selling timber at less than the price of maintaining a forest.

And he's also right that this isn't an attack on the West. It's simply good business.

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MISSOULIAN EDITORIAL

Resist Senate bid, governor

Gov. Marc Racicot, said to be weighing a possible race for U.S. Senate, would do well to consider something political columnist George Will once wrote:

"Almost anything done by government at the local level is apt to be more interesting than almost everything done by government at the national level."

It's hardly surprising that Racicot would find himself being recruited to run against Democratic Incumbent Sen. Max Baucus in 1996. Racicot has proved to be the rarest of politicians — an effective leader who's also popular. His basic decency and sincerity and ability to connect with people, coupled with a powerful drive to confront and resolve even the thorniest problems, sets him apart. Polls conducted for the Missoulian and its sister

about being governor, "You really have to concentrate on this job. In some ways, it's more difficult than being president.") It's no accident that three of the last four presidents had previously served as governors.

While Congress is, of course, significant, the real action in politics has been shifting steadily to the states. It's out here in the hinterlands that Americans are addressing — opposed to talking about — such things as welfare and health care reforms, economic development, environmental protection, "reinvention" of government, and improving education. This is why governors' jobs are so interesting, challenging and important.

It's also why Montana needs Racicot more as governor than as senator. Montanans need Racicot's leadership in Helena.

SUMMARY: Marc Racicot could best serve Montanans with second term as governor, rather than bid for Senate.

newspapers in Montana show Racicot to be by far the most popular politician in the state. He could probably win any statewide election he entered.

A Senate seat certainly has much to recommend it. For one thing, Racicot, the lowest-paid governor in America, could more than double his salary and pick up a lot more perks, including a larger staff. In the Senate, Racicot would get more money for less work than Montanans expect of him as governor. (As California's Pete Wilson says

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Billings Q&A session ends president's visit

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

BILLINGS — President Clinton came to a region Thursday where suspicion of the federal government runs high and denounced members of self-styled militias while defending his support of certain restrictions on firearms.

As the chief executive, Clinton told a televised town hall meeting, he has to support measures "that fit not only my folks back home in Arkansas and the people in Montana, but the whole of this country."

In the hour-long session, questions concerning private militias —

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which are active in the area — and inflammatory rhetoric were the most frequently asked.

A 12-year-old Billings student, Crystal Frisby, said her father worked for the

federal Bureau of Land Management, and told Clinton she was frightened in the aftermath of the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

"What can you do to protect my dad?" she asked Clinton.

"The most important thing we can do to make your father safer is to have everybody in this room, whatever their political party or their views, stand up and say it is wrong to condemn people who are out there doing their job and wrong to threaten them," Clinton said.

"When you hear somebody doing it, you ought to stand up and double up your fist and stick it in the sky and shout them down. That is wrong. It is wrong and I hope everybody in your state heard what you said."

None of Clinton's questioners defended the militia movement.

Janet Stickeny, 56, a social worker, complained about "incendiary rhetoric" by conservative talk show host G. Gordon Liddy and the National Rifle Association.

"This whole climate is bad," Clinton said. "It's good for their politics. It helps them raise a lot of money ... But it's not good for America. And we're better than that, all of us are."

Clinton also pressed his attack on the NRA, saying it had "done the country a disservice" by demonizing law enforcement officers.

Billings station KTVQ-TV invited people to submit questions in advance and selected its studio audience from among those who did.

Station officials said some 400 people sent in questions; about 50 were selected for the studio audience.

In some of the exchanges, Clinton:
• Was asked by a 14-year-old exchange student from the Bosnia region what he could do to make her land safe for her to return. "I do not believe there is a military settlement that the United States can enforce," he replied.

• Conceded that federal regulations were unpopular in Montana and elsewhere and said he agreed. "If you want me to defend government regulations, you're talking to the wrong person," he said. But he suggested that many regulations were necessary and said he would work toward making them more flexible.

• Promised to do more to end discrimination against Indians, including a conference in Washington later this month to look at ways of better respecting cultural diversity.

Nearly all the questions were polite and non-confrontational. The harshest question came from a man who asked Clinton why he didn't cooperate more with House Republicans on their "Contract with America" legislative agenda.

The president insisted he had worked with Republicans on some issues, such as the line-item veto.

"So here I am, all dressed up and ready to cooperate," Clinton said.



AP Photo

President Clinton goes for a ride Thursday on an Arabian horse named Phire Power at the Intermountain Equestrian Center near Billings.

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"Some of the guys were giving him a high five and we thought why not give him a hug?"

See Phillips, Cadet

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Some in military may not like president, but he has his supporters



Capt. Ronnie Hall of Edward, Ky., lets his 18-month-old cousin Adam Fangman try on his hat before Wednesday's Air Force Academy graduation.

Esther M. Suarez/
Rocky Mountain News

By Dick Foster

Rocky Mountain News Southern Bureau

COLORADO SPRINGS — Lt. Col. Laurence "Buck" Rooney wears the Air Force uniform and a chest full of medals, and he makes no bones about it — he is an unabashed fan of President Clinton.

"I've liked all the presidents, but I especially like him," said Rooney.

"People like Reagan. He was a terrible speaker. He said things like, 'I'll help Americans to be proud again.' Well who wasn't proud before he was in? I just like Clinton all the way. We voted for him. We'll vote for him again."

Clinton had his share of critics in the crowd of 29,000 at Falcon Stadium. During his speech, he often received polite but lukewarm applause.

Still, many of the cadets seemed delighted to be congratulated by their commander-in-chief.

Val Nguyen of Ocala, Fla., and Sue Phillips of Salem, N.Y., were so excited they gave Clinton a hug.

"Some of the guys were giving him a high five and we thought why not give him a hug?" Phillips said. "We were the only two."

Rooney, now retired, was an air officer in charge at the academy for five years before moving to his retirement home in Fort Worth, Texas. He was on hand Wednesday for the graduation of his nephew, Steven James Gorowsky.

In a conservative organization like the U.S. Air Force, where the commander-in-chief often is privately assailed by many in uniform as a draft dodger, Rooney voiced his support publicly.

"Those terms 'liberal' and 'conservative' mean nothing," he said. "There are two parties, the selfish one and the unselfish, and Clinton belongs to the unselfish party."

— Associated Press contributed to this report

A cadet waves to relatives before the beginning of the Air Force Academy graduation ceremony Wednesday. President Clinton, who addressed the event, received lukewarm applause.

Esther M. Suarez/Rocky Mountain News

Governor spending two days in the president's company

By Peter Blake

Rocky Mountain News Capitol Bureau

COLORADO SPRINGS — President Clinton ignored a driving rain to shake hands for 20 minutes with many of the 3,000 military and civilian personnel who greeted him at Peterson Air Force Base on Wednesday.

Just before the storm hit he addressed the crowd briefly, thanking them for their service to the country. Near the beginning of his remarks he asked for a moment of silence for the six Air Force reservists from Peterson who died in the May 13 crash of a C-130 cargo plane southeast of Boise, Idaho.

"You have made America safer and you have made the world safer," Clinton said. The rain came down two minutes later, but Clinton continued to move along the fence shaking hands.

Gov. Roy Romer and Lt. Gov. Gail Schoettler greeted the president when he arrived shortly after 10 a.m. Romer then

flew with him by helicopter to graduation exercises at the Air Force Academy while Schoettler stayed at Peterson for a brief tour of Air Force One.

Romer also chipped in back with Clinton after the ceremony and a lunch at the academy hosted by Bill Fyhl, former president of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The governor was scheduled to spend 48 hours in the more or less constant company of Clinton. After Clinton's remarks to the crowd at Peterson, they met for an hour with employees from the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service and other federal agencies.

Then they flew in Air Force One to Billings, Mont., where they are to spend all day today. Tonight, they fly to Washington.

On Friday, Romer will be discussing welfare reform, Medicaid and other issues with Democratic governors and the president. He is scheduled to return to Denver later Friday, according to aide Alan

Romer offers some advice for Clinton

By John Sarkis

Rocky Mountain News Capitol Bureau

Gov. Roy Romer wants President Clinton to keep up his attacks on the nation's far-right fringe.

And that includes militia types who play with guns on weekends, some elements in the National Rifle Association and those who blame the federal government for what happened in Oklahoma City, Romer said. "To be whipping up this storm that the federal government is evil and they are out there to persecute you is nonsense," Romer said. "I think the president needs to be very stiff with this."

Romer joined Clinton for the Air Force Academy commencement then flew with him to Billings, Mont., for a series of meetings today. They'll head for Washington, D.C., on Friday for a Democratic Governors' Association meeting and a White House luncheon.

Romer said he doubted whether Clinton intended to twist his arm to run for the U.S. Senate next year — a race Romer consistently has denied he'll enter.

"I would doubt it's on the U.S. Senate," Romer said. "He likes to get with people outside Washington to get a perspective. I think that's what this is about."

Romer said one issue he'll bring up is his concern over growing attacks on the federal government. Among those he criticized were the NRA leadership.

"Somebody needs to retake that organization or create another one," said Romer who challenged the NRA a couple of years ago over legislation to keep guns out of the hands of kids. "The NRA is getting very irresponsible. It's not healthy for them to be out using the kind of excessive rhetoric."

Romer also criticized the "patriot movement" for its verbal attacks on federal agents, and Sen. Charlie Duke, R-Mont., who has been a favorite spokesman for the far right.

"This business of the patriot movement and local militias is a dangerous trend in this country," Romer said. "I feel very strongly about it, and I'm going to be very vocal about it. It's one of the most dangerous things I have seen."

Clinton Visit Means Crowd at Dartmouth

By MIKE MANZO
Union Leader Correspondent

HANOVER — Dartmouth College officials expect nearly double — 20,000 people — the normal attendance at commencement June 11 when President Bill Clinton will speak.

The ceremony has been moved from the traditional spot, the Green in front of Baker Library,

to the football stadium to accommodate the crowd and improve security for Clinton, said Alex Huppe, college spokesman.

Metal detectors and Secret Service agents will screen everyone entering for weapons, so Dartmouth urges those who plan to attend to leave anything made of metal at home to speed the process.

Gates will open 6 a.m. but the procession will not march until 9:30 a.m., Huppe said. "It will take a couple hours to get people through the metal detectors," he said.

The ceremony was moved for three main reasons, Huppe said.

"Primarily, to accommodate our graduates and their families," Huppe said. "Some graduates have invited as many as 12 to 20 family members. We simply would not accommodate that kind of a crowd on the Green."

Secondly, the line of sight and acoustics are far better in the stadium than on the lawn.

"There certainly is a third very important reason," Huppe said. "The stadium provides the best security we can provide."

While that would seem a primary reason for using the stadium because it is enclosed in fencing and grandstands while the Green is an open area surrounded by buildings, U.S. Secret Service Agent Todd Gregory said yesterday that his department took no part in making the decision to move the graduation.

Graduation will be held in the stadium rain or shine, Huppe said. Dartmouth plans to set up live video broadcast sites around campus, also rain or shine, to accommodate those people who do not wish to wait in line at the stadium and those who do not wish to sit outside if the weather is poor, he said.

Huppe said that the Secret Service has already met with campus security officials but that most of the security preparations will begin next week.

Despite the hoopla caused by Clinton's visit, Huppe said he expects this to be Dartmouth's best-ever graduation.

Is Newt Late? Will Bill Stay?

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By JOHN DISTASO
Union Leader Staff

AH, LOGISTICS! As the big — very big — Clinton-Gingrich weekend approaches, one's ready to extend his stay, while the other will probably have to shorten his.

● It appeared late yesterday that House Speaker **Newt Gingrich** will miss his first planned stop in New Hampshire a week from tomorrow: a noontime keynote address to the conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers in Portsmouth — much to the chagrin of Gov. **Steve Merrill**.

Understandably, Gingrich absolutely must attend a meeting of a federal panel familiar to New Hampshire — the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, which has suggested that two Georgia bases be closed. The BRAC recently slated hearings on both in Georgia for the morning of Friday, June 9, and Gingrich intends to be there.

Manchester Republican activist **Signe McQuaid**, who is organizing the conference for the governor's office, suggested that the conference could be prolonged and perhaps Gingrich could make it for an afternoon speech.

But Rep. **Bill Zeff**, Gingrich's friend and New Hampshire host, said that no one could say for certain how long the BRAC meeting in Georgia will last. "From what we know now, it doesn't look very good" that he'll be able to attend the conference at all, Zeff explained.

Zeff said that to prolong the meeting and then have Gingrich cancel would have been embarrassing to the governor. And, he said, the possibility of a two-way Gingrich satellite feed was being worked on.

Zeff said that the delay in Gingrich's arrival would not affect his scheduled appearance at the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce dinner that night or a planned evening appearance at a fundraiser for Rep. **Charlie Bass**.

● Meanwhile, Dartmouth College's commencement address may well be only the beginning of President **Bill Clinton**'s day in New Hampshire on Sunday, June 11.

The President as of yesterday intended to stay in New



NEWT GINGRICH
'Arriving late'

Hampshire for six or seven hours. So, the White House and some locals are working on one, two or three other Clinton events. These would occur while Newt is moose-watching and then attending a Zeff fundraiser in Nashua. (Zeff says the President is indeed invited.)

Since it's not a technically a "political" trip, but an official one, the idea is to have Clinton stop at existing events, somewhere between Hanover and the Massachusetts line, on his route to a Sen. **John Kerry** fundraiser in Boston that night.

The stop — or stops — have yet to be nailed down, but they could be tourist attractions, a Little League baseball game, an Old Home Day or some such. You know: meet with the common folk after addressing the Ivy Leaguers.

The Dartmouth campus, meanwhile, is excited about the Clinton visit, but it's going to be a long day. Security dictates that everyone attending will have to be in their seats by 9 a.m., about two hours before the President's event. The gates — with metal detectors — will open at 6 a.m.

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NEW NAMES. Democratic names are emerging as possible candidates for the state's two congressional seats next year.

Former Dover mayor **Henry Smith**, who for the past two years has been the director of intergovernmental, state and local affairs for the federal Department of Education, is considering leaving Washington long enough to run for Zeff's 1st Congressional District seat.

And in the 2nd, Concord lawyer and Democratic National Committee member **Terry Shumaker** is thinking of taking on Bass next summer and fall.

Shumaker has been incensed by Bass's criticism of the Clinton administration's AmeriCorps volunteer program.



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BILL CLINTON
'Staying late'

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JUICED? That's what former Rep. **Dick Swett**'s backers are saying about the poll we reported on in our special Sunday edi-

tion of the Granite Status: the one showing **John Rauh** of Sunapee besting Swett 42 to 33 percent and doing better against incumbent **Bob Smith** than Swett does.

They're quietly claiming that the pollster, former party vice chairman **Scott Williams**, cooked the numbers because in 1992, Rauh purchased Williams' Democratic party voting list, while Swett didn't.

The charge was that as a result, Williams is trying to punish Swett.

Williams responds that indeed, in 1992, Rauh did buy his voters list and Swett's folks "not only didn't buy it, they didn't even return my phone calls."

But Williams laughed at the notion that that'd lead him to cook the results. He said that after all, he's trying to make a name for his company and that's the last thing he'd want to do.

"My credibility is on the line with that and every other thing I do professionally. We made the calls and we found what we found."

The national Democrats certainly found the poll credible. Early yesterday, we received a press release repeating the Williams results from none other than the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Its release scoffed what it calls "Three-bill Bob" for having "dropped below 50 percent" (Williams showed him beating Rauh, 48-35, and Swett, 49-30), the generally-accepted incumbent vulnerability threshold.

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THE GOOD LAMAR NEWS. Never mind that **Lamar Alexander** is at 4 percent in New Hampshire. His backers are touting their own survey — conducted earlier this month — showing Alexander wins the description game.

When Gramm, Dole, Alexander and California Gov. **Pete Wilson** are described — but not named — the Alexander-like candidate wins, 30 to 24 percent over the Dole-like candidate.

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GRAMM GETS A TRIM. Still wrapped up in the New Hampshire-Delaware primary squabble, Texas Sen. **Phil Gramm** recently declared that if elected, he'd not appoint anyone as chairman of the Republican National Committee who is not committed to an "orderly system" of Presidential primaries and caucuses and to preserve New Hampshire's seven-day primary primacy.

That prompted a very terse "Dear Phil" letter from current RNC Chairman **Haley Barbour**, with a copy of the Rules of the Republican Party enclosed.

"As you can see," Barbour wrote, "neither the chairman of the RNC nor the RNC itself has any authority" on the matter.

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Rain doesn't faze Gore

Greeted by well-wishers, Vice President Al Gore arrives at Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta on Wednesday. He visited a state Democratic Party fund-raiser at the Hotel Nikko in Atlanta, attended by about 40-50 people, including Gov. Zell Miller and Secretary of State Max Cleland. The party hoped to raise some \$200,000 at the event.

Dole: Portsmouth Should Be Exempt From Closure List

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard should not be on the review list for closure, particularly when the U.S. Navy and Defense Department want it kept open, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said yesterday.

Dole, a GOP candidate for President, also said he's still a member of the National Rifle Association, despite a top official's reference to federal agents as "jack-booted government thugs."

Dole, who was against a ban on assault weapons, wouldn't say if he now supports eliminating it, saying only that he was in favor of "instant checks."

Dole's comments were made at a press conference at which nine Republican sheriffs endorsed him for President. Only one sheriff — Strafford County Sheriff Richard Cavanaugh — didn't endorse Dole. Cavanaugh is the state's sole Democratic sheriff.

Dole said under his administration that more control in fighting crime will be brought back to the local level. He described the sheriffs as being on the front lines of "crime fighting every day."

For the most part, however, sheriffs in New Hampshire provide security for the courthouses, transport prisoners, perform extraditions and serve writs. Most criminal investigations — robberies, burglaries, homicides and domestic violence — are done by local police departments or state police.

Dole, during the press conference in the basement of Hillsborough County Superior Court house in Manchester, said he doesn't know how the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRACC) decided to put the shipyard on the review list for closure. The vote was 6-2, with

Dole's two appointees to the commission voting to keep the navy yard open.

The issue takes on added importance this week when all eight members of BRACC visit the shipyard on Friday. A public hearing on the issue is slated for Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

Dole noted 4,100 jobs are at stake.

Rep. Bill Zeliff, R-N.H., who serves as Dole's state campaign chairman, also attended the press conference. He said he hopes New Hampshire's efforts to change the minds of the commission members will be successful.

"I believe Portsmouth is the center of excellence for submarines," Zeliff said.

Dole, in answering a question concerning the "jack-booted" comments of NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre, said that at the time of the incident he publicly said he thought the remarks were a mistake and that LaPierre should apologize, which he did.

"I'm pleased he apologized," he said.

As for the assault-weapon ban, Dole said he preferred "instant checks" where law enforcement can check someone who is purchasing a gun to ensure he is not a criminal.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter A. Morse, who believes the assault weapon ban should be lifted, said New Hampshire already has instant check.

"It takes three or four minutes to check on a person," he said. "... We don't need more controls. We need more enforcement. I'm against the ban."

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Gramm and NRA go way back

He's gotten big bucks over the years; will he get an endorsement?

By CHARLES LEWIS
For The Washington Post

Former president George Bush may have resigned from the National Rifle Association, stating that the group's inflammatory rhetoric "deeply offends my own sense of decency and honor." But if Texas Sen. Phil Gramm is elected president in 1996, it won't be the gun zealots of America who will be feeling the heat.

"We haven't had a dedicated, committed hunter in the White House since Theodore Roosevelt," Gramm told 20,000 appreciative members of the NRA at their national convention in Phoenix recently. "I tell you, it's been too long."

No presidential candidate has embraced the NRA more tightly throughout his political career than Phil Gramm. In the past two decades, no elected official has received more money from the NRA than Gramm. Although the NRA has yet to endorse anyone for president, its 3.5 million members and organization are important to his presidential hopes in 1996.

Gramm has received \$442,035 from the NRA since 1979. Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, supporter of many NRA causes, has received just \$58,074 from the NRA in all of his senatorial and presidential campaigns in the same period.

In February several NRA leaders, including Wayne LaPierre, the group's executive vice president who wrote (and has apologized for) the "jack-booted thug" line, attended a \$1,000-a-plate Dallas fund-raising dinner for Gramm. The event raised \$4.1 million for Gramm's presidential campaign.

In the 1996 Iowa caucuses, Gramm will rely heavily on the NRA's state organization and membership. The chairman of his

campaign in Iowa is Kayne Robinson, a duck-hunting buddy and a member of the national executive board of the NRA.

In January Gramm spoke at the annual banquet of the Iowa Sportsmen's Federation, which is affiliated with the NRA. The event was promoted as a casual affair where members could "have fun and talk with our speaker," who was described as "the leading supporter of the Second Amendment in Congress. Gramm is an avid hunter and shooter — in short, one of us."

In New Hampshire, several prominent conservatives and gun activists have lined up behind Gramm, including Al Rubega, head of Gun Owners of New Hampshire, a group considered even more aggressive on gun issues than the NRA. Former governor Meldrim Thomson, a longtime NRA supporter, has endorsed Gramm. So has Sen. Bob Smith, another NRA supporter.

Gramm, in fact, has become something of an NRA favorite. He appeared on the March 1995 cover of *American Rifleman*, the NRA's official magazine, with a smiling LaPierre. The caption below their smiles reads "Freedom Fighters, the 104th Congress Convenes . . . and the NRA Is There to Greet Them."

The alliance goes back at least to 1984, when Rep. Phil Gramm, a recent convert to the Republican Party, ran for Senate. The NRA established its own Gramm-for-Senate office in Texas and spent \$337,752 on behalf of Gramm's successful campaign.

Since winning his Senate seat, Gramm has not disappointed the NRA. He has introduced, sponsored or voted the NRA line on 18 key bills concerning gun issues over the last decade. He has also returned the favor by soliciting contributions for the

NRA on NRA stationery.

In 1987, for example, Gramm wrote a letter telling potential contributors that if they donated \$1,000, they would become members of the "Madison Eagles," an exclusive group of contributors. He explained that becoming a member would provide an "opportunity to develop a special relationship with civic leaders from around the United States, celebrities, Senators and Congressmen who are active supporters of our cause."

In 1987 and 1989, Gramm co-chaired the Annual Charlton Heston International Celebrity Shoot, attracting celebrities such as O.J. Simpson, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Roy Rogers. The money raised at these events went to the "NRA's Institute for Legislative Action . . . dedicated to preserving the Second Amendment in the legislatures and on Capitol Hill."

Almost every year since 1987, Gramm has taken a trip to California to participate in the NRA's annual celebrity shoots. He's pretty handy with a gun himself; in 1993 he won a second place prize in a pistol-shooting contest.

The NRA's support for Gramm's presidential ambitions became apparent at the 1992 Republican national convention in Houston, where the NRA sponsored a "Red, White and Boots" gala fund-raiser for Gramm.

After party-goers contributed \$75 per person (\$500 for VIPs), they drank beer and watched a film about Gramm's life entitled *Phil Gramm: A New Leader for a New America*, narrated by Heston.

(Charles Lewis is executive director of the Center for Public Integrity, a non-profit agency that studies the role of money in politics.)

Thompson: Seek Common Sense Answers

By THERESA DeFRANZO
Union Leader Correspondent

NASHUA — Gov. Tommy Thompson, R-Wis., said the only way the federal government can fix its problems is to toss aside government sense for common sense.

Describing now as the most exciting time to be in politics, Thompson said that last Nov. 8 a revolution took place at the polls and now is the time to capitalize on it.

"We have made government so difficult and so large that it has become unresponsive," Thompson said. "This is the best chance we've had in the last 50 years to make structural changes ... and to make government more responsive and to come up with common sense solutions."

Thompson made his remarks last night at the New Hampshire High Technology Council Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

While some speculate that he might toss his hat in the Presidential race, Thompson made no announcement during his speech. However, he did take the opportunity — during his second visit to the state in the past four weeks — to let people know that he thinks it is governors across the nation who are making the changes and coming up with innovative solutions to tackle today's most pressing problems.

"The new thinking is coming (from governors)," he said.

In 1984, Thompson became the first governor in the history of Wisconsin to be elected to a third four-year term with nearly 70 percent of the vote. In 1986, Thompson campaigned for governor on a platform of reducing state spending, creating a positive business climate, bringing new jobs to the state and reforming the welfare system. He said he took on those issues using common sense solutions.

Find out about the movie before you buy the ticket. Read Roger Ebert's reviews in The Union Leader and New Hampshire Sunday News.

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Ganske pleads with Clinton to sign aid bill

From THE REGISTER'S WASHINGTON BUREAU

Washington, D.C. — Rep. Greg Ganske, R-Ia., sent a letter Tuesday urging President Clinton to sign an emergency funding bill because it contains \$34.7 million in flood and disaster aid for Iowa.

Clinton has said he will veto the measure because it also cuts some \$16 billion in appropriated funds for the current fiscal year, including some education money the president strongly supports.

Ganske enclosed photographs of "Mrs. Diane Antisdell's farm, after being demolished by a tornado here in Iowa Saturday" and said his visit to the farm near Anita "reminds me of the floods here in Iowa two summers ago, when you were so kind to visit."

Ganske told Clinton that Iowa cities need the funds in the "rescissions" bill to cope with floods and other natural disasters. He emphasized that this money was allocated



Greg Ganske

Also writes to Gov. Branstad

from cuts in other programs.

However, Ganske was highly critical of Clinton in a letter he sent Tuesday to Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad. "Unfortunately, the president has decided to play politics with these critical emergency funds," that letter said.

"I am outraged that his (Clinton's) defense of bureaucracies and Washington special interests will interfere with the rebuilding of Iowa communities," the letter said.

THE REGISTER'S EDITORIALS

The failure in Bosnia

Peacekeepers couldn't keep peace;
it is time to withdraw them.

Fundamental problems that have sabotaged the mission of the 22,500 U.N. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia since they were deployed in March 1992 have become crippling. And there's no quick fix except a quick exit.

The U.N. mission is a failure. What's more, it's lunacy: It allows defenseless U.N. troops to become human shields against NATO bombs. And the mission only stands in the way of a resolution to the wars of Yugoslav succession.

It is time — past time — for U.N. troops to withdraw.

And it's time to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia and provide the means for that country to fight. Let the Bosnians and Serbs settle their own differences.

The benign U.N. peacekeepers couldn't do it for them.

One reason is that there has been precious little peace to keep. The prerequisite for sending U.N. troops, special envoy Cyrus Vance said in January 1992, was that warring Serbia and Croatia would be serious about imposing a firm truce. But the fighting soon spread to Bosnia and intensified, and all truces were off.

Second, the peacekeepers aren't impartial, as they should be in their supposed mission of administering cease-fires.

World powers care about the outcome of the Yugoslav wars, and United Nations is bound to act in accordance with that concern. Serbian leaders know that U.N. peacekeepers — mostly British and French soldiers — march to the beat of Bosnian and Western interests, so they had no qualms about taking 370 U.N. troops hostage in retaliation for NATO air strikes.

Third, the U.N. Security Council mandate that prevents peacekeepers from engaging in combat makes them sitting ducks. French Lt. Col. Jean-Paul Michel described how he ordered 21 of his soldiers to surrender after being surrounded by Bosnian Serbs on Friday: "We are deployed here as peacekeepers, not as fighting soldiers. I knew I had no way of getting them out and no way of protecting them. I said to myself, 'My men are going to die if they start shooting back. And for what? For peace?' So I ordered them to surrender."

NATO sources have said it will take 20,000 to 25,000 troops to safely pull U.N. forces out of Bosnia; President Clinton has pledged U.S. military support.

U.S. blood might yet be shed in the Balkans. If it's in support of a U.N. withdrawal, at least it would be shed for some sensible purpose.

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Molpus raps Fordice campaign ad



Dick Molpus: State must stress education to grow economically.

■ The governor's claims concerning job creation are misleading, the secretary of state says.

By Jay Hughes
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Secretary of State Dick Molpus attacked Gov. Kirk Fordice's new television advertising campaign Sunday, saying the spots give misleading information about job growth in Mississippi.

Gubernatorial candidate Molpus, in a speech at the opening session of the 55th Annual American Legion Boys State, said the ad's claim that 124,000 jobs have been created under Fordice's administration doesn't tell the whole story. He said 86,000 of those jobs are low-paying jobs in casinos.

For Mississippi to grow economically, it must

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invest in education and not rely on gaming, Molpus said in a statement.

"It's a choice between two paths," Molpus said. "It's a sucker bet to wager Mississippi's future on gaming boats."

Fordice spokesman John Arledge said it is Molpus who is trying to mislead voters.

"That's just pure fiction," Arledge said of Molpus' attack.

Arledge said Molpus got the 86,000 figure from a *Mississippi Business Journal* article that has

since been corrected.

Warren Strain, a spokesman for the state Gaming Commission, confirmed those numbers ran in a *Journal* article. He said a correction attributed the error to a reporter. Currently, he said, there are 26,088 people employed in Mississippi casinos and about 20,800 jobs that have been created in related industries.

Arledge said the Fordice camp stands by the ad's truthfulness. He also said he didn't think Boys State, a week-long program intended to encourage youth to consider a career in public service, is the proper forum for politicking.

"Instead of talking about the joys of public service in our great state to tomorrow's leaders, he spent his time taking shots at our current administration," Arledge said.

He said Fordice will speak at Boys State later in the week.

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Wilhelm Eyes '96 Senate Bid

He's taking a look.

Former Democratic National Chairman David Wilhelm, 38, who managed Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign and then became the fall guy for his party's '94 losses, is considering a 1996 run for the U.S. Senate.

Wilhelm, now an investment banker and a resident of the city's northern lakefront, is exploring a Senate race in the wake of former Illinois Attorney General Neil F. Hartigan's decision not to run. As party chairman, Wilhelm had a major role in selecting Chicago as the host city for the 1996 Democratic National Convention.

U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin now is viewed as the leading Democratic contender for the seat that will be vacated next year by Sen. Paul Simon. Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra is the probable Republican nominee for the Simon seat.

Wilhelm views it as a once-in-a-lifetime shot. When Simon announced that he wouldn't run for a third term in '96, Wilhelm held back. He would have supported Hartigan or Loop lawyer William M. Daley. But with neither of them in the race, Wilhelm began plotting strategies.

The Democratic national chairmanship is more often a springboard to appointive office. Wilhelm's predecessor, Ron Brown, is Clinton's secretary of commerce. Former Democratic chairman Robert Strauss was U.S. special trade representative in Jimmy Carter's administration. The late Stephen Mitchell, a Loop lawyer who served as Democratic national chairman in the 1950s, finished a distant third in the 1960 Illinois Democratic primary for governor.



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David Wilhelm

But Wilhelm knows how to put together a campaign. He's also got connections. Media consultant David Axelrod, who would be involved in a Wilhelm campaign, said that Wilhelm has pledges of major financial support and predicted that he could collect \$2.5 million to compete in the March primary.

Wilhelm, who looks like an ice-cream cone with dimples, has an affable political style. But he can also play it tough. As Democratic national chairman, he challenged the religious right at a meeting of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition. Wilhelm also effectively responded to one of Sen. Al-

fonse D'Amato's mean-spirited attacks on Clinton by noting some of D'Amato's shortcomings.

Though Wilhelm is a talented political operative, he was a loser in his only previous bid for political office. He ran for the U.S. House from an Ohio district in 1988 and was defeated in the primary. Wilhelm was Simon's deputy campaign manager in his 1984 victory over Sen. Charles H. Percy. In 1989, he served as Richard M. Daley's campaign manager in the special mayoral election.

Among the reasons Wilhelm may decide against a Senate race is that Simon is supporting Durbin and Daley also is likely to be in Durbin's camp. Without the support of Daley or Simon, Wilhelm would be making an uphill race.

If he doesn't run for the Senate in '96, he could probably have his choice of several slots on the statewide ticket in 1998.

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