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FAX CORRESPONDENCE TO:

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

HON. JAMES BAKER, CHIEF OF STAFF
WHITEHOUSE
WASHINGTON D. C.

DEAR MR. BAKER,

RE: 1992 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS & 1996 PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS

I write to you on the above matters in the belief that I may be able to help you in the re-election of Pres. Bush & Dan Quayle.

Prior to moving to USA, I was the godson of President Marcos of the Philippines, and has served him as Special Agent and was involved in his re-election two times out of five terms. In the re-election of a President, we should not underestimate the power of the incumbent.

I am a handicapped having suffered a stroke in 1986, and since then, I have continued my physical & other therapies, I am now going to weekly swimming and walking with a cane and doing independent activities for myself, except that I failed in my driving test. I will try again after some therapy on eye vision. I am currently running an export corporation without pay as part of speech therapy & physical therapy as Exec. Vice President.

1992 Presidential re-election

There are three points that I can think of:

- 1) Regarding Disabilities Act, I believed this is a good legislation but no impact for lack of disclosure. I suggest that you get one or two disabled people in a wheelchair who are working, to hire one or two, if there are none working, who will be shown on TV ads as working in the workplace, to depict the plight of the handicapped and his and her future in this Bush administration and show that this Act is working, as actually it is not. This is shown as 11% of the population who receives a disability check monthly and they should not take this for granted & they should be reminded of this fact. Of this 11%, I would say, three fourth or 800,000 are voting.
- 2) Regarding the Ethnic Vote, As you well know, there is a report from Time and Newsweek magazine that by 1995, there will be 40% of the population of which some 25% are voters coming from Asia. I would suggest to go after this group and speak to this forum that Bush needs their help as New Americans to save this country from ambitious hypocrites and failed leaders who makes so many unrealistic promises. As New Americans they should go for this. Bush should speak before ethnic organization like the Philippine-American Association of New York, to start with.
- 3) Regarding the Federal employees and military employees. This group of 30% about should be addressed and the President should ask for their support not only they are recipients of the Federal wages and salaries, who can be cut off in the event of a cutback and the President should promise that he will do all he can to save their jobs.

1996 Presidential Ambitions

I wish to assure you of three votes, myself, my wife & my daughter in this election, in case you run for President, or VP Dan Quayle or Sen. Bob Dole or who is considering to run.

Regards,
P. CORPUS JR.
P. CORPUS JR.

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TO THE PERSONAL CONFIDENTIAL ATTENTION OF

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A FOUR STEP PLAN TO PAY OFF THE FEDERAL DEBT IN 33 YEARS

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A FOUR STEP PLAN TO PAY OFF THE FEDERAL DEBT

The ideas submitted here are used as a foundation for an acceptable, workable plan to pay off the huge \$4 trillion federal debt.

This plan consisting of "four steps" is to be presented to the American people by President Bush as one finalized complete plan. In the event Mr. Bush is unable to do so, then the presidential challenger, Bill Clinton, shall have the honor.

Various criticisms are to be expected, but after close examination the plan will survive as being the best and only solution to the debt problem. Constructive ideas and thoughts are welcome, such as the type of suggestions mentioned in Ross Perot's book, United We Stand, and Martin Gross' book, Government Racket. The goal here is to eliminate the federal budget deficits in three years and the federal debt in thirty-three years.

(There are important and necessary reasons for each detailed action to be taken.)

STEP ONE: Inform and enlist the people.

President Bush will first tell the leaders of Congress about the plan and ask for their acceptance and full cooperation.

Then President Bush, in a nationwide, prime time television address, will express serious concern for the alarming federal budget deficits and the huge federal debt. He will warn the people of the devastating consequences that will result if corrective measures are not implemented immediately. Reference

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will be made to the slow economy, unemployment, etc., with great concern about the huge financial burden being placed on our children and grandchildren. Mr. Bush, in telling people how serious the government's financial condition really is; will warn the people to start economizing, that postponing budget action now will only result in future greater hardships and suffering.

The time has come to stop partisan bickering over the many other issues and get on with the most important job of reducing deficit spending. Since this is going to be a tremendous task it will require the help and cooperation of every citizen as well as all government employees.

Editor Note: Here would be an opportune time to enlist our four former presidents, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon to join Mr. Bush while making his address. Such an endorsement by these leaders, we believe, would greatly influence the fifty state governors and thousands of city mayors to readily join in arousing our people to put pressure on congress. Other organizations will also join.

The news media could then be persuaded to join the process and help save our people from financial bondage for generations to come. Cooperation by the media is vital.

Because of the debt's huge size and the responsibility of all citizens, balancing the federal budget cannot be limited to a chosen few.

STEP TWO: Reduce wasteful and unnecessary federal spending.

Put all current legislative action on hold until the plan has been executed. At the same time select a "deficit reduction

committee" of twenty members not on government payroll. To qualify each person must acknowledge the seriousness of the budget situation and have an honest, unbiased desire to help cut federal government spending. To avoid partisanship the selection will be made as follows:

House democrats will pick 4

House republicans will pick 4

Senate democrats will pick 4

Senate republicans will pick 4

The executive branch will pick 4

These twenty members will be divided into four groups of five and be prepared to work around the clock, twenty-four hours a day, in six-hour shifts. Different proposed expenditures will be allocated to the different groups. The groups will proceed to examine every expenditure proposed in the 1993 budget and throw out every wasteful and unnecessary one regardless of size. With the federal debt increasing \$633,000 a minute (\$333 billion a year) it is imperative that the debt-slashing process begin immediately. At the end of each six-hour shift all items not acceptable will be submitted to Congress for their immediate passage of procedural instructions that those items be eliminated from the budget. Any congressman opposing the recommendations of the groups will be regarded as having no concern or love for the U.S.A. and shall be required to notify his constituents back home of his reason for non-compliance.

Persons not in Congress or the executive office who report wasteful and/or unnecessary government operations and submit in

writing workable savings solutions will be compensated with 15 percent of the amount saved for one year.

STEP THREE: Reduce remaining expenditures by an across-the-board-cut.

If sufficient savings are not found in Step Two, then all remaining government expenditures, except interest, shall be cut by seven percent, which would include the president's and congress' salaries and expenses, defense spending and social benefit payments, except in extreme hardship cases.

A CBB survey taken of government retirees and social security recipients revealed that if Steps Two and Three were enacted they would be willing to take the same percentage cuts in their payments.

Cost of living increases will be reduced by 33 1/3 percent for the next three years.

It is important to working taxpayers that eliminating federal budget deficits (under present conditions) will preserve their social security pension fund which is now being used up to help reduce the deficits.

STEP FOUR: Increasing taxes.

If not enough savings are generated in Steps Two and Three, then, AS A LAST RESORT, it will be necessary to increase revenue. This shall be done through the various means available and shall be fair and equitable. Any surplus will be used only to reduce the federal debt and cannot be spent for any other purpose.

* Substitute a more graduated income tax code for the present one.

- * Increase revised graduated tax rates for brackets up to \$100,000. The new tax rate for taxable income of \$100,000 and more will be increased to forty percent for the next three years.
- * Increase the standard deduction \$1,000.
- * Increase the personal exemption \$500.
- * Increase the allowance for dependents \$500 each.
- * Increase corporate income tax rates seven percent for each bracket.
- * There will be no reduction in the capital gains tax.

Other sources of revenue will be to increase tobacco and gasoline taxes seven percent. The tax on alcoholic beverages will be increased seven percent when the alcohol content by volume exceeds 12 percent.

Additional budget process improvements after the budget is balanced.

Make zero based budgeting be a step in the construction of all future budgets. This will limit the automatic cost of living increases unless they are justified.

Include a "sunset law" that would apply to all new projects.
Give the president the power of line item veto.

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6 Sept 92

Dear Jim,

See the enclosed...

Recommend you take action to have the enclosed printed in
all the newspapers in the USA- several times between now and
3 Nov 92 !

We millions of veterans deserve to have a " vet " in the
White House NOT a draft dodger !!!

The media is murdering Geo Bush-- you will need to promote
a real varsity production to win... the old saying that,
" when the going gets tough, the tough get going "...
let's get TOUGH before it is too late...

Yours for a vet in the White House,



WILLIAM S. CRUMLISH, PE
Colonel, USA Ret

PS: my regards to Geo..

What Did You Do During the War, Mr. President?

For your information, here are the military backgrounds
of the two major party candidates for President.

GEORGE BUSH

President, Age 68

Bush joined the U.S. Navy on his 18th birthday — June 12, 1942 — against the wishes of his father. After receiving his "Wings of Gold" a year later and his gold ensign's bars, he became the youngest pilot in the Navy. In December 1943, he was assigned as a torpedo bomber pilot to the carrier *San Jacinto* and flew the *Avenger*.

His unit was VT-51 Torpedo Squadron which was part of the 5th Fleet and Task Force 58. Before the war was over, his squadron would lose nine of its original pilots.

His first combat mission, flown May 23, 1944, was an attack on ground installations and the harbor on Wake Island. In June, planes from his carrier struck Saipan and Guam. Bush flew low-level cover for the landings. A force of Japanese planes attacked the "*San Jac*" during this operation.

On Sept. 2, 1944, Bush's plane was hit (an oil line was damaged which set the engine on fire) on the raid on Chichi Jima in the Bonin Islands, 600 miles from Tokyo. Before bailing out, he dropped his bombs on the Japanese radio station.

Suffering a head injury and a sting by a Portuguese man-of-war, he swam for his life raft. After being picked up by the *Finback*, he remained onboard the submarine for 30 days. On two occasions the sub was depth-charged.

Eight weeks after being shot down, he volunteered to return to his carrier. He flew bombing missions with VT-51 against enemy shipping and land targets in the Philippines. Just before Christmas 1944, he was ordered back to the States for retraining. He was scheduled to go back overseas when the war ended.

Bush was discharged as a lieutenant (junior grade) from the Navy based on "points" after logging 1,228 hours of flying time, 126 carrier landings and 58 combat missions.

For his service, Bush was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with Gold Star, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three battle stars, the American Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.



President Bush flew 58 combat missions in the Pacific during WWII. Courtesy the White House

BILL CLINTON

Governor of Arkansas, Age 46

Clinton never served in the military. He actively opposed the Vietnam War as unjust, and personally marched in protests and helped organize anti-war activities. He also believed the draft was unjustified for both the Vietnam and the Korean wars.

As an undergraduate student at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., he received a student draft deferment with a classification status of 2S on Nov. 17, 1964. That deferment was granted three more times. When graduate school deferments were ended in 1967, he was reclassified as available for the draft (1A) on March 20, 1968.

While enrolled in graduate studies as a Rhodes Scholar at England's Oxford University, he passed the Armed Forces Physical Examination on Feb. 3, 1969. In April of that year he received his induction notice.

The following summer he agreed to join an Army ROTC program at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Because of that agreement, he was granted another deferment and classified 1D on Aug. 9, 1969. Draft cutbacks were announced the following Sept. 19.

Declining to enter the ROTC program, Clinton then was reclassified 1A on Oct. 30, 1969. Three weeks later, on Nov. 26, a new lottery system based on birth dates was begun. When the first drawing was held on Dec. 1, Clinton received No. 311. No one in Clinton's lottery class with a number above 195 was ever called to serve.

Two days after his number was drawn, he wrote a letter to Col. Eugene Holmes, University of Arkansas Army ROTC commander, calling the draft system "illegitimate," but saying he would subject himself to the draft anyway. "I decided to accept the draft despite my political beliefs for one reason: to maintain my political viability within the system," he wrote.

He also thanked the ROTC recruiter for "saving me from the draft...ROTC was the one way left in which I could possibly...avoid...Vietnam..." he wrote.



Students who enrolled in ROTC programs during the 1960s were often ridiculed. Courtesy University of Arkansas ROTC Program



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Labor Day Sept. 7, 92

To: HON. JAMES BAKER;

I would like to see you
and "Stormy Norman" as top
executives directing America.

It wouldn't matter what
party you ran on - you
would win - hands down.

This is a repeat of the
Eisenhower days request.

Sincerely, + Please
Senior Citizen + Tax payer
Marian Foster

P.T.O.

P. 5.

The one thing that turned
me against the Republicans
was the S. & L. Scandals,
and making the Taxpayers
pay + pay.

M. F.



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Dear Mr. Baker,

I wrote you a letter some months ago requesting for your autograph. I got your answer, thank you very much for taking your time.

Enclosed you will find the "card" I got from your office, and I am now returning it, because some professional autograph collectors told me that it was a reproduction - an autopen - of your signature. - I'm sorry, but I do only collect genuine autographs.

Yours sincerely,



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September 9, 1992

The Honorable James Baker
Chief of Staff at the White House
Washington, D. C.

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Your Honor:

It is still my humble opinion that a "Higher Literary Criticism" of F. Engels unfinished literary fragments deserves to be completed to the very last Wagnerian drum-taps till a deep inner light of freedom illuminates the darkest corners of the globe and also "The Voice of the Russian People" is being heard in processes of democratic self-determination. There is a good chance for reconciliation and cooperation between the super powers, and the publication of Along Vineyards of Utopia will remove the last vestiges of Communism so that the demise of Marxism will become a permanent fixture. A concerted effort deserves to be made of exposing Marxian errors and blunders and, if necessary, invite the Russians to pull a few weeds at their roots so that something better will have a chance to grow in its place. It looks as if the Russian system may break into a dozen or more parts before the Russians will bury their hatches and make an honest effort of rebuilding their country. I thought that you might be able to help me find a suitable publisher and that is the reason for writing to you. I would like to see a smile of happiness restored in America and, as you know, art could become a most powerful diplomatic tool in the workshop of peace. In hopes of hearing from the good offices of the White House, I remain, as always,

Most Respectfully yours,


Albert G. Wiederhold.

ALONG VINEYARDS OF UTOPIA . . . AN UNFINISHED CHAPTER IN A SOVIET
ORCHESTRATION OF HISTORY.

SECTION I:

GLOBAL FEELINGS OF INEVITABLE DOOM AND GLOOM KEEP HAUNTING IN A DEATH
OF MARK CRISIS AND THE DEMISE OF COMMUNISM.

1. Die Angst of an economic crash reappears as the gap between rich and poor widens.
2. A Lutheran Amana colony of Iowa outgrows and rejects a classless society by turning Christian Communists into share-holding capitalists.
3. A Thanksgiving celebration among Christian Communists at Johnstown, Guyana.

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SECTION II:

A MARXIAN REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT HOVERS OVER AMERICA DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

1. President Lincoln's heroic struggle for human emancipation.
 - i) A sad necessity - - Brown's drop into eternity.
 - ii) Insurrectionary plots create a soothing picture of a "Slain Martyred Chief."
 - iii) John Surrat's escape from "Judicial Murder at Washington."
 - iv) Bickerings of reconstruction failures led to an "Impeachment Trial of President Johnson."
2. Air Force Veteran Brown vs. the School Board of Topeka, Kansas, on integrated schooling without racial bigotry.
3. A hare-brained "Bozo Rabbit" of Marine Corps notoriety returns from Russia as sharp shooter with Kennedy in mind.

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SECTION III

DELUSIONS OF PROSPERITY CREATED IN AN AMERICAN CREDIT-CARD ECONOMY.

1. A satire on Voodoo Economics.
2. "Awe shucks - - the deficit is big enough to take care of itself." (Pres. Reagan).
3. President Reagan's Mandate to revitalize a sluggish economy.
4. "A Conspiracy of Silence" covers Stockman's revelations in The Triumph of Politics.
5. The Paradox of America's sagging power slipping from an outstanding Creditor to a humbled "Debtor Nation."

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SECTION IV:

FINISHING AN UNFINISHED CHAPTER ON DIALECTIC MATERIALISM.

1. Strolling through a Dutch Garden of tulips pondering over a revolutionary swindle to fleece the public by abolishing private property.
2. The Three Dialectic Laws reshaped as propaganda tools.

3. "Sheer Brouillons" in unfinished volumes of Das Kapital considered as one of the causes for Eleanor Marx's Fretted climacterics of March 31, 1898.
4. "Das wusste Freilig Rath" - - Richard Wagner's participation in the "Kaffeehag Counter-intelligence service."
5. "Dair Flee' gendhe Hol-layn-der" condemned to keep sailing as the wind fills its bloody-red sails - - The Flying Dutchman.
6. Yearnings expressed of glasnost and perestroika during the Czech "Spring-Round-up of dissidents."

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SECTION V:

'GATORS KEEP A WEATHERED EYE FOR A MEATY BITE IN GOD'S GREENEST WILDERNESS. (A chapter that might be added)

(42 pages)

SECTION VI:

AN ASSAULT ON THE STRONGHOLDS OF UNWARRENTED ASSUMPTION.

1. Churchill's perception of the Soviet Union as "a dangerous enemy" and "evil empire."
2. A conciliatory attitude of Détente rejected by President Eisenhower as appeasement.
3. The Illusion that a limited nuclear war is winnable and survivable.
4. The U S and Soviet systems considered incompatible for lack of an acceptable middle ground.

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SECTION VII:

THE DEMISE OF COMMUNISM AND THE FINAL DISSOLUTION OF THE SOVIET UNION.

1. New Thinking for Russia and the world.
2. Critical reflections on a "Communist Leap" to embrace capitalism.
3. A Mass exodus of Soviet Jews in search of the promised land.
4. A Communist One-Party-State surrenders to a peaceful federation of Soviet Republics.
5. The advisability of using "economic shock treatment" to hasten the shift to a market economy.
6. Conspiracies and alliances in the Life-and-death struggle of Communism.
7. Standing on the crossroad of history with Gorbachev and facing the demise of communism.

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SECTION IIX:

POST-SCRIPT: A BALANCE OF FEAR AND HORROR GIVES WAY TO A "BALANCE OF REASON AND GOODWILL.

1. Art as Diplomatic tool in the "Workshop of peace."
2. Alexander Solzhenitsyn's reflection of the "Light that is in you."

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Born on May 9, 1914 at Duenenbroeck (Kreis Wymeer - West-Germany) with undergraduate studies completed at the Reformreal-Gymnasium at Helmstedt, Seminars Marienhöhe and Neanderthal in the Rhineland; left Germany in 1933 as self-imposed exile from Nazism and continued graduate studies in the broad field of the humanities at Boston University, School of Theology.

DECREES EARNED:

M.A. (Phil., Boston University, 1936) with a thesis devoted to Immanuel Kant's religious philosophy examining an unseen spiritual order by which the riddles of a natural order may be explained while listening to a voice of practical concern.

S.T.B. (Bachelor of Sacred Theology, BU, 1937) awarded magna cum laude and a Jacob Sleeper Fellowship bestowed for graduate studies towards a doctorate at Stanford University. In Boston I earned my livelihood script-writing for Dr. William Stidger's "National Vesper Hour" (1936-42), a coast-to-coast television program urging people to grow strong in the moral force of the community since we are all a living part of the world's pulsating heart.

Ph.D. (Philosophy, Stanford University, 1940) with a dissertation on the "Formative Influences on Dialectic Materialism" under the tutelage of Dr. Harold Chapman Brown, which in turn aroused my interests in F. Engels' four bundles of literary fragments on Die Dialektik der Natur. This document served as foundation for Dr. Edward Bernstein's Reform-Deviational Dissent of 1898 and is the cohesive element playing behind Eleanor Marx's Freited climacterics of the same year. Her literary sky collapsed in the face of "Lieber Mohr's" speculative insanities of utopian bliss and promissory notes of egalitarian dreams in the nowhere land that lies beyond revolutionary terror. F. Engels' unfinished manuscript offers a genuine eye-opener in the social pathology of World Communism and a pass-key of greatest self-healing and self-correcting potential, if interested in affecting a few changes in the cradle of World Communism and halting a "Panslavic Squatting Dance throughout the globe," to borrow Richard Wagner's phrase. F. Engels' more biologically rooted orientation of life gives life a direction which might reach beyond Marx's knife-edged materialism and militant atheism. What F. Engels left unfinished on grounds of political expediency, I finished in a manuscript of my own, entitled Along Vineyards of Utopia, in hopes of transcending paranoic patterns of Hate and/or Spite with President Lincoln's most compassionate understanding of those that had nothing but their chains to lose and a world of freedom to gain "with malice toward none and with charity for all." Marx's dialectic blunders are corrected and practical guidelines are offered to lift the curse of pauperism from our age, which is the cause of crime and revolutionary unrest in the social ferment on the crust of the globe.

TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES:

Teaching courses in the Social Sciences at Palm Beach Junior College, ever since 1979; taught psychology at San Jacinto College at Pasadena, Texas (1977); served as Assistant Prof. of Education and Program Chairman of Teacher Corps at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (1974/75); employed as Associate Prof. of Philosophy at Midland College in Fremont, Nebraska (1966/72); and served as Dean of the American College of Switzerland between the years of 1964/66. From 1954 to 1964 I was employed in various industries after the failure of an "US Air Force and Navy Family Show" to get off the ground with authorities remaining thoroughly insensitive to the value of my time and advice and hopelessly committed to the policies of the "Cold War" that was to free the world from the menace of Communism only to solidify it and spread it everywhere. Much to my horrors, the "Cold War" was expanded on a grandiose scale with the country ripping itself apart at the seams in race-and-war related disorders and the Congress prepared to spill the "red ink" of deficit financing on an unwanted and most unpopular war that wished upon the economies of the "Free World" an accursed "Inflation." At a time when the US Armed Forces leaked for me like a sieve, Premier Nikita Khrushchev went out of his way to remove the ghastly shadow of Stalinism from the conscience of the Russian people and initiated far-reaching social reforms in hopes of winning acceptance abroad and closing the gap that still divides peoples and nations. "The Splinter Faction Operations of the CIA in 1956" turned a good natured roly-poly into a defiant Kremlin Bully, who displayed his distrust, anger and bafflement in "Shoe-pounding tirades" on the rostrum of the UN. On the West coast, I served as Asst. Prof. of Phil/Psych. at the Univ. of Calif. at Fresno and Sacramento (1951-54), as teacher of philosophy, German and social sciences at San Mateo College (1946/51), and as Asst. Prof. of Phil/Psych. at the University of Nevada (1940/46).

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Sept 13, 1992

Dear Mr Baker:

I wonder where that dear
man's (President Bush) head
is some times and who is
responsible for giving him
such bad advice, & in the past, also!!

He can not promise
100% aid to Homestead !!!

Everytime there might
be a flood people will be
clamoring for restitution.

The U.S.A. IS **BROKE**

you cant or should not spend
money that you dont have.

U.S. spending has been out of
~~the cycle~~ control for years. one wonders why
the cycle of such hurricane force.

I will vote for him but
I am afraid his judgement
is very, very poor at times).
His advisors in the past
have been very, very poor
also. It is frightening.

Why dont you get the opinion
of the man on the street

some times?

my husband has his
masters in Chemical Eng,
I have one in art. We
are, or he is retired. I'm
still very active in art
& teaching.

I wrote to you after the
quiz was to tell you that
I thought that you were
doing a splendid job. You
probably never got it.

Other people that
I respect & would not mind
seeing as president are

1. James Baker
2. Cheney
3. Bob Dole
4. J. Kemp.

Clinton or

I can't stand Gore! - Both
seems like they may cause
us big bucks, & spending!!!

Sincerely Mary Todd Shaw.

Did you read
George Will's column
a few questions for
BILD CLINTON Sept 9-
+ BUSH Sept 10. (Charlotte Observer, I agree!!!)

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Sept 5, 1992

Honorable James Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
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Dear Hon.:

As a life time Republican, I would like to
continue to vote as such. As things now stand, I
cannot. The Republican Solution seems to me to be
easy to grasp!

Assumptions:

- 1) Without some miracle the Republicans lose.
- 2) Perot plus Bush control enough votes to win
- 3) Perot is not interested in titles, but in the welfare of the Country (I believe him)
- 4) If Bush, Clinton, Perot divide the votes Clinton is a sure winner. (Perot's name is now on 44 ballots)
- 5) Bush, Perot and you should all talk the same language (Texan)

Solution:

- 1) The three Texans should come to an agreement:
 - a) Announcement to be made in Oct that Bush and Perot have agreed to cooperate for the good of the U.S.

b) when elected Bush plans to appoint Perot to a position with the title of "Asst. Pres. - Economics and Manpower Development."

c) As a complete change of policy, Perot will be given responsibility for all matters involving economics or manpower development subject to review "on occasion" by the President.

Justification?

1. This, or some solution like it, is long overdue. The U.S. Govt is large enough to have some specialist in managing big business ~~should be~~ on board.
2. In this case, it would solve many problems including one for both men and for thousands of voters like me, who don't know for whom to vote.

Sincerely,

Harold B. Grodwin.

P.S. To avoid charges of organizational disruptions, those members of the Cabinet with similar responsibilities would report to the President via this new position.

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I hope who tries to read my
Letter Please let James Baker read my
Letter to help our President

JAB-07
You cannot expect much from a 82 Year
old man.

Thank you

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Sept 12-72

Hi James

Points over looked on taping the Rich that controls Manufacturing & Business that can raise all Prices through playing the Stock Market with big blocks of Stocks and have items on sale to cover there costs that will be paid for by the Poor, Blue Collar Workers and least of all the Senior Citizens that are paying the same Prices for Food as the High Middle Income and the Rich. The President should say let me tell these People who will be paying the Clinton's tax the Rich. These Rich people controle every Big ~~Bus~~ Business that are bring into this Country Fair Trade Items with Trade Names while there factories are closed.

The only Fair Trade should on Dollar for Dollar this must be kept in mind as we all know Charity begins at Home. The time has come to let all American see this Draft Dodger listen to the Mothers and Fathers that lost a Son or Daughter in that War to allow a Yellow Draft Dodger float over there losses to be our President in 76!!

I wonder were Al Gore has something
to hide as He said on T.V. somebody try
is offering up to one Million Dollars to find
something on Him He sure looked sorry.

Could it be His His Great Grandfather
had something to do with Slaves if
they may want to forget. I think Mrs
Bush could seal this Election by going
Public on Abortion you know and every
one else ~~know~~ knows there is know rights
for anyone to say an unborn Fetus has
more right to life than all of Mother Nature
how many would give up eating drinking
wearing cloth living in House, no false
Teeth Glass all these and many more items
that all came from our living Planet that
had all the rights to live. Every thing
you look at started from Planet ~~and~~ on
Criminals so Abortion should be Voted on
by Women only as they have been over looked
to long as the giver of Life. Every Law ever passed
was Voted on by Men, Pass and Sign by Men
all Passed President and Governors even the
the Courts over looked their Constitutional
rights to Life, Freedom of speech

Every thing looks down to who is the greatest giver of Life Human or Mother ever that has allowed Human to kill living Plants Animals, Fish, Poultry, Vegetable, Fruits that kept us alive from the beginning of time. We think nothing of killing calves, Lamb, Piglet Goats to eat as there elders but not a fetus.

Mrs Bush could use this and win the Younger Women to Vote for Legalized Abortion by Voting Yes or No. I believe every Senator and Congress man would ~~be~~ be glad to be rid of this stupid Headache. Another Point on Education we better try Brain Washing Students by having Schools compete again each other at the same grade level by taking Spelling once a week and all other subjects once a week and by saying the Spelling 3 time then Spell the word altogether Spell it front then back and front each word doing a full Weeks work in one Day at the end of the Day have a Spelling bee to test there Learning and then Home work, Test Day History and Geography the same half Day each read them front then ~~o~~ backward and over a over a full weeks of work and each subject that is used may help the Poorer

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School may grab there new learning as when they Brain Washed and Competing against another School could make for Higher Learning in the future. I wish this could have been in my Day and getting intrested in a subject it changed till tomorrow.

~~Good~~ Another Point of helping our President get Elected would be to have Jack Kemp ask the question on who is at fault for this recession is it the ~~Consumer~~ Consumer as we can make or break a recession. Jack could ask the Public to go through there clothes and read the Labels as Public only looks at the Price and Size and not were it was made. As I looked through my Shirts I recieved for Birthday Gifts I found 3 trade name made over seas. The Auto Industry workers could look at how many workers that don't buy the Car they are working on so they have no one to blame for lay off also the Union President could ask all Company to stop shipping in Foreign Car when they had a slow down in People buying Cars and not wait for the American. Manufacture laying off worker Unions should have call a strike so they would not be layed off.

The President could ask the Congressmen and Senators for a ~~None~~ ^{Pro} Position Vote for all future President and Congress to pass a Law of future slow downs to a recession cut 2 hours by having 3 Days work week one month next month 4 Days work week. The same method for all Governors so we could have study trying power when the Business picks up again go back on full time I believe the President could sell this to all America for future investment to stop more Foreign Companies buying up more of the United States that some Day we may have to fight another War that these Company are trading with who would be our friends or enemy. Another Point on the Draft Dogger the President could point out how many good Men & Women Died while he beat the Draft ~~Down~~ Died while his lives to try and ~~destroy~~ destroy our Arm Forces. He never had a Love for God and Country.

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MEANING AND CONSEQUENCES OF SANCTION
AGAINST SERBIA

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Question is, did United Nations give priority to force above wisdom, and, what are accomplishments of United Nations in the matter of Yugoslavia. United Nations

- accepted and recognized destruction of Yugoslavia and Serbia, as an obstacle to the ideas of "Drang nach Osten" and "Convert or die"
- accepted and recognized call by a former Hitler's SS officer in Serbia (representing Germany), repeated by Pope (representing Vatican), for recognition of "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS" for SELFDETERMINATION to the Hitler's collaborators (Croatia, Muslims and Macedonia) REFUSING such rights to Serbs (because of their resistance to Hitler)
- rewarding Hitler's collaborators U.N. are spitting on millions who gave their lives fighting Hitler;
- recognized division of the world on the religious ground, namely, recognizing religions as a mean for financial and political power, leading to unavoidable conflicts among the churches, resulting in eternal wars and destructions - calling it NEW ORDER
- instead of solving problem in Yugoslavia, by RECOGNISING to Serbs also SELFDETERMINATION RIGHTS, U.N. rather followed idea of destruction of Yugoslavia and Serbia, pushing Serbs under the authority of their butchers ("Convert or die", and, in the situation "to kill or be killed";
- applying SANCTIONS against Serbia as punishment for resisting Hitler, and, to make her defenceless in resisting to be subordinated to the Hitler's collaborators, and, to be under the rule of "Convert or die";
- reducing its role to the role of puppet of a mighty church, neglecting prosperity through the peace, Justice and Human Rights.

Neither Leaders of genocides had the authority to speak about someone's right nor their Judgment should have been accepted by United Nations, and, as consequence of such wrong actions was destruction of Yugoslavia and loss of many lives (now throwing blame on Serbia)

SANCTIONS against Serbia are a shameless action by United Nations

"Legitimate Right for Selfdetermination" has Serbia but not those who played on Hitler's card - expecting his victory and benefits of such victory.

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Dear Mr. Baker, September 17, 1992

Having encouraged Eliot to write one President, I decided it was time for me to do the same - copies enclosed.

I realize you may be overwhelmed with the mails, but I strongly encourage you addressing Eliot's both personally and too perhaps publicly, as it reflects a growing number in the business community in Boston and New York - not easy!

Eliot is at The Bank of Boston and was taking his letter to be typed but I said it took the personal concern out of his jottings - hope you can read it!

I wish you well and hope these thoughts are in time to help turn the tide.

Sincerely,
Jonisa L. Cutler

Dear Mr. President,

Sept. 17, 1992

The enclosed letter was prompted by my being livid with friends who are talking amongst themselves about why "they might vote for the other party even though they are not at all convinced Clinton has the correct formula for attacking the Deficit."

I challenged them to put the strength of their convictions on paper and vowed that they owed you the courtesy of an opportunity to address all the points in order to satisfy them that you are strong in your desire to right the wrongs in the U.S. economy. ~~Before~~ We all go to the polls, it behooves all of us to write quickly and provide whatever insight might alter this negative tide.

Having returned after 3 years in Spain, I can assure you your popularity and external strengths are highly respected. Far too many Americans do not comprehend the need for our security in the global theater, and that with the equation of external on more solid ground the internal can now be focused on to balance future growth and provide a foundation for future generations with stability, stronger competitive markets, and a sense of opportunity at all levels of our Society.

Americans have a tendency to take our celebration

g daily continues for granted is:

Variety and choices in supermarkets,
garbage disposals in most kitchen sinks,
VCR's and television, transit systems and all
our freedoms.

We are a United Nation as a country
reflecting all global cultures, but the key to our
success is presently being undermined by the
"News bites" condoning violence and violent
behavioral patterns on all television networks
broadcasting (accidents ^{negatives} and crimes) on a daily
basis to maintain RATINGS — a sad commentary
when one realizes that fist n' cuffs is being replaced
by knives and pistols, and ^{too the} foul mouthed in movies
and the home, school and work place — that used
to be a punishable crime — Excesses must stop!

Perhaps "Newsworthy" needs to be reassessed —
Seldom do we hear Real News! The fundamental
message that we all need to hear repeatedly is:

"MODERATION IN ALL THINGS AND THEN MODERATION!"

IT seems to me greater emphasis needs to be on
Discipline, Responsibility and Appreciation

which encourages respect for our fellow man.

The "How To" of Biology class is of no use
in sex education without greater emphasis on
Responsibility and Discipline and Respect.

We have the Cheapest Gas Rates for the
average automobile — TAX US! Help us

To use The Public Transportation services more and emphasize the good of walking - Preventive Medicine. The abuse of socialized medicine in other countries is frightening - emphasize that one can wait 9 months in England or Spain for a hip transplant, but here we can find medical attention with choices - There will always be a price and a luxury associated with our basic needs, that's human nature, but at least we have a choice without the government being involved.

Please give a check list of All The Fixed or Frozen monies that you have no control over - too many are naïve about how little you are able to alter.

Your emphasis on cleaning out Congress and The Senate is valid, but we also need to hear Positive News.

There are far too many complaining Americans who truly do not appreciate what this great country provides, and what their PASSPORT ~~was~~ would sell for on a black market as thousands Champ-at-the-bit for an opportunity to immigrate and experience our freedoms, educational opportunities, and ^{too} would be willing to make incredible sacrifices for the assurance that future generations could participate in a global integration as the bells of freedom ring and

The foundations of democratic government
Spread, opening the window of ~~Hope~~ for All,
who choose to live in the U.S. and other free societies.
Yes, I'm a good Republican and believe strongly
in one two party system.

The fibers ~~of~~ one society need strengthening,
and I hope the enclosed can be answered,
and addressed publicly — it could sway
many who sit on the fence and need to
reaffirm their loyalty.

Hang in there, you can still turn the
tides for a re-election — I remain stalwart
despite our financial woes in this country,
for we have a strong national and patriotic
spirit that bodes well when observed from
other shores, and the thread that binds is
our determination to pull together in adversity,
making necessary sacrifices, as did our forefathers,
in order to bring order into our lives, country,
and the global theatre.

Forgive the use of a legal pad but I wanted to
add "my two cents" and need to expedite this —
for time is of the essence — Fed. Express is a luxury
but affords efficiency.

Best of luck and keep smiling!

Sincerely,
Kerisa R. Cutler

9/17/92

Dear Mr. President

I am a Republican, I have voted for Republican Presidential Candidates starting with the 1972 election; I have worked for the last Republican Governor of New York. I voted enthusiastically for you in 1988. But I do not intend to vote for you in this election, although I have trouble voting for Governor Clinton. My reasons are as follows:

1. Your action in raising my taxes directly contradicted your campaign pledge, which was no ordinary pledge but the centerpiece of your campaign. Moreover, this action accomplished little if anything in the way of deficit reduction. To compound the problem, you have now advocated a tax cut, which flies in the face of correcting our most urgent national problem — to reduce the deficit. Moreover, if you are elected, you will not have the political muscle to effect such a cut as you advocate.

2. You have signed into law the most damaging piece of banking legislation in our history. No Democratic President could do more to overregulate the banks than

you have done. And you started the whole process when you (through Secretary Brady) proposed broad financial reform and then lost control of the legislation. In fact, in virtually every area of regulation (SEC, Antitrust, Banking) it is hard to see how a Democrat could do more to micromanage the economy than your Administration.

3. You misjudged the economy. When you said the economy was not in recession we were going through hell in New England. Given the Federal deficit, and out-of-control Federal regulation of banks, it is hard to see how the economy will pick up. Who will lend to American businesses? Regulatory capital requirements and supervising actions impose a severe constraint on the ability of banks to increase their lending. You seem to have concentrated your time and energy on foreign policy, which is clearly of more interest to you than the U.S. Yet, if we are weak at home, there goes our ability to project power and influence events abroad.

4. I don't know where you stand. You talk Conservative; but the facts of

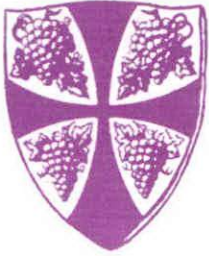
your Administration are Liberal—tax increases, growing deficits, aggressive regulation of business. I think your rhetoric is divorced from your governance; as a result, what you say now lacks credibility.

5. If for no other reason, I would vote against you on the abortion issue. You have carried this issue to an extreme, allowing it to heavily influence judicial appointments. Instead of appointing the best qualified, you appoint people like Clarence Thomas, on the basis that he is likely to vote to reverse Roe v. Wade. You are trying to take an issue that should be out of politics and bring it back into the political arena.

It is depressing that you have opened the door wide for Democratic party rule in the years following 1992. Such a result is not in the best interests of this great and complex country. But it is inevitable in this election.

Sincerely yours,

Elot N. Vestner



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September 15, 1992

The Hon. George H. W. Bush, President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

A 55 year-old Republican-voting Independent, Yale Divinity School graduate, Episcopal priest, coauthor of nationally adopted university texts in ethics and general philosophy, adjunct professor in state and private (including Roman Catholic) Connecticut and Florida universities, fiscal conservative, and social moderate, I am appalled at your enthusiastic alliance with a one-sided "we vs. them" form of Christianity. The so-called "religious right" runs counter to our Constitutional pluralism, the spirit of the Bible, and the legitimate diversity embraced by reflective Christian Churches, other religious traditions, and humanists. It appeals to people fearful of academic and moral pluralism and attracts individuals who want to live in a secure, correct, enclosed world where everyone is just like them and outsiders are the enemy.

Current debacles over prayer, values and morality represent but three areas with which the "religious right" offers radical positions uninformed by biblical, historical, and scientific scholarship available at our alma mater and other great universities world-wide. The Buchanan-Falwell-Robertson-Schafly mean-spirited ignorance is particularly incarnate and predictable in your running mate (who must be considered as your possible successor, a frightening prospect).

I believe that you have served significantly in matters of foreign affairs, and I would normally trust your judgments and intentions for the future on domestic matters. Nonetheless, your calculated embrace of arrogant zealots, including your Vice President, is alarming and runs contrary to the spirit of my entire composite career - which has consistently promoted thoughtful Constitutional religious and moral pluralism...including the option to "disbelieve." On such vital matters you have lost my trust; I do not want the United States of America's domestic future guided by one who has seemingly become rigidly uninformed, so opposite to his heritage. Evidently those of us who are well-educated, mainstream clergy/citizens are among the "cultural elitists" so trivialized by your associate. I have regrettably reached the conclusion that I cannot support the Bush-Quayle ticket.

Sincerely yours,

cc. ✓ James Baker, et al.



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To...Jim Baker, Chief of Staff
White House, Wash. DC

From...Bob Steel, retired
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Enclosed items offered as suggestion
for your consideration.

Unless we take some dramatic action
with one or more ideas which are
clearly feasible soon, we're likely
to lose out on the California vote!

Wish we could do more. But, you're
the one who can make it happen!

Good Luck!!!

ROBERT H. STEEL



Open Letter
To Jim Baker

Suggestion...Reducing The NATIONAL DEBT

1. Government issues TAX EXEMPT, DEBT REDUCTION, TREASURY NOTES.
2. Government pays out only 50% of the amount of interest due to the investor, and credits the remaining 50% to the DEBT REDUCTION account.
3. Promoted as the Patriotic Thing To Do, much as War Bonds, Declaring War on The NATIONAL DEBT.

.....Why This Idea Might Work.....

- A. Investors more concerned about safety of funds and economy of nation than immediate cash yield.
- B. TAX EXEMPT, beats NO-NEW-TAX Pledge.
- C. Dramatic. Understandable. Promising.

Sincerely,
Bob Steel, retired.

Explanation: Why this OPEN LETTER TO JIM BAKER???

by Bob Steel

Most Americans are very concerned about our Nation's economic future. Very few, however, are in the "privileged" position to do anything about correcting our course, even if they have the genius to comprehend what is going on and what corrections will be most effective. And, I want to be quick to add a disclaimer: I am not now, nor was I ever one to be in that "privileged" position to which I refer.

For more than thirty years, I was frequently within the shadows cast by most of leaders of our nation, inside as well as outside of our Government. Often, I was within earshot of the real communication taking place among those "privileged" few. My job was the chief paid executive, President, for a substantial trade association, the National Spa and Pool Institute, headquartered in Washington, DC. More than 4000 other associations are also based there, their prominence having considerable impact upon the Federal Government enclave.

Part of my job was to be alert about matters of Government and the Economy. Being the "networking" type, I parlayed my professional association executive role and "hob-nobed" my way through the principal societies and lobbying groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Society of Association Executives and became well acquainted.

The culmination of all those years placed me "at the right place, at the right time" during the last years of the Carter Presidency when our Economy appeared in desperate straits with the experiences of double digit inflation. Pressed by my members (the swimming pool industry) to perform miracles, or at least magic, to straighten out the economy, I resorted to sharing my plight with my colleagues, the heads of the other associations, only to find we were all in the same boat and it was definitely sinking!

After we shared our stories, commiserating with each other, we came to the conclusion that we had to find some kind of program which we could all support. Fortunately, in our midst was Jack Carlson, head staff of the Realtors Association. Jack had been with the Office of Management and Budget at the White House, and had also filled the post at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as Chief Economist. None of us fully comprehended Jack's "preaching" about his "2% SOLUTION" program to "reduce the Federal Budget" until it calculated into a lower ratio with the "Gross National Product" numbers; but we went along with it. We had little hope otherwise!

Over the following six months, I spent most of my waking hours, becoming a key catalyst by persuading my association friends to join in what became one of the largest single purpose lobbying efforts in the history of the Congress. Both political platforms adapted the idea, but Reagan capitalized upon it the most. He included it in his Reaganomics program. And, he was elected!

A few years have passed since I've had to "perform magic", but the scene remains similar. Because of the magnitude of our "system", accompanied by the complexity of most of its segments, we are becoming more and more dependent upon those "privileged" few to properly assess the situation, then select and pursue strategies which make the most sense.

The rest of us, particularly people like me, have to help by contributing ideas and timely information, so that the "privileged" few have balanced feedback and fresh thinking.

While surrounding themselves with capable "aides" offers efficient production, to its discredit is the bureaucratic screening of information from outside the protective cocoon established. For that reason, I shall send copies of this material to about twenty key persons, with better assurance that the message will get through and be considered in time.

I'd be happy to exchange ideas with any persons who wish to contact me. And, I don't really have any magic tricks to resolve our nation's problems. I simply realize that we need to "balance our checkbook". Right now, getting our National Debt under better control seems to be an important facet of that discipline.

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By ALAN MURRAY

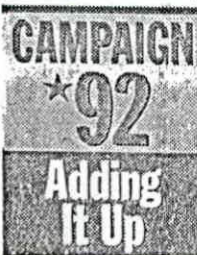
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

WASHINGTON — Is it too much to expect presidential candidates to be able to add?

A look at the economic programs put forward by George Bush and Bill Clinton suggests these two can't—or won't. Even if generous allowances are made for election-year hyperbole and estimating differences, both programs are promising hundreds of billions of dollars more in tax cuts, spending increases and deficit reduction than their specific proposals will pay for. The candidates are not just promising the moon, they are promising to build a spaceship to get there for free.

At a time when discontent with government is already at historic highs, the faulty arithmetic of Messrs. Bush and Clinton seems certain to heighten voter cynicism. Moreover, neither candidate is giving voters — or the financial markets — grounds to expect real progress in shrinking the nation's \$300 billion-plus annual budget deficit, which both agree is hobbling the country's long-term growth prospects.

"There's no question that the issue not



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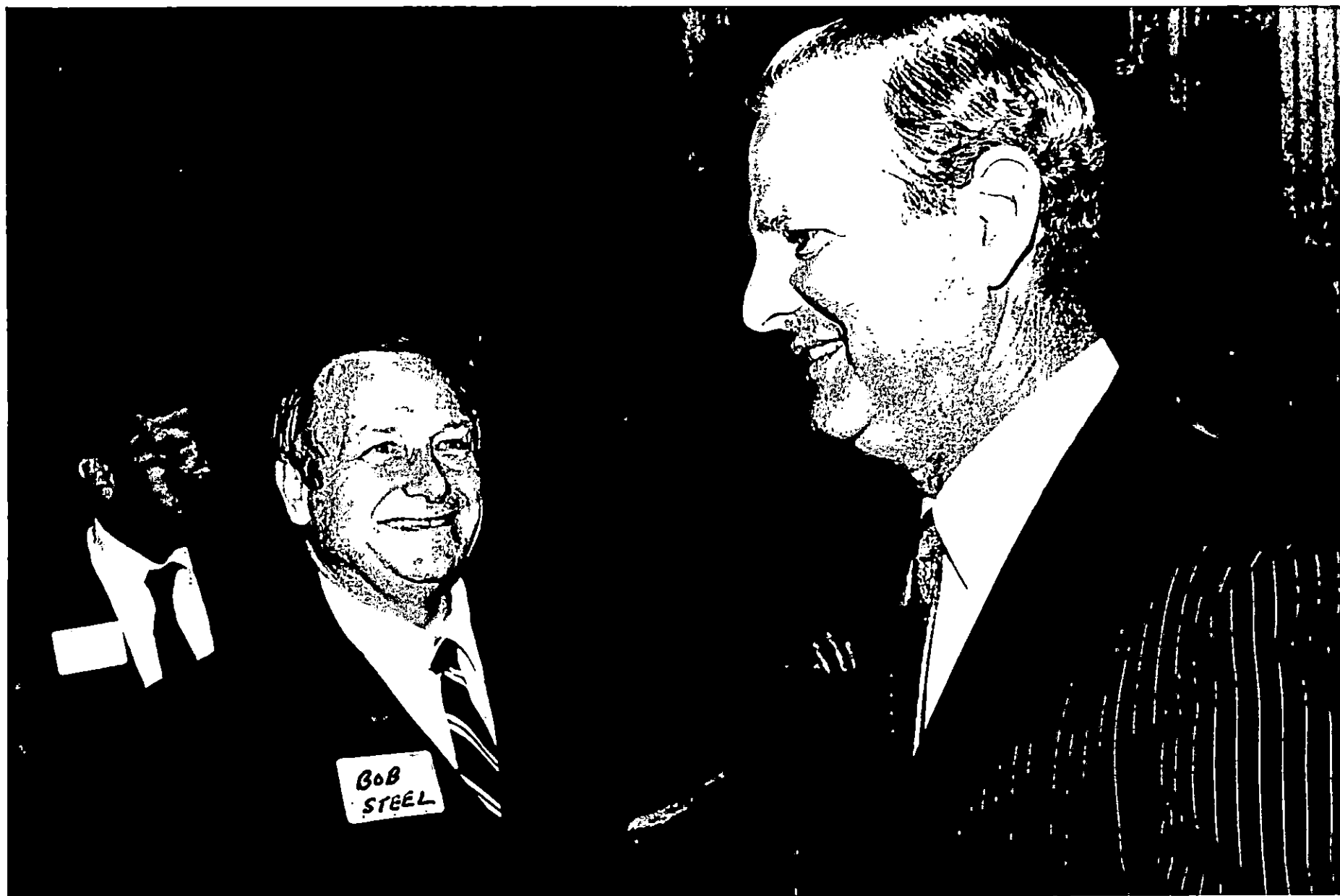
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September 14, 1992

Presidential Campaign Chairman James Baker
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Ref: The DECLINE of America. How
Candidate Bush can become a
GREAT President!

Subject: The proposed People's Amendment to the United States Constitution, the LAST amendment ever needed, a PARTNERSHIP between Congress & the people, the FINAL Bill of Rights

Dear Mr. Baker,

Senator Warren Rudman said, "The federal government has spun out of control." Representative Don Pease said, "Nobody knows what the government is doing; the bottom line is that we have failed." Both lawmakers will quit Congress this year.

Ben Franklin, on the last day of the Constitutional Convention, addressed his peers saying, "I believe this (Constitution) is likely to be well administered for a course of years but can only end in DESPOTISM, as other forms (of democracy) have done before it when the people shall become so corrupt as to NEED despotic government, being incapable of any other."

History teaches that ALL democracies end as despotisms: they are born, they thrive, they decay and they die. Is America in the decay stage?

President George Washington despised political parties because they could not place their country's interests above their own. According to Political Scientist Leonard Lurie, Washington said, "Let me WARN you in the most solemn manner against THE POISONOUS EFFECTS OF THE PARTY SPIRIT. This spirit is INSEPARABLE from the nature of man, having its roots in the strongest passions of the human mind. It exists in different shapes in ALL governments, more or less stifled, controlled or repressed, but in democracies, IT IS TRULY THEIR WORST ENEMY!"

DEFECTS IN THE CONSTITUTION

Article I, Section 5, Paragraph 2 says: Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings. Example: In 1931, Speaker John Nance Garner made a MOCKERY of the DISCHARGE PETITION RULE by giving the Speaker the power, WITHOUT Rules Committee approval, to squash discharge petitions. (see copy of the 4/25/90 Wall Street Journal editorial titled "House Gag Rule", enclosed). This is why even the Supreme Court dare not interfere!

WHY ALL PRESIDENTS FIND IT HARD TO GOVERN. Lloyd N. Cutler and C. Douglas Dillon, co-chairmen of our governments Committee on the Constitution, wrote in 1982 an article in the Wall Street Journal titled, "Can We Improve On Our Constitutional System?" They wrote: There are times in our history when a crisis is so serious and a president so gifted that he can persuade the public and the Congress to adopt policies that do indeed resolve the crisis. But these are rare occasions. Most of the time the crisis is not that deep and the president is not that gifted. Yet every president must face the formidable task of "forming a government" with a majority of Congress that can legislate & execute an agreed set of policies over his term. We believe that under our present constitutional structure, this task becomes too difficult for any but the most unusual president under any but the most unusual circumstances.

Cutler & Dillon, distinguished public servants with long and honorable government service, tell us that the separation of powers between the executive & legislative branches require them to AGREE on a policy in order to legislate it & execute it. If they fail to agree, we have a stalemate in which the sum of government policies become a hodge-podge which neither the president nor the legislators support and for which none of them accepts responsibility. When this happens we usually blame the president more than the legislators. We expect modern presidents to formulate policy and to lead

the Congress into supporting it. When Congress does not, we blame the president for bad policies or bad leadership or both. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STRUCTURAL REASON WHY PRESIDENTS FIND IT SO DIFFICULT TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WITH A MAJORITY IN CONGRESS. Even when they are members of the SAME PARTY, the president and the legislators do not feel committed to work together on a common policy for which they will jointly take credit. THE WEAKNESS OF THESE TIES BETWEEN A PARTY'S LEGISLATORS AND IT'S PRESIDENT IS FOSTERED BY OUR CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM. The Constitution not only separates the Congress from the president; it separates Congress from itself. Congress has two separate houses that have every incentive to differ from one another except when they join to differ with the president. As a result, we do not even have a congressional set of policies that stand opposed to the president's set of policies. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A CONGRESSIONAL SET OF POLICIES OR EVEN A CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION PARTY SET OF POLICIES said Cutler and Dillon. Congress makes policy one issue at a time, and forms a variety of shifting cross-party coalitions to enact or defeat each measure.

Senators William Cohen and Gary Hart said that the Founding fathers, in their effort to protect the people from the dangers of concentrated power, had created a system of checks & balances that worked so well in the past, but now, in this complex, fast moving age, virtually GUARANTEED paralysis!

THE PRESIDENT MUST MAKE THE DEFICIT HIS NUMBER ONE PRIORITY!

Balancing the budget and reducing the national debt will require pain & discipline by the people. Understandably, candidates don't talk about this.

Novelist Arthur Hailey put it this way. Ten years ago he said, "The way Congress spends money, you'd think the supply is endless. WE HAVE SUPPOSEDLY SANE PEOPLE IN CONGRESS WHO BELIEVE THAT FOR EVERY DOLLAR COMING IN YOU CAN SAFELY PUT OUT FOUR OR FIVE. The question is not IF but WHEN the American economy will collapse. Could we avert it? Hailey asks. "Sure, but we won't. Socialism, which is spending money you do not have and never will, is too deep rooted. So THERE COMES A POINT WHEN GOVERNMENT RUNS OUT OF CREDIT. Fools think it can't happen but it will. The sequence which is coming is easy to predict, says Mr. Hailey. "It'll be much the way things went in Chile. A good many think Chile was remote and different. It wasn't. It was a SMALL SCALE MODEL OF America AND BRITAIN AND CANADA! First, democracy—solid, world acknowledged and effective. Then socialism—mild at first but soon increasing, money spent wildly until nothing is left. After that, financial ruin, anarchy and dictatorship!"

The ONLY WAY our nation can be turned around is for the people THEMSELVES to do it. But there is no procedure or law that allows Americans to WORK TOGETHER to make laws, DIRECTLY, on a nationwide basis; going to the voting polls every two or four years simply is NOT ENOUGH! Lawmaking must be made interesting, informative and exciting for the masses on a DAILY basis; the Principle of Participation is involved here. This is what the daily 6 o'clock news POLITICAL HIT PARADE, in integral part of the People's Amendment, is all about.

A ratified People's Amendment would give the people EXPERIENCE & CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES in the law-making process, every day, every year. Just knowing that they have the power to make changes will encourage the people to monitor EVERYTHING ELSE that Congress does and thus make the lawmakers more responsive to the needs of the people.

Critics might say that under a ratified People's Amendment that the people are limited to one law each year. This is true but this amendment is not intended to REPLACE our lawmakers; rather it is intended to make the BASIC CHANGES needed to permit Congress to function as a national legislature SHOULD, that is, by enacting laws that are in the best interests of the entire nation.

In addition, the people would feel they are part of the process because they would know they HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE CHANGES! This would bring to the polls the 50% of the eligible voters who do not vote. It would motivate the cynics, especially those with great talent & ability, to get involved in government.

Yes, only one People's Law each year but in a few short years great progress will be made toward solving America's VITAL problems which, today, are POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE!

Mr. Vincent H. Miller of the International Society for Individual Liberty recently said, "America is not too far behind the U.S.S.R. in terms of facing economic armageddon, a breakdown of civil order, and even national dissolution. Historically, the reasons for this are identical to the reasons for the collapse of any empire—whether it be Roman, Soviet, or American: destructive taxation, debasement of the currency; giant, parasitic, centralized bureaucracies; rampant corruption and heavy military expenses associated with empire building. Virtually all U.S. state-run enterprises and social services are close to the point where they have become completely dysfunctional. The state school system, which is an abject failure and produces graduates with literacy standing at the bottom of the list of industrialized nations, now has 129 "education bureaucrats" for every 100 teachers. The welfare system—which produces very little welfare—pays out well over 80% of its enormous budget to armies of highly-paid bureaucrats. Milton Friedman described the U. S. Government as a "self-generating monstrosity, over which the people have lost complete control."

Our nation is on a COLLISION COURSE WITH DISASTER! All public figures and the media should be debating EVERY DAY the DETAILS and FACTS about the deficit and the national debt. Ross Perot's 8/15/92 book, "United We Stand" DOES deal with these facts and, yes, pain & suffering ARE involved. But it is a business man's REALISTIC plan.

Now I believe the American people would, ONE MORE TIME, make any needed sacrifices IF they had some means of control over the government. The People's Amendment provides that control. Senator Mark Hatfield and former Representative Jack Kemp put it this way, "The American people are SEARCHING FOR SOME MEANS OF EXPRESSION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. This PARTNERSHIP between the three branches and the people provides that means! (I never got involved with the Perot group but I attended one public meeting and discovered just how frightened the concerned people are!)"

There is still time to change; it is not yet too late. The overwhelming majority of the American people still try to do the right thing: they obey the laws, they pay their taxes and they still TRY to raise their children decently. According to the Ambassador College's booklet, "The Modern Romans", "Severe deterioration in the major underpinnings of a nation does not automatically guarantee IMMEDIATE national collapse or conquest by aggressors. Nations and empires have gone on stewing in their corruption for remarkable periods of time, only to be eventually destroyed".

If the President fought hard now for this proposal AND the accompanying We The People (WEPEO) institution (the WATCHDOG of all American governments) and even if he lost the election (& the battle), he would win the war and SAVE THE NATION! He would be remembered by the historians as one of America's GREAT presidents. That would give him and Barbara great & deserved satisfaction, don't you agree?

THE BOTTOM LINE

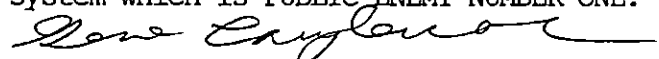
In the long term the prime concern of Congress, the president and the media MUST be (1) despotism in government, (2) the evils of political parties and (3) the defects in our Constitution—these are the BASIC CAUSES of ALL of America's problems!

I only ask that the proposed People's Amendment be PUBLICLY debated along with any other proposed solutions.

In the short term and IMMEDIATELY, a continuous, daily debate must be mandated by the foregoing concerning the DETAILS of handling the deficit and the national debt until a consensus is reached by the people. This debate should be public as the people must feel they are a part of it.

I am a 72 year old retired scoutmaster whose name is unknown, who has no organization and who has no money to run a crusade. I appeal to you to support this proposal for the benefit of my grandchildren who, along with ALL of America's young children, face a very dim future under the present system which is PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE!

Thank you!

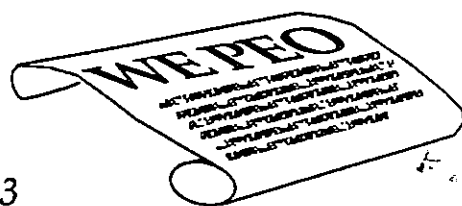


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Enclosures

WE THE PEOPLE

*...that government of the people, by the people, for the people
shall not perish from the earth. Abe Lincoln, November 19, 1863*



THE PROPOSED PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

"Congress MUST act on ANY bill the people PETITION OUT OF COMMITTEE but ONLY the people may VOTE IT INTO LAW!"

Each year the American people would have the FINAL SAY on ANY issue they choose. This LAST Bill of Rights, this PARTNERSHIP between Congress and the people would force bills that are "bottled up" in committees (and under the present system POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE) onto the floor of Congress, require full debate and then mandate that all lawmakers, by SECRET BALLOT, recommend to the voters what the lawmakers REALLY BELIEVE, what their conscience tells them is in the BEST INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE NATION. The voters would do the rest at the newly mandated NATIONAL REFERENDUM held during the general elections EVERY year. Because of the secret recommendation vote, lobbyists, powerful politicians and bureaucrats COULD NOT THREATEN & INTIMIDATE THE LAWMAKERS as they now do; instead, they would have to PERSUADE THE VOTERS to either reject a People's Bill or else vote it into law.

HOW THE PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT WORKS

Any voter could walk into any bank or post office and sign a petition requesting Congress to act on ANY BILL THE VOTER CHOOSES. Each day the 6 o'clock news POLITICAL HIT PARADE would show the TEN BILLS with the MOST PETITION SIGNATURES from the MOST states. This Political Hit Parade would become the living, breathing PULSE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY!

On February 1st EACH YEAR, the bill with the most petition signatures from the most states shall become the OFFICIAL People's Bill for that year. Congress must immediately go to work on the current People's Bill and do everything they do with any regular bill EXCEPT change it or vote it into law.

Each house of Congress must then make a RECOMMENDATION REPORT to the American people explaining the FLOOR-DEBATED reasons FOR and AGAINST the current People's Bill. These reports must also include the results of the lawmakers SECRET recommendation votes telling how many lawmakers are FOR it and how many are AGAINST it. At the national referendum held EACH YEAR during the general elections in November, if a majority of the voters voting from each of a majority of the states shall approve a People's Bill, that bill shall become a PEOPLE'S LAW which Congress CANNOT change.

Now any citizen or group (including Congress itself) may CHALLENGE any People's Law in a federal court just as any regular law may be challenged.

But if a People's Law is eventually ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, that law must GO BACK TO THE PEOPLE FOR REVIEW. And if an OVERWHELMING MAJORITY (defined as a majority of the voters voting in each of THREE-FOURTHS of the states) shall, TWO YEARS IN A ROW, vote to OVERRULE the Supreme Court, that People's Law shall become a CONSTITUTION LAW, the Law of the Land! Now this is EQUIVALENT to a constitutional amendment except that the PEOPLE in three-fourths of the states must approve it instead of the state LEGISLATURES, as presently mandated by the Constitution.

THE PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT WILL:

1. Encourage Congress to function as a NATIONAL legislature SHOULD by making it possible for them to act in the BESTS INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE NATION.
2. Control the POWER of the special interest groups.
3. Give the people the FINAL SAY on any issue they choose.
4. Get the Supreme Court OUT of their now UNConstitutional law-making business.
5. Reduce the CONFLICT between the president and Congress.
6. Eliminate the NEED for future constitutional amendments.
7. Provide a way for the people to CONTROL the dictatorships that now exist in the Congress and the Supreme Court.
8. With the incentive of PARTICIPATING in the law-making process, government will become INTERESTING and EXCITING for the masses, leading to a much better informed citizenry.

The People's Amendment is also the LAWMAKERS amendment because it could get them "off the hook" on the HARD ISSUES, the necessary SACRIFICES that the American people might someday have to make to SAVE OUR COUNTRY, issues that ONLY THE PEOPLE should decide. It could even get the Supreme Court "off the hook" on some very hard decisions.

A great advantage of the People's Amendment is that People's Bills would have the benefit of the EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE of the lawmakers plus the RESOURCES (experts, research organizations, equipment, staff, etc.) that only Congress can muster. Bad laws would be impossible with the GENUINE "checks & balances" of a non-participating president (he can't sign People's Laws but he CAN use the influence of his great office to WARN the voters) plus the almost CERTAIN review by the Supreme Court and, finally, the FOUR separate votes by the people that are mandated for the approval of Constitution Laws, the law of the land.

The MOST IMPORTANT POINT point is that the three branches of government, WORKING TOGETHER with the people, would be an UNBEATABLE team!

The BIGGEST OBJECTION TO DIRECT GOVERNMENT has always been that the people might ACT HASTILY with anger, passion, & emotion and pass BAD LAWS. But the People's Amendment has a built-in SAFEGUARD to protect America from bad laws. In it the people must approve a People's Law on the aforementioned FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS (over a period of at least five years)

before it could become a Constitution Law, the Law of the Land. It is inconceivable that the people would overwhelmingly approve laws that the President, the Supreme Court and an UNINTIMIDATED & UNTHREATENED Congress ALL strongly disapproved, no matter how aroused and angered the voters reacted originally. This amendment is based upon the FACT that the OVERWHELMING majority of Americans STILL try to do the right thing: They obey the laws, they pay their taxes, and they still TRY to raise their children decently.

A Wall Street Journal editorial once said, "We never cease to be amazed at the WISDOM of the voters. The voters are quite capable of making decisions guiding the Republic and OFTEN DO SO despite the best efforts of the political elites. But the candidates and party organizations of BOTH parties seem to believe that the voters are DUMMIES, not to be trusted with important issues. Instead the media and the pollsters are delegated to decide what is politically important.

WHY THE PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT WILL SAVE AMERICA

Democracy literally means "people-rule." In ancient Athens the adults gathered together to make the laws and appoint the officials to run the government. In America, we can't gather together 260 million people to make the laws. So we elect lawmakers to REPRESENT us, people who HAVE THE POWER to make laws. But POWER CORRUPTS! Ben Franklin on June 2, 1787 at the Constitutional Convention said, "Who will strive for these PROFITABLE positions? It will not be the wise and the fittest; it will be the bold & the violent in their selfish pursuits—these will thrust themselves into your government and BE YOUR RULERS!" Franklin prophesied that, because of corruption, our Constitution will end in DESPOTISM as history teaches, do ALL democracies. This is a major DEFECT in our democracy; this is the basic cause of our PARALYZED Congress. A small minority of lawmakers, as committee chairmen, have MORE POWER THAN THE PRESIDENT because they can stop almost any legislation from reaching the floor of Congress for debate. A ratified People's Amendment could eliminate this despotism.

While being motivated by the annual People's Bill, the masses will also be watching EVERYTHING ELSE Congress does. Why? Because the people would know THEY HAVE THE POWER to control anything Congress does. This will motivate Congress to be much more concerned with the needs of the people

Chief Justice John Marshal turned the Supreme Court into a despotic oligarchy (dictatorship by a small group) when he imposed The Power of Judicial Review upon the Court. Now Judicial Review was necessary to save our nation but it should have been accomplished by a constitutional amendment that would place necessary controls on the enormous power the Court inherited. A ratified People's amendment would provide the needed controls and restore the Balance-of-Powers we presently DO NOT HAVE!

WHAT THE PEOPLE CAN DO TO HELP RATIFY THE PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT

Any groups—clubs, unions, churches, schools, etc.—should form committees and support this CRUSADE at one or more of the following LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION:

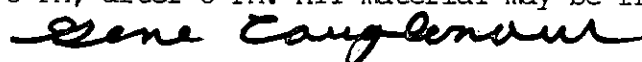
- 1 Collect amendment petition SIGNATURES from their group members (& others) to all their federal & state lawmakers (state legislatures MUST ratify all amendments).
- 2 Encourage everyone to WRITE LETTERS in a continuous PAPER BLIZZARD to all lawmakers
- 3 Every Wednesday at noon students (& others) with brass bands could hold 15 minute rallies in front of Congress and all seats of government in America
- 4 Sponsor citizens We The People (WEPEO) family parties & picnics in each of America's 435 Congressional districts (4-6:30PM) the SECOND SATURDAY EVERY MONTH till this amendment is ratified. This will make politics interesting & fun for the masses. Good food, singing & entertainment (by local children & adults) could be featured. WEPEO prizes, certificates, pins, etc. could be awarded to performers, to those who collect the most petitions and to grade school & high school students for the best essays, art posters, slogans, debates, etc. All parties should end at 6:30 P.M. with a solemn ceremony where the people come forward with petitions & letters to SAVE OUR COUNTRY in the same manner that people come forward at church services to receive Communion to save their souls. During this ceremony all sing the WEPEO theme song, "This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land."

Upon request, complete association plans are available that would make WEPEO a permanent American institution which, in effect, would be the people's SHADOW government or WATCHDOG of ALL American governments. These plans include by-laws and organization charts for the 435 WEPEO district committees (that parallel the 435 Congressional districts), the 50 state WEPEOs and the policy-making national WEPEO. The objectives of WEPEO are to PRESERVE our endangered United States Constitution and 50 state constitutions, to ratify the proposed People's Amendment and to make all American governments GENUINE people-rule governments

Going to the polls once every two or four years simply is NOT ENOUGH! The proposed 6 o'clock News Political Hit Parade motivates the people to participate on a DAILY basis. Senator Mark Hatfield & former Rep. Jack Kemp put it this way, "The American people are SEARCHING FOR SOME MEANS OF EXPRESSION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL." Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn said on "Face The Nation", "The people must take an ACTIVE PART with the federal government"

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For We The People, Thank you!


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Summary of the proposed PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION
(A PARTNERSHIP between Government and the People, the FINAL Bill of Rights)

EACH YEAR Congress MUST act on ANY bill the people PETITION out of committee but ONLY THE PEOPLE may vote a PEOPLE'S BILL into a PEOPLE'S LAW at an annual NATIONAL REFERENDUM held during the general elections every November.

If a People's Law is ruled unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court, that law must be returned to the voters for review. If a majority of voters voting in EACH of THREE-FOURTHS of the states shall, TWO YEARS IN A ROW, vote to OVERRULE the Supreme Court, that voided People's Law shall become a CONSTITUTION LAW, the Law of the Land.

THE PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT

1. Once EACH year any voter may petition Congress to act on ANY bill pending in any committee. The bill with the most petition signatures from each of the most numerous states by February 1st, EACH YEAR, shall become the OFFICIAL people's Bill for that year. (A petition year runs from February 1st through January 31st) A voter MAY CHANGE HIS MIND AND SIGN ANOTHER PETITION and the computer will CANCEL his previous petition.
2. All petitions must be witnessed by banks and post offices which, in turn, must forward them to a newly authorized FEDERAL REFERENDUM AGENCY. All American post offices and banks must, as a public service, act as AGENTS for the Federal Referendum Agency.
3. The Federal Referendum Agency, an independent agency of government, is created to supervise and police the petitions and referendums. It will publish daily computer reports to the American people showing the RANK and TOTAL NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES (NATION-WIDE) of the TEN LEADING BILLS competing for the OFFICIAL People's Bill for that year that will appear on the NATIONAL REFERENDUM at the general elections each November. The status of all other bills competing for the official People's Bill will be available to the public upon request.
4. On People's Bills ONLY, Congress must do everything they do with any regular bill EXCEPT change it or vote it into law. Each house of Congress must make separate RECOMMENDATION reports to the people EVERY July 15 explaining ALL the floor-debated arguments FOR and AGAINST the current People's Bill. This report MUST include, BY SECRET BALLOT, how many lawmakers are FOR the current People's Bill and how many are AGAINST it. At the annual National referendum, if a majority of voters voting in each of a majority of states shall APPROVE a People's Bill, that bill shall become a PEOPLE'S LAW which Congress CANNOT change, but it CAN be changed by another People's Law.
5. If a People's Law is ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, that law must GO BACK TO THE PEOPLE FOR REVIEW at the next referendum. If a majority of voters voting in EACH of THREE-FOURTHS of the states shall, TWO YEARS IN A ROW, vote to OVERRULE the Supreme Court, that voided People's Law shall become a CONSTITUTION LAW, the Law of the Land. However, 60 days must have elapsed between the Supreme Court's decision and the next referendum to permit voters enough time to properly review this matter, otherwise the FIRST (of the two MANDATED review referendums) shall occur the FOLLOWING YEAR. (Voting for a constitution law is in ADDITION to voting for the regular, yearly People's Bill)
6. All current petitions are voided (cancelled) when the yearly People's Bill is announced each February 1st. Petitions that are received February 1st shall compete for the next year's People's Bill.

(Send this copy to your federal and state lawmakers)

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Procedure for Handling Petitions

ALL BANKS AND POST OFFICES (as a public service):

1. Witness and endorse all People Bill petitions.
2. Return endorsed COPY to the voter.
3. EACH DAY forward all ORIGINAL petitions to the Federal Referendum Agency BRANCH OFFICES located in the various state capitals.

FEDERAL REFERENDUM AGENCY BRANCH OFFICES:

1. Receive People Bill petitions ONLY from banks and post offices.
2. Select out-of-state petitions and forward them to the petitioners HOME state F.R.A. branch offices.
3. On the remaining petitions, enter petition information into computer terminal and transmit to the Federal Referendum HEADQUARTERS on a DAILY basis.
4. Store all ORIGINAL petitions as public records for one year, February 1st through January 31st.

FEDERAL REFERENDUM AGENCY HEADQUARTERS:

1. Receive computer tabulations of petitions each day from all state F.R.A. branch offices and add to the previous totals.
2. Make public DAILY COMPUTER STATUS REPORTS showing the total number of signatures of each of the ten leading bills competing for the yearly OFFICIAL People's Bill. (Status of all other People Bill petitions would be available to the public upon request)
3. On February 1st each year, declare which bill is the official People's Bill for that year and send certified copies to the Speaker of the House and to the President of the Senate.
4. On July 15 each year, receive the People's Bill Recommendation Reports from the House and the Senate and publicize to the people.
5. Supervise and control all petitions and referendums as per the People's Amendment.
6. Establish all necessary security and safeguards for the system.
7. Cancel all current petition tabulations when the yearly People's Bill is officially announced on February 1st. Begin tabulations for the next year's People's Bills.

PEOPLE BILL REFERENDUM PETITION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

I, _____, do hereby petition Bill Number _____ to
(Sign your name)
to become a People's Bill for consideration by the Congress. I am a
registered voter.

Print your full name _____ Address _____
Soc. Sec. No. _____

Post Office or Bank Signature _____ Date _____ Post Office or Bank Stamp _____
Received by The Federal Referendum Agency

F.R.A. Control Number _____ F.R.A. Date _____

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PETITION FOR THE PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION
(The ELEVENTH Bill of Rights; the LAST amendment ever needed)

To: Lawmaker name _____ House of Rep. ___ or Senate ___ (Check one)

We, being citizens of the _____ Congressional District, State of _____ do respectfully request that you prepare and submit to the United State Congress a CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RESOLUTION of the (attached) proposed People's Amendment to the United States Constitution. Such resolution must incorporate all six points of this proposed amendment, the Procedure for Handling Petitions and any other instructions that will achieve the objectives and philosophy as proposed by the amendment summary.

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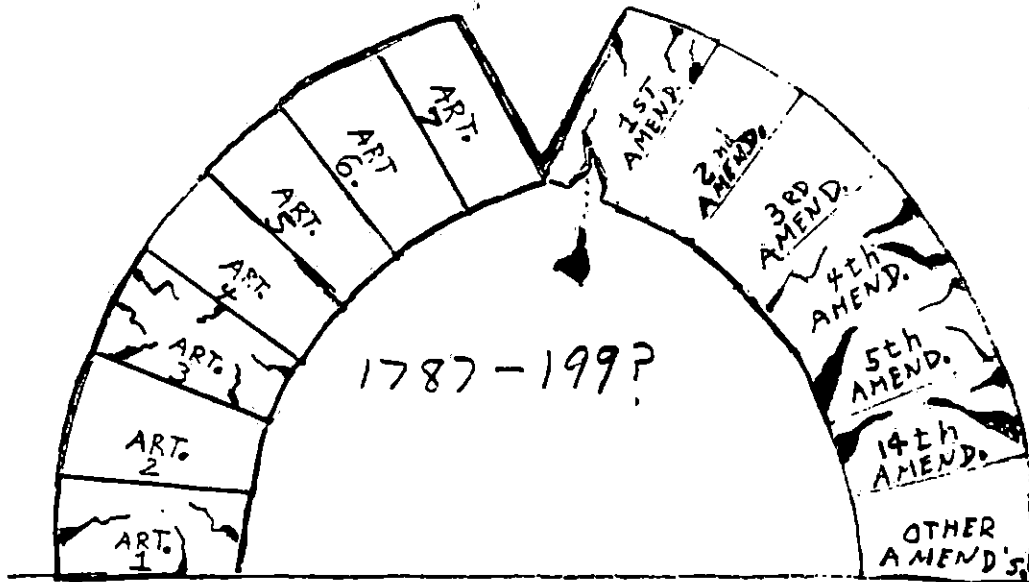
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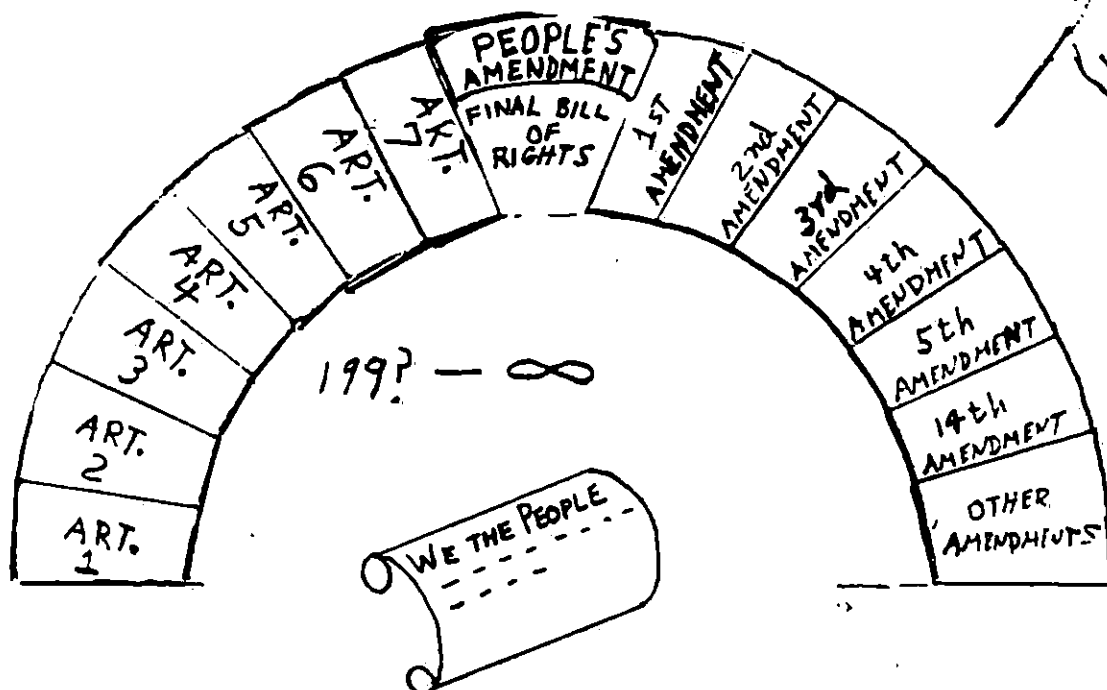
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October 15, 1990

Concerned Americans Everywhere
Every Street, Every Town, Every State

Ref: The proposed PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT to the United States Constitution, the LAST amendment ever needed, a PARTNERSHIP among the three branches of government and the American people, the FINAL Bill of Rights.

WHAT'S WRONG IN THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

THE FOUNDING FATHERS HATED POLITICAL PARTIES

According to Political Scientist Leonard Lurie the main reason the states ratified the original Constitution was the UNDERSTANDING that there would be no NATIONAL political parties. That is why the Electoral College was established to select the president of our new nation.

President George Washington despised political parties because they could not place their country's interests above their own. According to Lurie, Washington said, "Let me WARN you in the most solemn manner against THE POISONOUS EFFECTS OF THE PARTY SPIRIT. This spirit is INSEPARABLE from the nature of man, having its roots in the strongest passions of the human mind. It exists in different shapes in ALL governments, more or less stifled, controlled or repressed, but in democracies, IT IS TRULY THEIR WORST ENEMY!" Now this warning is NEVER publicly debated by our lawmakers, the political scientists, the "think" tanks or the media. Why? It SHOULD be! This has GOT to be a big part of the problem.

My own conclusion is that this invisible but VERY REAL party line that divides all our law-making bodies also DIVIDES OUR NATION. As Abe Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

IS BEN FRANKLIN'S PROPHECY ABOUT DESPOTISM IN AMERICA BEING FULFILLED?

Today, the United States Government is NOT the representative democracy that the Founding Fathers INTENDED when they wrote the Constitution because:

A. DESPOTISM EXISTS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The Constitution (Article I, Sect. 5, par. 2) says, "Each house may determine the rules of its proceedings." Now this is like "setting the fox to guard the hen house." Consequently we have two classes of lawmakers: (1) those WITH power, a minority, such as committee chairmen and party and legislative leaders who HAVE MORE POWER THAN THE PRESIDENT because they can prevent almost any legislation from reaching the floor of the House and (2) those WITHOUT power, the rank-and-file who must DO WHAT THEY'RE TOLD and get re-elected. According to the 4/25/90 Wall Street Journal editorial titled, "House Gag Rule", the Discharge Petition Rule that forces bills out of committee if a majority (218 lawmakers) sign it was rendered ineffective in 1931 when Speaker John Nance Garner, arbitrarily, without Rules Committee approval, converted the Discharge Petition into a SECRET LIST that is completely under the control of the speaker. Thus the discharge petition never quite totals the 218 required signatures.

In this manner House Majority Leader Jim Wright in 1985 BROKE NO LAW when, according to an earlier Wall Street Journal article, he held up a desperately needed bill to bail out the S&Ls for \$12 billion, a bill that did not pass till after SPEAKER Wright resigned in 1989 when the bailout cost had ballooned to over \$150 billion, which, with interest, could cost the taxpayers over HALF A TRILLION DOLLARS!

When Wilbur Mills became chairman of the WAYS & MEANS Committee, he decided he wanted to raise the interest rate on the National Debt, a good deal for the banks but a bad deal for the taxpayers. So Banking Chairman Wright Patman asked Majority Leader Hale Boggs to speak out against this interest rate increase. But Mills found out about it and said to Boggs, "Hale, I wouldn't make that speech if I were you. I MADE you majority leader and

I can UNMAKE you just as easily." Boggs cancelled the speech.

B. DESPOTISM EXISTS IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH. The so-called Balance-of-Powers became meaningless in 1803 when Chief Justice John Marshall IMPOSED, as a PRECEDENT, his illegal and unratified constitutional amendment giving the courts the power to declare laws to be unconstitutional. Now this Power of Judicial Review was NECESSARY if the United States was to act effectively as a nation. Federal power must prevail over state power, otherwise the Constitution might have become the same kind of weak charter as the old Articles of Confederation. But Marshall and other government leaders should have fought for this in a formal constitutional amendment which should have included RESTRAINTS AND CONTROLS over the ENORMOUS POWER the Court would inherit. Inevitably the Court would illegally intrude upon the law-making powers reserved exclusively for Congress. Congressional Research Document # JK 140A-71-118 GGR of the Library of Congress titled, "The Constitution of the United States, It's Formation etc." says (page 17), "Although the system of powers and checks and balances tends to maintain the three branches of government on equal levels, in actual practice THE ULTIMATE SUPREMACY RESIDES IN THE JUDICIARY!" This establishes the Court as an OLIGARCHY dictatorship in our government.

West Virginia Chief Justice Richard Neely put it this way. He said that the power of the federal courts to interpret our Constitution and then dictate great changes in our lives comes from the unclear and utter vagueness of certain broad clauses in our Constitution, primarily the 5th Amendment, the first section of the 14th Amendment and the commerce clause of our Constitution. Justice Neely said that every conceivable issue known to government can be phrased in constitutional terms and that a clever judge can write in proper legal form any opinion justifying almost ANY RESULTS HE WISHES!

Professor Irving Kristol of the American Enterprise Institute said that since the 1960s we have witnessed a vertible REVOLUTION in social policy in this country, a revolution that has largely been IMPOSED by a NON-elected Supreme Court.

POLICY MAKING, A MAJOR DEFECT IN OUR CONSTITUTION

Lloyd N. Cutler and C. Douglas Dillon, co-chairmen of our government's Committee on the Constitution wrote in 1982 an article in the Wall Street Journal titled, "Can We Improve On Our Constitutional System?" They wrote: There are times in our history when a crisis is so serious and a president so gifted that he can persuade the public and the Congress to adapt policies that do indeed resolve the crisis. But these are rare occasions. Most of the time the crisis is not that deep and the president is not that gifted. Yet every president must face the formidable task of "forming a government" with a majority of Congress that can legislate and execute an agreed set of policies over his term. We believe that under our present constitutional structure, this task becomes too difficult for any but the most unusual president under any but the most unusual circumstances.

Cutler & Dillon, distinguished public servants with long and honorable government service, tell us that the separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches require them to AGREE on a policy in order to legislate it and execute it. If they fail to agree, we have a stalemate in which the sum of government policies become a contradictory hodge-podge which neither the president nor the legislators support and for which none of them accepts the responsibility. When this happens we usually blame the president more than the law-makers. We expect modern presidents to formulate policy and to lead the Congress into supporting it. When Congress does not, we blame the president for bad policies or bad leadership or both. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STRUCTURAL REASON WHY PRESIDENTS FIND IT SO DIFFICULT TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WITH A MAJORITY IN CONGRESS. Even when they are members of the SAME PARTY, the president and the legislators do not feel committed to work together on a common policy for which they will jointly take credit. THE WEAKNESS OF THESE TIES BETWEEN A PARTY'S LEGISLATORS AND IT'S PRESIDENT IS FOSTERED BY OUR CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM. The Constitution not only separates the Congress from the president; it separates Congress from itself. Congress has two separate houses that have every incentive to differ with one another except when they join to differ with the president. As a result, we do not even have a congressional set of policies that stand opposed to the president's set of policies. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A CONGRESSIONAL SET OF POLICIES OR EVEN A CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION PARTY SET OF POLICIES said Cutler and Dillon. Congress makes policy one issue at a time, and forms a variety of shift-

ing cross-party coalitions to enact or defeat each measure.

Senators William Cohen and Gary Hart said that the Founding Fathers, in their effort to protect the people from the dangers of concentrated power, had created a system of checks and balances that worked so well in the past, but now, in this complex, fast moving age, virtually GUARANTEED paralysis.

THE PROBLEM WITH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

"A constitution must deal with broad considerations of power and not with single issues," said Dickenson College Professor Gary L. McDowell in his 1/28/83 Wall Street Journal article. He said, "Amending the Constitution for single-issue reasons will weaken the authority of the charter by diminishing the distance between it and ordinary law. The substantive meaning of the Constitution will be lost to concerns over its malleability. The vast majority of proposed amendments are POLICY CHOICES MASQUERADING AS POLITICAL PRINCIPLES. Generally they support policies that have failed in the political process—either as a result of judicial interference, as in the cases of abortion and school prayer, or as a result of a failure of their advocates to marshal a majority in Congress, as in the case of the balanced budget."

Professor McDowell said that what lies at the heart of the (then) current problem was the DETERIORATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF FEDERALISM as a source of RESTRAINT in the exercise of judicial power. (This supports my previous argument that Chief Justice John Marshall should have supported, and the Congress of that day should have insisted upon, a formal constitutional amendment that included restraints & controls over the enormous power the Court would inherit, per Gene C.) This restraint of power is dealt with by the People's Amendment which permits an "overwhelming majority" of Americans, in a timely manner, to eventually either concur with or overrule the Supreme Court after an issue has been carefully reviewed by the proposed PARTNERSHIP among the people and the three branches of government.

McDowell advocates a FEDERALISM AMENDMENT that would achieve with one amendment the same results that a collection of amendments would secure. (This, of course, would be equivalent to the people approving constitution laws as provided by the People's Amendment)

But, says McDowell, the most significant political and constitutional advantage of a federalism amendment (or the People's Amendment, per Gene C.) is that it would serve both the liberal and conservative elements in politics. McDowell also points out that all that stands between conservative or liberal policies of the Supreme Court is JUDICIAL OPINION; that a federalism amendment (or the People's Amendment) would constitutionally hedge against Supreme Court whim—either conservative or liberal—being transformed into constitutional obligation, he said.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICA'S LIFESTYLE

JUSTICE OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES SAID IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE FUTURE, LOOK BACK.

History teaches that all democracies end as despotisms—they are born, they flourish, they decay and they die. About 400 years before Christ the philosopher Thucyides said that democracy satisfies BEST the HUMAN THIRST FOR FREEDOM, yet, being UNDISCIPLINED, TURBULENT and LUXURY-SEEKING, it FALLS, time and again, to austere, single-minded DESPOTISM!

When Seneca, the Roman statesman, warned that Rome would fall, the people laughed. "Rome fall? Never!" Rome was alive with activity — PROGRESS! The Roman citizen basked in affluence, in the glitter of the empire. He enjoyed an explosive frenzy of building — huge cities, bejeweled with rising marble columns, paved, pleasant tree-lined avenues and rushing fountains. To speculate for one brief moment that glorious Rome would collapse was unthinkable. What Roman Jeremiah could have prophesied that the ravages of wars, taxation, mounting crime, race riots, moral decay, subversion from within and UNBELIEVABLE PUBLIC WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE DECADENT SOCIETY OF THEIR DAY would one day bring Rome to utter collapse and ruin? To the average Roman citizen, this was not only unimaginable — it was downright idiotic. And to millions of American and British people today, the thought that America and Britain could suffer a similar fate — though with more modern consequences — seems equally ludicrous. But Rome did fall. And millions of ancient Romans lived to see the impossible happen. (From The Ambassador College's 1973 booklet titled, "The Modern Romans")

WE MUST KNOW HOW SCARED AND WORRIED WE OUGHT TO BE

Investment Banker & Author Michael J. Thomas said we are living in a hair-trigger world and it's not just the missiles we should worry about, but the social fabric as well. He said the dumbest people he knows are rich, successful men; they spend so much time making money that they can't see past their bank accounts. People have more tolerance than they should for being treated unfairly, but when they finally wake up, they tend to react violently, and then you have a Hitler or a Stalin. He said someone is going to have to LEAD THE WORLD BACK FROM THE ABYSS and let's hope it's America. But if it is, then AMERICA NEEDS TO KNOW THE TRUTH about the way things are. We must know how scared and worried we ought to be. What we must NOT believe is the EMOTIONAL DISINFORMATION being fed the people, all this talk about how we are the best, this refusal to face reality. This refusal to recognize that THE ONLY WAY TO GET WELL IS TO SWALLOW THE TOUGH MEDICINE for all the ills we brought on ourselves.

LIKE IT OR NOT, THIS PLANET IS NO SAFE PLACE FOR ANY LIVING CREATURE

In 1979, in his book "Restoring the American Dream", Robert J. Ringer said, "Clearly, those who still believe in paying their way are becoming irritated. They began to show it when they voted overwhelmingly for Proposition 13. The so-called tax revolt that Proposition 13 triggered was summed up by former Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel who predicted that 'THE NEXT REVOLUTION IN THIS COUNTRY WILL BE WHEN THOSE WHO WORK REFUSE TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO DON'T.'" Ringer continues, "In 'The Discovery of Freedom', Rose Wilder Lane reflected on our evolution into a society in which more and more people demand security WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT through their own risk and effort: ...human beings are fighters by nature. Living is a tough job; only good fighters can do it. Like it or not, this planet is no safe place for any living creature. Living is fighting for life, and when anyone does not know this fact, someone else is doing his fighting for him. ANYONE WHO SAYS THAT ECONOMIC SECURITY IS A HUMAN RIGHT HAS BEEN TOO MUCH BABIED. While he babbles, other men are risking and losing their lives to protect him. They are fighting the sea, fighting the land, fighting diseases and insects and weather and space and time, for him, while he chatters that all men have a right to security and that some pagan god—Society, The State, The Government—must give it to them. LET THE FIGHTING MEN STOP FIGHTING THIS INHUMAN EARTH FOR ONE HOUR, AND HE WILL LEARN HOW MUCH SECURITY THERE IS."

SOCIALISM IS SPENDING MONEY YOU DO NOT HAVE AND NEVER WILL

Novelist Arthur Hailey put it this way. He said the way Congress spends money, you'd think the supply is endless. WE HAVE SUPPOSEDLY SANE PEOPLE IN CONGRESS WHO BELIEVE THAT FOR EVERY DOLLAR COMING IN YOU CAN SAFELY PUT OUT FOUR OR FIVE. The question is not IF but WHEN the American economy will collapse. Could we avert it? Hailey asks. Sure, but we won't. Socialism, which is spending money you do not have and never will, is too deep rooted. So THERE COMES A POINT WHEN GOVERNMENT RUNS OUT OF CREDIT. Fools think it can't happen but it will. The sequence which is coming is easy to predict says Mr. Hailey. It'll be much the way things went in Chile. A good many think Chile was remote and different. It wasn't. It was A SMALL SCALE MODEL OF THE U.S.A. AND BRITAIN AND CANADA! First, democracy—solid, world acknowledged and effective. Then socialism—mild at first but soon increasing, money spent wildly until nothing is left. After that financial ruin, anarchy and dictatorship!

SUMMING UP

The world is strangling at the hands of a man-created monster—GOVERNMENT—which GROWS MORE OUT OF CONTROL each day says Political Writer Robert J. Ringer. I agree. I believe none of the massive problems that face America can be solved unless we first solve the problem of BIG GOVERNMENT!

The ONLY WAY to bring government under control is for the people, THEMSELVES, to do it. But going to the voter polls once every two or four years simply is NOT ENOUGH! PEOPLE PARTICIPATION is absolutely essential for a successful democracy.

Now the First Amendment guarantees the people the RIGHT to petition the government but it is too vague and unclear for the masses to understand, also it provides no way for

- the people to take any ORGANIZED action. Simply to tell the people they have a RIGHT to petition the government means little to the masses. While the First Amendment establishes the petition as the AUTHORITY for the people to participate, this FINAL Bill of Rights goes further and, using the petition as a tool, provides a legal, easily understood PROCEDURE for the masses to participate DIRECTLY in the law-making process on a DAILY basis.

In his book, "Party Politics—Why We have Poor Presidents", Professor Leonard Lurie says, "Political parties must be recognized as a major weakness in our democratic system—a weakness that has NOT YET BEEN FATAL, at this point in our odyssey, but that continually debilitates and enfeebles our government. The founders of this country constructed a national political system WITHOUT PARTIES. AT OUR PERIL, in the middle of the last century, we were turned away from that system by party manipulators. The corruption and waste that resulted should, long ago, have led to a general rejection of this redundant institution, and a revulsion against the politician's self-serving sloganizing about the sanctity of the two-party system. The American voter was imposed on when he was muddled into revering that "two-party" nonsense, whose underlying philosophy insists it is unwise to let anyone but an oligarchy of grasping politicians choose the nation's leaders.

So skewed has the political system become under the malignant pressure of party politics that victory for either party provides fruits mainly for those clustered about the boss's table, where little thought is given to the needs of the voters. It is, perhaps, worth noting that most modern tyrants have employed a party system as a means of oppressing their people. It seems inconceivable that Hitler could have so completely dominated Germany without the ritualizing, self-submitting apparatus of the Nazi Party."

According to Robert J. Ringer, one of the chief causes of the eventual collapse of all democratic experiments throughout history has been the clash between equality and freedom. In their zealous efforts to achieve equality, utopian proponents have had a tendency to violate the rights of those whom they deem to be the "rich". And when the rights of ANY person are violated, cracks begin appearing in the basic structure of the democratic civilization.

Ringer says, "Time is running out for the United States and other Western democracies. FREEDOM AND EQUALITY CANNOT COEXIST. We have tried it and, like others before us who attempted it, the results have been disastrous. It is time for you and me to decide how badly we want the free lunch. If we continue to pursue it, then we can't expect to live in a free society. Freedom or the free lunch—which will it be?" (Writer James J. Kilpatrick on 7/31/91 reported the National Debt to be \$3.5 TRILLION which will top \$4 trillion by 12/31/92; we now pay \$786 million a DAY for INTEREST payments! Paul Harvey reported on 9/5/91 that the reckless use of credit cards since the 1980s has caused record numbers of individual bankruptcies. He says that private debt combined with public debt is now a staggering total of \$10.6 TRILLION!)

But it is still NOT TOO LATE! According to the booklet, "The Modern Romans", "Severe deterioration in the major underpinnings of a nation does not automatically guarantee IMMEDIATE national collapse and conquest by aggressors. Nations and empires have gone on stewing in their corruption for remarkable periods of time, only to be eventually destroyed".

If we are to become a GENUINE democracy there must be a practical way for the people to participate DIRECTLY in the law-making process. If we are to heed the warnings of the Founding Fathers the people MUST have a way to CONTROL the political parties and eliminate the despotism ALREADY IN our government. This is what the People's Amendment is all about.

PLEASE help save America & our freedoms. At minimum, have your organizations form WE THE PEOPLE (WEPEO) committees who would collect Amendment petition signatures from ALL members of your organizations to ALL your federal & state lawmakers. Better still, join this crusade and ask for the COMPLETE TURNKEY OPERATION brochure concerning the People's Amendment & WEPEO, the people's WATCHDOG of all American governments. Thank you!

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WEPEO is the voluntary, family oriented, non-partisan organization that will make the PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT part of the United States Constitution. WEPEO will run a nationwide CRUSADE to get the voters to SIGN PETITIONS & WRITE LETTERS to Congress and the state legislatures to SPONSOR & RATIFY the People's Amendment, a PARTNERSHIP between Congress and the American people, the LAST amendment ever needed.

ONLY AMERICANS COME TO WEPEO MEETINGS

At WEPEO meetings there will be no Republicans or Democrats, no Liberals or Conservatives; there will only be Americans who are willing to fight with petitions and ballots to ELIMINATE the UNDEMOCRATIC FORCES that are PARALYZING Congress. A WEPEO meeting is no place for discussing regular political issues; we just want EVERYONE to come and enjoy themselves while helping America to become a GENUINE democracy.

WEPEO will become an American INSTITUTION. It will become as much a part of our nation's life as the Boy Scouts, hospital volunteers, Sunday church services, TV, sports and automobiles. After ratification of the People's Amendment, WEPEO will work for initiative & referendum laws nationwide (as of 7/15/90 23 states now have I & R laws) & will continue as an unofficial monitor of government at ALL levels. Our nation's problems must be solved with petitions and ballots, not endless, disruptive, UNDEMOCRATIC demonstrations, near-riots and possibly BULLETS!

PARTY DAY FOR AMERICA...FUN FOR EVERYONE!

WEPEO activities will be high-lighted at the DISTRICT FAMILY PARTY/PICNIC meetings held the SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH from 4 till 6:30 P.M.

Party day for America means hundreds of parties & picnics in all of the 435 Congressional districts all over our nation, all the same day. Good food, group singing and entertainment by talented local children & adults, (individuals or groups) will be featured along with award ceremonies for new members & outstanding performers. WEPEO prizes, badges, pins, plaques, certificates, etc., will be awarded to performers and achievers. Awards will also be made to grade school and high school students for the best essays, art posters and slogans promoting the Amendment. (Local merchants will display these items in their windows.) Occasionally these meetings will include fund raising events such as garage sales, bake sales, raffles, and barbecues.

All parties should end with a solemn ceremony where the people come forward with petitions and letters to our lawmakers to SAVE OUR COUNTRY just as people come forward at the end of church services and receive communion to save their souls. (During this ceremony, all sing, "This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land.")

In each Congressional district, service clubs, unions, police associations, various church denominations, veterans groups, schools, etc. will each take their turn in hosting ONE PARTY EACH YEAR. Competition among the groups should produce some interesting and exciting parties!

SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR WEPEO FAMILY PARTY/PICNIC MEETINGS

P.M. SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

- 3:45 ASSEMBLY: Members, families, friends and visitors arrive, sign in, are bid "WELCOME" and receive WEPEO newsletter. All enjoy lunch while visiting with friends with dinner music playing in the background. Children & young people play games or amuse themselves. Amendment prize-winning essays, posters and slogans by grade school & high school students are displayed for all to see. (No alcoholic beverages)
- 4:40 PRE-OPENING: All members begin a one minute "PA"- "PA"- "PA" WEPEO chant (PA means People's Amendment) and hand-clapping (in unison) to signal everyone to move along to the meeting place. They will assemble at the site of their respective club flags or banners while wearing their individual WEPEO club ID. Visitors may wear visitors

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ID furnished by the receptionist. Babies and children may go to the nursery or the recreation area where they will be entertained and supervised by competent child-care people. Security guards will be nearby.

- 4:45 OPENING: All sing WEPEO's theme song: This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land, accompanied (wherever possible) with a band and choir.
- 4:48 PRAYER: Short prayer by chaplin.
- 4:51 PRESENT THE COLORS: A Boy Scout Color Guard, accompanied by the band, will march the American Flag and the WEPEO Flag to the front. A speaker with a strong, clear voice will dramatically recite the Star Spangled Banner and will then lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4:56 SONG: Accompanied by the band, powerful singer sings the "Battle Hymn of The Republic" with all joining in the refrain. (An organized chorus would be good here, to lead.)
- 5:01 PEP TALK: Five minute talk by monitor, Committee chairman, patriot or other individual.
- 5:07 AMENDMENT BUSINESS: Announcements of results of personal and phone contacts with members of Congress and the state legislatures on the status of the People's Amendment. Reports by the WEPEO letters committee on the progress of the teams seeking letters and petition signatures from voters to the lawmakers. Report on more lawmakers joining WEPEO as honorary members. News from other districts, state councils and the WEPEO National Headquarters on the progress of the Amendment. Other promotion activities, especially concerning Amendment DEMONSTRATIONS at Congress, the state legislatures and ALL seats of government.
Note: The first meetings must concentrate on getting as many members of Congress as possible to SPONSOR the People's Amendment House Joint resolution by putting it into the legislative hopper and getting official copies of it from Congress.
- 5:30 CHANT & CLAP: Everyone stand up and wake up with a vigorous, loud, one-minute WEPEO chant followed by a roll of the drums.
- 5:31 ENTERTAINMENT: Talented children and adults, individuals and groups, from all over the district will perform as dancers, singers, instrumentalists, dramatists, magicians. (Interesting shows should result since about 500,000 people live in each district. Outstanding performers in competition with those in nearby districts is a defininte possibility.) Hobby exhibitions by district members are welcome. A one-minute WEPEO chant follows
- 6:00 NEW MEMBER CEREMONY: Standing in front of wall size copies of The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution (with America, The Beautiful playing softly in the background), the new members repeat the WEPEO oath: "I (your name), promise to support the objectives of WEPEO and will, to best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution & Government of the United States of America and the constitution & government of the State of (your state), so help me God!" Soloist then sings "America, The Beautiful with the chorus and audience joining in the refrain.
- 6:08 WEPEO HISTORIAN'S MOMENT: Dramatic tale of American historical happenings or some American patriot's sacrifice for our country, etc.
- 6:13 AWARDS: Presentation of merit certificates, pins, ribbons, plaques, membership service bars, etc. with patriotic music playing softly in the background.
- 6:25 ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT: Announcements then all sing WEPEO theme song, "This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land" as people come forward with Amendment let-

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and petitions to SAVE OUR COUNTRY.

HOW WEPEO WILL BE ORGANIZED

The basic unit will be the WEPEO DISTRICT COMMITTEE that will direct the WEPEO activities in each Congressional district of about 500,000 people. Each district committee, composed of respected, local citizens, will encourage EXISTING organizations such as service clubs, private clubs, retired and professional groups, fraternal and veterans clubs, schools, churches, unions, police & military associations...each to form their own individual WEPEO clubs that will carry out the many activities needed to ratify the People's Amendment. Each district committee will create and set policy for the major FUNCTIONAL committees. (Please see the DISTRICT ORGANIZATION CHART for a better understanding of what each WEPEO district does.)

As the organization chart shows, the work of the sub-committees is purposely divided into many small segments so that the work & responsibility of any one club (and any member) will be minimal. WEPEO's will then enjoy a sense of accomplishment & feel proud of their activities without being overworked.

The WEPEO NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (with paid staff), elected by district delegates at the BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION, shall coordinate the WEPEO activities of all 435 districts and the 50 State Councils. However a large portion of its efforts shall be devoted to Congress and the federal government since the truly big event of WEPEO will be the WEPEO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS held in Washington, D. C. in the same years as the Congressional elections AND the presidential political conventions.

This national event will permit the lawmakers and WEPEO to meet "on each other's turf" so to speak, to understand each other's viewpoints and arrive at solutions that will benefit all of America. The WEPEO conventions will put into perspective the exaggerated promises and harsh criticisms made by the speakers at the Republican and Democratic conventions so that the voters may make intelligent choices at the elections.

(For a better understanding of the National WEPEO, please see the WEPEO National Organization Chart. For complete details ask to see the WEPEO BYLAWS, a 25 page brochure.)

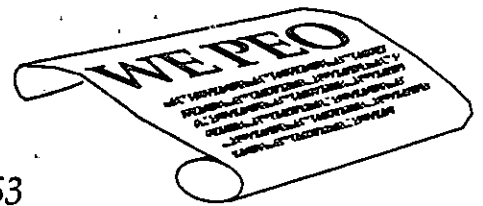
WEPEO: CITIZENSHIP, MANNERS And The MORAL VIRTUES

While some people may not wish to attend all the events at the WEPEO monthly parties, some of the adults and teen-agers may wish to make themselves useful by teaching the young children good manners, citizenship and the moral virtues... subjects that are sadly neglected by our school systems, subjects that will contribute greatly to the future strength of America by reducing the incidence of corruption and crime in our country.

These instructions would be similar to the Sunday School lessons that precede most church services.

From the pamphlet, "The Modern Romans" published in 1973 by the Ambassador College, I quote: The fruits of human behavior——strife, envy, jealousy, hatred, vanity, pride and prejudice——have run rampant both within and among nations. The record of history is not encouraging. Something is horribly missing in mind of man! The natural mind of man has led him to do INSANE things in the name of human "progress." The Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks and the Romans each had their chance at world dominion. (So did the Germans under Hitler and the Russians under Stalin.) Each, in turn, left a bloody trail of suffering and depravity as they tried to make the world over in their own image. The story continues today. It fills the media! Only today, mankind is threatening himself with GENOCIDE, and the weapons of his Armageddon (and his living habits) are threatening all nations." Remember that Ben Franklin prophesied that our Constitution was likely to be well administered for a course of years but could only end in despotism as other forms of democracy have done before it, WHEN THE PEOPLE SHALL BECOME SO CORRUPTED as to NEED despotic government, being INCAPABLE of any other!

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*...that government of the people, by the people, for the people
shall not perish from the earth. Abe Lincoln, November 19, 1863*

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Sample newsletter for each WEPEO monthly FAMILY party. All items below are FICTICIOUS!

CONGRESS BULKS! STATES TO "GO IT ALONE." S.C. will join 33 other states & call a constitutional convention to bypass Congress to sponsor the People's Amendment. Article V allows this.

KIWANIS CLUB WINS AGAIN. The Hartsville Kiwanis finished first in the 6th District intra-service club rively with 786 petition signatures & 129 letters. Pete Jones says (Page 2)

STATE WEPEO PICNIC. Early reports from S. C. districts 2 & 4 indicate that the annual WEPEO Family Bash over Labor Day at the folksy Outdoor Life Country Club will be well attended. Last year, kids (all ages) had a great time—games, contests, prizes, group singing, free pizza & soda etc. The event unifys S. C. on PA (the People's Amendment). (P-3)

REP. ROBIN TALLON spoke at the Conway rally in May. Before his talk, a two minute "PA""PA" chant was silenced when cute, 5 yr Susie Roe gave Mr. Tallon a big bundle of letters & petitions saying, "This is for PA" Patrick Henry then asked about the progress of PA in Congress. The meeting concluded with the crowd singing the beautiful, "This Land Is Your Land, This Land Is My Land" led by WEPEO members. Misty-eyed people walked away humming it. (P 2)

STUDENTS JOIN THE CRUSADE The Hartsville High WEPEO club made a good showing with 579 petition signatures and 143 letters from parents & teachers. A special award was presented (See Pg 3)~

BOY SCOUT TROOP 26. After getting the OK from Nat. Hdq. Clif Del set up a WEPEO CLUB for his Eagle Badge project. Clif (P 4)

D.A.R. JOINS UP! Are we ever proud? The local DAR unit received their WEPEO charter & ALL members wrote all their federal & state lawmakers the first week to support PA! (P2)

FLORENCE CHURCH RISKS TAX EXEMPTION! In support of WEPEO, Rev. Freeman says the very survival of religious freedom may depend upon PA, that WEPEO is NOT a political club but a group of ordinary Americans devoted to PRESERVING our Constitution. (Cont. P-2)

FRANCIS-MARION COLLEGE political science students form 1st 100% WEPEO club. New ideas P4

TREASURERS REPORT

Previous Bal,	\$314.73
May garage sale	649.36
Total	1064.09
May bills paid	623.10
June 1, balance	\$440.99

DISTRICT PICNIC MAKES GARAGE SALE A BIG SUCCESS! The 6th District WEPEO Treasury continues in the black. It was a beautiful day that Saturday when over 400 people met for a good time. Kids enjoyed (P3)

FIRST WEPEO NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANNED

A massive public demonstration in Washington, D. C. is planned for July 4, the first day of the convention—just before Congress adjourns for the presidential conventions. We look forward to the day when giant, dangerous, undemocratic demonstrations will be replaced by the 6 o'clock news Political Hit Parade mandated by the People's Amendment as the voters OFFICIAL method of showing their power. Hopefully, our entire nation will "come alive" on this issue & push Congress and the state legislatures in this crusade to ratify this last amendment that will PRESERVE America as the first GENUINE democracy in the history of the world.

NEWSPAPER APPLAUDS WEPEO

The 5/11 Hartsville Messenger editorial sees a ratified PA as the solution to our outrageous BIASED TV news. (P4)

BULLETIN

Senator Strom Thurmond, Chairman of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee, phoned just before press time & said that preliminary hearings on PA will begin in October. A Circular telegram was immediately sent to every WEPEO district chairman in America by National Chairman Ron Stevenson who said, "The American people will forever be in debt to the "gutsy" leaders in Congress who finally started this FINAL Bill of Rights on the road to ratification. A sigh of relief must have been breathed by the many able & responsible legislators as well as members of the High Court for a reform that will restore sanity to our way of life and give ultimate control of our government to the American people.

BARBEQUE SCHEDULED

The bake will be held at the Florence Rod & Gun Club on July 9 at 4 P.M. The proceeds will be used to pay off our new high-speed copy machine.

SAVE OUR COUNTRY

FORM A WEPEO COMMITTEE

WE THE PEOPLE
(WEPEO)
The People's "Watchdog" Of All Governments Of The United States

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
Name and Purposes

Section 1. NAME: The name of the corporation is We The People or WEPEO. WEPEO is the property of the American people. The words "We The People" refers to the citizens of the United States of America who may petition their governments for a redress of their grievances as provided for in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The principal offices of We The People shall be in Richmond, Virginia and in the capitals of the various sovereign states. The National Headquarters shall be in Washington, D. C. The locations of said offices may be changed, and other subsidiary quarters and services may be established, located and moved to such places within the United States of America as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine.

Section 2. PURPOSES: The purposes of We The People, a membership, family oriented, voluntary, non-profit, non-partisan corporation shall be:

A. To preserve the Constitution and Government of the United States of America and the constitutions and governments of the various states.

B. To sponsor and promote the ratification of the proposed People's Amendment to the United States Constitution as detailed elsewhere among WEPEO's official papers and as expressed by the philosophy of the proposed People's Amendment summary as follows:

1. Congress must act on any bill the people petition out of committee but only the people may vote a People's Bill into law at the general elections each year.
2. If a People's Law is voided by the United States Supreme Court, that law must be returned to the people for review. If a majority of the voters voting in each of three-fourths of the states shall, two years in a row, vote to overrule the United States Supreme Court, that law shall become a CONSTITUTION LAW, the law of the land.

C. And, following the ratification of the People's Amendment, and only then:

1. To support passage of Initiative & Referendum laws in all states. (At present 23 states have I&R laws.)
 2. To assist the voters by advising them of all elections and referendums, providing sample ballots, rides to polls, etc.
 3. To show the people how our governments work (federal, state and local), with talks, slides, movies, tours of government buildings, etc
 4. To unofficially monitor all government activity within the limits of the law.
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ARTICLE II
Membership

Section 1. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP: Membership in We The People shall consist of the following classifications:

A. Regular Membership.

Members must be United States citizens and have reached the age to vote in political elections. Members are eligible to participate in all WEPEO elections and referendums and to be elected to any of the various WEPEO offices. Members may not hold an elected or appointed government office because of conflict of interests. However, government employees (except top-level appointed officials), members of the armed forces and members of the various police agencies may become regular members.

B. Honorary Membership.

Members must be United States citizens. Members may hold government elected or appointed political office but may not vote for WEPEO issues or candidates or hold any WEPEO office. Members may attend WEPEO activities, perform and receive recognition for any needed WEPEO tasks for which he is uniquely qualified or for any tasks he may legally care to perform,

C. Junior Membership.

Members must be citizens between age ten and voting age. Members may form WEPEO peer clubs (from schools, churches, etc,) elect their own officers and make their own rules, all subject to the approval of the WEPEO Executive Committee. Members may participate in any WEPEO project or perform any other tasks as an all-junior group or in cooperation with any regular member projects subject to the approval of the WEPEO Executive Committee. Members are eligible for awards and may receive recognition for outstanding performance of WEPEO jobs. Members may not vote for WEPEO issues, candidates or hold any regular WEPEO office.

D. Children Membership

Members must be between six months and ten years of age.

They may perform such tasks as:

1. Sing or recite short People's Amendment jingles.
2. Present letters and petitions to lawmakers.
3. Just look cute as models for Amendment ads, etc.

Members may have their own I. D. badges and feel good as members of WEPEO.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP OATH: All members over 12 years of age must take the WEPEO Membership Oath:

"I (candidate's full name), promise to support the United States Constitution, the (your state) State Constitution and the purposes of We The People, to the best of my ability.

Section 3. DUES: All members, except Tots, shall pay annual dues in the amount determined by the District Committee. However, it is expected that such dues will be nominal since the expenses of WEPEO will be paid from money received from fund raising projects.

Section 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: A member shall cease to be a member of WEPEO if:

- A. Such member resigns by giving notice in writing to his club secretary or,
- B. Such member shall fail to pay dues or,
- C. The District Committee, using standards approved by the Board of Directors shall vote to terminate a membership on the grounds (1) that such member has ceased to be qualified and eligible, or (2) as set forth in article VIII of these BYLAWS

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Section 1. MANAGEMENT: Except as otherwise provided by law or these Bylaws, the direction of the affairs of WEPEO shall be vested in a National Board of Directors. Except as otherwise provided by law or these Bylaws, the funds of WEPEO shall be controlled by the district committees except that portion that must be allotted to the National Board of Directors for the national needs AND that portion that must be allotted to the needs of the appropriate state councils for their needs.

Section 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Except as otherwise provided in this Section 2, the number of directors shall be fifteen. At each Biennial National Convention the delegates shall elect five directors to serve a term of six years. In the event a director is elected to complete the term created by a vacancy in an unexpired term, the director shall have served less than three years of such unexpired term pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 4. Fifteen directors shall be elected at the first National WEPEO Convention; five for six years, five for four years and five for two years. The lengths of terms for the original fifteen directors shall be determined by drawing from a deck of cards. The directors with the five highest numbered cards shall serve six-year terms, the next highest shall serve four-year terms etc., unless any of the original directors mutually agree among themselves to exchange their term lengths. Notwithstanding the six-year term of office, every director shall be eligible to hold office and discharge his duties until his successor is elected.

Following each Biennial Convention, the Board of Directors shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among the elected directors for a term of two years.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall not hold a concurrent elected office, and each member of the Board of Directors, upon election shall resign any volunteer office (as defined in Article VI) held by such person as soon as feasible after election to the board.

Section 3. MEETINGS AND ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

A. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall have at least two regular meetings annually at dates to be determined by the Board of Directors or fixed by the Chairman of the Board from time to time. The Board shall meet at other times on the call of the Chairman or on the request of a majority of its current members.

B. Referendum. In the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board or the Secretary of the Board may refer and submit by mail or telegram to the elected members of the Board, specific questions relating to the affairs or management of WEPEO, or elections to fill vacancies, or amendments to the Bylaws, which in the opinion of the President, require immediate action on the part of the Board. The result of such referendum, if consented to in writing by all the members of the Board entitled to vote thereon as specifically provided in these Bylaws, shall constitute the act of said Board of Directors and shall be binding upon WEPEO, its officers, its directors, agents, committees, and other personnel and employees in the same manner as if the approval were taken at a duly constituted meeting.

C. Notice of Meetings. Notice of regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given by sending copies thereof in the mail at least ten days prior to the day of the meeting, addressed to the respective members of the Board. Meetings shall be held at

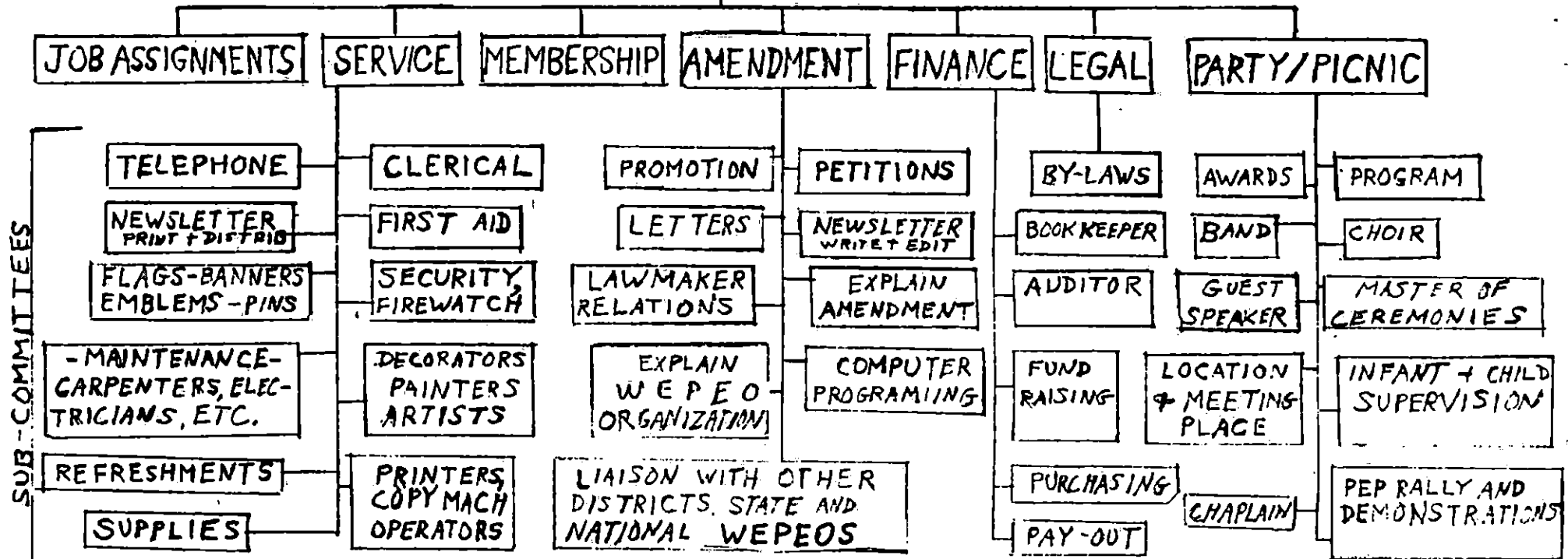
WE THE PEOPLE DISTRICT ORGANIZATION CHART

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

FIFTEEN MEMBERS ELECTED TO SIX YEAR TERMS - FIVE EVERY SECOND YEAR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

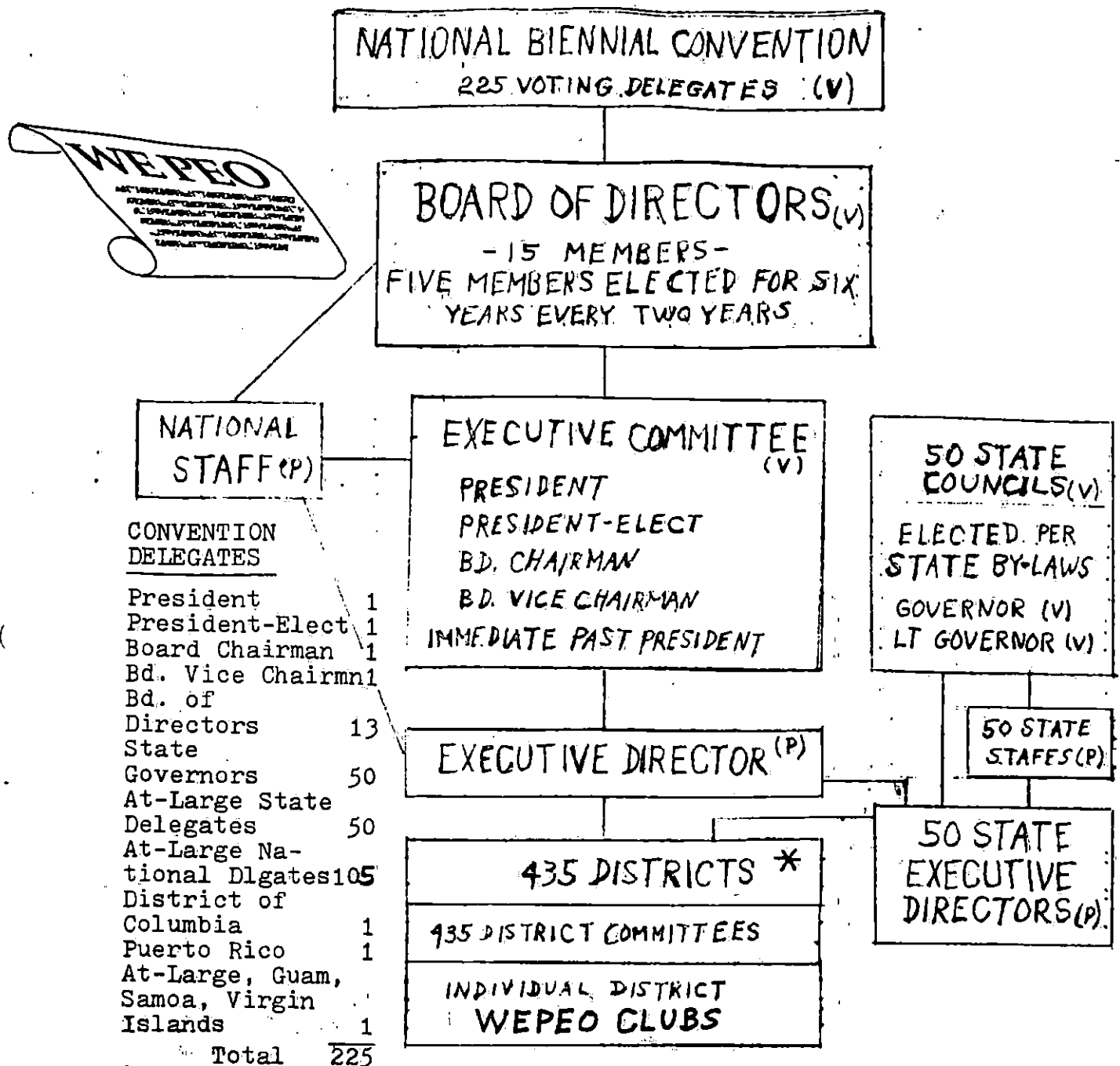
MAJOR COMMITTEES



Existing local organizations (such as service clubs, private clubs, retired and professional groups, fraternal & veterans clubs, schools, churches, unions, police and military associations, etc.) would each form their own individual WEPEO clubs that would volunteer to staff these committees in each of the 435 Congressional districts. (See also the WE THE PEOPLE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION CHART and the 25 page WEPEO BYLAWS.) Note: This may seem COMPLICATED but the main idea is for many people to enjoy themselves and HAVE FUN doing one simple job rather than a few doing everything and quitting.



WE THE PEOPLE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION CHART



Legend:

(P) = Full Time Paid Employees

(V) = Expenses Paid for Volunteers on WEPEO Business

(*) = Each WEPEO district is identical with its Corresponding Congressional district of about 500,000 people. (See separate We The People DISTRICT Organization Chart. See also 25 page WE THE PEOPLE BYLAWS.)

Part One: A Scenario of the Year 1996 Presidential Election Under a Ratified People's Amendment.

Part Two: The Proposed People's Presidential Election Law

Part One

MAR The People's Amendment is RATIFIED by three-fourths of the state legislatures
1991 and becomes Amendment XXVII, the FINAL amendment to the U. S. Constitution.
The Federal Referendum Agency, an INDEPENDENT agency of government, is created.
The F. R. A. will begin receiving People Bill petitions from the U. S. voters on
February 1, 1992 in preparation for the FIRST National Referendum in November,
1992

APR A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BILL is presented to Congress that will allow the Ameri-
1991 can voters to:

- A. SELECT the presidential candidates by PETITIONS
- B. NOMINATE the candidates at a NATIONAL PRIMARY ELECTION.
- C. DIRECTLY ELECT the president by popular vote at the General Elections (See Part Two for a copy of this bill.) This bill is recorded, sent to the judiciary committees of the House & Senate, filed and forgotten (this is the usual destiny of most bills accepted by Congress).

FEB The F.R.A. begins to receive voters petitions for a variety of Congress's bills,
1st (forgotten & active bills) that will COMPETE for the OFFICIAL 1992 People's
1992 Bill.

MAR The Political Hit Parade on the 6 o'clock news shows the People's Presidential
1992 Bill to be in TENTH PLACE with 287,653 petitions from voters in FIVE states,
just enough for the people to follow its progress on TV every day.

APR The People's Presidential Election Bill is in SIXTH PLACE on the 6 o'clock news
1st Political Hit Parade showing 463,432 petitions from voters in SEVEN states.

AUG The people are "turned off" by events at the Republican National Convention
1st causing the Presidential Election Bill to climb to FOURTH PLACE with 1,506,283
1992 voter petitions from ELEVEN STATES.

SEP The people are angry & frightened at the riots that nearly broke up the Demo-
1st cratic National Convention. The Presidential Election Bill jumps to SECOND
1992 PLACE on the Political Hit Parade with 2,649,222 petitions from SEVENTEEN STATES.
(The very popular Narcotics Bill to Control Crime is still in FIRST PLACE with
petitions from EIGHTEEN STATES.)

FEB The unrest and dissatisfaction after the 1992 General Elections has pushed the
1st Presidential Election Bill to FIRST PLACE with 3,761,207 petitions from voters
1993 in TWENTY-ONE states.

Note: The Federal Referendum Board certifies to the Speaker of the House and
the President of the Senate that the People's Presidential Election Bill
is the OFFICIAL 1993 People's Bill.

MAR Having anticipated the Presidential Election Bill to be the FIRST People's Bill,
1st the judiciary committees of BOTH houses begin hearings (The hearings are televis-
1993 ed because of the intense public interest in America's NEW DEMOCRACY.)

APR The Presidential Election Bill is sent to the floor of BOTH houses without judi-
1993 ciary committee votes being taken since Congressional action on all People's Bills
is now MANDATORY under the RATIFIED People's Amendment.

May By secret RECOMMENDATION VOTE, the full Senate APPROVES the Presidential Elec-
1993 tion Bill, 91-3. The House approves it 401-18

JUL The F.R.A. receives the RECOMMENDATION Reports from the House and Senate.
15th

- AUG The F.R.A. releases Congress's Recommendation Reports to the public with their 1st vote totals along with the FLOOR-DEBATED reasons FOR and AGAINST the 1993 People's 1993 Bill.
- NOV GENERAL ELECTIONS DAY, A total of 71,843,622 votes is cast in the National 1993 Referendum. 43,227,963 voters in 26 states APPROVED our nation's FIRST national referendum. The Presidential Election Bill is now a PEOPLE'S LAW!
- DEC A lawsuit challenging the LEGALITY of the Presidential Election Law is started 1993 in a federal district court.
- MAR A U.S. Court of Appeals upholds the lower court's decision that the People's 1994 Election Law IS unconstitutional, per the Twelfth Amendment.
- MAY The U. S. Supreme Court REFUSES to review the appeals court decision since the 1994 People's Election Law is obviously unconstitutional, thus upholding the appeals court decision. As mandated by the People's Amendment, this voided People's Law is RETURNED TO THE AMERICAN VOTERS FOR REVIEW.
- NOV GENERAL ELECTIONS DAY. At the National Referendum, majorities ranging from 55% 1994 to 79% of the voters voting in EACH of THIRTY-NINE states vote to TENTATIVELY approve this court-voided People's Law as a CONSTITUTION LAW.
- NOV GENERAL ELECTIONS DAY. At the National Referendum, majorities ranging from 59% 1995 to 87% of the voters voting in EACH of FORTY-FIVE STATES overwhelmingly give FINAL APPROVAL to the Presidential Election Law as the LAW OF THE LAND!
- NOV The first American to be directly SELECTED, NOMINATED and ELECTED by the people 1996 becomes President of the United States!

Part Two

The Proposed People's Presidential Election Bill

- 1 Any person who wishes to QUALIFY as a candidate for the office of the President of the United States must:
 - A. Have reached the age of thirty-five years.
 - B. Be a natural born citizen and a fourteen year resident of the United States.
 - C. Send a QUALIFYING petition with the signatures and addresses of 10,000 American voters to the Federal Referendum Agency not more than ninety nor less thirty days prior to January 3rd of each presidential election year.
IMPORTANT: This petition MUST be advertised in a NATIONAL newspaper and a PUBLISHED copy presented to the F.R.A. with the original petition (this will eliminate pranksters & frivolous people).
- 2 On February 1st of each presidential election year the F.R.A. shall announce names of all QUALIFIED candidates who may run for president THAT year.
- 3 Beginning February 12th, American voters may present INDIVIDUAL petitions for the candidates of their choice to ANY American bank or post office who will validate the petitions and forward them to the state branch offices of the F. R.A. (These petitions will determine the names that will appear on PRIMARY ballot in September.)
4. Each voter may petition only ONE candidate for president. A voter may CHANGE HIS MIND and vote for a DIFFERENT candidate (the computer will automatically CANCEL his previous vote. April 30 is the deadline for such changes
- 5 After checking each voter's qualifications, the bank or post office shall WITNESS each voter's signature and mail all such petitions to the state F.R.A. branch office at each day's end. (The state F.R.A. branch office shall forward all OUT-OF-STATE petitions to the voters HOME state F.R.A. offices.)

- 6 On a DAILY basis, each state F.R.A. office shall enter the petition information into the computer terminal and transmit same to the central computer at F.R.A. headquarters in Washington.
- 7 Beginning February 22, upon notification by the F.R.A., the 6'oclock news Political Hit Parade and other media will, EACH BUSINESS DAY, list the TEN LEADING CANDIDATES along with the total number of petitions supporting each. The status of any other candidates will be available from the F.R.A. upon request.
- 8 The PETITION PHASE for each presidential election SHALL END June 1st. No more petitions will be accepted by banks and post offices after this date. The TEN CANDIDATES receiving the MOST PETITIONS from the ENTIRE U.S.A. shall become the OFFICIAL & ONLY CANDIDATES for the presidential PRIMARY election in September.
- 9 On June 15, the FRA shall name the ten official primary candidates along with the TOTAL NUMBER OF PETITIONS each received.
- 10 By July 1st, EACH of the TEN official primary candidates MUST notify the F.R.A. by notarized letter, HIS CHOICE for VICE-PRESIDENT of the United States.
- 11 On July 15, the F.R.A. will announce and advertise the NATIONAL presidential Primary Election Ballot containing the names of the ten official candidates for president along with each candidate's choice for vice president.
- 12 The Presidential NATIONAL PRIMARY ELECTION shall be held the FIRST TUESDAY after Labor Day. The TWO CANDIDATES receiving the MOST VOTES from the ENTIRE NATION shall be named by the F.R.A. as the OFFICIAL and only NOMINATED candidates for President at the general elections in November. Their running mates shall be named as the only candidates for Vice President.
- 13 At the general elections in November, the presidential nominee receiving the most votes from the ENTIRE NATION shall become President and this running mate shall be Vice President.

For WEPEO (We The People)



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Format of how a PETITION PHASE report could appear under a People's Presidential Election Law

The Federal Referendum Agency announces the FINAL RESULTS of the February 12 to June 15, 1996 PETITION PHASE of the 1996 Presidential Election

Position***	Candidates***	Petitions Received***
1	Gov. Bill Clinton	13,862,433
2	Dan Quayle	13,021,607
3	General Schwarzkope	12,835,402
4	Andre Marrou	11,999,508
5	Pat Buchanan	11,657,003
6	Jesse Jackson	11,009,115
7	Gov. Ann Richards	6,508,422
8	Lee Iococca	5,433,216
9	Jerry Fallwell	5,215,814
10	Phil Donahue	4,967,819
	All other candidates	1,647,418
	Total Petitions	98,157,418

The above ten candidates are hereby designated the final & only OFFICIAL CANDIDATES for the September 10, 1996 National, PRIMARY Presidential Election.

Each official, primary presidential candidate must notify the Federal Referendum Agency HIS CHOICE for vice president by July 1, 1996.

The Federal Referendum Agency shall, on July 15, 1996, publish a specimen ballot containing the names of each presidential candidate and his choice for vice president.

The two presidential candidates receiving the most votes in the September 10, 1996 primary election shall be the OFFICIAL NOMINEES for president; their running mates shall be the official nominees for vice president.

The candidate receiving the most votes from the entire nation at the general elections in November shall be elected president and his running mate shall be elected vice president.

Summary of the 1988 Presidential Election (Source: The 1992 Universal almanac).
(for comparison purposes).

Total votes cast	91,609,673
Registered voters	129,843,000
Voting age population	182,628,000

*** This information is just a wild guess; this fictitious report shows how PARTY candidates would compete with NON party candidates under a People's Presidential Election Law.

SUPPORTING DATA FOR THE PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT

More proof of judicial despotism

The Supreme Court decision that a federal judge can order tax increases is probably the most important decision that will be issued this term. As a matter of constitutional law, the result is simply too preposterous to survive long as a precedent for other cases. The decision should be viewed, rather, as another byway in the court's and the nation's tortured but valiant struggle with the issue of race.

Missouri v. Jenkins is not likely to mean we have a new rule of law that unelected federal judges may order tax levies by local officials to pay for judicially preferred social programs—housing, welfare, environmentalism, higher salaries for judges. Americans long ago gave a lesson in Boston Harbor about what we think about taxation without representation. Most federal judges will understand that accepting an invitation to order tax increases risks the nobility of the law and ultimately the independence of the judiciary. In any event, with Chief Justice Rehnquist and the three young Reagan Justices joining in an outraged dissent, any Bush Justice is likely to be the swing vote back on the next test case.

What, then, to make of this opinion? As Justice Anthony Kennedy noted in the dissent (excerpts nearby), this case cannot be understood outside its facts. Federal District Court Judge Russell Clark has spent a decade deciding how to integrate the public schools in Kansas City, Missouri. The frustrations of this kind of litigation invite blinkered, prime-directive reasoning. Here, the directive was to create racial balance in the schools, regardless of cost.

When white flight left too few whites to make integration possible, Judge Clark decided he had to lure whites back with a magnet-school program. He demanded an estimated \$500 million to \$700 million to make the schools the best-endowed public schools in the country. The voters disagreed, repeatedly voting down taxes to fund the enticement of white students with natatoriums, model U.N.s, aesthetically pleasing carpets and 15 computers per classroom. Voters dumped tea bags on Judge Clark's courthouse steps.

The Missouri Constitution requires a two-thirds vote to raise property taxes, but over the half-dozen tax-levy propositions, voters never went beyond a bare majority. The local school board, which wanted the huge new budget, didn't have the power to get around this limitation. So in 1987, Judge Clark simply ordered that the local property tax be doubled. By a 9-0 vote, the Justices agreed that he went too far by directly ordering this tax.

But by a 5-4 vote, they said Judge

REVIEW & OUTLOOK

Judge George III

Clark could order the tax indirectly by "authorizing and directing" — that is, ordering local officials to raise the tax despite the state Constitution saying they don't have the power. In any case, if it was unconstitutional for Judge Clark to levy the tax in the open, how can it be constitutional to do the same thing behind a mask?

In the final section of his dissent, Justice Kennedy disclosed the most important single fact about the majority opinion. He said it can be understood only as a special case because the subject matter is race. "The historical record of voluntary compliance with the decree of *Brown v. Board of Education* is not a proud chapter in our constitutional history," he wrote. "The judges of the district courts and courts of appeals have been courageous and skillful in implementing its mandate." But "while few ends are more important than enforcing the guarantee of equal educational opportunity," he wrote, good ends cannot justify unconstitutional means.

This nation can by and large be proud of its efforts to deal with the racial issue; we can count considerable if incomplete progress in an area where most societies have failed or feared to tread. The courts have played an especially important role; with other political institutions unable to move, the judicial activism of *Brown v. Board of Education* surely had a moral justification. But it nonetheless carried a legal risk, inviting judges to try to remove every blot on the body politic.

Even on the issue of race, public sentiments have changed, and the legislative and executive branches pass and enforce civil-rights laws. It has become increasingly evident that judicial fiat, not given to dealing with social complexities, is not going to solve the remaining problems. This is ironically illustrated in the Kansas City schools under Judge Clark's jurisdiction.

Black parents in Kansas City have sued because their children have been denied admission to the local magnet school. They were excluded because they would have upset the court-ordered racial statistics. In other words, black parents have decided that the best hope for their children is quality education, not the company of white children. Yet they are told they cannot attend the school of their choice because they have black skins.

If this is where we have arrived, surely it is time for judges to back off from their activism. Certainly they should not be rushing in to claim, of all things, the power of taxation. Kings did not ultimately succeed in taxing Americans without their consent, and neither will judges.

Bunny Capers

So Michael Milken has agreed to plead guilty to crimes carrying a \$600 million fine and a jail sentence of perhaps five or six years. Ivan Boesky got three years and \$100 million for

conversation took place, Mr. Freeman had already sold two-thirds of the Beatrice stock he sold that day.

We confess, Judge Leval, that to us it looks a lot more like "the way the

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enough against the planners of East Asia. He also took a swipe at "highly placed individuals who think nothing is wrong, presumably senior White

worry about the people who make the private economy's best minds partners with the same people who helped the S&L industry become what it is today.

now serves as shorthand to describe the hopeful—and, perhaps, sometimes, ephemeral—move to democracy in places like Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria or Romania.

A reference point that pops up even more frequently is "Sarajevo," the name of the Bosnian town where, in 1914, an assassination triggered World War I and the dissolution of the Habsburg empire. Recognizing that the great powers essentially "stumbled" into a world-wide conflagration they didn't want and whose course they couldn't control, we have come to see Sarajevo and its aftermath as a case study in the frailties of political leadership—as a metaphor for the capacity of otherwise rational men to turn diplomatic molehills into mountains of human misery. Writers and speakers also sometimes speak of "Sarajevo" when they seek to warn of the chaos the breakup of another empire, the Soviet one, might bring. But there are some problems we might like to consider before employing this mighty analogy.

Take a moment to review what actually happened in the Bosnian capital three-quarters of a century ago. On June 28, 1914, a young Serbian nationalist named Gavrilo Princip assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, and his wife Sophie. Franz Ferdinand was a moderate who hoped to hold the multinational Habsburg Empire together through concessions to Slavs. His assassin belonged to a terrorist society that saw him as a threat to its dream of an independent south-Slav state.

Anti-Slav elements in Vienna understood that they could use Franz Ferdi-

WJS 4/25/90 House Gag Rule

The same congressional leaders who in the name of open government demand more and more access to executive-branch documents—even including Ronald Reagan's personal diaries—are the protectors of a secret list that prevents the American people from knowing where their representatives really stand. A lone Member has now decided to risk the anger of the House leadership by ripping away the veil of secrecy.

In the 1950s and 1960s, autocratic House committee chairmen routinely bottled up civil-rights bills and refused to let them come to a floor vote. Today, popular bills ranging from amendments to balance the budget and ban flag desecration are routinely buried in committee because the liberal House leadership opposes them and wants to avoid votes that could be used against incumbents.

There is only one real way a majority of Members can bring legislation to the House floor if it is blocked in committee: They must produce a discharge petition. If 218 Members—a House majority—sign a discharge petition, the relevant committee must either vote out the bill or agree to a floor vote. However, only 19 of 347 discharge petitions have succeeded.

This is because the list of Members who have signed a petition is kept secret—until the required 218 sign. Only Members can view the list, and then only briefly to make certain their name is on it.

They must first go to the Clerk's desk in the House chamber. They are handed a statement signed by the Clerk and Speaker informing them that disclosing the names of signers, or the number of names, is "strictly prohibited under the precedents of the House." The sole precedent is an arbitrary 1931 prohibition by Speaker John Nance Garner that was never made part of official House rules.

This restriction has made it easy for Speakers to squash discharge peti-

tions. Whenever the list comes close to 218 names, the Speaker routinely pressures Members to drop off. The list's secrecy allows them to conceal their timidity from the voters.

Rep. Chuck Douglas, a former New Hampshire Supreme Court Justice, says the petition's secrecy is in direct conflict with honest and open government. "This covert list allows Members the best of two political worlds," he told us. "They can publicly support a measure, like protecting the flag, while quietly withholding their names from the petition that would accomplish that."

He notes that during last year's popular effort to repeal Section 89 of the tax code, 309 of the 435 House Members signed on to a repeal bill, but less than half that number signed the discharge petition, largely to avoid angering House leaders.

Mr. Douglas has decided to break up this cozy protection for hypocrites. He has just filed a discharge petition to force a vote on his amendment to ban flag desecration. While he is obliged to not reveal the names of signers, he has announced he will disclose the names of any Members who claim to have signed the petition but do not actually do so.

He plans to do the same with a second discharge petition to force a vote on a balanced-budget amendment. It has 246 co-sponsors, but Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks refuses to release it. Rep. Douglas expects a lot of pressure from his colleagues to back down, but he has no intention of budging.

The secret discharge petition is only the latest example of how House Rules—or in this case merely a precedent—are used to shield Members from accountability. We tried to request documents on the history of the discharge petition's secrecy by using the Freedom of Information Act, but were informed that Congress has exempted itself from that law as well.

Asides

Socialism Takes Flight

Outside of a few redoubts such as North Korea and the Chinese party headquarters, state-run industries are a concept in retreat these days. But in retreat to where? To the high councils of California! Air fares among major

ically in recent months. Naturally, legislators are upset. But instead of privatizing airports and piercing the lock that existing carriers have on gates, State Senator Art Torres has proposed formation of a state airline to—believe it or not—compete and

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enough against the planners of East Asia. He also took a swipe at "highly placed individuals who think nothing is wrong, presumably senior White

make the private economy's best minds partners with the same people who helped the S&L industry become what it is today.

now serves as shorthand to describe the hopeful—and, perhaps, sometimes, ephemeral—move to democracy in places like Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria or Romania.

A reference point that pops up even more frequently is "Sarajevo," the name of the Bosnian town where, in 1914, an assassination triggered World War I and the dissolution of the Habsburg empire. Recognizing that the great powers essentially "stumbled" into a world-wide conflagration they didn't want and whose course they couldn't control, we have come to see Sarajevo and its aftermath as a case study in the frailties of political leadership—as a metaphor for the capacity of otherwise rational men to turn diplomatic molehills into mountains of human misery. Writers and speakers also sometimes speak of "Sarajevo" when they seek to warn of the chaos the breakup of another empire, the Soviet one, might bring. But there are some problems we might like to consider before employing this mighty analogy.

Take a moment to review what actually happened in the Bosnian capital three-quarters of a century ago. On June 28, 1914, a young Serbian nationalist named Gavrilo Princip assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, and his wife Sophie. Franz Ferdinand was a moderate who hoped to hold the multinational Habsburg Empire together through concessions to Slavs. His assassin belonged to a terrorist society that saw him as a threat to its dream of an independent south-Slav state.

Anti-Slav elements in Vienna understood that they could use Franz Ferdi-

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House Gag Rule

The same congressional leaders who in the name of open government demand more and more access to executive-branch documents—even including Ronald Reagan's personal diaries—are the protectors of a secret list that prevents the American people from knowing where their representatives really stand. A lone Member has now decided to risk the anger of the House leadership by ripping away the veil of secrecy.

In the 1950s and 1960s, autocratic House committee chairmen routinely bottled up civil-rights bills and refused to let them come to a floor vote. Today, popular bills ranging from amendments to balance the budget and ban flag desecration are routinely buried in committee because the liberal House leadership opposes them and wants to avoid votes that could be used against incumbents.

There is only one real way a majority of Members can bring legislation to the House floor if it is blocked in committee: They must produce a discharge petition. If 218 Members—a House majority—sign a discharge petition, the relevant committee must either vote out the bill or agree to a floor vote. However, only 19 of 347 discharge petitions have succeeded.

This is because the list of Members who have signed a petition is kept secret—until the required 218 sign. Only Members can view the list, and then only briefly to make certain their name is on it.

They must first go to the Clerk's desk in the House chamber. They are handed a statement signed by the Clerk and Speaker informing them that disclosing the names of signers, or the number of names, is "strictly prohibited under the precedents of the House." The sole precedent is an arbitrary 1931 prohibition by Speaker John Nance Garner that was never made part of official House rules.

This restriction has made it easy for Speakers to squash discharge peti-

tions. Whenever the list comes close to 218 names, the Speaker routinely pressures Members to drop off. The list's secrecy allows them to conceal their timidity from the voters.

Rep. Chuck Douglas, a former New Hampshire Supreme Court Justice, says the petition's secrecy is in direct conflict with honest and open government. "This covert list allows Members the best of two political worlds," he told us. "They can publicly support a measure, like protecting the flag, while quietly withholding their names from the petition that would accomplish that."

He notes that during last year's popular effort to repeal Section 89 of the tax code, 309 of the 435 House Members signed on to a repeal bill, but less than half that number signed the discharge petition, largely to avoid angering House leaders.

Mr. Douglas has decided to break up this cozy protection for hypocrites. He has just filed a discharge petition to force a vote on his amendment to ban flag desecration. While he is obliged to not reveal the names of signers, he has announced he will disclose the names of any Members who claim to have signed the petition but do not actually do so.

He plans to do the same with a second discharge petition to force a vote on a balanced-budget amendment. It has 246 co-sponsors, but Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks refuses to release it. Rep. Douglas expects a lot of pressure from his colleagues to back down, but he has no intention of budging.

The secret discharge petition is only the latest example of how House Rules—or in this case merely a precedent—are used to shield Members from accountability. We tried to request documents on the history of the discharge petition's secrecy by using the Freedom of Information Act, but were informed that Congress has exempted itself from that law as well.

Asides

Socialism Takes Flight

Outside of a few redoubts such as North Korea and the Chinese party headquarters, state-run industries are a concept in retreat these days. But in retreat to where? To the high councils of California! Air fares among major

ically in recent months. Naturally, legislators are upset. But instead of privatizing airports and piercing the lock that existing carriers have on gates, State Senator Art Torres has proposed formation of a state airline to—believe it or not—compete and

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Judge George III

The Supreme Court decision that a federal judge can order tax increases is probably the most important decision that will be issued this term. As a matter of constitutional law, the result is simply too preposterous to survive long as a precedent for other cases. The decision should be viewed, rather, as another byway in the court's and the nation's tortured but valiant struggle with the issue of race.

Missouri v. Jenkins is not likely to mean we have a new rule of law that unelected federal judges may order tax levies by local officials to pay for judicially preferred social programs—housing, welfare, environmentalism, higher salaries for judges. Americans long ago gave a lesson in Boston Harbor about what we think about taxation without representation. Most federal judges will understand that accepting an invitation to order tax increases risks the nobility of the law and ultimately the independence of the judiciary. In any event, with Chief Justice Rehnquist and the three young Reagan Justices joining in an outraged dissent, any Bush Justice is likely to be the swing vote back on the next test case.

What, then, to make of this opinion? As Justice Anthony Kennedy noted in the dissent (excerpts nearby), this case cannot be understood outside its facts. Federal District Court Judge Russell Clark has spent a decade deciding how to integrate the public schools in Kansas City, Missouri. The frustrations of this kind of litigation invite blinkered, prime-directive reasoning. Here, the directive was to create racial balance in the schools, regardless of cost.

When white flight left too few whites to make integration possible, Judge Clark decided he had to lure whites back with a magnet-school program. He demanded an estimated \$800 million to \$700 million to make the schools the best-endowed public schools in the country. The voters disagreed, repeatedly voting down taxes to fund the enticement of white students with natatoriums, model U.N.s, aesthetically pleasing carpets and 15 computers per classroom. Voters dumped tea bags on Judge Clark's courthouse steps.

The Missouri Constitution required a two-thirds vote to raise property taxes, but over the half-dozen tax-levy propositions, voters never went beyond a bare majority. The local school board, which wanted the huge new budget, didn't have the power to get around this limitation. So in 1987, Judge Clark simply ordered that the local property tax be doubled. By a 9-0 vote, the Justices agreed that he went too far by directly ordering this tax.

But by a 5-4 vote, they said Judge

Clark could order the tax indirectly by "authorizing and directing" that is, ordering local officials to raise the tax, despite the state Constitution saying they don't have the power. In any case, if it was unconstitutional for Judge Clark to levy the tax in the open, how can it be constitutional to do the same thing behind a mask?

In the final section of his dissent, Justice Kennedy disclosed the most important single fact about the majority opinion. He said it can be understood only as a special case because the subject matter is race. "The historical record of voluntary compliance with the decree of *Brown v. Board of Education* is not a proud chapter in our constitutional history," he wrote. "The judges of the district courts and courts of appeals have been courageous and skillful in implementing its mandate." But "while few ends are more important than enforcing the guarantee of equal educational opportunity," he wrote, good ends cannot justify unconstitutional means.

This nation can by and large be proud of its efforts to deal with the racial issue; we can count considerable if incomplete progress in an area where most societies have failed or feared to tread. The courts have played an especially important role; with other political institutions unable to move, the judicial activism of *Brown v. Board of Education* surely had a moral justification. But it nonetheless carried a legal risk, inviting judges to try to remove every blot on the body politic.

Even on the issue of race, public sentiments have changed, and the legislative and executive branches pass and enforce civil-rights laws. It has become increasingly evident that judicial fiat, not given to dealing with social complexities, is not going to solve the remaining problems. This is ironically illustrated in the Kansas City schools under Judge Clark's jurisdiction.

Black parents in Kansas City have sued because their children have been denied admission to the local magnet school. They were excluded because they would have upset the court-ordered racial statistics. In other words, black parents have decided that the best hope for their children is quality education, not the company of white children. Yet they are told they cannot attend the school of their choice because they have black skins.

If this is where we have arrived, surely it is time for judges to back off from their activism. Certainly they should not be rushing in to claim, of all things, the power of taxation. Kings did not ultimately succeed in taxing Americans without their consent, and neither will judges.

More proof of judicial despotism

Bunny Capers

So Michael Milken has agreed to plead guilty to crimes carrying a \$600 million fine and a jail sentence of perhaps five or six years. Ivan Boesky got three years and \$100 million for

conversation took place. Mr. Freeman had already sold two-thirds of the Beatrice stock he sold that day.

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Dwindling Appeal

Even for those in positions of great influence, serving in Congress no longer has the appeal it once did. "I just wasn't looking forward to another six years in the Senate," says Florida Democrat Lawton Chiles, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, who has decided to call it quits after 18 years.

Congress is still occasionally able to come together to enact such sweeping legislation as the 1986 measure revamping the nation's tax code. "The fact is that Congress is the most powerful and the most effective legislative body in the world," says Nelson Polsby, a political scientist at the University of California at Berkeley. "If you don't think it's efficient, it's because democracy isn't efficient."

But these days, such meaningful action is far and away the exception rather than the rule. While the number of hours the House and the Senate are in session has increased since the 1950s, the number of bills passed and laws enacted has declined. More and more work is producing less and less.

Tensions between the two parties in the House are extraordinarily high. With a solid ideological majority, the Democrats needn't reach out to compromise with the Republicans. Frustrated and bitter, GOP lawmakers—none of whom have ever served in the majority—wage a low-intensity, guerrilla war against the ruling Democrats, sparking acrimonious exchanges on the floor that strain the limits of congressional courtesy. The strife has become increasingly nasty and personal as combative GOP lawmakers such as Georgia Rep. Newt Gingrich take to the floor to assail House Speaker James Wright as "corrupt."

Breakdown of Civility

In the Senate, routine legislation gets bogged down by irrelevant amendments on such divisive issues as abortion and AIDS, often proposed by lawmakers seeking to set up campaign issues. Often, a single senator blocks the consideration of a bill. "There's been a breakdown of comity, civility and self-restraint on the Senate floor," Mr. Fenno of the University of Rochester says.

When Congress does wield power effectively, it is often only to benefit itself. Lawmakers have exempted themselves from virtually every regulatory law. They needn't comply with the Civil Rights Act or the Equal Pay Act, and when they leave

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Congress, they don't have to bother with the Ethics in Government Act.

Former White House political adviser Lyn Nofziger, for instance, was convicted last month for violating the ethics law by lobbying the Reagan administration within a year of leaving its employ. By contrast, former California Rep. Jerry Patterson, a Democratic member of the House Banking Committee who was defeated for re-election in 1984, registered as a congressional lobbyist for a big California savings and loan institution just three months after he left office. As a past member of Congress, he retains the right to roam the Senate and House floors.

Last year, lawmakers defeated attempts to revise the special-prosecutor law to include themselves. Measures to extend the ethics law to cover lawmakers are pending in both the House and the Senate, but they aren't likely to pass.

"Institutional hypocrisy," declares Republican Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois. "We demand a punctilious observance of the laws by lesser mortals, but we sure do give ourselves all the latitude in the world." The only thing preventing lawmakers from seeking an exemption from the law of gravity, he says, is the fact that they would "have to violate the separation of church and state to pray for it."

Congress also gets mired by the redundancy of its committees. No fewer than 10 committees and subcommittees have held hearings on changes in the securities laws in the wake of last October's stock-market crash; with so many different jurisdictions involved, no legislative action is expected this year.

In addition, because panels' jurisdictions

are vaguely defined, many ambitious chairmen—and ambitious staffs—are eager to expand their purview. For instance, Michigan Rep. John Dingell, chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, has recently been involved in issues ranging from banking deregulation to Pentagon procurement.

"I swear, John has members of his staff who do nothing but look for other committees' turf to grab," complains Rep. Udall, the chairman of the House Interior Committee, which often finds itself sharing jurisdiction over issues with Mr. Dingell's panel.

Replies Mr. Dingell, "We simply do the things assigned to us under the rules of the House, and we ask others to do the same and leave us alone."

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Chaotic CongressLawmakers' Inability
To Clear Up Gridlock
Is a Rising FrustrationMore and More Work Yields
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'Every Man for Himself'

The Legacy of James Madison

By JOHN E. YANG

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

WASHINGTON—One day late last year, the House spent 3½ hours trying to go home.

In the Senate last month, lawmakers bickered for 53 straight hours (over a bill that eventually was shelved) in a bitter debate that featured a Republican lawmaker being carried feet-first onto the Senate floor by Capitol police.

Tomorrow, lawmakers are expected to override a presidential veto of legislation

First of two articles.

closing a loophole and broadening the reach of civil-rights laws to cover workers in private businesses and state and local governments—all the while continuing to deny those same basic protections to their own staffs.

Meanwhile, lawmakers rail about the burgeoning federal budget deficit but continue to tuck pet projects into spending bills and special breaks into tax measures. Not since 1977 has Congress been able to finance the federal government before the beginning of the fiscal year, its most basic task.

➤ Congress just doesn't seem to work these days. The making of legislation was never intended to be a tidy business. James Madison purposely built inefficiencies into the system to protect against rash decisions. But in the view of many scholars and lawmakers themselves, the problem today isn't simply inefficiency; it is an inability to deal with the nation's problems.

A Sense of Breakdown

"There's a sense that the whole system is breaking down," says Sen. Daniel Evans, a one-term Washington Republican whose frustrations led him to retire this year.

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Sizable Staffs

The tremendous growth in lawmakers' staffs has also contributed to wheel spinning. Congress is the most heavily staffed legislature in the world, with more than 31,000 employees. By contrast, the 650 members of the British House of Commons get by with about 1,000 employees.

"You've got a lot of motion that inevitably is at loggerheads," says Mark Bisnow, a congressional aide for nine years who is now in private industry.

With an army of aides to write speeches and press releases, research issues and draft amendments, almost any lawmaker can try to affect legislation on almost any issue. As a result, members are less likely to defer to their colleagues as "experts" on specific issues than before. The Senate "has become close to a pure democracy, which some people say is pure chaos," says Charles Ferris, a Washington attor-

ney who was the top lieutenant to Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield in the 1960s and 1970s.

Elected to set the nation's laws, members of the House and the Senate quickly become distracted by hundreds of competing claims for their attentions. Lawmakers' appointment books are jammed with delegations of businessmen from their hometowns who, organized by their various national trade groups, want to stop by and press their cases. Trays of incoming mail are laden with cards and letters, some of them handwritten but worded identically with messages generated by special-interest groups.

Turf Fights

This turns issues such as the long-stale-mated matter of reforming the nation's financial services into a turf fight between the bankers and the stockbrokers and insurance and real-estate agents back home. Facing the prospect of choosing between these constituent groups, lawmakers choose to do little.

It also encourages lawmakers to be advocates rather than statesmen. The Senate has gone from being "a community-minded institution to one that's rather individualistic," says Mr. Fenno, the political scientist.

The problem is exacerbated by the rules of the chamber, which allow a determined minority to block a majority. The threat of a filibuster, a tactic once reserved for such momentous issues as slavery, war and civil rights, has now become "part of the day-to-day bag of tricks of senator after senator," says Steven Smith, a University of Minnesota political scientist. Last year, GOP senators used a fill-

buster to tie up a routine defense authorizations bill.

So far, the current Senate has voted on limiting debate 26 times—more such votes than were held between 1919, when the rules were changed to allow filibusters to be curtailed, and 1960.

The frequent stalemate in the Senate has strained relations with House members, who complain that they pass legislation only to have it languish on the other side of the Capitol. "One hundred prima donnas," Rep. Udall says of his colleagues in the Senate. "They can't do what they want to do in an orderly way, so they do it in a disorderly way."

Even many senators would agree. Sen. Evans of Washington, a former governor and college president, calls his service in the Senate "a remarkable privilege" but looks forward to leaving nonetheless. "Never have I served in a body where the members are so exceptional," he says, "and the body itself so flawed."

The late House Speaker Sam Rayburn's oft-quoted adage that lawmakers should "go along to get along" has been replaced by "every man for himself." Lawmakers find it far more advantageous to champion a narrow cause, even at the expense of the larger interest. "Congress has greater difficulty in legislating," says Richard Fenno, a University of Rochester political scientist whose specialty is Congress. "There's more gridlock, more frequent intransigencies."

The reasons reflect changes both in the institution and in American politics itself. "It's a totally different creature than it was when I arrived in 1961," says Rep. Morris Udall, an Arizona Democrat. Lawmakers' increasing reliance on special-interest money to finance their campaigns encourages them to pursue narrow, self-interested goals. As the congressional reforms of the 1970s stripped party leaders of much of their power, the great growth in congressional staffs gave even junior lawmakers the resources to stake out individual positions on issues.

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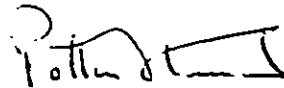
CHAMBERS OF
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September 22, 1981

Dear Mr. Coughenour,

Thank you for your recent letter and its enclosure, which I read with interest. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Potter Stewart", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Mr. Eugene M. Coughenour



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Dear Mr. Coughenour:

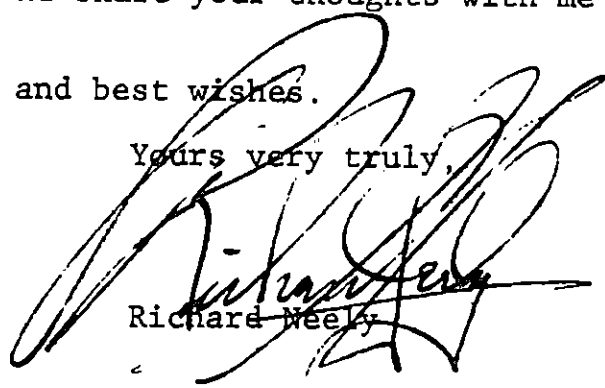
Thank you for your letter of 22 November. I am flattered and pleased that my remarks on the radio prompted you to share your thoughts on responsive government with me. I well understand and share the concerns which have motivated you to craft a more workable model of democracy in our country. Similarly, I admire your manifest determination to enlist support for your proposal.

Unfortunately, I must explain that as a sitting appellate judge it is inappropriate for me to give an opinion on the constitutionality of a statute except in the context of a law suit.

If you have further interest in studying our governmental institutions, may I suggest that you read my recently published book How Courts Govern America (Yale University Press, 1981). A large part of the book is devoted to my observations, formulated on the basis of my service as a State Legislator, on the extent to which legislatures in America respond to popular opinion. I think that you would find the book interesting; and, if you have any reactions to the book, I would be delighted if you would share your thoughts with me again.

With my warmest regards and best wishes.

Yours very truly,


Richard Neely

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Not Enough To Go Around

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One of the most popular fiction writers of the day is John D. MacDonald, who died recently. His Travis McGee series is about a private investigator whose friend Meyer is an economist and philosopher. Meyer enlivens the whodunit stories with musings about the world and its contradictions.

In *The Scarlet Ruse*, Meyer lectures on the big difference between living standards in the United States and in the Third World countries. He says the U.S. is a complex of steel mills, speedboats, cross-country power lines, scalpels, watch bands, fishing rods, ski poles, plywood, storage batteries, everything that is fabricated. Break it all down into basic raw materials, power requirements and fossil fuels needed for manufacture, then divide by the U.S. population to get one man's share.

Multiply that share by the populations of all the other nations of the world, Meyer said, and there is not enough material on and in the planet to ever give them the things we enjoy every day. The emerging nations are not going to emerge—not into our pattern at least. Not ever. We've hogged it all.

A few years ago, the rest of the world couldn't see us consuming and hogging the world's resources. But now it can, by movies, satellites, radio, television, magazines and Sears Roebuck catalogs. They can all look over into our corner and see us gorging ourselves and playing with our bright pretty toys. And so they want theirs now.

The only thing we can say to them, said Meyer, is "Sorry. You're a little too late. We used it all up, all except what we need to keep our toys in repair and running and replace them when they wear out. Sorry, but that's the way it is." Our myth has been that our standard of living would become available to all the peoples of the world. But nobody will ever live as well, materially, as we once did. And now, as our materialism begins to sicken us, it is precisely what the emerging nations want for themselves. And can never have.

When this truth becomes blinding bright, cruelly clear to the rest of the world, the response will be barbarism, a collapse of governments, a bloodbath of epic proportions, and a new dark age. After a thousand years or two, perhaps a few million people will be around to make another start toward civilization.

Meyer's scenario can be confirmed by anyone with a fact book on world resources and populations and a pocket calculator. It undercuts and destroys the rosy dreams of U.S. liberals who think we should allow unrestricted immigration of ignorant aliens, save starving populations by shipping food and medicine, and oppose efforts to control explosive population growth in the poorest nations.

Instead of the dream world envisioned by the liberals, the reality will more likely be the specter of hunger, disease and death riding rough-shod over the peoples of the world in a purging holocaust engulfing the earth.

IS THIS
THE BOTTOM LINE
FOR
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The Decline And Fall

We are indebted to Rolfe Neill, publisher of the Charlotte Observer, for unearthing an apt quotation from a book by Alexander Fraser Tytler (1748-1813): The Decline & Fall of the Athenian Republic. Quote, "A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasury. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with a result that democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy always followed by dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. (The U.S.A. is almost 204 years old, per Gene C.) These nations have progressed through the following sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependency; from dependency back to bondage."

This editorial continues: The moral strength and the religious convictions, the work ethic and the belief in service above self are the principles under which the United States of America developed into the greatest nation on earth. These principles are fast going by the board and we are sliding down into selfishness & corruption. And nowhere do we see the new leaders who might show us the way to a renewal of our heritage.

Big Congressional Rip-off

Our gutless Congressmen were not afraid to vote themselves a huge salary increase which started January 1. They gave themselves a 29.5% raise to \$125,100, up from \$96,600, and this included a 3.6% cost of living increase. (My 7/26/89 letter from the Congressional Budget Office stated their salary at that time was \$89,600, Per Gene C.)

Congressional pensions will also go up because of the raise. After 20 years service, they can retire at about \$45,800. Those elected before 1980 can pocket unused campaign funds, which go up to \$1 million, if they retire by the end of 1992.

Congressmen receive generous additional benefits, courtesy of Uno Who, the American taxpayer. They get free medical care at a full health clinic in the Capital and at military hospitals across the country. Taxpayers pay one-third of our lawmakers life insurance premiums. They get \$100,000 to 306,105 for official travel, telephone & other office expenses plus another \$431,760 a year to hire up to 22 assistants to do their work for them.

Add in subsidized restaurants, cheap haircuts, free use of government gyms, swimming pools, golf courses, saunas and masseurs, free parking and free mail to their constituents, and free trips abroad..

All this will go merrily on as people across the nation tighten their belts to cut expenses in the ongoing recession. While Uno Who, the working people and taxpayers, lose jobs, cut corners, and reduce their spending, our gutless Congressmen spend our tax money like water while they shirk responsibility and pass the buck on the duties they were elected to handle.

It is no news that almost every incumbent Congressman who ran for re-election was elected by a big margin. A bitter footnote to this ripoff was contributed by Tom Bethell in the American Spectator publication. He said, "If you notice that there are already 534 thieves in Washington, you will probably conclude that your best bet is to send your own thief to join all the others if you are to have any hope of sharing the benefits from the common pool."

We are all accomplices in the nation-wide scam to get all we can out of government lest somebody else grabs the loot before we do. What a way to run a representative republic! (End of editorials.) Remember, Ben Franklin said "despotism is the destiny of our Constitution!"

For We The People.

Eugene M. Coughenour
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Will Quotas Ruin Mike Welbel?

With more government lunacy like
this, we all may be out of work one day

Condensed from CHICAGO TRIBUNE
MIKE ROYKO

MIKE WELBEL OWNS a small lamp company in the heart of Chicago's Hispanic community. Most of the people he hires are from the neighborhood, since it's doubtful anyone would want to travel far to work in the shop. The jobs require little skill, so the pay is low. At last count Welbel had 26 employees, 21 of whom were Hispanic and five black.

You might think that's reasonable, but federal bureaucrats say Welbel discriminates in his hiring practices.

It seems that a black woman applied for a job two years ago. She wasn't hired. Welbel, who is white, says he didn't interview her and doesn't know why she wasn't hired. "Maybe we didn't need anyone. I just don't know," he says.

But he does know the woman filed a complaint with the Equal

Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the federal agency that is supposed to guard against discriminatory hiring practices. She complained that she wasn't hired because she is black.

And one day in late 1989, two investigators came to Welbel's plant.

"I told them, 'Here're the records. Help yourselves,'" Welbel recalls. "What did I have to hide? I figured that if everybody who works for me is Hispanic or black, how could I be discriminating? I didn't even get a lawyer."

He should have. "Dealing with those government people is frightening," he says. "They do all the talking. They tell you how it's going to be. You just sit and listen."

For starters, the bureaucrats told him to pay the woman \$340.01 in wages she lost by not being hired. Then they demanded Welbel pay \$123,991 in back pay to six other blacks who weren't hired and whose names were in Welbel's files—and to other blacks who might have applied in 1988 and 1989.

Who are these others? Mike Welbel doesn't know. Neither do the bureaucrats.

So the feds want Welbel to run newspaper ads to find black people who say they applied and weren't hired. Then they can come and get their share of the \$123,991.

"They told me I should have had 8.45 black employees in 1988 and 1989, to fit the average for plants within a three-mile radius of mine. They want me to spend \$10,000 on advertising to find people who didn't work for me so I

can pay them \$123,991 for not working for me."

Is Welbel going to do it?

"I can't. I don't have the money. To tell the truth, the whole company isn't worth that much. I'll have to go out of business."

So if the EEOC doesn't back off, Mike Welbel's lamp company may close. That will eliminate 26 jobs held by minorities. They won't have incomes, they won't pay taxes, and maybe some will have to go on welfare.

I called the EEOC for their side of it, but they said they weren't at liberty to discuss the case. I can understand that. If I did something that loony, I wouldn't want to talk about it either.

This is proof of Ben Franklin's prophesy that our Constitution will end in DESPOTISM & that America's young children simply WILL NOT HAVE A CHANCE!

Did Congress really cut
spending in last fall's "deficit reduction"?
Don't you believe it

Dirty Secrets Behind the Budget Mess

By FRED BARNES

DURING last year's budget crisis, Rep. Harris Fawell (R., Ill.) had a helpful idea. Why not slash unnecessary spending Congress planned for itself? On the floor of the House, Fawell proposed an amendment cutting \$375,000 for renovations to the House beauty parlor and \$25,000 for a study on a proposed gym for House staffers.

Fawell was shouted down and labeled a sexist for targeting the unprofitable, taxpayer-subsidized beauty parlor. House Democratic leaders arranged a non-recorded

vote so no one could be blamed for killing the amendment.

In a federal budget of nearly \$1.4 trillion, the money saved by Fawell's modest proposal would have been insignificant. But the episode reflects an enduring truth: despite pious talk, Congress continues to spend taxpayers' money at a furious clip, and the executive branch usually goes along willingly. What's more, they go to extraordinary lengths to deny it.

When the five-year "deficit reduction" agreement was reached last fall, officials claimed \$42 billion

in savings. That's a sham. What they didn't mention—and the press didn't report—is that actual spending will increase by \$111 billion, or \$480 for every man, woman and child in the nation. Worse, the deficit, according to the government's own official figures, will grow larger.

On the very day the deal to curb the deficit was forged, Congress voted to increase social-welfare spending this year by \$22.6 billion. The five-year deal includes \$136 billion in additional funds for non-defense discretionary programs. Mandatory outlays for Social Security and Medicare will rise more than \$200 billion.

A culture of spending dominates our national capital. An "iron triangle" of the unelected—executive-branch bureaucrats, Congressional committee staffers, special-interest lobbyists—aggressively protects each program and pushes unrelentingly for more. Members of Congress believe spending helps them get re-elected. With few exceptions, agency heads appointed by the President regard greater outlays as a measure of their success.

In four years as Education Secretary, William Bennett learned this the hard way. At first he loyally defended President Reagan's proposed cuts. He found himself nearly alone among Cabinet members. Over the next two years, he was attacked by educators, reviled by his own bureaucrats and overruled by Congress. In 1987 Bennett re-

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belled and insisted on a boost in spending. "There was no political gain in ruthless cutting," a Bennett aide says. "You could be a reformer but not a cutter."

Official Washington has created a myth to justify higher spending in the 1990s. As Sen. Robert Byrd (D., W.Va.) puts it, domestic discretionary spending is the "little runt pig" of the federal budget that has been "on the cutting table for ten years." It hasn't. Domestic spending was trimmed in 1982, then grew rapidly during the next eight years. Outlays for many programs rose substantially, including education for the handicapped (50 percent), National Institutes of Health (47 percent), National Science Foundation (36 percent), medical care for veterans (25 percent) and Environmental Protection Agency (22 percent).

The biggest problem on Capitol Hill, says Rep. Dick Armey (R., Texas), is "the committee mystique." Members from farming areas angle to get on the Agriculture Committee. Those from port cities join the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Those eager to keep military bases in their district hope to serve on the Armed Services Committee.

There's a tacit rule: to get what you want, you go along with what other committee members want. And it's taboo to challenge the programs of another committee. "You don't want them challenging yours," says Rep. Tim Penny (D., Minn.), a leader for deficit reduction.

Rep. Vin Weber (R., Minn.) a conservative who believes in spending reductions, was happy to leave the Budget Committee, which cuts, and join the Appropriations Committee, which spends. Weber had discovered Washington's dirty little secret: cutting is a political minus.

Chairmen of appropriations subcommittees retaliate when they're crossed. After Pawell criticized nonessential spending in an "emergency" appropriations bill last year, extra funding for a project in his district was deleted. When Rep. Clay Shaw (R., Fla.) voted against the wishes of Rep. William Lehman (D., Fla.), a subcommittee chairman, Lehman scratched \$1 million in funding for a tunnel in Shaw's district.

Budget watchdogs such as Penny and Rep. Bob Walker (R., Pa.) are treated like pariahs. "A large number of colleagues wouldn't come to dinner at my home," Penny says. An Appropriations Committee member once remarked of Walker: "The only cement that will ever be poured in Walker's district is that around his feet when we throw him in the river."

"In a corporation, everything is geared toward minimizing overhead," says Mark Everson, a Chicago manufacturer who was a top official in three Washington agencies from 1982 to 1988. "In government, almost nothing is." Like many others, Everson discovered another of Washington's dirty budget secrets. Instead of being

rewarded, officials who make economy a top priority can count on being criticized by Congress, jumped on by lobbyists and undermined by bureaucrats in their own agencies.

When Charles Heatherly became head of the Small Business Administration (SBA) in 1986, the agency was facing \$345 million in bad loans. Heatherly was hauled before a Congressional committee for a scolding—but not for the bad loans. His transgression was trying to streamline the SBA by jettisoning failed programs. A phalanx of interest groups—the National Small Business Association, Small Business United and the American Association of Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Companies—weighed in against him. To SBA bureaucrats, Heatherly was the enemy. "Not one of them came to me at SBA and said, 'We're with you on this. What can we do to help?'" Heatherly says.

Because the big spenders presented a united front and taxpayers made little noise, the SBA was kept alive and spared further budget cuts. "The iron triangle worked," says Heatherly.

Sometimes the triangle can be very clever. For fiscal year 1991, the Senate and House would have agreed to a smaller appropriation for the SBA. The Senate voted to give the agency \$440 million; the House voted \$438 million. But the Senate-House conference did not come up with the compromise fig-

ure you might expect, \$439 million. Instead, it pegged SBA spending at \$469.5 million.

This upward compromise is but one trick Washington employs to create the illusion of spending reduction. Here are seven others:

1. **Artificial Base Lines.** Imagine a company president who hopes for a \$100,000 pay increase. Instead he receives a \$75,000 hike, and then he claims a \$25,000 pay cut. Crazy? In Washington it's routine.

Rather than use this year's level of spending as the starting point for next year's budget, an artificial "base line" is created, the effect of which is automatic spending increases every year. Then, if proposed outlays are less than the base line, Washington claims a "cut"—even though spending actually rises.

That's what's happening now. The base-line budget for the current fiscal year originally called for spending to rise \$130.8 billion. But because it will go up "only" \$111 billion, Congress and the White House insist spending was cut \$19.8 billion. With a projected revenue increase of \$22.2 billion, they claim a total "savings" of \$42 billion.

2. **Off-Budget Spending.** Last year, Congress "reduced the deficit" \$2 billion by dropping the Postal Service subsidy from the official budget. The subsidy was still paid, only it was done off-budget. Off-budget programs include direct loans, loan guarantees, federal insurance and government enterprises.

Of course, real money is involved

whether or not a program is formally in the budget. In 1989, loan defaults and write-offs were \$14.4 billion and insurance losses \$67.2 billion, all picked up by the taxpayer. The total liability of taxpayers for off-budget programs is almost \$6 trillion, or \$67,000 for every U.S. household.

3. **Fake Ceilings.** With great fanfare and self-congratulation, legislators establish spending ceilings. Then these limits are quietly ignored.

The original Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law of 1985 called for gradually declining deficits. The first ceiling, for 1986, was topped by \$49.3 billion. In 1987 the law was changed, and the deficit was supposed to have dwindled to \$100 billion in 1990. It was \$220 billion. This year, it is projected at \$260 billion. Now Washington projects declining deficits in 1993 and 1994. Good luck.

4. **Underestimating.** In 1983 Congress approved \$8 billion to build a space station. By 1987 the price was \$12 billion. Now it's \$36 billion. Agriculture Department economists said the 1985 farm bill would cost \$4 billion. A month later, after the bill had passed, the estimate was upped to \$8.5 billion.

There's a generic pattern," says Congressional staffer Frank Gregorsky. "Once the legislation is passed, once the various clients are mobilized, once the bureaucracy is engaged, once the contractors start marking up—expenditures overshoot the promised levels." Spenders get their foot in the door by

underestimating the costs of new programs.

"Emergency" Appropriations. In recent years, emergency appropriation bills have become vehicles for pork-barrel spending.

Last year President Bush asked for a "dire emergency" appropriation to pay for flood relief in the South and aid to Panama. Congress tacked on another \$1.4 billion—including \$3 million for a convention center in Washington, D.C., \$5.8 million for a Franklin Roosevelt memorial and \$750,000 toward a ferryboat for American Samoa.

Transfers. A clever way to increase a discretionary program is to switch funds into it from an entitlement program, which has no ceiling and thus requires no new appropriation.

"A classic abuse of transfer authority," note budget experts John Cogan and Tim Muris, was the shift of food-stamp funds into the Agriculture Department's extension service. The Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) supposedly suffered a cut of \$300 million in real spending between 1981 and 1989. Actually, funds were transferred from the Commodity Credit Corporation, which pays for farm price supports. ASCS spending actually rose by one-third.

Earmarking. Last year alone, Sen. Dale Bumpers (D., Ark.) says, an appropriations subcommittee got 2800 requests from other Senators to designate funds for projects

in their home states. During the 1990 budget "crisis," Rep. Walker pointed out ten research projects that were sneaked into the Energy Department's budget and deserved cutting. One allocated \$4.8 million to a technology center at Indiana State University in the district of Rep. John Myers (R., Ind.). Funds for it and the other projects Walker cited were overwhelmingly approved.

In Washington, D.C., where there are no farms, \$1 million was appropriated for the Agriculture Extension Service. Also approved was \$500,000 to restore the boyhood home of bandleader Lawrence Welk in Strasburg, N.D. This expenditure was sought by Sen. Quentin Burdick (D., N.D.). It prompted Rep. Silvio Conte (R., Mass.) to say: "That is right—and a one, and a two, and a three, and a four, and a \$500,000. What will they do for an encore? Earmark funds to renovate Guy Lombardo's speedboat? Or restore Artie Shaw's wedding tuxedo?" Despite Conte's ridicule and criticism by President Bush, the Welk project was not killed.

Even the defense budget is used for earmarking. Tucked into the 1991 Pentagon budget was \$5 million to build a new parliament building in the Solomon Islands and \$10 million for a National Drug Intelligence Center that federal officials wanted in Washington. Not surprisingly, the drug intelligence center will be located in the

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home state of Rep. John Murtha (D., Pa.), chairman of the House Appropriations defense subcommittee.

POLITICAL SCIENTIST James Payne, an expert on government spending, measured the ratio of those witnesses at Congressional hearings who testified for spending programs to those who testified against. His finding: pro-spenders outnumber opponents by 145 to one. Payne also found that roughly half the pro-spending witnesses are federal administrators and another ten percent are state

and local officials. It's only human nature that they'd have kind words for their own programs and ask for more money.

When will the spending binge cease? Not until taxpayers rise up.

"Congress is going to go on spending until the public stops them," laments Walker. "Politicians respond to special-interest groups," says Penny. "They've been forgetting there's a general interest group—taxpayers."

It's time for taxpayers to remind them.

Reprints of this article are available. See page 216.

A ratified People's Amendment would provide a WAY for the people to control this!

MY HUSBAND had fallen from a ladder, breaking three vertebrae. I had just taken a spill in the kitchen, breaking some ribs. My son, Dave, had pulled a hamstring while water-skiing. He proceeded to suggest, "Folks, how about the three of us sitting on the sofa and strapping ourselves in?"

—Contributed by De Drakeberg

I WAS DISCUSSING pregnancy with my oldest daughter, who was expecting her first child. I told her that her youngest sister, now 18 years old, came two weeks past her delivery date.

"Yeah," replied my son-in-law. "And if there was a telephone in there, she still wouldn't be born."

—Contributed by Denise M. Goff

TRAVELING on a state highway, my husband and I saw a toll-booth entrance being ripped up, concrete roadway and all. We asked an attendant if some new convenience was being installed for the workers. "No way," she replied. "They lost a quarter."

—Contributed by Barbara H. Rivello

New Reader's Digest Index Available

READER'S DIGEST 1990 index, listing all articles published during the year, will be mailed free to readers on request. If you would like to be included in this year's mailing, send a post-card request to Index Editor, Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Ref: The Decline of The United States of America.

Subject: The proposed PEOPLE'S AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, the LAST amendment ever needed, a PARTNERSHIP between Congress and the people, the FINAL Bill of Rights!

I write you because our nation is on a collision course with disaster caused by problems that can never be resolved unless we get rid of the DICTATORSHIPS in our governments (as prophesied by Founding Father Ben Franklin) and unless we get rid of the EVILS OF POLITICAL PARTIES which President George Washington WARNED us about (see enclosures for details). Please, PLEASE study the enclosures explaining what Washington & Franklin said. Even if subject proposal goes nowhere, our nation MUST deal with these party evils & dictatorships, otherwise, the U.S.A. will, as history teaches, end in DESPOTISM, as do ALL democracies.

America is declining in nearly every area of human endeavor—in government, in business, in education, in religion, in sports & entertainment, in morals, and especially in the HOME, the very FOUNDATION of any society! We are in greater danger now than in World War II because the danger is SILENT; it is not a Pearl Harbor type of disaster that would anger us and galvanize us into action. Despotism already EXISTS in the legislative & judicial branches and, unfortunately, sections of our Constitution guarantee this (see enclosures).

The only way our nation can be turned around is for the people THEMSELVES to do it. But our Constitution is vague on this point saying only "...the RIGHT of the people...to petition the government..." But this is NOT ENOUGH! Voters going to the polls every two or four years is NOT ENOUGH!

There MUST be a way for the people to work together to participate DIRECTLY in the law-making process. The PRINCIPLE OF PARTICIPATION is involved here. This is what the People's Amendment is all about (see enclosures).

There MUST be a way to overcome the APATHY of the voters; apathy is the mortal enemy of ANY democracy! Lawmaking must be made interesting, informative, exciting, and FUN for the masses. This is what the daily 6 o'clock news POLITICAL HIT PARADE is all about (see enclosures).

And finally, we MUST have a permanent MONITOR or WATCHDOG of ALL American governments. This is what WEPEO (WE The People) is all about (see enclosures).

Competition made the American economic system the greatest in the world. Competition, as mandated by a ratified People's Amendment, would turn our political system around and save us from the despotism that brought down all past democracies.

Since despotism has already invaded our government the American people should have full, DIRECT control of the presidency—from selecting the candidates & nominees to making the final decision. Our presidents should be responsible ONLY to the people and NOT to any political party or special interest group.

But, under our present system, which is PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE, the people have very little to say about who our presidents should be. Under our present UNdemo-

cratic system Iowa & New Hampshire EFFECTIVELY eliminate candidates that voters in other states might wish to consider.

The political PARTY candidates should be required to COMPETE with the other candidates the people choose by PETITION in the CANDIDATE SELECTION PHASE of the presidential election as per "A Scenario of the Year 2000 Presidential Election," enclosed. (This Scenario is also a good, detailed example of how the People's Amendment would work.)

A ratified People's Amendment would encourage the various states to FOLLOW THE LEAD of our national government and select their state & federal lawmakers by the competitive, PETITION system. There would be no SEPARATE party primary elections! There would only be a PETITION PRIMARY with a slate of, say, five (or ten?) candidates who have the MOST petition signatures.

The Republican, Democratic & other PARTY candidates would have to COMPETE with ALL the other candidates for enough petition signatures to qualify for the primary ballot, thus giving the voters a CHOICE of party candidates or non-party candidates.

The TWO candidates receiving the most votes at the primary election would be the ONLY candidates on the general election ballot for each particular lawmaker position. If a general election candidate became sick or unable to serve, the primary candidate with the next most numerous votes at the primary would become the REPLACEMENT general election candidate.

Gerrymandering, the practice of arranging the boundaries of constituencies to give unfair advantages TO ONE PARTY, is an example of a party evil.

Mindful of George Washington's warning about the evils of political parties and Patrick Henry's FEAR that they could DESTROY our democracy, competition would force these parties to better serve our nation. In the long run the parties would benefit because they would have to EARN the respect and support of the people; if not, they would DIE ON THE VINE! Competition can kill bad businesses; competition would kill bad political parties. Under our present undemocratic system, the political PARTIES CONTROL THE PEOPLE; under a ratified People's Amendment, the PEOPLE CONTROL THE PARTIES!

The United States Congress is a NATIONAL legislature; it must ACT like one. The ratified People's Amendment would INSURE this!

Concerned Americans should carefully read the enclosures about what should be done. Most important, I believe, is the formation of We The People committees. Anybody could form one in any EXISTING organization (club, church, school, union, etc). Each committee would prepare SEPARATE petitions (sample petition attached)—one for EACH federal AND state lawmaker who represents them in Congress and their state legislatures. (This totals four to six petitions for each committee, three for Congress and one to three for their state lawmakers, depending upon which state they reside in.) Committees should encourage people who like to write to send a blizzard of letters to their lawmakers supporting the People's Amendment.

Committees should try to get sympathetic rank-and-file lawmakers (that is, those WITHOUT POWER, those who are NOT committee or subcommittee chairmen) to PICKET Congress and the state capitals EVERY Wednesday at noon—anything to get the attention of the NATIONAL media!

By reading all the enclosed materials I believe most people will conclude that unless America changes course, the future of America's young children will be very much in doubt. If you agree with this proposal then please support it. If not, I'd really appreciate your comments and suggestions.

I suggest that each reader make two copies of all the enclosed materials and pass them along to other concerned Americans.

Thank you!

Enclosures

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April 17, 1992

Senator Kent Conrad Senator Warren Rudman Ref: The Decline of America
Senator Mark Hatfield Rep. Vin Weber
Rep. Donald Pease Senator Timothy Wirth
Senator Paul Tsongas Senator Bob Dole
President George Bush The United States Supreme Court — *EACH JUSTICE*

Subject: The proposed People's Amendment to The United States Constitution, a
PARTNERSHIP between Congress & the people, the FINAL Bill of Rights.

Dear Government Leaders,

Senator Rudman said, "The federal government has spun out of control". Rep. Donald Pease said, "Nobody knows what the government is doing, the bottom line is that we have failed".

Gentlemen, on vital issues, the people MUST have the POWER TO ACT in these days of a PARALYZED Congress, power that is now in the hands of a relatively few despotic committee chairmen & party leaders who are controlled by powerful special interest groups (see enclosures).

Congress is paralyzed because we have IGNORED the WARNINGS of the Founding Fathers regarding:

1. President George Washington's warning about the EVILS of political PARTIES (see enclosures).
2. Ben Franklin's prophesy that our Constitution would end in DESPOTISM (see enclosures).

Not once in this election year (or ANY year for that matter) have I heard any public discussion about these two MORTAL ENEMIES of any democracy.

And our Constitution must SHARE THE BLAME (see enclosures). The Founding Fathers were well aware of its defects; that is why they included Article V, the power to amend it. But our despotic lawmakers have just about made this Article EXTINCT!

The ONLY WAY our nation can be turned around is for the people THEMSELVES to do it. But there is no procedure or law that allows Americans to WORK TOGETHER to make laws—DIRECTLY—on a nationwide basis; going to the voting polls every two or four years simply is NOT ENOUGH! Lawmaking must be made interesting, informative and EXCITING for the masses on a DAILY basis; the Principle of Participation is involved here. This is what the daily 6 o'clock news POLITICAL HIT PARADE, an integral part of the People's Amendment, is all about.

Critics will say that under a ratified People's Amendment the people are limited to ONE LAW EACH YEAR! This is true but this amendment is not intended to REPLACE our lawmakers; rather it is intended to make the BASIC CHANGES needed to permit the Congress to function as a national legislature should, that is, by enacting laws that are in the best interests of the ENTIRE nation.

In addition, the people would feel less helpless because they would know they HAVE THE POWER to make CHANGES! This would bring to the polls the 50% of the people who, today, are non-voters; it would motivate the cynics, especially those with great talent and ability, to get involved in government.

Yes, only one People's Law each year but in a few short years great progress will be made toward solving America's VITAL problems which, today, are POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE!

Senator Mark Hatfield, supported by former Jack Kemp, put it this way: The American people are SEARCHING FOR SOME MEANS OF EXPRESSION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

With as many of your peers as possible, will you please sponsor & submit this proposal as a constitutional amendment resolution to both houses of Congress?

In addition, why don't you lawmakers try to get as many Members as possible (especially those who will not be part of the 103rd Congress) to PICKET THE CAPITAL at NOON, each day? This will get the attention of the national media and, very soon, the SUPPORT of the masses to crusade for the People's Amendment?

Hopefully, you & your peers will encourage a NATIONAL DEBATE on these BASIC CAUSES of America's problems—DESPOTISM IN GOVERNMENT and the EVILS OF POLITICAL PARTIES, problems which lawmakers, political scientists, "think tanks" and the media never PUBLICLY debate; problems which the Founding Fathers said we would ignore AT OUR PERIL!

I am a 72 year old retired scoutmaster whose name is unknown, who has no organization and who has no money to run a crusade. I appeal to you to support this proposal for the benefit of my grandchildren who, along with ALL of America's young children, face a very dim future under the present system which is PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE!

Thank you!

Copies to the media
Copies to Concerned Americans



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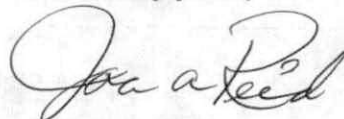
The Honorable James A. Baker III
Chief of Staff
The White House
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Dear Mr. Baker:

Enclosed please find a copy of my response to a recent Republican National Committee letter which was soliciting funds to establish "an emergency Sustaining Member project." As a long time loyal, and now an irritated and frustrated, supporter of the Republican Party and President Bush, I decided to share with you and the White House staff my thoughts on the RNC's most recent fund-raising endeavor.

I truly hope that it is not too late for you to help President Bush and the other Republican candidates to turn the upcoming election around. Certainly the tactics used in Mr. Bond's latest fund-raising drive will not help the Party's efforts. We need to be positive, and go out and tell the American people how we are going to solve the problems. We don't need to go forth with negative campaigning and Clinton/Gore bashing.

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. Richard N. Bond
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Dear Mr. Bond:

I did have to travel to the post office to pick up your letter of 11 September and did not appreciate the inconvenience. Your "form letter" apology did absolutely nothing to soothe my anger. You stated that after long and hard thought you decided it was absolutely necessary to use certified mail. I question the rationale you used in making that decision because the use of certified mail belies common sense. A regular first-class letter would have been delivered to me yesterday rather than just a postal form instructing me to go to the post office to pick up the letter. More importantly, however, one dollar would have been saved in postage, and you wouldn't have taken the risk of angering me. Please do not insult people with gimmicks.

I agree with your analysis that Clinton and Gore have an excellent chance of winning the White House. What the President and other Republicans need to do is to tone down the talk about family values, to get the abortion issue out of politics, and to immediately tell the American people just how they plan to fix our economy and the other serious problems facing our nation. More needs to be done than to merely "force open the Clinton package." Many Americans see that at least Governor Clinton has formulated and articulated a plan, and he has been right up front with the fact that he will raise taxes. If we are going to retain the White House and better our position in Congress, President Bush must stop talking in generalities and must set forth a realistic plan for the future.

The Republican Party doesn't need "an emergency Sustaining Member project to get the truth to the voters." Let's not blame the media for Governor Clinton's successful ability to "woo" the undecided voters and the Reagan Democrats. What we need to do is clearly tell the American people what the next four years will be like under Republican leadership.

The media will provide coverage and the American people will listen if we have something of value to say. So let's not talk about the Governor's "smooth talking and slick packaging" but rather let's talk about the real issues and what a Republican White House and Congress will do to solve America's problems.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joan A. Reid".

Joan A. Reid

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Dear Mr. Baker,

The enclosed was prepared in 1991 as an attempt for the Republicans to develop a real philosophy that fit the changing times.

It was sent to many I know in the Administration or coterie - Brady, Skinner, Greenspan, Mosbacher et al. The response was "Can't be done politically."

It continues to read quite well and I thought you might have an interest.

Sincerely,


William R. Grant

IS THERE A LEADER WHO COULD.....?

ANYBODY HERE.....?

The US needs a vision based on a philosophy. If the current President won't present one the voters may well try another although none of the candidates addresses the real issues.

The Republican Administration comes across as disorganized, erratic, uncertain, poll dependent and again searching for a quick fix. The Democratic Congress has the same infirmities plus vested interest processes.

There is no configurative program; recommendations appear unrelated to any other. The vagaries of conviction and changes of direction are disjointed: attitudes towards Iraq and Russia, military spending, increased taxes, drug battle, reduced taxes, the recession recognition, etc.

The world has changed. There are no longer two armed powers. The US cannot conduct its affairs as in the past. Leadership must change to recognize the evolution.

The next President must become a true leader; operate from an expressed philosophy; stand up for beliefs and be willing to "take on" those who oppose the principles for which he was elected.

The following attempts to outline such a philosophy and program which should apply to either major political party.

BOTH PARTIES NEED BASIC PRINCIPLES -
IF NOT THE FOLLOWING, WHAT ARE THEY?

The US has become increasingly less competitive, more litigious, less democratic, more violent, less respected and slowly but surely a lesser influence in world economics and diplomacy. The US long term influence on the world will depend upon the strength of the US economy. There is a recovery road for America which is outlined in this paper but it requires leadership with sound principles, firm direction and integrity!

Principles of Basic Americanism for Today's World:

1. Inflation is a fraud originated and perpetuated by government. It is thievery of savings and a gross betrayal of the poor who have few assets that can appreciate with inflation. The destruction of the economies in the Third World was based on extreme inflation. History clearly demonstrates that growth and prosperity are associated with sound currencies - - those that people choose to hold as savings and a medium of exchange. The German mark and Japanese yen in the last decade are current examples. Leaders must support an honest currency that protects purchasing power and not fiat paper whose values depend upon political objectives.
2. Those with earned wealth must accept responsibilities for the less fortunate and be prepared to support improvement opportunities through the private as well as the public sector. The commitment of personal time validates the commitment.

3. US foreign policy should be based on a realistic recognition of our relative economic power and demonstrated moral leadership. The value of US stock markets has declined from 80% of the world markets to 35% in twenty years. Obviously the US cannot maintain its historical relative contribution to protect the Free World, support LDC recoveries, aid the dissolving Eastern Bloc, etc. US policy must move to have other members of the Free World pick up their fair share with the goal to reduce annual military spending substantially over the next three years. Long term our foreign policy leadership cannot be greater than our relative economic strength.

4. A tax system that is fair and effective. Over a period of five years the government should work towards a target of one tax on personal income and a minor one on capital gains with no deductions (no tax shelters, no subsidies) but adjusted for any inflation. The "poor" would be subsidized directly. Corporate taxes must be fixed at a permanent rate to permit long term planning. The double taxation of corporate dividends should be removed. The deductibility of interest would be reduced over a five-year phase-out period starting with only one half of interest payments being non-taxable. These steps will bring respectability back into the tax system and remove public distrust and cynicism. The ability to deduct interest was the basic cause of corporate raids and the ensuing damage to American industrialization and workers.

The US must increase savings and refrain from excessive consumption as characterized by record debt accumulation. We must have a lower cost of capital for US companies so that expansion and modernization can make the US competitive. Otherwise, our children and succeeding generations will suffer the burden of excessive repayment. Federal taxpayer debts and guaranteed liabilities now approach \$15 trillion, some \$200,000 plus for every family of four.

5. Free trade benefits the world and the US will negotiate with others on the basis of how US exports are accepted/restricted by direct/indirect tariffs/regulations, country by country. We can no longer permit foreign companies to conduct their US affairs at an economic depth greater than the US can obtain in their country. Free trade means fair trade. Less free trade means a lower standard of living for all.

6. A strong dollar is better than a weak one even if in the short run exports are moderated. We will not permit majority foreign ownership of companies in certain key industries to the same extent as foreign countries prohibit us.

7. Leadership will act with integrity on the budget deficit. The real deficit excluding the Social Security trust funds approaches \$400 billion. We don't accept off balance sheet "gimmicks" or slick bookkeeping. We will propose to limit increased government spending to the inflation rate as long

as the deficit is rising. We will ask Congress to approve a line-item veto amendment. If Congress increases spending for whatever reason, we will demand an equivalent tax increase. We will support a parity between a tax increase and a reduction of spending. We cannot become further beholden to foreign buyers of US government debt which could leave the future more volatile and vulnerable.

8. Leadership will activate our educational program to make America more competitive by using successful public and private schools as examples. This can only be effective if actions alter the present frozen state of US grammar and high school education by issuing educational alternative payment vouchers to parents. Nothing else but competition can change the bureaucracies that have perpetuated our rising national disgrace and tragedy, especially for children of the less fortunate.

9. The environment is a God given asset. When it is used or abused by government, corporations or individuals it must be repaired at a cost to the offender and those who have benefitted. Near term environmental protection is expensive for the public since higher costs are required. Long run it is an economic plus and a social necessity. We will strive to properly blend the long and short run objectives.

10. The US must win the drug war and crime battle since there is no alternative for the future. If more funds are needed we will take them away from other programs. If demand continues, a supply will be found. Thus, we will recommend that drug users be penalized. Americans will willingly pay higher taxes if reserved and spent for specific programs, but not for larger general government spending.

11. All Americans are entitled to medical care. It can be done within the private sector but only with incentives tied to containment. All able Americans must contribute and save for ministration to an aging social structure. All should contribute time to those in need.

12. Leadership must oppose organized groups that demand instant satisfaction from the government as to services and subsidies. The public must be informed about the tax cost to them of all recommended spending programs.

13. Leadership must oppose government increasingly co-opting personal and economic incentives since history is filled with a record of government failure in welfare, savings, education, etc. All government support distorts normal economics and results in problems for the general population.

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Some party must rise above the primary objective of being reelected. Some party must cease being directed by the latest popularity poll. Some party must be willing to face the truth. Some party must be willing to take the longer view. Some party must develop integrity. Some party must stop saying it can't be "politically" done. Some party must state that personal desires and wishes aren't government entitlements.

If not, all parties will pontificate over the formal decline of the US system which some say is already underway. The downward tilt of our present path is slippery indeed. Only true leadership can navigate the road. Politics and posturing for re-election are now a destructive process.

Last, but not least, US history is committed to the Judeo-Christian principles of morality upon which this country was founded. The country cannot move ahead without a reaffirmation that the family unit is the base of all social stability. A national image of responsibility starts with the family.

Leadership must be willing to aggressively take on those who support another "quick fix".

There is no other way to restore confidence in our future!

RECOMMENDATIONS -

A CONFIGURATIVE ACTION PROGRAM FOR THE DECADE AHEAD

INTRODUCTION:

The American system has had a basic characteristic core to which most extreme divergences have usually returned. We are currently in danger of pushing some extremes to the breaking point (see attached "Misery Index" summary of American concerns). No party has a philosophical agenda by which it is now clearly defined. The current administration is perceived as void of strong beliefs with a habit of compromise at any opportunity. The country cries for leadership based on convictions. It is certainly possible to return to historical socio-economic stability but it will take real leadership based on integrity rather than today's emphasis on being reelected regardless of the means to that end.

The US must return to real economic growth otherwise social stability will continue to dissolve.

Neither party has a platform that looks beyond reelection. What should such a platform state? The following attempts to build such a platform:

NEAR TERM PERSPECTIVE

Domestic Leadership
Recommended Actions

Why

A. Support a required balanced budget amendment.

All other "agreements" have been failures.

B. Commit to reduce military spending by at least 10% per year.

To force a new defense strategy and reduce the unnecessary military programs.

Domestic Leadership
Recommended Actions

C. Retraining programs by corporations for released military personnel as well as the unemployed and paid for as tax deductions. Also included are those to be impacted by the restructurings required in today's world. Create a domestic Peace Corps for the young unemployed.

D. Activate the specific reductions in government spending as outlined in the CAGW (Citizens Against Government Waste) program.

E. Announce a program of government incentive/support for areas which it should stimulate: rebuilding roads, sewer systems, bridges, airports, water systems, et al. Offset by reducing other subsidies over a five year span.

Why

Most efficient way is to have the private sector supervise.

Adds credibility to loose statements of further reductions.

An economic need on a national basis which is government administered by its nature. Can be activated immediately. Financed by taxes on users and from a reduction in military spending and less important government programs. A "quid pro" is required. All government subsidies and tax offsets create economic distortion at some point.

Domestic Leadership
Recommended Actions

F. Announce a health care plan that the consumer regulates related to ability to pay. There must be incentives to remain healthy. The program would cover all households through general revenues. Consumers must become cost conscious.

G. Freeze all government programs and reduce COLA entitlements until the deficit is balanced.

H. Support educational vouchers for parental option.

I. Reduce the capital gains tax from 28% to lower rates depending upon length of the holding period with zero taxes after 5 years. Reduce payroll taxes. Increase depreciation rates.

Why

The major concern of the public and a growing demographic need.

Government and some employees protected by automatic cost of living adjustments have an advantage over the general public.

The present educational structure hasn't worked as measured by the chaos in the large cities. Competition must be tried. Vouchers result in direct parental involvement in the educational process.

Most job creation since 1985 has come from companies with less than 100 employees. Risk taking and innovation drive the economy, not reallocation of income or earned wealth.

Domestic Leadership
Recommended Actions

J. Increase attractiveness of savings by reducing the tax on savings and phasing out interest deductibility over a 5 year period. Convince the public we must save to build for the future.

K. Oppose all arms possession except for registered hunting rifles and pistols. Call for a national referendum.

L. Propose legislation as outlined in the Council on Competitiveness report that limits the impact of predatory litigation which is very detrimental to economies and technological progress.

Why

The economy can't grow without a higher savings rate. Consumer debt accumulation destroys capital investment since current consumption is emphasized. Interest deductibility has caused much of the speculation of the 1980s.

Policemen cannot cope with the armed drug syndicate dominating US inner cities. The inner cities are at war and it is spreading around the country.

Much litigation has become an organized profession with no risk to plaintiffs (or lawyers). A major retardant to corporate growth and productivity.

Domestic Leadership
Recommended Actions

M. Restrict special interest

groups from supporting Congressional campaigns and ban Congressmen from sending unsolicited mail during campaigns at taxpayers' expense (\$125 million).

N. Encourage privatization of government services. Encourage the rise of non-profit social organizations who are solving welfare issues at fractions of government cost.

O. State the tax facts: the top 1% of taxpayers are paying 27% of all personal income taxes up from 18% at the start of the Reagan Administration. The top 50% of taxpayers pay 95% of all income taxes. If all income over \$100,000 was confiscated only 1/4 of government spending would be offset. Increasingly progressive tax codes have resulted in higher tax contribution by the middle income group as reported net income in the highest brackets declined.

Why

All special interest groups want a part of someone else's taxes for their subsidies. Mailings for seated politicians are an unfair advantage paid by taxpayers.

Huge leverage in improving productivity with incentives to solve problems. Adding more to government funds only builds more administrative bureaucracy.

Misleading statistics by critics that impact public trust of government and raises a false rationale for class "warfare".

Domestic Leadership
Recommended Actions

P. If necessary near term consider a tax on gasoline consumption for revenues. The lowest income groups can be subsidized.

Why

Has more benefits than any other tax for interest rates, the deficit and long term energy independence.

LONGER TERM

Action

A. Appoint a nonpartisan committee to study the future of large metropolitan cities in the modern world.

Why

Technology and communication no longer require masses of people to be brought together for efficient production. Is the megalopolis obsolete?

B. Appoint a nonpartisan committee to analyze the current welfare system. Reward work rather than idleness. Incentive for those who graduate from welfare and for welfare administrations that accomplish such success.

Despite hundreds of billions of dollars, those on the economic bottom remain there. Current social safety nets such as ADC (Aid to Dependent Children), etc. reward out-of-wedlock pregnancies and absentee fathers; no incentives.

Action

C. The US government will support its industries against unfair foreign competition and intellectual rights interference.

D. International policy will utilize our convictions on personal and business freedom. Support exports aggressively but without subsidization.

E. Support term limits and major salary increases for Congress to attract a more diversified group of competent people.

F. A program to place Congress and the Administration under the same rules as private citizens: Social Security, equal opportunity, no COLAS, etc.

Why

Present policy lacks firmness regardless of evidence as to foreign fraud and loss of patent integrity by some foreign governments.

Convince trading partners that we mean business.

The public is convinced of this alternative. Only path to upgrade quality of Congress and establish integrity of actions.

A sign of integrity to the entire population. Force Congress to live with the regulations they publish.

CONCLUSION:

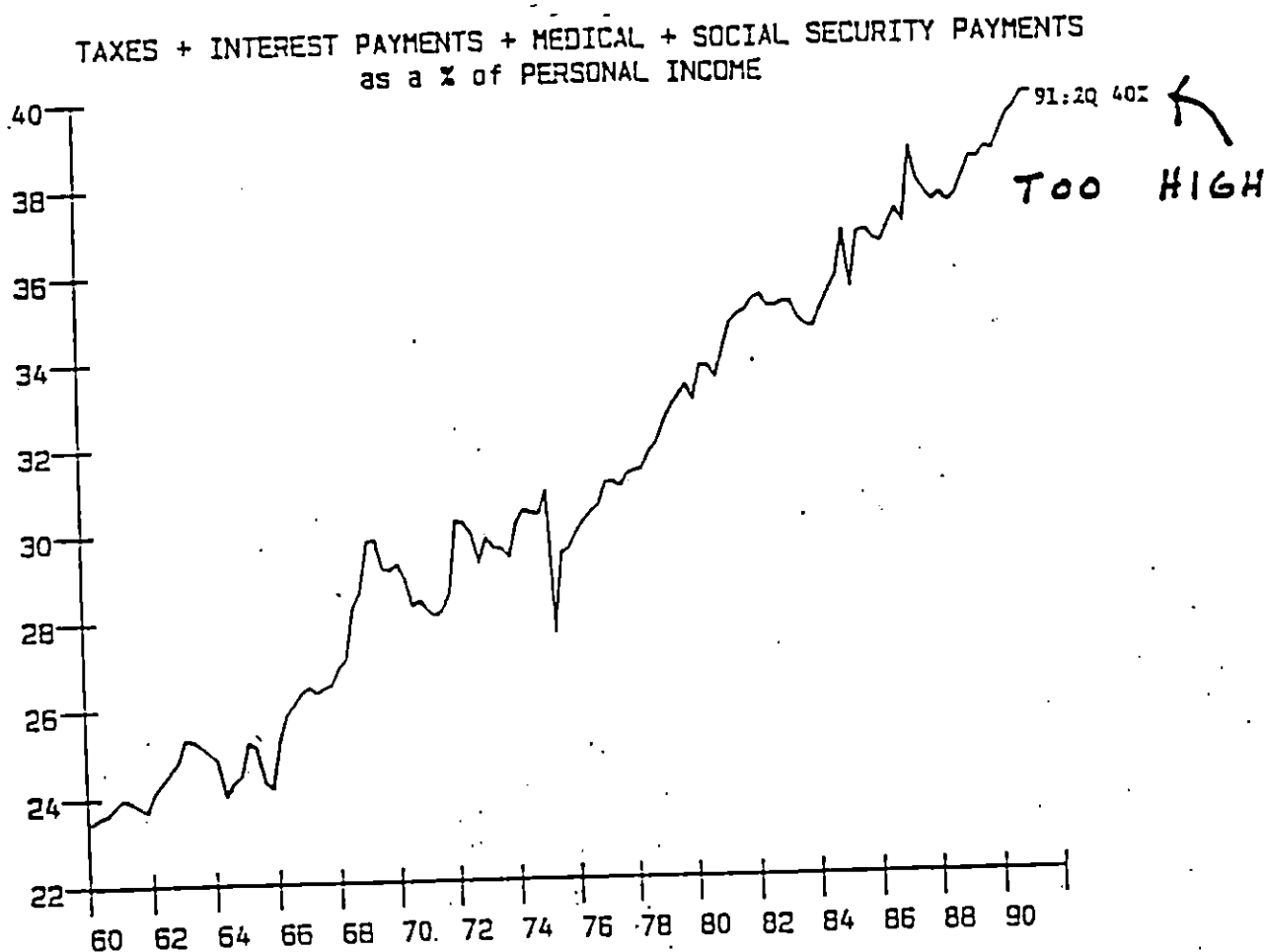
Many will comment that these issues aren't politically acceptable; would be adverse for reelection etc. But none can say they lack integrity; have no economic logic; have a vested interest or are not meaningful. The US no longer has excessive financial resources to permit unilateral subsidies to a particular group. It can only be considered in a configurative sense: i.e., who pays the final bill? Be specific in terms of recommendations otherwise it will be regarded as the typical loose political rhetoric.

If we continue on the present path driven by reelection politics what does the future look like?

- A decline in US importance in international affairs; already underway.
- A loss of respect for US values as demonstrated by our crime, drug usage, scandals and declining product quality; already underway.
- An ethnic breakup, already visible, as one group refuses to accept the values of another mostly supported by media presentations with their own political agenda.
- A loss of jobs as foreign locations become more attractive re taxes, work ethics, quality of life and general competence.
- A declining standard of living for Americans and their children.
- And perhaps worst of all, the inevitable decline in the value of a US passport.

THE NEW MISERY INDEX

In 1960, 24% of personal income was used to pay taxes + interest payments + medical + social security. In 1991, 40% of income is being used to pay those mandatory items.



	TAXES	INTEREST PAID	MEDICAL	SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES	TOTAL
1990:1	675.1	362.8	500.6	222.9	1,761.4
1990:2	696.5	368.7	514.4	224.1	1,803.8
1990:3	709.5	374.7	531.2	228.6	1,844.1
1990:4	716.6	379.2	544.0	228.9	1,868.8
1991:1	714.6	381.9	556.5	237.3	1,890.4
1991:2	\$ 716.6	\$ 382.7	\$ 571.9	\$ 239.4	\$ 1,910.6

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Dear Pres. Bush & Sen. Baker
You bought time
five minutes, to

MRS LUCILLE PETERSON
205 CRISCO RD
MC RAE AR 72102-0000

let your Views be known, ^{neg media} but
the networks did not tell us
when we could hear it. We
watched 1 1/2 hrs of NBC station
news from L. Rock, ark & never
heard it. There is a deliberate
attempt by democrats to censor
or put a twist on all news to
favor them nationally. Julia Malone
of Cox news agency followed this

and
media

NBC
ABC

CBS

Date
& month

Comments about Bush &
Clinton that were positive read
I like this 1/2 to 1/20/92 - 14% Clinton
CBS Bush 19%. 2/4 thru 2/17 C. 41% - (20% B)
Date 4/14/ - 4/27, C. 44% - B. 12%. 4-28-5/11
& month C 84% B 28%. 6-23 thru 7-7-92 C. 75%
Bush 33% (On T.V.) a repetition of
the same old garbage of what
goodies they'll hand out, and
Bush bashing. They are trying
to elect the next Pres. Bush or
Clinton thru Journalism by
way of T.V. Repeat & repeat till the
Public believes it & votes for them.
Please speak up & correct this ^{my} help.
They are not telling the truth,
Clinton's 12 yrs here are a disaster.
over

democrats - media
managers

He tore up his draft card at an anti-Vietnam rally in L. Rock. of the economy has improved some in Ark., It's because of Sam Walton, not B. Clinton. The big spenders of Clintons - spent themselves badly - foolishly - they had to cut Educ. labor, H. H. S. jails have a revolving door system bad criminals let out too soon. Educ. developed espec. by Hilary & backed by B. Clinton for 12 yrs now puts out teenagers who are thieves, arsonists & killers. Lack of discipline & a no value Ed. system & free sex clinics. (a failure) Encourage abortion. We believe they are taking away a woman's right to have a wanted baby. It's so wrong. B. Clinton appointed Jocelyn Elders to H. H. S. On the day of pro-life rally in Jan '92, she viciously attacked the catholic "fanatic" church as the only ones pro-life. She did not speak for those who were at the "rally" or for all those voters in Ark. who voted against abortion & its funding the "bill" passed; but Clinton & she want & try to continue to fund.

Slick Willie Fox - Pass your opinions & shrug them off or smiles & lies about Bush. counter the lies immediately

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"mis-
quotes
Bible"

"Day rule - to not suggest or refer for abortion
& Plan Parent - not following law in California"

Clinton & she said they would use federal funds to fund abortions. Democrats say "obey the law" in contra-affair; they flout the law. Compare Bush's 12 yrs of ^{dis}obey. accomplishment to Clintons 12 yrs of Slick Willie & disaster. People here have all sorts of names for him like "He's a jerk". Clothes him self in Sunday "Holy" garment; but doesn't preach or practice Bible. Ask Bush to speak at every stop to "ask people to pray for our country & our President" and at the end "help me (Bush) to win & God Bless You all". Don't take God out of campaign, we pray! Ecology is not good Poultry Waste going down creeks & rivers. Salmonella disease could break out." Bush should say, Clinton is making a lot of promises - but the truth is can he deliver on them ^{challenge} - We say no he can't; he would only support the "Demos" in Congress and spend the Country into disaster & defeat. When people get aide from the federal Gov't. They are getting aide from their neighbors (over)

People are charged
to help Clinton.

the "taxpayer" who furnishes
the money. Therefore, as many
of us as possible should try

hard to work as hard as we are
able to, to be self-sufficient &
contribute to our family and
country needs. First, I am
simply not be there & be all
things for all people. We have
a diagonal division for people
who stop, assassinate & kill.

George people should be smarter than
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you an article and did not feel

the Clinton could accomplish what he
states, his name is John Clinton
does not know the difference between
a Patriot missile & a laser guided
missile. His presidency would be a
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one hair. The gray is the only sign
of maturity in Bill. He's a little
little bag at heart - Not fit
to be Pres. Jack is cheap but
can he deliver - Ask the people -
We say no! Sincerely G. Peterson

Special Report: Clinton's White House

Clintons would need a place in Arkansas to hang hats

BY JOE STUMPE
Democrat-Gazette Staff Writer

Ronald Reagan flew to his California ranch to chop wood. George Bush goes to Kennebunkport, Maine, to fish and play speed-golf.

Where would Gov. Bill Clinton, who would be homeless in Arkansas without the Governor's Mansion, go to get away from the pressures of being president?

The Clintons don't own a home, having sold the modest

Little Rock house they lived in from 1981 to 1983 when Clinton was out of the governor's office.

A president always has Camp David, but that smacks of a working weekend.

Where to really unwind?

In Arkansas, the Clintons have spent time at several vacation spots, including Hot Springs National Park, the Buffalo National River, Blanchard Springs Caverns and the Ozark Folk Center.

Outside the state, spokesman Carmen Fowler said, "I know he's gone to Florida, to the beach, for a family vacation. That's the only place I can think of, unless maybe New York."

Plenty of people would be willing to put up the first couple, and the Clintons have friends from Wall Street to Hollywood.

But such visits would be a huge imposition, what with the attendant security and media

horde.

A president needs a place to call his own, and the closer to his roots the better.

'Maybe he would, but as of right now, we couldn't begin to guess.'

How about Hope?

Business-minded folks there, already benefiting from the notoriety of being Clinton's birth-

place, probably would erect the first family a place fit for a king just to keep the dollars flowing. Headline writers would be grateful, too.

Lake Hamilton?

True, it's already crowded, but there would be lots of nice camera angles for the press and an egalitarian flavor as President Clinton docked his boat at Shaky Jake's.

Petit Jean Mountain?

Great view, but Clinton would

have to share it with a Republican, Winthrop Paul Rockefeller.

Why not the Ozarks?

There's plenty of space, and serving as the chief executive's hangout could change its image forever.

Fowler said she had no idea whether Clinton, as president, would acquire a home away from his official residence.

"Maybe he would, but as of right now, we couldn't begin to guess."

Campaign

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tions about Clinton's Vietnam-era military draft status in the past few days as the controversy flared again.

The Bush campaign released a statement Saturday in Washington in which former Marine Corps Commandant P.X. Kelley called on Clinton to answer questions about his draft status, going back to remarks he made in his 1978 gubernatorial campaign.

"The reality of the situation is that George Bush volunteered to fight for the United States while Gov. Clinton, his friends and family actively worked to avoid his serving his country," Kelley said.

'So what are they going

Clinton

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there has been another outbreak of ethnic violence, followed by calls for the United States to do something.

Is this what a Clinton White House would look like on its first day?

No one knows, of course, but as Clinton continues to lead President Bush in the polls, speculation grows.

"I was telling somebody the other day: Bill better watch out. It looks to me like he may be president," former Democratic National Committee Chairman John White said recently.

THE FIRST 100 DAYS

If Bill Clinton wins and Democrats retain control of Congress, *Fortune* predicted this coming Clinton could "be in the

From predicted that with Clinton, "it would be much different. President Carter was a terrific man, but Bill Clinton would just more naturally work with Congress. Carter didn't have the experience working with a legislature. He had only been governor for four years. And he certainly did not have the exposure to national leaders Clinton has had. He has worked very closely with an awful lot of members who are going to be key members of Congress."

Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution in Washington said every new president has a "honeymoon."

"The more precise you can be at the beginning of that time, the more advantage you can take of that period," Hess said.

But incoming presidents usually aren't prepared to offer detailed legislation, according to Hess.

"If Clinton is the exception,

of military activity that is ongoing," Harvard's Neustadt said. "He would have to decide what to do with it."

Neustadt said President John F. Kennedy inherited plans for the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion from a popular predecessor, President Dwight D. Eisenhower. It would, however, be "much easier to hold off on plans from an outgoing president" who has been defeated for re-election, he said.

The bigger a Clinton victory, "the more it will impress Congress. It will give him more leeway, more room to depart" from Bush's foreign policies, according to Neustadt.

Conservative elements of the Democratic Party have been not-so-quietly trying to ensure that Clinton takes their approach to foreign policy, as opposed to what they see as the doomed Carter-Mondale-Dukakis approach.

"There is an isolationist

"There are certain people who have been so helpful, like Warren Christopher and Micky Kantor (head of Clinton's vice presidential search team and campaign chairman, respectively), that if they don't go into government, it will be by their own decision," John White said. "Then there are people from Arkansas who have sacrificed, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see a couple of governors," past or present.

Arkansas residents with key roles in the campaign include Little Rock lawyer Bruce Lindsey and his wife, Bev; former gubernatorial chief of staff Betsey Wright; Little Rock City Director Lottie Shackelford and state Highway Commission member Rodney Slater.

Hess said campaign managers — Clinton's is David Wilhelm of Chicago — generally find themselves in Cabinet posts.

Other campaign staffers

hear anything more, let me know."

STYLE

A president's job is not all work.

"I think they would bring an enormous amount of energy back to the social scene," Lois Romano, the "Reliable Source" columnist for *The Washington Post* Style section, said of the Clinton family. "They're young. They have young friends in Hollywood and business. I also think — I get the sense that things would ... be open."

Romano described the Bush administration as "very reserved. Coverage is very reserved, very controlled."

State dinners are very controlled. The little we've seen so far of the Clintons, I think they'd be more open."

The Post recently took a cheeky look at what a Clinton administration would mean for

'So what are they going to do? Throw rocks at us.'

Kelley retired from the Marine Corps in 1987 and has emerged as a high-profile Bush booster.

He made campaign ads for Bush in February, attacking the president's conservative rival, Pat Buchanan, as unsuitable to serve as commander in chief.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kansas, was in South Carolina on Friday, claiming Clinton had not fully disclosed actions taken to keep him out of the military draft.

But while the controversy continues, the governor kept the topic of his Saturday speech focused on the economy.

"The last unemployment figures show that in the last three and a half years since George Bush has been president, we have a net decline in jobs in the private sector in the United States," Clinton said.

"Under Reagan, Bush and Quayle, the country has been run by trickle-down economics. ... The time has come to change, not to go back to tax and spend, but to go forward to invest, to educate, to cooperate, to compete, to reward work.

"They don't have a plan, so what are they going to do? Throw rocks at us. Let me tell you something, folks: I'll take the rocks if together, we can make the election about you, and your future, and your children's future, and pulling this country together, and lifting this country up," Clinton said.

'I tell you now that even though the polls look hopeful, it will take more courage to vote for change than to stay in the rut we're in.'

If Bill Clinton wins and Democrats retain control of Congress, *Fortune* predicted this spring, Clinton could "be in the best position since Jimmy Carter to push through a sweeping legislative agenda."

Clinton has said he would put together a transition team to "hit the ground running," resulting in "one of those great 100 days in which Congress would adopt my health-care and education policies, my energy and economic initiatives, and where the private sector would become engaged in a whole new partnership to make this country great again."

That could mean increased spending on education and job training, cuts in defense spending, some type of health insurance reform, higher taxes for couples earning more than \$200,000 per year and targeted tax incentives for investments in small companies.

Yet even Clinton admirers point out that having Democrats control Congress and the White House is no guarantee of success.

Democratic Party consultant Anne Lewis said Congress "is going to have about 125 brand-new members who are getting elected on platforms of 'Balance the budget, don't raise taxes, don't go along with the leadership.'"

"That's an interesting challenge. It's going to require a president who comes at it with a positive program and knows what he wants to do.

"The time he has spent with the Arkansas Legislature is going to be more valuable in dealing with Congress than the time he spent at Georgetown or Oxford. This is going to be very much a people's Congress."

Democrats remember all too well what happened to Carter, the last Democratic president.

Al From, president of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, an organization Clinton helped form, said Carter was "eaten alive" by Congress.

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"If Clinton is the exception, then the American people will be well-served," Hess said.

Clinton also will have to impress business leaders who are, according to Harvard University government professor Richard Neustadt, "typically suspicious of Democrats. If there's anything to be nervous about, they tend to get more nervous with a Democrat.

"On the one hand, he's got to show Wall Street how conservative he is, and on the other hand, he's got to spend money to get the economy going again."

Henry Cisneros, the former San Antonio mayor and a senior Clinton adviser, said, "It's tempting to use phrases like a 'flurry of activity,' but that just suggests mindless activity."

"I think it's fair to say that he'll try to put the economy back on track with some job programs, some training initiatives, some jawboning of the Federal Reserve and other activity that would help stimulate the economy."

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

A president leads more than the United States. Much of the world looks to Washington.

In the area of foreign policy, Cisneros believes Clinton will be spared the worst of the problems that faced his predecessors.

"In the past, there always had been a reason for a monolithic power to challenge a new administration," Cisneros said. "The Soviets would test the new occupant of the White House. But that monolithic capability no longer exists, that ability to move the whole chessboard.

"My guess is that what is more likely to occur is that some flashpoints will reach red-hot intensity."

"The worst thing he would have to deal with is some kind

posed to what they see as the doomed Carter-Mondale-Dukakis approach.

"There is an isolationist temptation on both the right and the left," Penn Kimble of Freedom House, a foreign policy think tank, said. "Governor Clinton has not taken that view. He thinks we ought to support the process of reconstruction in the former Soviet (republics), working with the 'small d' democrats there. He also thinks that, while we can cut the defense budget, we ought to recognize that a significant capacity should remain to respond to threats."

PERSONNEL

Much of Clinton's success in foreign and domestic affairs undoubtedly would depend on the people with whom he surrounds himself.

The national media have predicted a "generational shift" away from the World War II-shaped men who led America through the Cold War to "fortysomething" baby boomers.

Many in this new generation of leaders attended the same elite institutions as the Clintons and have been active in favorite organizations such as the Children's Defense Fund and the Democratic Leadership Council.

Anne Lewis predicts more roles for women and minorities, noting that Clinton has appointed women and minorities to key state government positions.

But at the very top, Hess is not so sure.

"Cabinets have tended to look remarkably alike, despite the parties' different constituencies," he said.

When it comes to projecting people into specific jobs, former Attorney General Ed Meese probably said it best: "Those who know aren't talking, and those who are talking don't know."

Still, there is speculation.

helm of Chicago — generally find themselves in Cabinet posts.

Other campaign staffers might not be appropriate for Cabinet-level positions, he said.

"But you still need a press secretary, an appointment secretary and so forth," Hess said. "It would be very unusual not to pick your campaign press secretary (Clinton spokesmen include George Stephanopoulos, Dee Dee Myers, Avis Lavelle and Max Parker). If you did; that would reflect something like they didn't want the job."

And there "is always something called the Georgia mafia, the Michigan mafia, the California mafia" made up of advisers from a president's home state who may or may not hold official positions, Hess said.

The national media already have assigned key jobs to academics such as Harvard professor Richard Reich, a Clinton senior policy adviser and fellow Rhodes scholar.

Foreign policy conservatives in the Democratic Party have been making sure Clinton considers people such as Rep. Dave McCurdy of Oklahoma and former U.N. Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick.

Not surprisingly, people whose names are mentioned as possible appointees downplay the possibility.

Cisneros spent about five minutes at the beginning of an interview emphasizing that he "is not interested in taking a position in government."

Maria Haley, an Arkansas Industrial Development Commission official whose brother happens to be the Filipino ambassador to China, couldn't contain her mirth.

"I'm so sorry I'm laughing at this," she said when asked about speculation that she might become ambassador to the Philippines in a Clinton administration.

"There just has not been any conversation about this. If you

far of the Clintons, I think they'd be more open."

The *Post* recently took a cheeky look at what a Clinton administration would mean for the social scene in the nation's capital.

"Infidelity is out," the newspaper predicted, calling it "a touchy subject" with the Clintons.

Other trends would include saxophone lessons, jazz and gospel music, Razorback paraphernalia, Southern accents, fried chicken (Tyson's, naturally), junk food, Georgetown bars, Yalies, Children's Defense Fund fund-raisers, ballet, informal dress, headbands, Elvis, "fortysomething" journalists and detective fiction.

As president, Clinton has said he would continue the televised town meetings that have helped him during the long campaign.

Clinton also has said he would keep from spending all his time moving "from limousine to airplane, limousine to airplane, limousine to airplane."

"I've got to give people the chance to have some uncontrolled, unstructured, piercing access to get beyond this incredible facade that surrounds you if you become president," he said.

Clinton sometimes is compared to Carter, the last Southern governor to become president.

But Bostonite Anne Lewis said she expects "much more like a Kennedy model. He comes into this with a more positive approach and a broader sense of support. He's a national leader."

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He attacked Bush's health care proposals, as he has repeatedly in recent days. And he urged the crowd to campaign actively for him.

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The governor travels today to Florence, S.C., for the Darlington 500 stock car race, where he will be the grand marshal. He returns to Arkansas tonight and will spend Labor Day in Missouri and Ohio.

well what happened to Carter, the last Democratic president. Al From, president of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, an organization Clinton helped form, said Carter was "eaten alive" by Congress.

Clinton says Bush wrong on his health-care costs

BY RANDY LILLESTON
Democrat-Gazette Washington Bureau

Gov. Bill Clinton rejected President Bush's complaint Saturday that health-care reforms backed by Clinton would raise payroll taxes 7 percent a year.

Bush told an Ohio audience that Clinton's plan would lead to nationalized health insurance and force small companies to either cut wages or lay off workers.

"Anyway you look at it, that is the wrong prescription for America," Bush said. "I'm tempted to call it pay and pay and pay again."

Clinton was told of Bush's remarks about his health-care plan. "That's wrong," the governor replied.

"If you look at what's done in any country that has a private health-care system but a government attempt to control health-care costs, most businesses are going to have their taxes or their health-care payments go down because of our system, not up," Clinton said.

Clinton's comments came during a busy Saturday schedule

move the whole chessboard. "My guess is that what is more likely to occur is that some flashpoints will reach red-hot intensity."

"The worst thing he would have to deal with is some kind

that took him from Little Rock to South Carolina.

"This is going to save most employers and employees a ton of money over the next decade," he said of his health package. "The one thing that's absolutely certain is that the budget deficit is going to explode and the economy is going to be brought to a halt over rising health-care costs until we do something."

"The system he (Bush) proposes would pour more money into the same broken system we've got and allow more and more people just to pass their costs onto everybody else. It's just not right," Clinton said.

Health-care costs now far exceed those in other countries and will continue that way.

"We are spending 30 percent more than any country on Earth today," he said. "Our health-care costs are going up faster than any country on Earth because we spend more on insurance, because we shift costs to each other and because we don't provide a basic health-care package that covers all Americans."

people into specific jobs, former Attorney General Ed Meese probably said it best: "Those who know aren't talking, and those who are talking don't know."

Still, there is speculation.

Appoint

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FIRST SUPREME COURT APPOINTEE

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, cited by Clinton as a good choice for the court.

PRESS SECRETARY

George Stephanopoulos, communications director for the Clinton campaign.

Dee Dee Myers, traveling press secretary for the Clinton campaign.

OTHER POSSIBLE APPOINTEES

David Wilhelm, Clinton campaign manager.

David Osborne, author of a flattering portrait of Clinton and adviser to several governors.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security adviser in the Clinton administration.

Richard Schifter, former human rights chief for the Department of State.

Tony Williamson, attorney, political fund-raiser and

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Bruce Reed, campaign issues director and Rhodes scholar.

Cyrus Vance, secretary of state in the Carter administration.

Kurt Schmoke, Baltimore mayor and Rhodes scholar.

Jim Hunt, former North Carolina governor.

ARKANSANS WHO MIGHT RECEIVE JOBS

Bev Lindsey, Bruce Lindsey's wife and a Clinton scheduler.

Lottie Shackelford, member of the Little Rock Board of Directors and a former mayor.

Dianne Blair, University of Arkansas professor and a Clinton issues adviser.

Craig Smith, longtime Clinton gubernatorial aide who now heads campaign field operations.

Maria Haley, Arkansas Industrial Development Commission official.

Skip Rutherford, Arkla Inc. vice president and former chairman of the Arkansas Democratic Party.

Surely he's due something for accommodating all of those journalists who ventured to Little Rock.

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Ferraro prosecuted home abortionist

New York Newsday

NEW YORK — Democratic Senate candidate and 1984 vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro once prosecuted a Queens mother for performing an abortion on her teen-age daughter after the girl had been raped — a fact that Ferraro has never disclosed in talking about the abortion issue.

In her current television advertising, Ferraro stresses her support for abortion rights — a view that she says she developed as a prosecutor in the New York district attorney's office while handling rape, incest, domestic violence and other crimes against women.

But when another New York woman faced a real-life choice involving her 14-year-old daughter in 1975, Ferraro, an assistant district attorney in the Queens district attorney's office, vigorously pursued the case against her.

The indicted woman said she couldn't afford to pay a doctor to do the operation and was afraid that her daughter's problem would become public knowledge.

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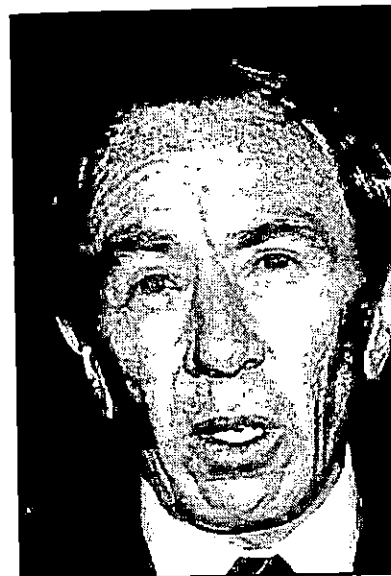
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We feel its a sad & sorry Bunch - (appointees)

Possible Clinton appointees in the White House

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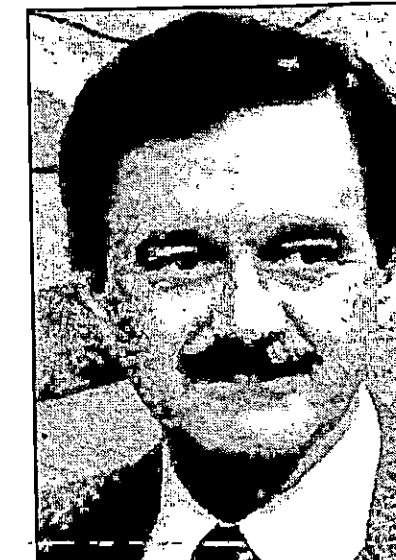
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James Blanchard, former Michigan governor who could also be named as transportation secretary.

Richard Riley, former South Carolina governor.

Betsey Wright, former guber-



Susan Thomases, New York attorney and close friend of both Bill and Hillary Clinton. Conservatives refer to her as a wild-eyed liberal.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee for the past eight years.

☆Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., said to be advising Clinton.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and former chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council.

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President Bush, former national security adviser, rumored to be a Democrat.

Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., longtime member of the House Armed Services Committee who is disliked by conservatives.

James Woolsey, former Department of Defense official.

Bruce Babbitt, outgoing governor of Washington and a Clinton friend from the National Governors' Association.

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Jerry Abramsom, Louisville, Ky., mayor with an innovative record on housing.

Raymond Flynn, longtime Boston mayor and advocate for the nation's cities.

Maynard Jackson, two-time mayor of Atlanta, black leader who defended Clinton in Sister Souljah controversy.

Jack Kemp, the current HUD secretary and a likely contender for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

Clinton kept a few Republican appointees in place when he returned to the governor's office in January 1983.

Gloria Molina, liberal Los Angeles County supervisor and national co-chair of the Clinton campaign.

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif.,

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Bruce Babbitt, former governor of Arizona and a 1988 Democratic presidential candidate.

Tim Wirth, outgoing Colorado senator, national co-chair of the Clinton campaign and a leading environmental advocate in the Senate with Clinton's running mate, Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Carol Tucker Foreman, assistant secretary of agriculture in the Carter administration, Arkansas native and sister of Lt. Gov. Jim Guy Tucker. Foreman is now a consultant on food safety.

☆Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, the first of the vanquished Democratic primary foes to endorse Clinton.

Jim Hightower, former Texas agriculture commissioner who

referred the job of treasury secretary.

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

John Brademas, former House majority whip, Rhodes scholar and president of New York University from 1981 to 1992.

Joseph Duffey, president of American University at Washington, assistant secretary of state for educational and cultural affairs under Carter.

Mary Hatwood Futrell, former president of the National Education Association whose love-hate relationship with Clinton is now decidedly in the love mode.

Donna Shalala, became first woman to head a Big Ten school when she was named chancellor of the University of Wisconsin.

SECRETARY OF ENERGY

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of House Energy and

democratic primaries but is also a decorated Vietnam veteran. Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii.

SECRETARY OF LABOR

Sen. Tom Harkin, if he doesn't become agriculture secretary.

☆Ira Magaziner, Rhode Island business consultant who is a senior policy adviser to the Clinton campaign.

Gerald McEntee, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the nation's third-largest union and one of the first to back Clinton.

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

Jim Blanchard, if he doesn't become chief of staff.

CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

☆Robert Reich, Harvard University professor, author, Clin-

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER

Anthony Lake
Michael Mandelbaum

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Bill Gray, former House majority whip from Philadelphia who chaired the House Budget Committee and then quit to head the United Negro College Fund.

Former Sen. Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts, whose appointment would signal to the business community that Clinton is serious about reducing the budget deficit.

U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Paula Stern, once chaired the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Paul Tsongas



Mario Cuomo



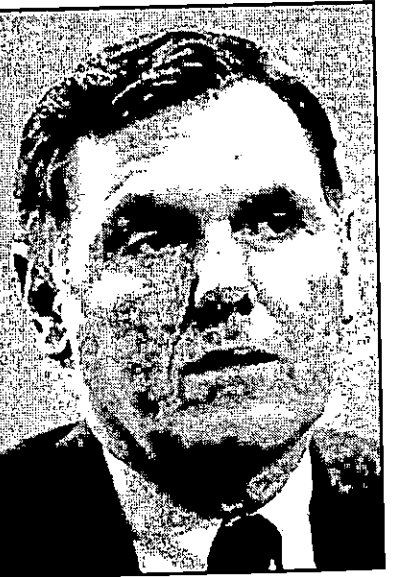
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SECRETARY OF STATE

Ron Brown, Democratic National Committee chairman with experience in international law.

☆Warren Christopher, deputy secretary of state under President Carter and the man who headed the commission investigating the Los Angeles riots and headed Clinton's vice-presidential search team.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., an expert on foreign affairs who was considered as a Clinton running mate.

Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., foreign policy expert and early backer of the Persian Gulf War.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Barbara Jordan, former House member from Texas and two-time Democratic National Convention keynote speaker.

Vernon Jordan, former president of the National Urban League who is now an attorney in Washington.

Mickey Kantor, if he doesn't want to be chief of staff.

Bruce Lindsey, Little Rock attorney, Clinton campaign director and longtime confidant.

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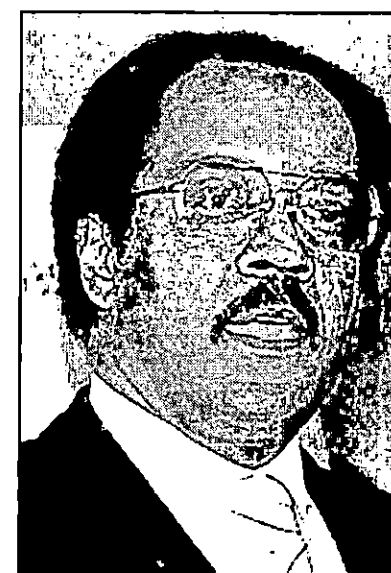
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

☆Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, whose board was once led by Hillary Clinton.

Joycelyn Elders, sometimes controversial pediatrician appointed by Clinton to head the state Department of Health.

Booth Gardner, outgoing governor of Washington and a Clin-

early black supporter of Clinton.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

Roger Altman, former Georgetown University classmate of Clinton and assistant treasury secretary under Carter.

Charles Manatt, Kantor's law partner and a co-chair of the Clinton campaign.

is considered one of the Democratic Party's best speakers.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

☆Henry Cisneros, former mayor of San Antonio, senior adviser to the Clinton campaign and co-chair of the National Hispanic Leadership Council.

Charles Manatt, if he isn't offered the job of treasury secre-

Commerce Committee for more than a decade.

Lena Guerrero, chairman the Texas Railroad Commission.

Rep. Philip Sharp, D-Ind., chairman the Energy and Commerce Committee's energy and power subcommittee.

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., tangled with Clinton during the De-

ton's Oxford University classmate and an adviser to Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis in 1988.

Rob Shapiro, vice president of the Progressive Policy Institute, the DLC's think tank, identified by *The Wall Street Journal* as "perhaps Clinton's closest economic adviser."

Derek Shearer, director of the International and Public Affairs Center at Occidental College at Los Angeles

BY ANN McFEATTERS
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Without conservatives, Ronald Reagan would not have been elected to the White House. Now the leaders who spoke for those conservatives have walked out on President Bush.

Unless they relent, vote for Bush and help bring back the Reagan Democrats who flocked to Ross Perot, Bush has little chance of being re-elected Nov. 3.

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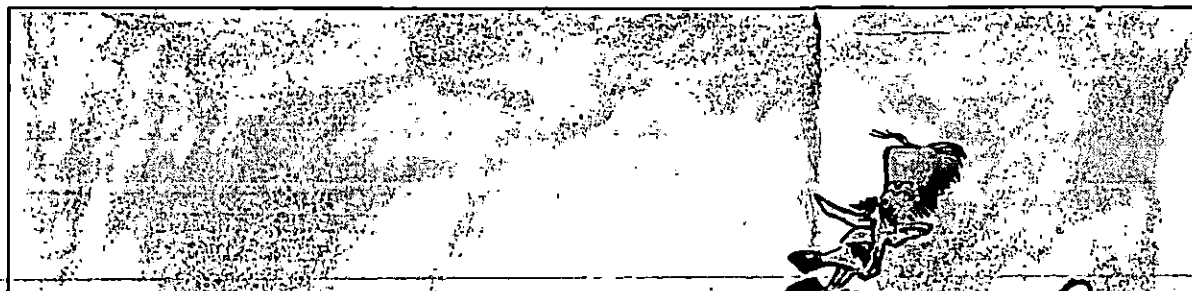
WHY CONSERVATIVES

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pledge by going along with \$28 billion in tax increases to get the 1990 budget agreement and deficit-reduction package with Congress.

Although Bush opposes abortion, except to save the life of the mother or in cases of rape and incest, conservatives can't forgive him for what they see as being too lackadaisical in the fight against abortion rights.

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Where does
GOP stand
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BY BETH DONOVAN
Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON — To hear Phyllis Schlafly tell it, President Bush's only choice is to be anti-abortion.

"George Bush has to depend on pro-lifers; they're his only enthusiastic supporters in the conservative movement," Schlafly says. "Any wavering would be a disaster."

But now listen to Mary Dent Crisp: "The Republican Party will never be the majority party unless it changes its position on abortion," she says, arguing that "two-thirds of Republicans support choice."

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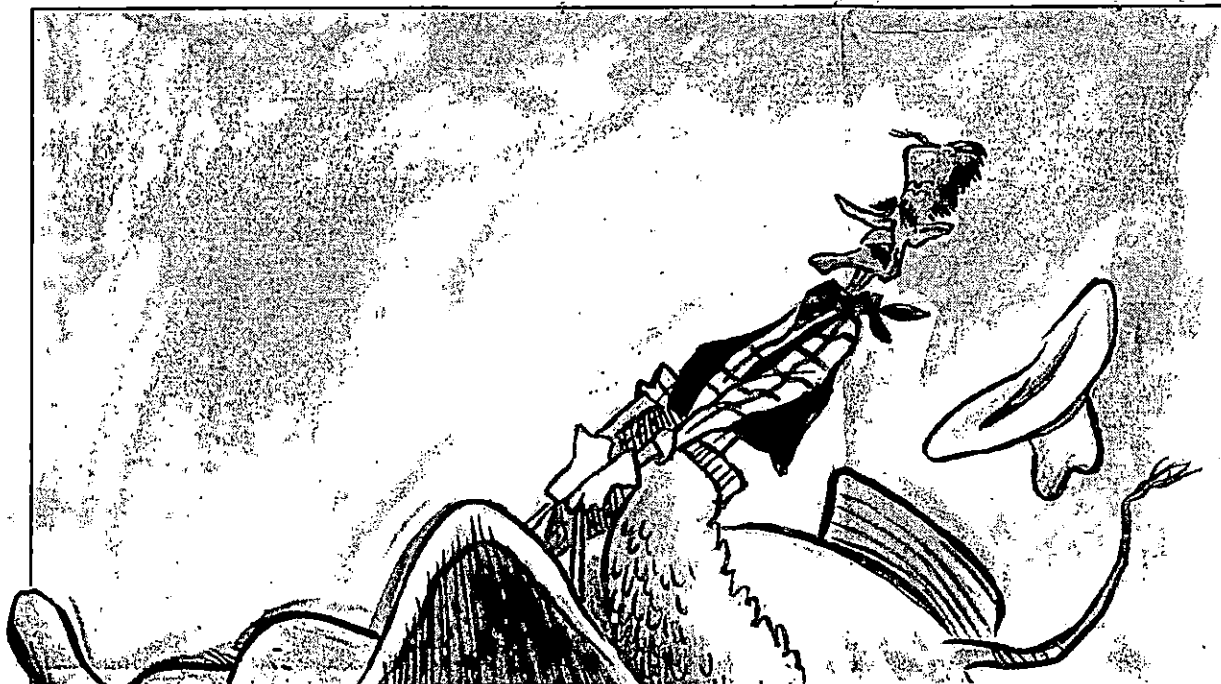
Brent Bozell, a conservative activist who is furious with Bush but won't call for him to step down, says he thinks Bush could still be re-elected but only if he does something to convince conservatives he's changed — like firing his economic advisers.

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While Buchanan is not a big enough fish to garner all the conservative support in 1996, conservatives are grateful to him for taking Bush on this year.

In a small, not-for-prime-time appearance, former Bush chief of staff John Sununu also will come before the Republicans.

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Pro-abortion rights Republicans, who had tolerated their party's tough anti-abortion stance, no longer had confidence that the courts would protect a woman's right to abortion.

The decision in a Pennsylvania case this spring did little to reassure them. Although the court affirmed a woman's right to abortion, it permitted states to restrict that right so long as they didn't impose an "undue burden."

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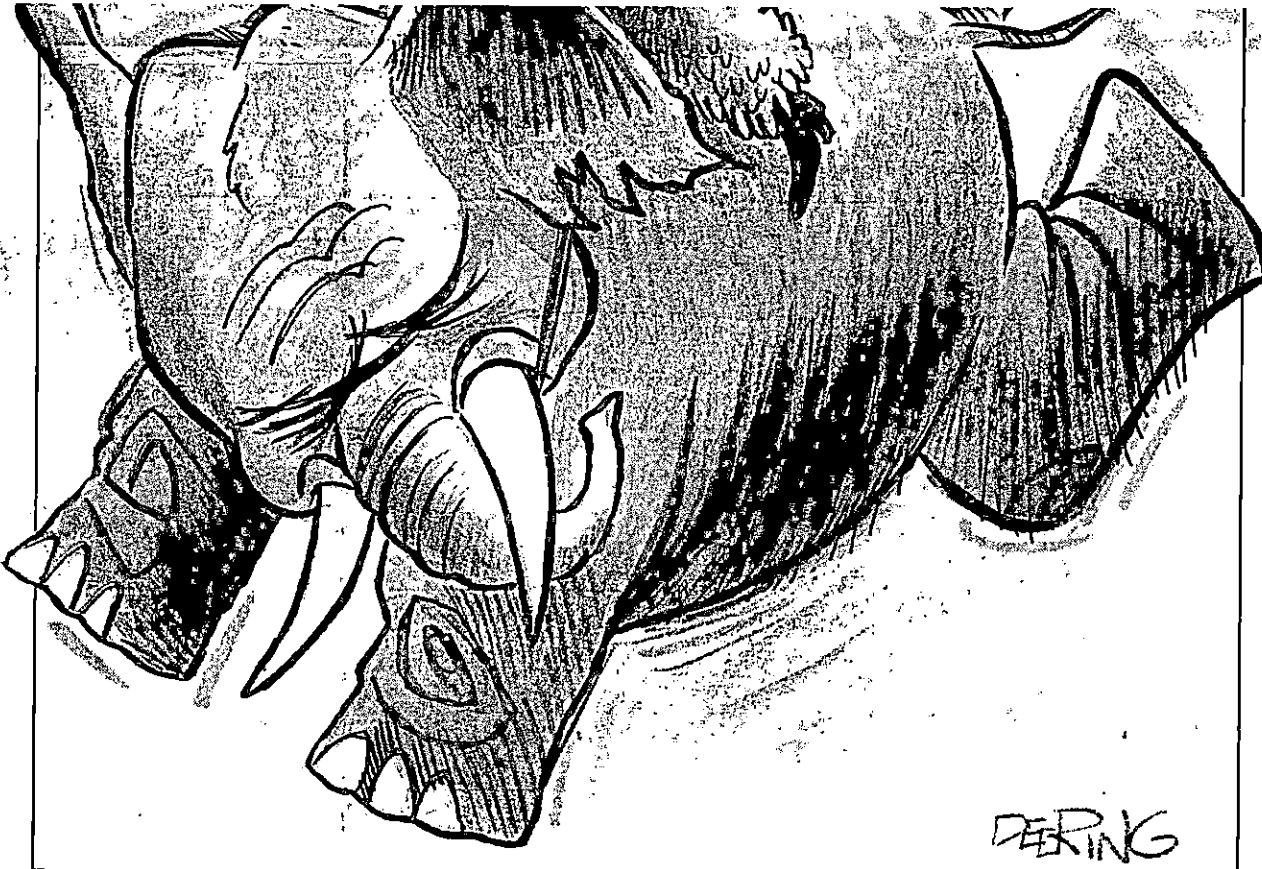
conomic advisers.
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Burton Pines, formerly with the conservative think tank Heritage Foundation and now with the National Center for Public Policy Research, thinks Bush should step aside and let another Republican run. Nobody he knows is enthusiastic about Bush, Pines says.

Pines says the only way Bush could be redeemed in conservatives' eyes is to turn his back on the 1990 tax-increase budget agreement, to refuse to sign another measure passed by Congress unless he gets what he wants and to apologize for the recession.

Asked if he would rather see Clinton than Bush in the White House for the next four years, Pines says, "I have three boos for Clinton and two boos for Bush. I wish Americans had a choice."

Conservatives are angriest with Bush for breaking his "Read my lips: No new taxes"



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/John Deering

Sununu, former New Hampshire governor cast out of the White House for free-loading on taxpayers for his private transportation, also is popular with conservatives.

Bush also has quashed talk that Vice President Dan Quayle will be dumped from the ticket. Quayle's conservative staff keeps conservatives primed on what's going on in the White House.

The bottom line is that no matter what conservative leaders do, most conservative Americans will decide for themselves shortly after Labor Day who will get their vote. They'll weigh whether they believe Clinton is moderate enough to take a chance that he won't reverse the Reagan revolution or whether, despite their distaste for and distrust of Bush, any Republican is better than a Democrat.

Their third option is to just stay home Nov. 3, which would give Clinton the election.

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Ann McFeatters covers the White House for Scripps Howard News Service.

The fragmented opinions made clear that court protection of the right itself was hanging by one vote. The appointment of one more anti-abortion justice would throw the entire issue back to the politicians in the White House, Congress and the state legislatures.

"This fight is not just a fight over the platform," says Ann Stone, founder of Republicans for Choice. "It is the beginning of a fight for the soul of the Republican Party."

Since 1989, party officials have addressed the rift by repackaging their rhetoric. Rather than talk of a constitutional amendment to ban abortion, which Bush and the party officially support, they say that the party has a "big tent" philosophy with room aplenty for dissenters.

The "big tent" metaphor originated with Lee Atwater, chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1989 until his death in 1991, who coined the phrase in the wake of Webster. But while many Republicans embraced the concept, Atwater never defined the practical politics of pitching such a tent.

The only instruction Atwater left was a dictum against flip-flopping on the issue. Bush in particular has little wiggle room. As president, he has steadfastly opposed abortion, but that position began with a 1980 convention conversion after he was selected as Ronald Reagan's running mate.

Since 1984, the Republican platform has unequivocally stated that the "unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life." Meaningful change in that language seems unlikely this year.

"If they want to go as Bush delegates, then they've got to be prepared to support the president," says Robert Mosbacher Jr., head of Texas Victory '92 and son of Bush's cam-

Protestors plan convention week spectacular

BY SUSAN FAHLGREN
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Demonstrators ranging from gay rights activists to Ku Klux Klan members are heading for Houston to focus the spotlight on abortion, the environment and a host of other issues at the Republican National Convention.

Some organizers forecast bigger demonstrations at the Aug. 17-20 convention than at last month's Democratic conclave in New York where thousands marched for causes ranging from abortion rights to legalized marijuana.

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publicans. Leaders of Operation Rescue, Rescue America, Lambs for Christ and the Christian Defense Coalition plan to make Houston a forum for their anti-abortion campaign.

"We have no reason to demonstrate against the Republican platform," said Don Treshman, national director of Houston-based Rescue America.

But he added, "We want to keep abortion on the front burner."

City officials and police, hoping for a peaceful convention week, have been meeting with demonstration organizers for months.

center on the site and Harris County is erecting a \$60,000 temporary fence around the Astrodome itself.

Groups are to be assigned times and staging areas in exchange for their \$25 rally fee.

Among groups seeking official demonstration times are the National Vietnam POW-MIA, the National Organization for Women, the National Abortion Rights Action League, Houston Sikh Americans, the Progressive Student Network and the Coalition for Jewish Concerns.

But other groups, such as ACT UP, Queer Nation, the Ku Klux Klan and Operation Res-

a day. All but one permit for the four-day convention have been issued to Republican support groups.

Queer Nation plans include a demonstration at a federal building to protest the military service restrictions for gays and lesbians.

About 50 Texas Klansmen, dressed in traditional white robes or combat fatigues, said they will cruise in their rock-proof Klan van.

"We're going to kind of pick and choose as we go," says Charles Lee, grand dragon of the White Camellia Knights of the KKK.

Operation Rescue, based in

"The anti-choice groups have been saying that Houston is really going to be the big scene," said Susan Nenney, spokeswoman for Houston's Planned Parenthood office. "And we're going to be ready for them."

Still others planning protests are the American Atheists, with an appearance by founder Madalyn Murray-O'Hair of Austin; the American Gay and Lesbian Atheists; GAG, an artists organization that will protest funding cuts to the National Endowment for the Arts; and another Klan group, the Confederate Knights of Texas.

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City officials and police, hoping for a peaceful convention week, have been meeting with demonstration organizers for months.

For use as a demonstration staging area, the city has leased 35 acres adjacent to the Astrodome, where some 4,000 delegates and alternates will attend the convention.

Officials plan to build three stages on the site, install electricity and water connections and set up a first-aid station as well as dozens of portable toilets at a total estimated cost of \$50,000.

will have a command

tion Rights Action League, Houston Sikh Americans, the Progressive Student Network and the Coalition for Jewish Concerns.

But other groups, such as ACT UP, Queer Nation, the Ku Klux Klan and Operation Rescue, insist they will not be confined to the site.

"Our issues are 24 hours a day," AIDS activist Bradley said. "The whole idea of having a set-aside area for demonstrations is wrong. We have been lambs to the slaughter and we are not going to be sheep to the meadow."

His group, AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, or ACT UP, is challenging an ordinance that restricts parade permits to one

proof Klan van.

"We're going to kind of pick and choose as we go," says Charles Lee, grand dragon of the White Camellia Knights of the KKK.

Operation Rescue, based in Washington, said it will protest at abortion clinics.

"We are sending the president a strong message: Don't abandon us, or we may have a governor from Arkansas in the White House come January," said the Rev. Pat Mahoney.

Houston Defending Choice, a coalition of eight to 10 groups supporting abortion rights, planned to have volunteers protecting the city's 30 abortion clinics from protesters.

Gay and Lesbian Atheists, GAG, an artists organization that will protest funding cuts to the National Endowment for the Arts; and another Klan group, the Confederate Knights of Texas.

"I don't really see us protesting anything," said James Stanfield, imperial wizard of the Houston-based Confederate Knights. "I've been pretty happy with the way Reagan and Bush did things."

"We're kind of hesitant to come out and support somebody; that's kind of like the kiss of death," he said. "You don't want to do that, especially if you've got somebody in there that you like."

unlikely this year.

"If they want to go as Bush delegates, then they've got to be prepared to support the president," says Robert Mosbacher Jr., head of Texas Victory '92 and son of Bush's campaign general chairman.

"The message has been sent clearly that the president has his position. Whether you support him or not, fight this one after November, after the president has been re-elected."

The GOP platform panel was handpicked by the Bush campaign and is unlikely to permit a floor debate on abor-

Homestead clings to hope, awaits word of air base

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Associated Press Writer

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — At the Afterburner Bar and Grill near the Air Force base, plywood sheets cover blown-out windows, the pool table is soaked with rain, and there's no electricity. But owner Peter Paul keeps the place open.

"Three weeks ago I had 7,000 people right outside my door," he said. "Overnight I got an empty base."

This broken little town took the worst of Hurricane Andrew's punches, and last week it took another one when it learned that Homestead Air Force Base may not be rebuilt.

Andrew's victims, weary of promises but still clinging to hope, can only wait and hope as the fate of the base and economy is tossed around by politicians.

"Everything I have is tied up in this bar — if they don't do something with that base, I don't know how long I'll be able to keep going," Paul said.

Hopes ran high after President Bush visited Homestead and promised to rebuild the base, which pumped more than \$400 million a year into the area's economy and provided 7,000 military and civilian jobs.

But facing military cutbacks around the nation, the Senate Appropriations Committee last week rejected the \$480 million requested for the reconstruction and approved only \$26 million to remove debris and plan the base's future.

A vote in the full Senate is set for this week, and Gov. Lawton Chiles and local officials have suggested possibly reviving the 3,300-acre base as a commercial airport.

House Speaker Thomas Foley, interviewed Saturday on CNN, said Democrats and Republicans in Congress "have serious questions about spending a billion dollars to rebuild an Air Force base that's at the top of the list for closure."

He said the committee's action "doesn't necessarily say

they're not going to rebuild, but it certainly doesn't automatically guarantee the rebuilding of a base that may be closed."

Marilyn Fenner, standing in the ruins of her home a block from the base, said: "It's a helpless feeling. We've just got to roll with it day by day."

"Bush lied to us. It was a political ploy. He was just saying what everyone wanted to hear. But we're in the middle of all this. He should come live with us."

Fenner, 43, an unemployed nuclear plant worker, and her husband Russell, 51, a cargo worker on disability because of a heart condition, said they have no choice but to stay in Homestead.

"This is all we have. Now we don't know whether this place is going to turn into a ghost town," said Russell Fenner, who, along with his wife, now lives in a trailer parked in the front yard of their house.

Young couple Raul and Michele Garcia surveyed the shell of their rented home Friday, but they aren't waiting to see what becomes of Homestead. They are making plans to leave.

"We don't have time to wait around for something to be done," said Garcia, who owns a ice cream vending truck that made it through the hurricane. "We have to make a living."

City Manager Alex Muxo acknowledged morale is low. The day the Senate committee all but dashed hopes for a new base, baseball's Cleveland Indians said they would postpone moving into their new spring training complex next season. But Muxo tried to emphasize the positive — the U.S. House is still considering an \$8.8 billion relief bill for storm-battered states, and the Senate has a \$7.2 billion proposal.

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Your Aug. 2, edition ran two ads for library positions at post-secondary schools in Arkansas. These ads state that only applicants with library degrees from universities accredited by the American Library Association will be considered.

There is also a letter to the editor in support of a doctoral program at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. I agree there is a need for more doctoral programs other than those at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. I am pleased to see doctoral programs now at UALR and ASU.

But we have no American Library Association-accredited universities in Arkansas. To obtain a library degree required for the positions in the ads,

Arkansas students must go to Oklahoma, Texas or Florida.

UCA has an excellent library program, but they are not ALA accredited. They prepare excellent librarians for elementary and secondary schools. They have a public library program too, but, again, it is not ALA approved.

Why not provide the necessary state funds to UCA for expansion of their program to meet guidelines for ALA accreditation rather than begin a doctoral program at UCA? To me, these funds would be better spent as they would help to fulfill a more important need for students in Arkansas.

SUE M. MOORE
Hot Springs Village

Stop unnecessary interruptions

Does the unnecessary interruption of programs have to be a way of life? If so, why?

It is understood and accepted that commercial message interruptions are probably necessary other than between programs.

We can see how professional the stations are without the self-praising promos. And thank you to the darling channel that clips short a program to give us the newzzz from the best-there-is newsroom.

Television is old enough to grow up. Why not try it? The "we pause for station identification" ruse went away, thank you very much.

If the recession is reducing the number of paid commercials available, pass it on to the viewers.

Perhaps I am making the common

interesting change of pace — and very novel.

ROBERT PATTERSON
Camden

Dragged in mud

In reference to Bob Bailey's letter Aug. 6: Due to atheists, communists and ACLU, our Constitution has been dragged in the mud.

Our forefathers based our Constitution on the Bible, the word of God. Sodomy was an abomination to God. He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because they had disobeyed him.

As to Christian homosexuals or lesbians, there is no way. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament denounce men with men and women with women.

Media saw Clinton, blinked

HOUSTON — It was such an obvious story, I'm surprised no one thought of it before last week.

You read it in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* under the byline of Ron Fournier of The Associated Press Bureau in Little Rock.

"Bill Clinton," it began, "we hardly knew you..."

The story noted that many revelations about Clinton's personal life which have come to light since his entry into the 1992 presidential campaign might have finished his political career long ago had Arkansans been apprised of them.

Among them:

- Clinton's admission that he smoked marijuana as a college student.
- His calculated avoidance of the draft during the Vietnam War.
- His strong support of abortion rights.

The story also noted that Arkansans generally did not know that Clinton had an alcoholic stepfather who periodically abused his wife and children.

If Clinton ever mentioned these things to reporters in Arkansas, which is doubtful, they never shared their knowledge with the public.

In any event, after almost two decades of exposure to Clinton the politician, it is odd that Clinton the person has only now begun to be revealed to us.

Why is that?

Were we in the media lazy or merely lax?

POLITICS 1992

Meredith Oakley



Were we too willing to accept him at face value?

Were we sloppy, inattentive, disinterested?

Or, as so many journalists are wont to insist, did we feel so strongly that a politician's personal life is no one's business unless it interferes with the execution of his public responsibility that we simply refused to probe?

Yes, yes, yes, yes.

For when we asked Clinton whether he had ever used drugs, we accepted his obfuscation.

When we asked Clinton whether he had ever protested the Vietnam War, we let him limit his answer to his activities within the continental United States.

When abortion became an issue in the Arkansas Legislature, we let him direct his answers to specific pieces of legislation, not the issue itself.

Can you imagine how many times we who have covered Bill Clinton for the last dozen or more years have kicked ourselves during the past year?

It happens every time the national press tells us something we should have known, or knew and did not re-

port, or suspected but did not investigate.

There isn't a reporter alive who has covered Bill Clinton's governorship who didn't know before the fact of it that Clinton would run one day for president of the United States.

Yet whenever faced with thorny issues such as drug use or abortion or the Vietnam War, we either blinked, or looked the other way.

Who cares? We in the media care — at least, we should — because the fact of the matter is, a significant portion of the voting public cares.

Maybe Clinton wouldn't be running for president if these issues and others had been better explored before he became a presidential candidate.

On the other hand, maybe he would be. It's quite possible, for instance, that knowledge of his painful childhood would have inspired more tolerance and given his detractors a greater and even sympathetic insight to his character.

Whatever the case, the point is that those outside Clinton's inner circle — and it is not nearly as big as many people think — would have a known quantity, not someone who, in the words of one Arkansan, albeit a Republican, has created a new self that some of us don't recognize.

Associate Editor Meredith Oakley's column appears every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Bill needs Hillary — badly

HOUSTON — As an admirer of Hillary Clinton, I do not take kindly to criticism of her, and there has been

DEAR READER



I am not one of those who fears that Hillary may influence her husband if he wins the White House. I pray that

it on to the viewers.

Perhaps I am making the common mistake of thinking TV is for the pleasure of the viewers.

Perhaps the stations are expressing their opinions of the programs they show.

A leisurely presentation free of unnecessary interruptions would be an

We should say, 'No way, Bill'

Have you noticed how anxious Gov. Clinton is to send troops anywhere there's trouble?

Arkansas owes the nation an apology for allowing a few people to make Clinton look like a hero. It will be a shame and tragedy if a draft dodger is put in control of our military. Our troops deserve better than that.

It would be a small price for Clinton to pay to remain governor compared to what others paid. It cost some their lives; others became prisoners and were tortured, some living with parts of their bodies missing.

Clinton made his choice. He should pay the price. If he had the shame and integrity he should have, he would be the one to withdraw from the ticket.

Democrats have left many without a choice. We must not force a draft dodger as commander of our troops. No general or his troops wants a draft dodger ordering them to go all over the world and get killed. Would you? Are you going to blame our children if you force Clinton on them and they rebel?

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nounce men with men and women with women.

Four-letter words that were not used in the home by Supreme Court rulings are on TV movies and songs, all as freedom of speech.

ALONZO MAYBERRY
Vilonia

Dan Quayle has been ridiculed for joining the Reserves. Clinton not only dodged the draft but deserted the Reserves. I urge you to join me in a campaign to say "No way, Bill." Get a bumper sticker or sign that says "No way, Bill."

Arkansas needs to lead the way.

BROWN OLIVER
Camden

No more bashing

To quote John Robert Starr in his article Aug. 8, "I have run completely out of patience," not with political double talk as he maintains but with his incessant bashing of Gov. Clinton.

Many Arkansans are proud of the state and Bill Clinton. Enough is enough. Take a trip, John R., and tell us about that. Take Meredith Oakley with you. I suggest a slow boat to China.

BONNIE MOHUNDRO
Little Rock

Hillary Clinton, I do not take kindly to criticism of her, and there has been a heap of it by various speakers and spokesmen (make that spokespersons) at the Republican National Convention.

However, I think Bill Clinton is overreacting to what folks are saying about his wife. After all, he and Hillary invited the criticism by telling voters in the early weeks of the primary that they were a team and would operate as one in the White House. Hillary, who does not share her husband's propensity for waffling, said it plainly: "If you elect him, you get me."

Hillary's up-front and personal involvement in the campaign quickly became controversial. She subsequently took a step backward and became a smiling backdrop at her husband's public appearances. Some say she was told by campaign spin doctors to take a low profile. Because I don't think anybody — not even Bill Clinton — would dare to give Hillary that kind of order, I believe she voluntarily moved out of the spotlight because she thought she was hurting Bill.

In responding to Republican criticism of Hillary, most of which is based on false or misinterpreted information about her, Clinton has tried to translate attacks on Hillary into attacks on all working women.

Like Democrats everywhere have taken to responding to any GOP criticism, Clinton invoked the image of Willie Horton, the black convict who raped a woman while he was on furlough from a Massachusetts prison. Republicans used the Horton case — unfairly, the Democrats claim — against Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis in the 1988 campaign.

From Atlanta, where he conducted a brief love affair with a hammer on behalf of former President Jimmy

John R. Starr



Carter's Habitat for Humanity, Clinton said, "What they're trying to do is make it kind of a Willie Horton-like thing against all independent working women, trying to run against them in a way I think is really lamentable."

What is really lamentable is the way Clinton whines about Willie Horton every time the Republicans nick him or anybody connected with him. He has said Hillary can take care of herself, but the campaign has been careful not to let her respond. Believe me, she'd do something besides whine.

The Republicans have attacked Hillary as an ultraliberal with radical — and to Republicans — unacceptable ideas on family values.

However, if Marilyn Quayle properly stated the "values of the past" — responsibility, integrity, industry, morality and respect for others — in her speech to GOP delegates Wednesday, Hillary promotes them all.

May I paraphrase Lloyd Bentsen's devastating retort to Dan Quayle during the 1988 vice presidential debate to set the record straight on Hillary's liberalism.

I know Hillary Clinton. Hillary Clinton is a friend of mine. She is not an ultraliberal.

Liberal, yes. Maybe half a percent more liberal than I am.

As a matter of fact, quite often in our conversations, when Hillary suggests that she and I may disagree on something, I have said, "The only thing we disagree on is whether your husband is worth a damn."

Hillary may influence her husband if he wins the White House. I pray that she does.

If Clinton is elected, and Hillary does not prop him up as she and Betsey Wright and Joan Roberts did for so many years in the governor's office, the country is in for a whole heap of ineffective, spineless leadership.

Believe me, friends, if Hillary is not advising Bill he will be running the country according to the mandates of the clever spin doctors who have been so successful so far in selling Arkansas' Slick Willie to the American public as a man of vision and integrity. Following their advice, he'd screw up the country worse than John F. Kennedy did while he was under the influence of the Knights of Camelot.

During those years when Clinton was getting most of his advice from his wife, his chief of staff (Wright) and his press secretary (Roberts) he was, by and large, a pretty good governor. I supported him through all those years.

Roberts (now Joan Watkins) left after the 1986 campaign and now runs the public relations operation at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Hillary quit practicing government and went back to practicing law after the school standards were implemented in 1987. The job of keeping Clinton straight was left to Wright, but in 1989 she was ousted from the governor's office for reasons that never made it to the record.

From the day Wright left until Clinton himself put the job behind him and started running for president, Clinton's governorship went downhill faster than a tractor-trailer in Georgia overdrive.

John R. Starr's column appears every day.

Is Falwell a 'secret weapon'?

Mike Huckabee of Texarkana, the 36-year-old Baptist preacher who is the Republican challenger to U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers, attended his first Republican National Convention last week.

COUNTERPOINT

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make sure Huckabee has a chance to beat Bumpers before putting him in the pipeline.

Huckabee also wrote in the letter that if the money was raised, he would unveil a "secret weapon" in Septem-

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By Doug Mills, AP

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GOP speakers put family first



Bush accepts party's nomination tonight

By Debbie Howlett

Read his lips: Bush's scorecard from '88

When President Bush accepts renomination tonight, his speech will be compared with the one he made in 1988. That speech, in which he reintroduced himself to voters and set the tone and goals for his first term, was considered the turning point in his underdog campaign. A look at some of the promises he made then and how close he came to keeping them.

SOCIETY

WHAT BUSH SAID: "I want a kinder and gentler nation."

WHAT BUSH DID: The White House says volunteerism rose with Bush's encouragement, as did spending in most social programs, reversing the pattern of the Reagan years. Bush first vetoed a civil rights bill he contended would lead to racial quotas in hiring, then signed a similar compromise bill. Democrats charge he neglected problems of cities and the poor and homeless, and contributed to an increase in racial tension.

JOBS

WHAT BUSH SAID: "If we continue to grow at our current rate, we'll produce 30 million jobs in the next eight years. My mission is 30 million jobs in the next eight years."

WHAT BUSH DID: The economy did not grow at the 1988 rate, and dipped into recession in late 1990 and early 1991. Overall, gross domestic product grew 2.3%, and unemployment rose from 5.4% to 7.7%. About 1 million new jobs have been created in the Bush term, the lowest growth rate since the Depression.

TAXES

WHAT BUSH SAID: "My opponent won't rule out raising taxes, but I will. And the Congress will push me to raise taxes and I'll say no. And they'll push and I'll say no, and they'll push again and I'll say to them, 'Read my lips, no new taxes.'"

WHAT BUSH DID: To break a budget deadlock with Congress in 1990, Bush agreed to \$137 billion worth of tax increases on the wealthy, businesses, gasoline, ciga-



By Robert Deutsch, USA TODAY

ADDRESSING 1988 CONVENTION: Delegates are eager to see if President Bush's speech tonight will be as successful as his address four years ago in New Orleans — a turning point in his campaign.

rettes and luxury items in return for strict limits on spending. He has since said it was a "mistake."

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

WHAT BUSH SAID: "I'll move toward further cuts in strategic and conventional arsenals of both the United States and the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc and NATO. . . . We have peace, and I'm not going to let anyone take that away from you."

WHAT BUSH DID: Bush negotiated treaties making deep cuts in U.S. and Soviet conventional and nuclear weapons. The Berlin Wall came down, the Eastern bloc

collapsed and the Soviet Union dissolved. Bush led an international coalition in a Persian Gulf war victory, invaded Panama to install elected government and initiated new Middle East peace talks. Democrats say yes, but Bush was slow in aiding Soviet transition to market economy, failed to unseat Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and lacks clear direction in foreign policy.

EDUCATION

WHAT BUSH SAID: "I will encourage merit schools. I will give more kids a head start."

WHAT BUSH DID: He set six education goals to be met by 2000, and proposed creation of experimental schools in each congressional district — a proposal

held up in Congress, which favors another program. He increased Head Start spending for disadvantaged preschool children by \$1 billion and proposed another \$600 million hike for 1993. Democrats have an education plan that would spend more money on schools and Head Start so all eligible children could be included.

ENVIRONMENT

WHAT BUSH SAID: "Let's clean the air. We must reduce the harm done by acid rain."

WHAT BUSH DID: Bush pressed for and signed the 1990 Clean Air Act, which limits air pollution by autos, industry and utilities. But with the economy in decline, he watered down its provisions as business and industry complained about the costs of complying. Democrats says he's retreated on most environmental fronts — wetlands, wildlife protection and forest preservation.

THE DISABLED

WHAT BUSH SAID: "I'm going to do whatever it takes to make sure the disabled are included in the mainstream, for it's too long that they've been left out."

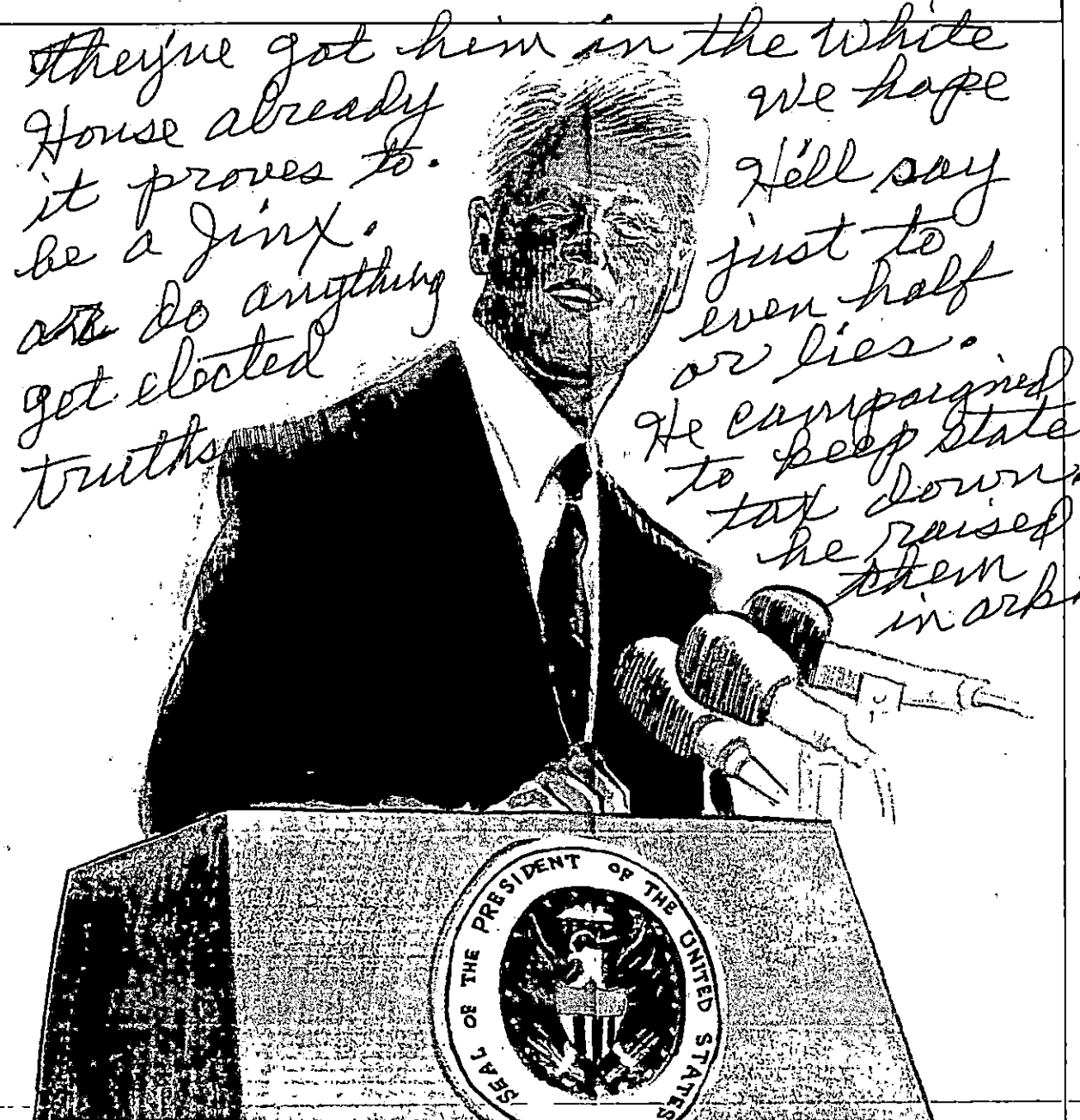
WHAT BUSH DID: Bush pressed for and signed the Americans with Disabilities Act, passed by Congress in 1990, protecting civil rights of those with physical and mental handicaps.

DRUGS

WHAT BUSH SAID: "I want a drug-free America, and that will not be easy. . . . My administration will be telling the dealers, 'Whatever we have to do, we'll do, but your day is over. You are history.'"

WHAT BUSH DID: He seeks to double anti-drug spending to \$12.7 billion next year. The White House claims illegal drug use is down 13%, and 27% among adolescents; the average jail sentence for drug dealers is up from 57 months to 78 months. He won the drug-trafficking conviction of Panama leader Manuel Noriega. Democrats say drug programs are still inadequate, lack focus, and that education and treatment should get greater emphasis.

Special Report: Clinton's White House



Clinton woos hostile heart of Deep South

BY RANDY LILLESTON
Democrat-Gazette Washington Bureau

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Gov. Bill Clinton traveled to a Republican presidential stronghold Saturday, attacking President Bush on the economy and urging about 2,000 people to help the Democrats win the White House.

Clinton spoke on the steps of the state Capitol in Columbia, campaigning in the deepest part of the Deep South. A Confederate flag flies over the Capitol dome, and there is a memorial on the Capitol grounds to Confederate soldiers killed in the Civil War.

Clinton is spending the better part of two days in South Carolina, a state that has not been kind to Democratic presidential nominees.

Republicans have won the state in five of the last six elections. Jimmy Carter in 1976 was the last Democrat to carry the state.

South Carolina Gov. Carroll Campbell, a Republican, is a key supporter of President Bush

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and regularly has criticized Clinton in recent weeks.

"Whatever happens here in South Carolina, I think the Clinton-Gore campaign has been good for your economy," Clinton told the crowd. "I see that both Mr. Bush and Mr. Quayle have changed their schedules so they could come here in the next day or two. They can't take you for granted any more because I am not giving up on you."

On the podium, Clinton was joined by several area Democratic officials, including Lt. Gov. Nick Theodore and Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C.

Clinton pointed out signs favorable to his campaign that were being held by the crowd, but not all the signs were so favorable.

A small plane circled overhead, towing a banner saying, "No Draft Dodger For President." Others in the crowd held signs saying, "Draft Dodger Go Home," "No Guts, No Glory, Draft Dodger," and "Lie, Lie Like a Rug."

Bush's campaign has tried to put a brighter spotlight on ques-

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Clinton

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"Now, to go further, we're going to have to act like an American family, and for the next 52 days, I ask you to reaffirm that commitment," the governor said.

After Clinton and Jackson held aloft a T-shirt that said, "Rebuild America — Vote," Jackson took the stage.

In an emotional speech, Jackson recounted the civil rights struggles of the 1960s and the people who lost their lives to assure all voting-age Americans could exercise their right at the polls.

Today, "We have the law on our side. We have the right to vote. We have higher expectations," Jackson said.

People have to exercise that right to have power, he said, listing election after election where only a small percentage of voters made the difference.

In a move that apparently came as a surprise to Clinton and the Secret Service, Jackson called on adults who were not registered to come to the foot of the stage, where a Washington, D.C., registrar was waiting.

"This is a friendly crowd. This is a celebration. This is not a religious war," Jackson said.

He urged those who registered to shake the hand of "Mr. Bill" and "President Clinton," as he called the governor.

Clinton eventually pulled away as a crowd rushed the area in front of the stage.

The two men have had a rocky working relationship this year, and much has been made of disagreements between the two camps.

The two talked briefly backstage on Saturday after the event.

"I think much too much is being made of this," Democratic Party Chairman Ron Brown said after the speech, responding to reports of controversies between Clinton and Jackson.

"I don't think the relationship between Jesse Jackson and Bill Clinton is what we focus on. We ought to focus on

the differences between George Bush and Bill Clinton."

The Washington stop with Jackson was added late last week.

Clinton's main announced purpose Saturday was to attend a fund-raiser at the home of Democratic activist Pamela Harriman in Middleburg, Va., about 45 miles from Washington.

'We will need a level of national cooperation and unity we have not had in a very long time to make serious progress.'

Clinton also gave a brief speech at the 25th annual Mason District Crab Feast at a private home in Falls Church, Va., a Washington suburb.

He asked for grass-roots support from voters.

"It's our responsibility to bring the reality back into this campaign and to bring the hope into this campaign," Clinton said.

He promised that if he wins, "We will need a level of national cooperation and unity we have not had in a very long time to make serious progress."

When Clinton arrived in Falls Church, about two dozen Bush supporters were waiting.

They shouted slogans such as "Bush-Quayle '92" and "draft

dodger."

At least two Bush supporters got into the event and interrupted Clinton's speech at one point with their chants.



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Clinton leadership challenge

from Little Rock
DEAR READER

John R. Starr



I have a challenge for Bill Clinton, the would-be leader of our nation.

If he takes it up, the rest of the country can learn whether Clinton is capable of the kind of glorious leadership he is promising if we send him to Washington.

Some who have witnessed his leadership, or lack of it, at the state level aren't satisfied with what he did here and are not convinced that he can do better in Washington.

If Clinton is elected and doesn't do better than he has done in the state, the country is in for hard times that will make the last couple of years seem like a High Profile tea party.

If Clinton's first term as president is marked by as many false starts, wrong starts and egregious underestimations of the intelligence of voters as his first term as governor was, the country may be calling for the return of Herbert Hoover.

My challenge to Clinton was inspired by his own boast about how well he will be able to get along with Congress and by a recent James J. Kilpatrick column explaining how H.R. 3596, which would protect America's little people from sharks in the credit reporting industry, has been tied up by industry lobbyists and is generally considered dead in this session of Congress.

H.R. 4213, a similar bill, was tied up and killed a year ago.

"Unless consumers raise effective hell over the next two months, the same fate will overtake H.R. 3596," Kilpatrick wrote.

I don't think consumers raising hell will do a lick of good with a Congress that belongs to the special interests and responds to the people the way a stone responds to a drop of water.

The only thing that can move H.R. 3596 along is the kind of personal political leadership this country needs in the next four years.

You may ask why I don't issue this challenge to George Bush. For one thing, he hasn't boasted recently about how well he gets along with Congress. For another, Bush's party is an anemic minority in both houses and does not have the power to pass a bill just because it would help its presidential candidate.

H.R. 3596 amends the Fair Credit Reporting Act of 1970, which has proven woefully inadequate. H.R. 3596

has been much revised and in its present form is a bipartisan bill. Its principal benefit is that it regulates for the first time the so-called credit repair organizations in which, Kilpatrick says, there are "more scam artists than honest brokers at work."

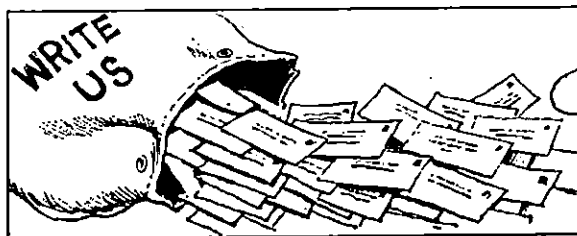
H.R. 3596 came out of committee June 18, but its supporters are saying there probably won't be time to get it through the House and Senate before Congress adjourns.

Here's where Clinton could step in, if he has the ability to influence a Congress dominated by his own political party that he has been boasting about.

Clinton could take Senate majority leader George Mitchell and House Speaker Thomas Foley aside and say, "Fellows, this is legislation that will benefit the middle-class citizens whose champion I am hoping to become. Let's pass this bill and I can point to it with pride when the public realizes that I am all talk and no substance and the campaign begins to tighten up in the fall. Let's show this guy Kilpatrick that if I'm elected, he won't be able to say again that 'Time after time, the lobbyists win and the citizens lose.'"



John R. Starr's column appears every day.



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Clinton helps Jackson start voter search

BY RANDY LILLESTON
Democrat-Gazette Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A celebration of black families doubled as a kickoff for a national voter registration drive Saturday as Arkansas



Gov. Bill Clinton and Jesse Jackson shared a stage and urged support for Clinton's presidential bid.

"You simply cannot come to the plate in the big game and drop the bat and expect to hit a home run," Jackson told several thousand people at an outdoor stage near the Washington Monument. "Today, we have a chance to change the course of our country in November. Freedom is so close; you can touch it and taste it."

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The Clinton campaign had billed the appearance as a mere campaign stop, but it served a greater purpose. It was the beginning of a three-week national voter registration drive, led by Jackson, that is expected to include a bus trip in the South later this month.

The event was one of 300 such activities held in 30 states Saturday. Clinton's wife, Hillary, participated in a voter registration event with Navajo Indians in Window Rock, Ariz., campaign staff members said.

Clinton and Jackson appeared in Washington at a Black Family Reunion sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women.

Reciting the old political joke that some elected officials claim to have been born in a log cabin they built themselves, Clinton said unity was the key to a nation's success.

"The truth is, no one ever makes his own log cabin, and no one makes his own way in life, and all of us need each other," Clinton said.

"We don't have a single solitary person to waste in this country."

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Bush watches his step in courting religious right

BY HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — As he makes cameo appearances around the country, flitting in and out of town like a circuit preacher, President Bush is courting the religious right — but ever so carefully.

Before and during the Republican convention in July, family values was a staple of Bush speeches, but he has toned it down ever since. Even when he spoke on Friday night to Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, the speech was more an economic message than an appeal to religious conviction.

His strongest statement was a reaffirmation of his anti-abortion stand and a declaration of "how deeply I support all the work you're doing to restore the spiritual foundation of this nation."

There is good reason to tread warily, said Gary Bauer, president of the Family Research Council, a conservative think tank. It's easy to turn off the very people who think the way you do.

"A lot of family issues are very sensitive and it's important to talk about them in a way that doesn't necessarily alienate Americans who may in fact agree with you but could be put off by certain types of rhetoric," he said.

For his speech in Virginia Beach, Va., Bush was in what he called "the heart of America's evangelical community." But instead of lacing into Gov. Bill Clinton and the Democrats for being laggard on family values, Bush confined himself only to

answering "our critics."

"In recent weeks, you and I have been accused of focusing our energies on what has been called a narrow, irrelevant topic: the American family," he said. "Well, I believe it is our critics who are guilty of tunnel vision."

Having said that, however, Bush added: "I don't mean to suggest that we should somehow go back to the days of Ozzie and Harriet."

The president has dropped from his speeches references to liberals who, he once said,

"even encourage kids to hire lawyers and haul their parents into court."

Republican National Chairman Rich Bond went beyond that, referring to "that champion of the family, Hillary Clinton, who believes kids should be able to sue their parents rather than helping with the chores that they were asked to do."

William Kristol, chief of staff of Vice President Quayle, says he thinks both Bush and Quayle have been consistent in what they have said. He argues that there has been a lot of overin-

terpretation by the news media.

"Every statement is either an intensification of an argument or toning down of position," he said. "An obvious caricature is the belief that we could turn the clock back."

Bauer believes that there is a difference between the religious right, which includes such well known conservatives as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell, and social conservatives.

He doesn't know how many voters are influenced by the former but says the social conservatives form a majority of the

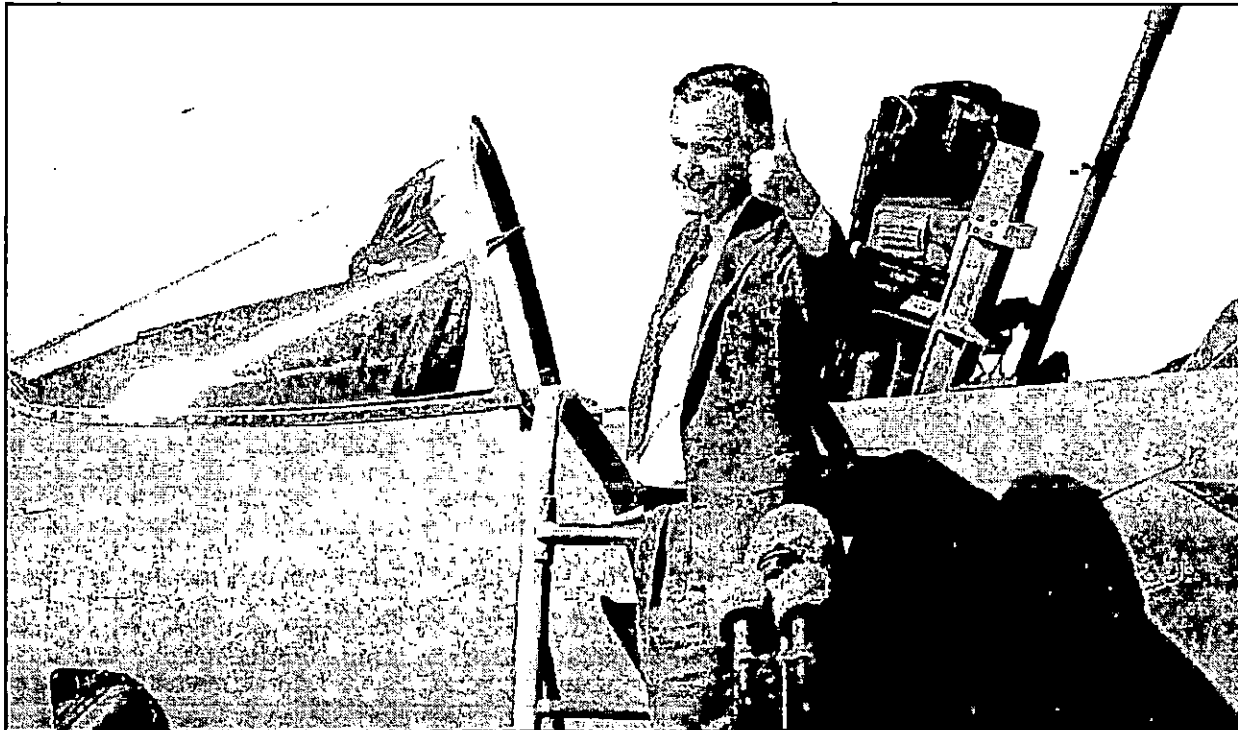
electorate.

"These are a large group of Americans that describe themselves as born-again Christians ... orthodox Jews, northeastern and midwestern Catholics," he said.

The social conservatives, Bauer said, are an important voting bloc and Bush can't win without them. Clinton also real-

izes he needs them, he said, which is why the Democrats also dwelled on family values at their convention and Clinton referred to a New Covenant.

The same day that Bush was speaking with the evangelicals, Clinton was at the University of Notre Dame accusing the Republicans of promoting intolerance.



OK — President Bush gives a thumbs-up to the employees of the McDonnell Douglas Corp. outside the plant in St.

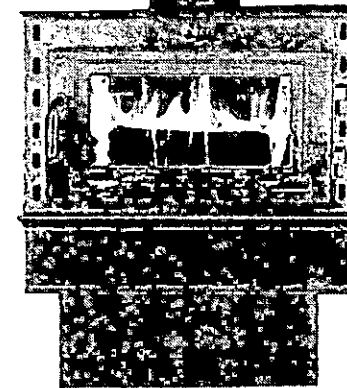
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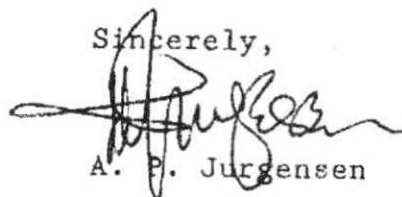
RE: Jet Aircraft Noise

Dear Mr. Baker:

The enclosed letter was sent to President Bush and some key government officials

It is intended to bring to his attention the concern of millions of voters, both Democratic and Republican, in the New York New Jersey area about jet aircraft noise, and the perceived indifference of the Administration to this serious problem

Sincerely,



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September 15, 1992

Honorable George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Bush,

Jet aircraft noise is a matter of deep concern to millions of voters in New Jersey.

In 1987 the FAA implemented the EECF (Extended East Coast Plan) without an Environmental Impact Study. In 1990 the Congress, due to the efforts of Congressmen Rinaldo, Gallo, Roukema and others mandated an EIS calling for an FAA plan by May, 1991 to reduce aircraft noise in New Jersey. The FAA stalled on this for another year (to May 1992) then delayed another 6 months, to the end of 1992.

Now they say it will be an additional 3 or 4 months before they have a preliminary report, because of a computer error. Excuses ad infinitum, ad nauseum! After 5 long, noisy years it is clear that the FAA has no intention of making any substantial changes in their ill-conceived, unnecessary EECF.

220 communities in New Jersey have protested being pounded day and night by jet noise.

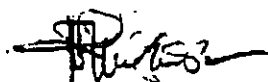
Large coalitions of voters in New Jersey are deeply concerned about this administration's perceived indifference to this problem. As a Republican of many years, I am too.

A few years ago, after a debate with Geraldine Ferraro, you said that you had "kicked a little butt":

It would benefit a great many voters in New Jersey if you directed this exercise to the intransigent FAA, and told them to roll back the Extended East Coast Plan.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



A. P. Jurgensen

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Mr. James Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Baker,

I enclose materials concerning Vitamin and Nutritional Supplements for your review. Some of this earlier work have been of interest to Sam Skinner.

In any event it looks like the PAC's and their money are about to prevail again over the American people, and to their detriment.

You have a most outstanding record of accomplishment and doing, doing, doing! We all need more individuals like you in actual office, but failing that we need "a David to go after Goliath!" This is a real election issue if there ever was one. The results of FDA actions will most assuredly cause Health/Medical costs to rise more. The power of PAC's will have "bought the deal". The majority of doctors are not knowledgeable

about Nutrition or Supplements and
Vitamins 'cause it's not taught in
Medical School and the AMA and
Harvard Medical School tend to be
cynical about it all. Here we're
asking a self regulating profession to
speak to our best interests — that's
so far not proved to be worthwhile to
my knowledge.

My wife did her graduate
work @ Stanford, and I'm a US Naval Academy
grad — Class of '51. I am not a Perot
fan, but know him well — but I
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about \$70⁰⁰ — 80⁰⁰ per month in these
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in 2 1/2 years with these items and a
safe exercise regimen. We know they
work.

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some muscle into this area
for our benefit, and publicize
yours and the President's real
effort loudly for all to hear
positively! We want this to
be a win for us on this matter &
a win for the Republicans too
in November.

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We have recently moved to this area from Northern Calif. where we had homes in Atherton and Pebble Beach, and expect to finally move again. We have decided to make our home in Wyoming and think that area is a great place — following your own good judgement.

Make power to your good work, and thanks for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Byrne

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If you ever have time you might
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FDA's power grab

New federal regulations scheduled to go into effect in November threaten the rights of all Americans who choose to enhance their health with vitamins, nutritional supplements or herbal preparations.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has developed "one of the most draconian, limiting set of regulations you can find," according to Roy Upton of the Natural Health Care Alliance.

We feel these new rules are designed to throttle the alternative health-care industry, the arena for a revolution in natural health care that does not depend on chemical-based drugs or surgery for most ailments.

The new FDA regulations were developed under the guise of implementing the Nutritional Labeling Education Act, passed by Congress in 1990 to create uniform labeling standards and to provide more health-care information.

The FDA, however, has twisted the intent of this law to gain control over the vitamin, supplement and herbal industries, which it has been forbidden to regulate since the 1976 Proxmire Amendment to the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

If approved, the new FDA regulations will forbid the sale of high-potency vitamins, most currently available nutritional supplements and almost all herbs used for health purposes. Henceforth, all will be classified as drugs.

The new rules also would prevent any preparation's label from carrying any health claims unless they are FDA approved, a process known to take 10 years and cost \$230 million for each product, effectively banning these products from the market.

It is apparent the FDA is not as interested in protecting Americans' health as in helping the multibillion-dollar medical and pharmaceutical industries to protect their market from less costly and less intrusive methods of healing.

This is obvious, since there are no recorded deaths from vitamins or herbal preparations from 1983 to 1990, according to the American Poison Control Center, while at the same time there are numerous recorded deaths from FDA-approved prescription and over-the-counter drugs. (The deaths that resulted three years ago from the food supplement L-tryptophane, a naturally occurring amino acid, were because of contamination, not the preparation itself.)

On the other hand, the FDA has approved Halcion, an addictive drug with bizarre side effects that is banned in eight European nations, and Valium, a drug that has addicted generations of American men and women, among many of its questionable approved drugs.

Now it wants to control herbs, put on Earth by God for the benefit of all mankind, under the flimsy guise that some herbal remedies are dangerous. So is FDA-approved aspirin if you take too much of it, which hundreds of Americans do each year, accidentally or otherwise.

The new FDA regulations would allow you to take high-potency vitamins, nutritional supplements and herbal remedies only if your doctor prescribed them. And very few doctors are educated about advanced vitamin therapy, supplements or herbs, and thus will seldom prescribe them.

The FDA's action ignores thousands of years of safe herbal remedy usage, the fact that many drugs are synthetic derivations of herbal compounds, the well-documented benefits of vitamin therapy and the burgeoning beneficial data being compiled on herbal and nutritional supplement therapy for a wide range of diseases and illnesses.

It's a matter of control — taking the power to decide one's own course of health practices from the individual, and handing it to the powerful medical and pharmaceutical industries, with the FDA acting as judge and jury.

The FDA is not content with putting the personal rights of the American people under its thumb.

Under a bill being considered in Congress (H.R. 1662), it wants to do the same with the Federal Trade Commission, to make it conform with FDA regulations on advertising. Under another bill (H.R. 3642) the FDA would be given the power to embargo goods and levy fines up to \$1 million.

This would hand the FDA dictatorial powers over the vitamin, nutritional supplement and herbal industries — which it has been all too quick to police in an overly aggressive manner, while letting the multibillion-dollar pharmaceutical industry get away with murder, in a very

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The Real Victims of This Insanity
Are You and Your Family

By Julian Whitaker, MD

The mission of *Health & Healing* is to provide you with information about nutrition, vitamins, minerals, and other safe forms of healing that you can use to improve your health and the quality of your life.

However, your own government, the Food & Drug Administration (FDA), is at war with all who espouse the use of any natural product to improve health, and that war has turned violent.

Only weeks after *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *US News and World Report* all featured cover stories on the growing scientific validity of vitamin and mineral supplements and other forms of natural healing, the FDA—in an unbelievable display of vicious overkill, with guns drawn by accompanying cops—raids the offices of an internationally respected physician! His apparent crime (for none has been charged): He was using nutritional supplements with his patients.

Folks, if the outlaw activities of the FDA and its most violent of all commissioners, David Kessler, are not stopped, you will soon have to smuggle vitamin C in from Canada—or even worse, do without. There will be no need for this newsletter because everything except dangerous and expensive prescription drugs will be illegalized.

I have been watching the FDA inflict this brand of terror for years, and trust me, you have no idea what your government is doing. It's time you found out.

On May 6, 1992, only 10 minutes before the Tahoma Medical Clinic in Kent, Washington, was to open for business, nearly two dozen armed police and FDA agents in flak jackets busted down the door and stormed into the clinic with guns drawn.

Marge Murphy, receptionist at this clinic for close to five years, was suddenly staring at a pistol pointed right in her face. The FDA agent or King County policeman screamed, "Get your hands up, get your hands up where I can see them, right now!"

If Marge Murphy, out of panic, had tried to dive under the desk, would this man have blown her brains out?

The Tahoma Medical Clinic is run by Jonathan Wright, MD, an internationally respected physician. He received his BA degree from Harvard University and his MD degree from the University of Michigan. After postgraduate training in general practice and family medicine, he began his medical practice in Kent, Washington, specializing in nutritional approaches to disease. For 10 years he wrote a monthly column for *Prevention* magazine, read by over six million people, and his book, *Dr. Wright's Guide to Healing and Nutrition*, has sold more than 150,000 copies.

He has been in the same location in Washington state for roughly 20 years, has treated over 10,000 patients from all over the world, and has never had a complaint of any kind to any government agency.

The next time those jerks ask us for some help, we'll let them find some other patsies. It would be pretty funny unless you saw the terror on the faces of all those people.

Dr. Wright and others contend that the raid was part of the war the FDA has with all individuals who espouse the use of nutritional supplements or any other alternative therapies. Indeed, an FDA staffer told the *Food and Drug Insider Report*,

There is a definite bias against alternative medicine within FDA. It would not matter how much scientific evidence accumulated, we just will not recognize the credibility of this field of medicine. The historical bias continues and cannot be overcome. When FDA is accused of being unfair to alternative medicine providers, it's true.

Seizure. That's the Name of the Game

Not only did the FDA needlessly endanger lives—a nurse could have been shot and killed—but they confiscated virtually everything in Dr. Wright's office. It took 15 hours for FDA agents to pack up Dr. Wright's career and disappear into the night. They took patient files, Rolodexes, computer equipment, accounts receivable, accounts payable, books, audio tapes, laboratory equipment, laboratory supplies, virtually everything that was not nailed down (including \$50 worth of postage stamps!).

As of this writing, almost a month after the raid, no charges have been filed against Dr. Wright, and none of his property has been returned. Even if the FDA trumps up some garbage "regulatory violations" against Dr. Wright, no charges will be brought against his staff. However, these women were imprisoned inside the clinic, humiliated, and terrorized by the FDA gang. They could not even go to the bathroom without some FDA agent's consent.

Roger Lowell, district director of the FDA on the West Coast, confirmed to me on the phone that once the FDA seizes property, they keep it, even if no charges are filed. Suits against the FDA for return of seized property are rare. When you seize an entire business, the business disappears. The FDA is then off to investigate another "suspicious business" with its "search and seizure" methods.

I have no doubt that the viciousness of this raid was ordered by FDA commissioner David Kessler. It's typical of his "get tough...send a message" policies. Sorry folks, but I just can't put an "MD" after the name of a man who is determined to destroy all forms of nutritional medicine and who sends armed troops to terrorize receptionists, nurses, and patients. I just can't do it.

Folks, things are out of control and have been for some time now. The lawless, mean-spirited FDA has been running around seizing businesses at gunpoint for years. It is destroying the possibility for reasonable health care in this country.

White House "Shocked" by Violence of FDA

News of the raid shocked White House chief-of-staff Sam Skinner, who informed Dr. Wright and the Citizens for Health group that President Bush had no idea that the FDA was carrying out guns-drawn raids against doctors and nutritional supplement manufacturers and seizing their businesses on suspicion of regulatory violations. Sam Skinner has dedicated two FAX lines for public comment, and wants to hear from you. The FAX numbers are 202/456-2461 and 202/456-2412.

You can also mail a response. Please voice your opinion. Remember, letters to politicians are weighed, not read, so be brief. But please, do be counted—perhaps with just a few questions...

Dear President Bush,

Why were guns used to raid a doctor's office on suspicion of using B-vitamins? And Dr. Wright's property confiscated by the FDA? When is he going to get it back, including the postage stamps?

What's happened to due process and Constitutional rights? Do you support these actions? If you don't, you certainly have the power to stop them. This is an election year. I don't know any voter who believes that doctors who prescribe vitamins should be terrorized at gunpoint. Do you?

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They may be much more important than doctors thought in warding off cancer, heart disease and the ravages of aging—and, no, you may not be getting enough of these crucial nutrients in your diet

By ANASTASIA TOUFEXIS

It's raining. Flooding, to be precise. But business is as brisk as ever at Mrs. Gooch's natural-foods market in West Los Angeles. As usual, traffic is backed up along Palms Boulevard as drivers wait for a spot in the store's parking lot. Inside, crowds jam the supplement section, which gleams with row upon row of small, white-capped vials. Here the true believers in the gospel of vitamins linger over labels, comparing brand names and dosages, trading health sermons and nutritional arcana. They discuss the relative merits of Buffered C and Lysine, as opposed to Bio-C Plus Rose Hips, or perhaps Bio-Absorbate Vitamin C Complex capsules. There are no fewer than 10 types and dosages of vitamin C to choose from, not to mention eight of vitamin E.

Maryanne Latimer is among the faithful. A middle-age massage therapist, she has been plagued by chronic fatigue syndrome and has therefore expanded her usual menu of vitamins and minerals. She shops at Mrs. Gooch's about once a week, in addition to other vitamin shops. "I take tons of vitamin C and E," she admits, plus calcium and a daily vitamin-mineral complex. Recently she added to her regimen three tablets a day of pantothenic acid (a lesser-known vitamin) "to help me wake up." Basically, says Latimer, "I'm looking for anything to make me feel better."

But for every true believer in the power of vitamins—and the U.S. has more devotees than any other country—there is an agnostic, a skeptic who insists that vitamins are the opiate of the people. Among

the doubters are many doctors. They have been persuaded by decades of public-health pronouncements, endorsed by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the National Institutes of Health, that claim people can get every nutrient they need from the food they eat. Popping vitamins "doesn't do you any good," sniffs Dr. Victor Herbert, a professor of medicine at New York City's Mount Sinai medical school. "We get all the vitamins we need in our diets. Taking supplements just gives you expensive urine."

Wavering in confusion between these two schools of thought are the vast majority of Americans, wondering whom to believe. They have heard the gospel of vitamin C as preached by the great chemist Linus Pauling, but they have also heard him ridiculed by health authorities. They may feed their children chewable vitamin tablets, but they question whether the pills are worth the high price. "I'd be thrilled to know what's right and to have someone tell me what to do," says Jane Traulsen, a mother of two who lives in White Plains, N.Y. "But all the information is so contradictory. It's like trying to make your way through a fog."

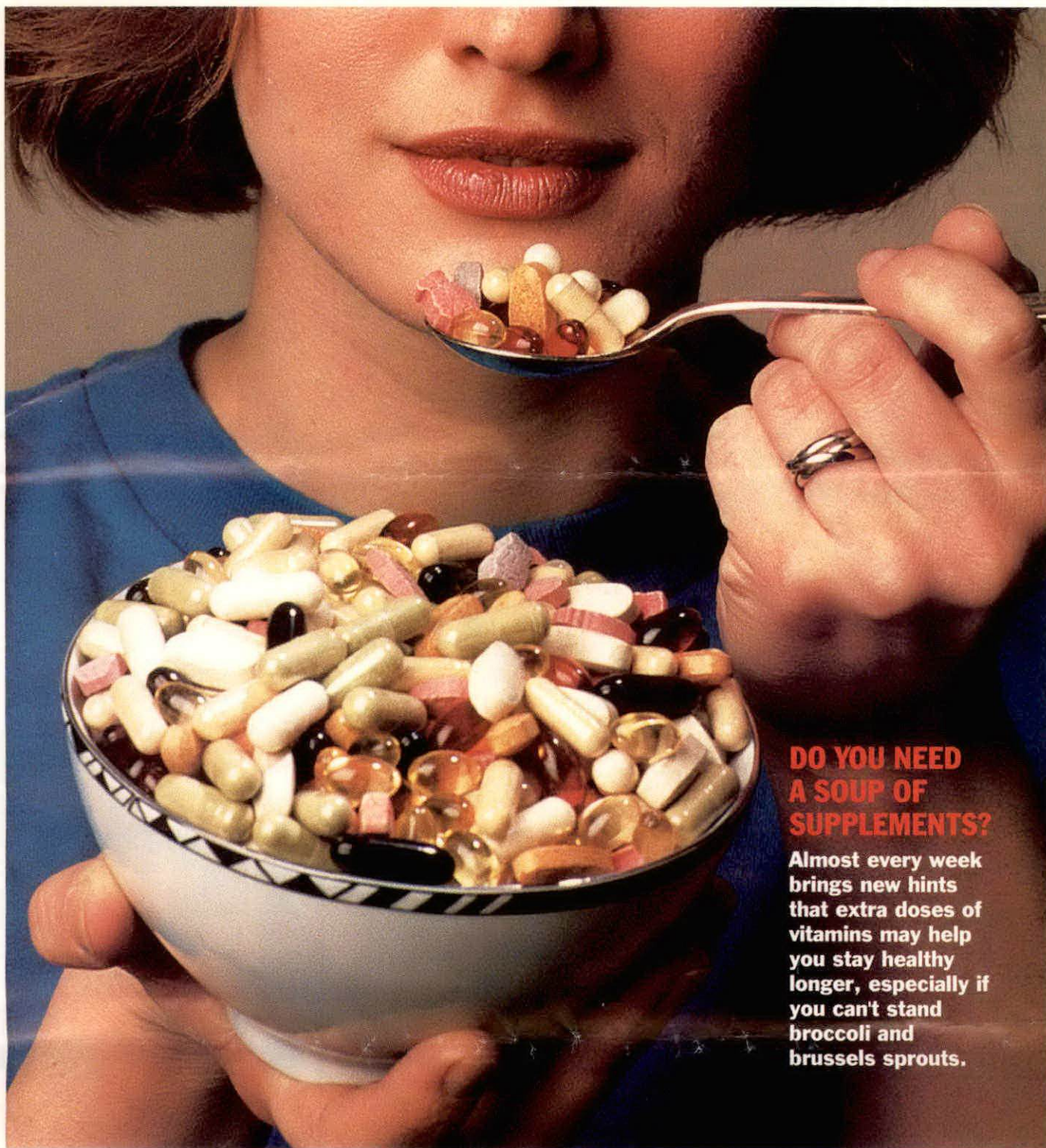
But now, thanks to new research, the haze is beginning to lift. And it unveils a surprise: more and more scientists are starting to suspect that traditional medical views of vitamins and minerals have been too limited. While researchers may not endorse the expansive claims of hard-core vitamin enthusiasts, evidence suggests that the nutrients play a much more complex role in assuring vitality and optimal health than was previously thought. Vita-

mins—often in doses much higher than those usually recommended—may protect against a host of ills ranging from birth defects and cataracts to heart disease and cancer. Even more provocative are glimmerings that vitamins can stave off the normal ravages of aging.

"The field is currently undergoing a paradigm shift," says Catherine Woteki, director of the food and nutrition board at the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. "We are now entering the second wave of vitamin research," explains Jeffrey Blumberg, associate director of the Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University. "The first wave was the discovery of vitamins and their role in combatting nutritional deficiencies such as rickets and beriberi. That occurred in the first half of the century. Now we're on the second wave. You don't need to take vitamin C to prevent scurvy in this country today. But you could need it for optimal health and the prevention of some chronic disease."

Scientists have so far identified 13 organic substances that are commonly labeled vitamins. In the human body, they play a vital role in helping regulate the chemical reactions that protect cells and convert food into energy and living tissue. Some vitamins are produced within the body. Vitamin D, for example, is manufactured in the skin during exposure to sunlight, and three other vitamins (K, biotin and pantothenic acid) are made inside the human gut by resident bacteria. But most vitamins must be ingested.

Mystique and faddish lore have long surrounded these essential biochemical



DO YOU NEED A SOUP OF SUPPLEMENTS?

Almost every week brings new hints that extra doses of vitamins may help you stay healthy longer, especially if you can't stand broccoli and brussels sprouts.

compounds. Consider vitamins C and E. "Somebody has made practically every claim you could dream of about these vitamins," points out John Hathcock, chief of the experimental-nutrition branch of the Food and Drug Administration. People have been gobbling vitamin C for 20 years in the certainty that it can cure the common cold, though evidence is still lacking. Vitamin E has been wildly popular for four decades because of its putative power to enhance sexual performance. In fact, studies indicate only that it is neces-

sary for normal fertility in lab animals.

More recently, B₆ has won favor as a relief for premenstrual syndrome. Vitamin A is touted as a rejuvenator by people who mistakenly believe that it, like its synthetic relative Retin-A, can give wrinkled, mottled skin that youthful rosy glow. "We never know what next year's fad is going to be," says Hathcock.

It is just this whiff of quackery that made vitamins a research backwater for years. Most reputable scientists steered clear, viewing the field as fringe medicine

awash with kooks and fanatics. A researcher who showed interest could lose respect and funding. Certainly Linus Pauling lost much of his Nobel-laureate luster when he began championing vitamin C back in 1970 as a panacea for everything from the common cold to cancer. Drug companies too have been leery of committing substantial energy and money to studies, since the payoff is relatively small: vitamin chemical formulas are in the public domain and cannot be patented.

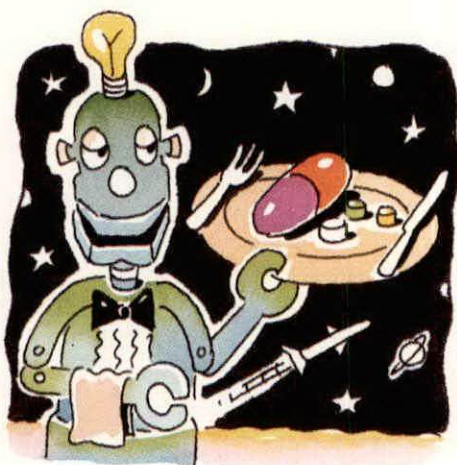
But attitudes have been shifting over

CAN YOU SURVIVE BY PILLS ALONE?

Call it the Jetson diet: a futuristic feast of prefab pellets containing all the nourishment any 21st century citizen would want. It makes for a nice cartoon fantasy, but could people really eat this way? Not a chance. Real food is here to stay.

Multiple-vitamin pills do not contain the fiber, carbohydrates and proteins necessary for maintaining the body and giving it energy. Such nutrients can be put into pills, but they would have to be taken in such large quantities that they would be an impractical—not to mention tasteless—substitute for real food.

Food also contains a myriad of obscure nutrients, such as phenols, flavones and lutein, that scientists cannot yet fully understand, much less put into a safe, effective pill form. And many vital nutrients have undoubtedly not been identified at all. But even if a full-service nutrient pill were formulated, it probably could not satisfy some basic human desires: hunger and the joy of savoring good food.



the past few decades. Despite all the sneering, Pauling's speculations did get more scientists thinking about vitamins' impressive powers. As a class of compounds, they are known to produce hugely dramatic effects when missing from the diet: scurvy, pernicious anemia, rickets. What other exciting properties might they—or related compounds—have?

Another driving force in the U.S. is the new "demographic imperative." With a rapidly aging population, America has moved its medical focus from treating acute illness to caring for chronic maladies like heart disease and cancer—a shift that has sent health-care costs skyward. "There's a growing appreciation of the need to find the most economical way to treat and prevent chronic disease," notes Dr. Charles Butterworth Jr. of the Uni-

versity of Alabama. "Food and vitamins are not that expensive." Calculates Tufts' Blumberg: "We could save billions of dollars if we could delay the onset of chronic diseases by as little as 10 years."

Overriding all else, however, is the impact of scientific studies. Beginning in the 1970s, population surveys worldwide started to uncover a consistent link between diet and health. A diet rich in fruits and vegetables, for instance, became associated with a lowered incidence of cancer and heart disease. Researchers then turned to examining the data nutrient by nutrient, looking at minerals as well as vitamins, to see which are tied most closely with specific ailments. Low vitamin C intake appears to be associated with a higher risk of cancer, low levels of folic acid with a greater chance of birth defects,

and high calcium consumption with a decreased danger of osteoporosis.

Intrigued by such clues, the National Institutes of Health, universities and other research organizations began funding laboratory and clinical investigations. By the late '80s, research exploring vitamins' potential in protecting against disease was on its way to respectability. Though the evidence is still preliminary, scientists are excited about several nutrients.

One vitamin attracting attention is folic acid, also known as folate, which was first isolated from spinach. This B vitamin appears to guard against two of the most common and devastating neurological defects afflicting newborns in the U.S.: spina bifida, in which there is incomplete closure of the spine, and anencephaly, in which the brain fails to develop fully. British researchers found that when women who had already given birth to a malformed child received folic acid supplements during a subsequent pregnancy, the chances of a second tragic birth fell sharply.

Another enticing finding reported last January established a link between folic acid and prevention of cervical cancer. According to a study at the University of Alabama's medical school, women who have been exposed to a virus that causes this cancer are five times as likely to develop precancerous lesions if they have low blood levels of folic acid. The discovery may help explain why cervical cancer is more common among the poor. Indigent women usually eat few vegetables and fruits, which are prime sources of folate.

Says Butterworth, head of the research team: "It looks like many cases of cervical dysplasia [a precancerous condition] could be prevented with a healthy diet."

Vitamin K, long known to promote blood clotting, appears to help bones retain calcium. Rapid calcium loss is a major plague among postmenopausal women, giving rise to the fragile-bones syndrome called osteoporosis. A recent Dutch study of 1,500 women ages 45 to 80 found that calcium loss (as measured in urine samples) could be halved with daily supplements of vitamin K.

Most of the excitement, however, is being generated by a group of vitamins—C, E and beta carotene, the chemical parent of vitamin A—that are known as



ARE PILLS AS GOOD A SOURCE AS FOOD?

A pill cannot deliver the same range of nutrients as food, but what if you want a megadose of a particular vitamin? Will a supplement do the trick, or would it be better to eat bushels of broccoli? In theory, pills can provide dependable doses of genuine vitamins and minerals. "Vitamin C is a molecule, whether nature synthesizes it or man does," observes Gladys Block, a nutrition professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

But that assumes the pill is properly made—which is not always true. In 1989, for instance, a study found that more than half of calcium carbonate supplements on the U.S. market could not be easily digested. Pills with thick coatings are suspect, while gel caps present the fewest problems. If well made, however, a pill is no worse than a vegetable at delivering selected nutrients to the body, and may work better for those who refuse to eat their greens.

THE VITAMIN ALPHABET

	A/BETA CAROTENE	B₆	B₁₂	C	D	E	FOLIC ACID	K	NIACIN
Where found	A: liver, egg yolks, whole milk, butter BETA CAROTENE*: dark green leafy vegetables, yellow and orange vegetables and fruits  *converts to A in the body	Meats, poultry, fish, fruits, nuts, vegetables 	Meats, milk products, eggs, liver, fish 	Citrus fruit, green peppers, strawberries, raw cabbage, green leafy vegetables 	Liver, butter, fatty fish, egg yolks, fortified milk. Also produced when skin is exposed to sunlight. 	Nuts, seeds, whole grains, vegetable and fish-liver oils 	Green leafy vegetables, liver 	Leafy vegetables, corn and soybean oils, liver, cereals, dairy products, meats, fruits 	Grains, meats, nuts 
Established benefit	Prevents night blindness and xerophthalmia (a common cause of blindness among children in poor countries)	Helps prevent anemia, skin lesions, nerve damage	Helps prevent pernicious anemia	Prevents scurvy, loose teeth; fights hemorrhage	Prevents rickets (bone malformation)	Helps prevent retrolental fibroplasia (an eye disorder in premature infants), anemia	Helps protect against cervical dysplasia (precancerous changes in cells of the uterine cervix)	Helps prevent hemorrhage	Prevents pellagra
Possible benefit	May reduce the risk of breast, lung, colon, prostate and cervical cancer, heart disease and stroke; may retard macular degeneration (a common cause of blindness among the elderly)	May protect against neural-tube defects in fetuses	May protect against heart disease and nerve damage. Possibly prevents neural-tube defects in fetuses during the first six weeks of pregnancy	May help reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease; retards macular degeneration in the eyes of the elderly	May help prevent osteoporosis and kidney disease	May reduce risk of angina and heart attack; may slow macular degeneration; may prevent spinal-cord damage in patients with cystic fibrosis	May help protect against heart disease, nerve damage, neural-tube defects	Possible role in cancer prevention	Possible cancer inhibitor

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antioxidants. These nutrients appear to be able to defuse the volatile toxic molecules, known as oxygen-free radicals, that are a byproduct of normal metabolism in cells. These molecules are also created in the body by exposure to sunlight, X rays, ozone, tobacco smoke, car exhaust and other environmental pollutants.

Free radicals are cellular renegades; they wreak havoc by damaging DNA, altering biochemical compounds, corroding cell membranes and killing cells outright. Such molecular mayhem, scientists increasingly believe, plays a major role in the development of ailments like cancer, heart or lung disease and cataracts. Many researchers are convinced that the cumulative effects of free radicals also underlie the gradual deterioration that is the hallmark of aging in all individuals, healthy as well as sick. Antioxidants, studies suggest, might help stem the damage by neutralizing free radicals. In effect they perform as cellular sheriffs, collaring the radicals and hauling them away.

Supporters of this theory speculate that antioxidants may one day revolutionize health care. Biochemist William Pryor,

director of the Biodynamics Institute at Louisiana State University, foresees screening people through a simple urine, blood or breath test to assess how much damage free radicals have done to tissue, much as patients today are screened for high cholesterol. "If you can predict who is most susceptible to oxidative stress," notes Pryor, "you can treat them with antioxidants more effectively." Ultimately, says biochemist Bruce Ames at the University of California, Berkeley, "we're going to be able to get people to live a lot longer than anyone thinks."

In that brave new world, people might pop vitamins C and E to deter the development of cataracts, the clouding of the lens in the eye that afflicts 20% of Americans over 65. Patients taking high doses of both vitamins appear to reduce the risk of cataracts by at least 50%, according to a Canadian study. Vitamin C may be especially efficient because it concentrates in the eye. Scientists at the National Eye Institute estimate that if cataract development could be delayed by 10 years, about half of cataract surgery could be eliminated.

Vitamin E may be particularly helpful in preventing free radicals from injuring the heart. Doctors speculate that giving the vitamin to patients during or shortly after a heart attack might help preserve heart muscle. One clue from a study at Toronto General Hospital: rabbits injected with vitamin E within two hours of a heart attack showed 78% less damage to heart tissue than was expected. The vitamin appears to speed recovery in patients who have had coronary-bypass operations, suggesting that nutrient supplements may one day become part of standard pre-op procedure.

Chugging vitamin E seems to boost the immune system in healthy old people, raising the possibility that supplements could help thwart life-threatening infections. The nutrient may also turn out to be a potent lung saver, warding off the depredations of cigarette smoke, car exhaust and other pollutants. "The effects of air pollution are chronic," says Dr. Daniel Menzel of the University of California at Irvine. "Over a lifetime people develop serious diseases like bronchitis and emphysema. We have fed animals in our labs

DO OLDER PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT VITAMIN NEEDS?

Don't assume Grandma and Grandpa can get by on fewer nutrients just because they are not as active as they once were. That widely held belief is being challenged by new research suggesting that the elderly need even more of some vitamins than the young. A Tufts University study indicated that people over 60 may need about a third more vitamin B₆ than young adults do to maintain good nutrition. Vitamin D consumption apparently should increase with age as well.

The elderly may not be able to process and synthesize vital nutrients as efficiently as younger people. Moreover, medications commonly prescribed for seniors, such as anti-inflammatory agents or diuretics, can hinder vitamin absorption. And because powers of taste diminish with age, old folks sometimes have flagging appetites and thus are in danger of not getting enough vitamins from their diets.



vitamin E and have found that they have fewer lung lesions and that they live longer." Menzel suggests that priming children with doses of antioxidants could protect them against lung disease as adults, much the way fluoridated water protects them against tooth decay.

For patients found to have Parkinson's disease, vitamin E may hold special promise. The nutrient seems to delay the appearance of tremors, rigidity and loss of balance, thus postponing the need for therapy with dopamine. The vitamin also appears to alleviate some of the unpleasant side effects of antipsychotic drugs, such as twitchy hands, face and feet.

Holding center stage in antioxidant circles, however, is beta carotene, a complex deep orange compound that is naturally abundant in sweet potatoes, carrots and cantaloupes. Beta carotene is turned into vitamin A by the body as needed. That makes it impossible to overdose on beta carotene, even though taking too

much vitamin A can lead to liver damage and other effects.

Doctors at Harvard Medical School, who have been following 22,000 male physicians as part of a 10-year health study, have made a stunning discovery about beta carotene. They found that men with a history of cardiac disease who were given beta carotene supplements of 50 mg every other day suffered half as many heart attacks, strokes and deaths as those popping placebo pills. No heart attacks occurred among those in this group who received aspirin along with the beta carotene capsules. The Harvard researchers have begun a trial in 45,000 postmenopausal women to see if a similar effect occurs in women. Scientists speculate that the antioxidant helps prevent those nasty oxygen-free radicals from transforming LDL, the bad form of cholesterol, into an even more menacing artery clogger.

Beta carotene may prove powerful in combating cancer as well. In countries

such as Japan and Norway, where diets are rich in beta carotene, the populations have a low incidence of lung, colon, prostate, cervical and breast cancer. And a study at the University of Arizona Cancer Center found that three to six months of daily beta carotene pills dramatically reduced precancerous mouth lesions in 70% of patients. Pharmaceutical giant Hoffmann-La Roche is so enamored with beta carotene that it plans to open a Freeport, Texas, plant next year that will churn out 350 tons of the nutrient annually, or enough to supply a daily 6 mg capsule to virtually every American adult.

As vitamin research surges, confusion swirls around two basic questions: How much of these nutrients is needed, and what's the best way to get them—in food or in supplements? For half a century, Americans' vitamin intake has been guided by the Recommended Daily Allowances, or RDAs. Introduced during World War II as a way to ensure that military recruits

did not suffer from malnutrition, the levels quickly became a standard for the general population. Technically the National Academy of Sciences sets different RDAs for people of different ages and sexes, but to simplify matters, the FDA has since 1968 taken the highest RDAs—those appropriate for teenage boys—and endorsed them as the national standard. These are the numbers that appear on cereal boxes.

Two years ago, the FDA announced plans to change this policy. Instead of endorsing an allotment appropriate to ravenous, fast-growing teenage males, it would simply average the

DOES IT MATTER WHICH BRAND YOU BUY?

Buying vitamins can be a befuddling experience. Even if you can figure out the best formulation (with zinc or without?), quantity and dose, you probably don't know what to make of other scientific-sounding claims like "proven release" or "high absorbency." Pricing too can seem as arbitrary as the color of the pill.

Most advertising claims are just hype, but studies conducted in the U.S. several years ago showed significant brand differences in such characteristics as how fast a pill will dissolve in the body. Unfortunately, those surveys are out of date. "For now, we have to buy our vitamins on faith," concedes Dr. Ralph Shangraw, a leading expert on food supplements at the University of Maryland. While U.S. officials intend to set up stricter standards for vitamins next year, few other countries have similar controls. Shoppers would do well to stick to brands sold by reputable stores and keep in mind that the highest priced pill is not necessarily the best.



CAN YOU OVERDOSE?

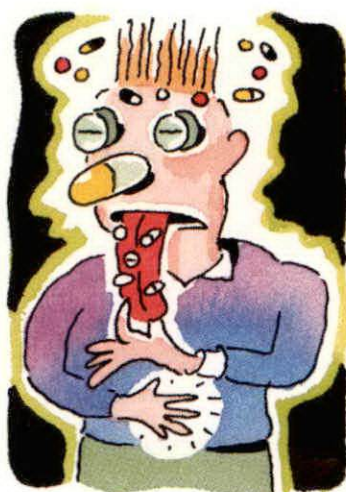
Too much of a good thing can have unexpected consequences. Just ask people who have gulped gallons of carrot juice, which is rich in beta carotene, only to find that the palms of their hands and the soles of their feet turned a dull yellowy orange.

The carrot-juice syndrome is generally thought to be harmless and reversible, but overdosing on some other vitamins and minerals can have serious side effects:

Vitamin A: Gorging on this compound in doses of more than 25,000 IUs (five times the RDA) can lead to liver damage, hair loss, blurred vision and headaches.

Vitamin B₆: Ingesting more than 400 mg a day (200 times the RDA) can cause numbness in the mouth and hands and difficulty in walking.

Vitamin C: It was once believed to cause kidney stones, but experts now say there is no solid evidence of dangerous side



effects from vitamin C. High doses can produce stomachaches and diarrhea.

Vitamin D: In daily doses of 50,000 IUs (125 times the U.S. RDA), the sunshine vitamin can cause the buildup of calcium deposits that can interfere with the functioning of muscles, including heart tissue. While sunbathing will never create an overdose, taking too many supplements can.

Niacin: Doctors prescribe doses of 2,000 mg (100 times the RDA) to help lower cholesterol. But patients who take that much should be monitored for possible symptoms of jaundice and liver damage.

Iron: Those who want to bolster their red-blood-cell count, especially elderly people and menstruating women, have been taking iron supplements for years. Daily doses higher than 100 mg (six times the RDA) could interfere with absorption of zinc, a mineral that speeds wound healing and helps regulate the immune system.

RDAs for different age groups. The new figures are considerably lower and, says the agency, are a better barometer of the typical American's nutritional needs. Essentially they reflect the requirements of adult women. The agency has proposed slashing the RDAs for many vitamins, including A, B, C and E, as well as nutrients such as iron, by 10% to 80%. The RDA would also acquire a new name: the Reference Daily Intake, or RDI. (On food labels the RDI would be listed as the Daily Value, or DV.) "By using the old RDAs, you're trying to make the entire population consume more nutrients than it needs," explains John Vanderveen, director of the FDA's nutrition division. "Young males need more nutrients than women, children and the elderly."

But the move to slash RDAs, scheduled to go into effect next year, flies in the face of research that suggests benefits from higher doses of vitamins. The current RDA for vitamin C, for example, is 60 mg. But to get a protective effect against cataracts or cancer may require as much as 100 mg. Similarly, vitamin E may need a boost from the RDA of 10 mg to 100 mg. (There is no RDA for beta carotene, but scientists speculate that 25 mg or more a day could be needed.)

Already many people consider the old RDAs, with their focus on preventing scurvy and other rare deficiency problems, to be irrelevant to real health needs. "Our clientele generally thinks of the RDA as a kind of joke," says Sandy Gooch, owner of the chain of seven Mrs. Gooch's markets in Southern California. What's actually needed, vitamin advocates suggest, is guidelines for optimal consumption. That amount may very well depend upon age, sex and life-style habits.

Do people have to take supplements

to get enough vitamins? Nutritionists and doctors agree that everyone's basic needs could be met by eating a diet rich in vegetables and fruits. The U.S. government's 1990 dietary guidelines urge an ambitiously varied meal plan: three to five servings daily of vegetables, two to four of fruit, as well as six to 11 of breads, rice, pasta and grains and two to three of meat, eggs, poultry and dried beans.

As far as America is concerned, most people don't even come close. A mere 9% of adults manage to consume five servings of fruits and vegetables each day, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. By and large, Americans simply don't like vegetables. The most prominent example: President Bush, who once admitted he detested broccoli, now has taken to deriding carrots as "orange broccoli."

Nonetheless, failing to match daily dietary guidelines is no reason to go running for the vitamin bottle. "What you do one day or one week isn't the whole story," stresses Jeanne Goldberg, assistant professor of nutrition at Tufts. "It's what your general eating patterns are." Blitzing on junk food for a day or two is no problem if over the long haul a diet regularly contains fruits and veggies. If it does not, popping pills is a good insurance policy, especially important for those who reject greens outright. Supplements are also useful to people with special conditions, including shut-ins, alcoholics and those on very restrictive diets, who tend to be poorly nourished.

Virtually all experts agree that a daily multivitamin won't hurt anybody. Opinion is divided, however, about whether people should be taking high

doses of vitamins to prevent chronic disease or delay aging. Some argue that enough evidence is in to justify taking moderately high amounts of antioxidants. Several researchers admit they are already doing so.

Others believe it is too soon to be making recommendations to the public. The long-term effects of high-dose supplements are still unknown, and doctors warn of dangers even in the short term. Too much vitamin D, for example, can cause damaging calcium deposits in muscle tissue, including the heart.

Last February the FDA rejected as premature applications by vitamin makers to promote folic acid as a means of preventing neural-tube birth defects, antioxidants as a hedge against cancer, and zinc as a booster of aging immune systems. Both federal and state regulatory agencies have been cracking down on nutrient health claims. The FDA says it will hold label claims to standards similar to those applied to drugs. Advises Dr. Walter Willett of the Harvard School of Public Health: "At this time I say don't take megadoses, but I'm not ruling out that in two or three years we might change our mind."

The wisest strategy right now may be to redouble those efforts to eat more broccoli and carrots, spinach and squash. And to follow the familiar exhortations: get up and get moving, cut down fat and cut out smoking. No matter how powerful antioxidants and the other nutrients turn out to be, they will never be a substitute for salutary habits. But stay tuned. Vitamins promise to continue to unfold as one of the great and hopeful health stories of our day.

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SPORTS

Now in the 75-and-over bracket, Quattrocchi just keeps winning

By JIM LEE

Special to the Journal-Bulletin

Interviewing John Quattrocchi is like conjugating a verb. He has enjoyed a full and productive life, he enjoys a full and productive life and he will continue to enjoy a full and productive life.

On the weekend of July 14 and 15, Quattrocchi and partner Charles Swanson won the Western Massachusetts 75-and-over Doubles Tennis Championship, and they're well on their way to capturing another New England Lawn Tennis Association (NELTA) championship, although Quattrocchi doesn't know exactly how many this will make.

"Charlie and I won two or three New England titles for 60-and-over, two for 65-and-over and one for 70-and-over," Quattrocchi said.

When he was 45, he was ranked second in New England, and he's been ranked number one in the 55-, 65- and 70-and-over age brackets.

Formerly boxed, wrestled

Quattrocchi is a slim, energetic attorney, athlete, amateur meteorologist and economist, and, most important, lover of life. There doesn't seem to be much he hasn't tried, nor does there seem to be anything that's going to pass him by.

When he was 15, Quattrocchi started playing tennis on the clay courts behind Hopkins School on Charles Street in Providence. That year he won the junior division of the Metcalf Tournament, and as a sophomore, junior and senior at Brown University, he captured the open titles in the tournament. At the same time he was boxing and wrestling under two different names.

"I was a featherweight boxing champion at Brown," Quattrocchi explained. "That's why a kid from Charles Street could play tennis without being called a sissy."

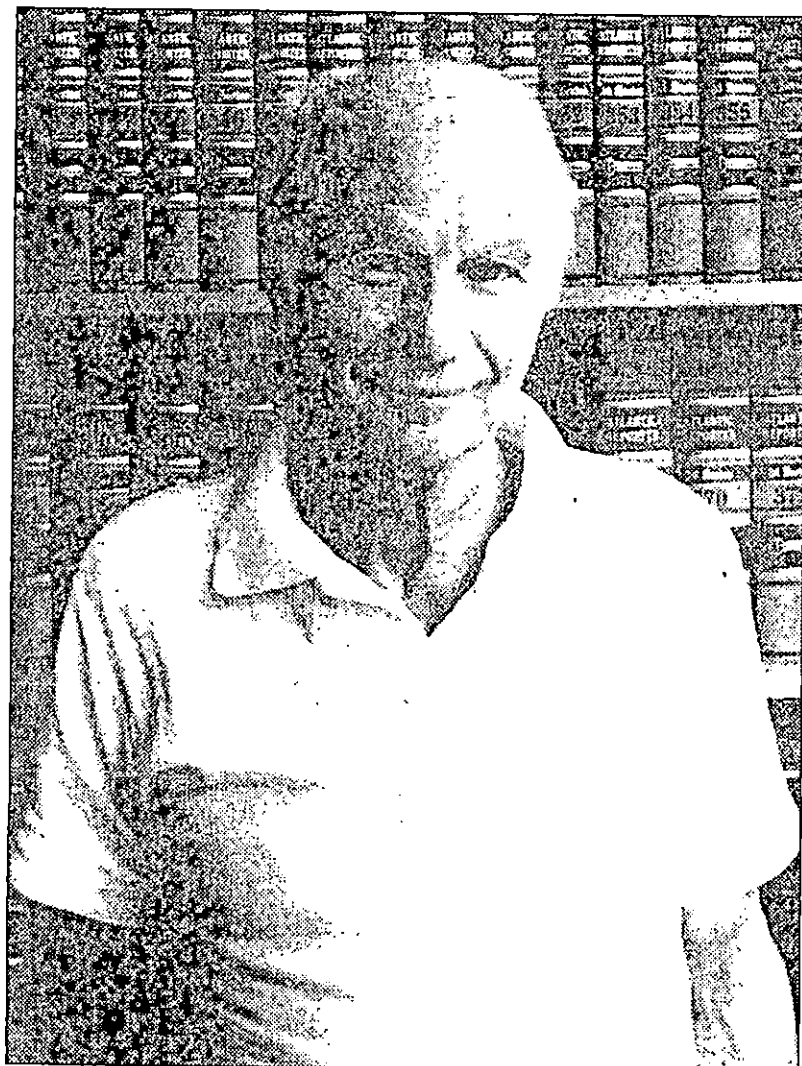
"While I wrestled for Brown, I boxed in Providence Clubs under the name John Quartri because the coaches wouldn't let you do both."

Quattrocchi's pre-med studies at Brown changed to pre-law after he observed doctors remove a tumor from a woman's uterus.

In 1937 he graduated with honors from Boston University Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review, and started practice in Providence. After running for alderman in 1938, he became the fourth assistant solicitor for Providence, earning \$46 a week and prosecuting the city's criminals.

Then the war started and Quattrocchi participated in his own way.

"About March or April 1942 I ran into a friend who told me he just en-



—Photo by JIM LEE

JOHN QUATTROCCHI JR. and his partner, Charlie Swanson, have no plans to give up their New England tennis dominance.

listed as a mechanic and they were going to station him at Quonset Point," Quattrocchi said. "That sounded like a good idea and I decided to go down (to enlist) the next day. When I got there, the recruiter was a police captain who recognized me as a prosecutor. I told him I'm One-A and ready to enlist so the captain looked through a book to find a safe job for me. We decided I'd be a meteorologist so he arranged the test and I checked out the only two books in the library on meteorology and studied for five days.

"I took the test and they made me a third class aerographer mate."

Which eventually enabled him to meet Generals Eisenhower, Bradley and Patten in Cherbourg, France.

Teamed with Swanson in '60s

After the war, Quattrocchi returned to Providence, law, tennis and politics. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 1948 and '66, Secretary of State in 1964, and U.S. Senator in 1968 (as a Democrat) and

1972 (as an independent).

In the '50s he had resumed playing tennis. In the '60s, Quattrocchi teamed up with longtime friend Charlie Swanson (they met when they were 17 at a tennis tournament in Pawtucket) and they've been double partners since.

"Except for the past three or four years when I stopped playing tournaments so people wouldn't know my age," Quattrocchi said.

But he's back now, and he has to tell you his age or you'd guess a decade or more too low.

With all his extra time, Quattrocchi is also an author, and currently is completing a novel in quest of the \$500,000 prize in Ted Turner's fiction contest. In 1966 he published a book titled "The Pitfalls in Marriage and Divorce," and he writes short stories for competition and has written an unpublished economics book.

What's next?

Well they have tennis titles for over 80, and over 90, and over and over . . .

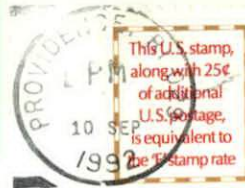
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The Honorable James Baker
Chief of Staff to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

CENTRAL
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Dear Jim:

I appreciated having the opportunity to speak with you last night about the USAir/British Airways transaction.

Whatever the outcome, the repercussions of the deal will generate a downside to one or several of our domestic carriers. But by writing I want to make the point that if USAir is denied the opportunity to ally itself with British Airways in the proposed transaction, the consequences will be far graver for USAir than it would be for the other three carriers.

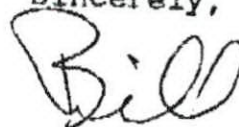
If the USAir/British Airways alliance is approved, American, Delta, and United may see a modest erosion of their traffic over the Atlantic, and in a worst case scenario might have to reestimate projected growth and possibly furlough some employees.

But it's my belief that if USAir is denied, the number of employees affected will be far greater, and not just for the short term. USAir's cash shortage is very serious. Their creditworthiness is such that they cannot rely on conventional domestic sources for new financing. USAir would be forced to scale back operations immediately and drastically, to the detriment of a number of local economies. Indeed, without the infusion of new capital the very survival of USAir as a viable airline is in question. The political consequences are obvious.

On balance, I believe pragmatic and political purposes are best served by approving the transaction. It would be great if the President could make such an announcement during his visit to Pennsylvania next Wednesday and reassure the thousands of Pennsylvania-based USAir employees.

Thanks again for your attentiveness.

Sincerely,



William F. Clinger, Jr.
Member of Congress

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August 24, 1992

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

The Hon. James Baker
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Jim:

Travelling with the President in New Jersey earlier today, I reiterated my desire to help in whatever way possible to assure his re-election. I had spoken to him about this offer earlier, and he suggested that I contact you directly as you assume the reigns of the Bush-Quayle re-election effort.

As dean of the New Jersey Republican Congressional delegation and a ten-term representative from a district that is strongly Democratic, I have repeatedly - and successfully - worked to achieve the same goals as the Bush-Quayle campaign: to attract Independent and Democrat voters to the Republican line. The largest municipality in my district is the city of Elizabeth, a town of 110,000 people in which Democrats outnumber Republicans by roughly 15-1 in registration. The entire council is Democratic, as is the mayor and every state legislator, yet I have been able to carry the city by greater than 2-1 margins in my campaigns. It is a city that can be carried by the President if an effective campaign is waged there (in fact, you may recollect that in 1984 we brought President Reagan to Elizabeth on a campaign stop and attracted a crowd of over 20,000 people).

As a state senator in 1970, I managed the campaign for the Republican challenger to then-Senator Harrison Williams, so I have a first-hand knowledge of what is needed to run an aggressive, statewide campaign. I want to use that political expertise to help the President as much as I can, and I would be willing to work full-time on the campaign in a responsible position as a volunteer wherever you feel I could be of maximum benefit.

The Bush Administration has compiled an excellent record in several key issue areas (including the environment and taxes) and the Bush-Quayle campaign should not lose any opportunity to reinforce the President's achievements on these fronts. We need to stress to the voters that without the commitment of George Bush, we would not have seen a major new law that will help to reduce smog in our cities and acid rain in the northeast, while he has fought strenuously against big government, higher taxes and more spending.

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9/5 - TO MARY L. (via fax)

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he'd been contacted.

9/15 - Called Cong Rinaldo's office → told Betty Blackshaw
in his office that
someone from campaign

would be contacting him -
to Mary Lukens.

The Hon. James Baker
August 24, 1992
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As a Republican leader in Congress, I have consistently received support from organized labor and environmental groups. I can therefore speak with credibility about the President's commitment to these issues and his convictions about what will be done in his second term. Moreover, as the senior Republican on the House Aging Committee, I would command the attention of senior citizen organizations and as a representative of Italian descent - as well as the dean of the Italian-American Caucus - I would make a special appeal to the Italian-American community, which is a significant portion of the electorate.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve you and the President during the fall campaign and, as I indicated, I would do so as a full-time volunteer. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, I hope you will not hesitate to let me know.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Matt", written in a cursive, stylized script.

MATTHEW J. RINALDO
Member of Congress

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Sept. 8,

Dear Mr. Baker,

Can you believe the attached?

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All at our expense.

I am going ~~to~~ volunteer in the Bush -Quail head qtrs :
near the Galleria Area. A novice , However one of
Mayor Laniers Aids told me if I took my enthusa and
my stuffing and stamping hands I will do fine.

By the way, if you remember when you see Mike and
Janet Kelley again , tell them I am volunteering in
the So. West office . I am very devoted to them.

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August 21, 1992

Hon. James A. Baker, III
The White House
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Faxed To The Office Of The Chief Of Staff

Dear Jim:

Halcion just might prove to be this Administration's achilles heel. It certainly has suffered from the benign neglect of Bill Barr and his underlings and Louis Sullivan, David Kessler and their people. It is an extremely dangerous drug which hurts and kills people. Upjohn allegedly used fraud, deceit and other illicit means to get the drug through the FDA approval mill. It was approved over the principal researcher's protests. According to FDA SRS numbers, more than 250,000 Americans have experienced bad adverse reactions or other serious side effects. No other drug on the domestic market has produced numbers even remotely close to these. Civil Division (Stu Gerson) is responsible for FDA not. A lot of stonewalling has been going on for far too long. Full disclosure could be damaging.

Upjohn made an illegal campaign contribution to the Committee to Reelect earlier this year and was caught. Kessler and Associates were registered Upjohn lobbyists twice in 1990. David Kessler is appointed Commissioner in 1991. Utah Federal Judge Ron Boyce, after hearing the evidence, concludes that Upjohn is probably guilty of heinous **Halcion** crimes and moves to trial. Upjohn immediately "settles" for \$21M. Court records are quickly sealed immediately thereafter. The same thing happens in Missouri and elsewhere whenever a judge discovers exactly what Upjohn has done. FDA-Justice totally disregards and ignores the BBC Panorama program, 60 Minutes and every other **Halcion** electronic and print documentary-indictment-report and guides an advisory committee to a highly suspect conclusion.

While Upjohn reportedly may be attempting to become a bigtime supporter of the Administration, their time has long since passed and the alleged Barr-Sullivan-Kessler protection program must be immediately discontinued and abandoned. They've had the Grundberg sealed court records for more than 13 months without any hint of action. In the meantime, more Americans continue to be injured, maimed and killed by this seriously flawed drug. FDCA is quite specific about what should be done. Inaction. Inertia. Benign neglect. Protection. It really doesn't matter what you call it. The present public appearance is that Bush is keeping a bad drug on the market and protecting its manufacturer.

Remember Japan? Your favorite fellow-travellers, those cute "little blue bombs", are incredibly dangerous and harmful to the American public, our President and his new Chief of Staff. All civilized nations throughout the World have banned or suspended. The White House has chosen to keep them on the market. Why? There simply is not enough money in the Upjohn treasury to justify this ill-conceived decision. Mark Novitch was an FDA Deputy Commissioner when **Halcion** was approved. The same Mark Novitch today is Upjohn's Vice Chairman and **Halcion's** most ardent public supporter. Frank Carlucci is an active Upjohn board member as are several other prominent "friends". Little chance of a coincidence. C-G's David Wilhelm wants to know all that we know. Our group knows quite a bit. The media knows even more. They are waiting. So are we. Lane Bauer and KC-based Shook, Hardy simply cannot keep the lid on this much longer. Most appellate courts are "totally tactic tired" and increasingly unsympathetic. Some are downright irritated and angry with FDA-Justice "apathy". Of course, those familiar with the details suspect that the government's continuing stance is something more than apathy. We think that one of your first acts should be to deal effectively and decisively with this administration's serious **Halcion** problem. B-Q is long past-due on this one.

Cordially,

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September 10, 1992

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CDER Executive Secretariat (HFD-8)
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Dear Director Savino:

Even though it did not attempt to address and answer any of the questions, issues and/or observations contained in our assorted letters, telephone calls and facsimiles directed to various elected and appointed Federal government officials during the past few months, your letter of September 1, 1992 is a valuable addition to our collection and is sincerely appreciated. The courts will ultimately determine whether or not our efforts have been productive; or, as you suggest, counterproductive.

If we correctly understand what you attempt to express in this recent letter, your FDA CDER Executive Secretariat has concluded and ruled that **Halcion** is presently safe and effective in the recently revised strength and packaging; and that CDER has determined that its potential benefits outweigh its considerable risks and hazards if taken in accordance with recently revised labeling instructions. You certainly leave a few loose ends dangling.

Are you now saying that **Halcion** was unsafe and dangerous before the Executive Secretariat mandated revised strength and packaging reconfigurations? Can it be concluded that **Halcion's** considerable risks and hazards outweighed its questionable benefits before your Secretariat took this corrective action?

Are we to disbelieve the contents of the Public Citizen FDA petition? Are Drs. Keith Jones and P. C. Waller of the British Medicines Control Agency wrong? Is Professor Ian Oswald lying or otherwise untruthful? Do you consider the anti-**Halcion** efforts of Penn State's Dr. Anthony Kales and so many highly regarded other experts to be equally "counterproductive"? When you reviewed the "sealed" contents of the Grundberg v. Upjohn, et. al. Utah Federal court records, what did you find? When you reviewed the contents of the Missouri Waecasser case, what else did you find? Did your Principal Researcher (Theresa Ting Woo) originally recommend that **Halcion** be licensed? If not, why not? Who reversed her decision? On what basis was this reversal made? At any point in time since the mid-seventies, did The Upjohn Company ever mislead FDA and your Executive Secretariat? Does **Halcion** contain unreported toxins and inflammation-producing properties?

These are but a few of the questions that we must continue to ask your Executive Secretariat to address and answer. The public has a right to know the truth. No one has unfairly characterized your processes, motives and professional commitments. Whatever characterizations have been made speak for themselves. A final thought. The composition

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Food and Drug Administration
September 10, 1992

of your Psychopharmacological Drugs Advisory Committee changed from the first **Halcion** deliberations in 1989 to the second (May 18, 1992). Those opposed to the drug were dropped from PDAC panel to be apparently replaced selectively by pro-**Halcion** supporters. How are PDAC members chosen? What criteria is used to determine who should be appointed? Are such appointments political or professional? Would a Sidney Wolfe, Anthony Kales, Ed Bixler or Ian Oswald qualify under this criteria for appointment to PDAC?

Before you respond to this letter, please watch again the entire October 14, 1991 one hour BBC Panorama production on **Halcion** and the December 15, 1991 20 minute Ed Bradley **Halcion** segment on CBS 60 Minutes. Then, carefully, review the chronological **Halcion** reports, articles and editorials in the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Washington Post and other balanced print media periodicals. Finally, reread each and every domestic or international medical journal article on this subject. It is reasonable to conclude that you will find what we and so many others have already found. This drug is fraught with peril, should never have been licensed by FDA, should have been removed from the market at any point in time during the last 10 years for good and sufficient reason, and its manufacturer seemingly violated huge chunks of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to gain your approval and to keep the drug on the market even though every civilized nation in the World has long since banned or suspended.

You may not like what we wrote, but we did write the truth and your Executive Secretariat has left so much to be answered. If the Federal government is guilty of any improprieties relating to **Halcion** and The Upjohn Company from 1978 to the present, it could easily become a party to civil and criminal litigation as a defendant. Full disclosure seems indicated here. Posturing (stonewalling) seems contraindicated.

When a government entity fails to enforce the laws of this land and can no longer uphold the public's trust Our August 21, 1992 facsimile to the Hon. James A. Baker, III accurately reflects our current thinking. It might be prudent for you and your Executive Secretariat to again deliberate and carefully reconsider the official FDA **Halcion** position and stance. An outright ban or indefinite license suspension is fully justified and supported by the evidence now. Jones and Waller can help the Commissioner (if he needs help, which we doubt). This matter will not go away.

Sincerely,
Mike Soucek

prolific?

J. Pendleton (Pen) Gaines

NRN

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August 31, 1992

MEMORANDUM

To: James Baker, Chief of Staff, The White House

Welcome back! You've done such an excellent job at "State", you haven't heard from me.
You've been in area of Government Sector, covered by over 70% of the powers delegated to it.

Now, back at the "House": America slips back two or three steps for each forward step taken in the crisis conditions facing every facet of citizen and community life, including the "economy".

I can fully understand how the Free Press (Media) System, even the static from the "Federal Disaster Funding Disaster" can generate efforts to have the White House more concerned over so-called "Domestic Agenda", since "they" have been on a roll lately.

Thought you might be interested in the enclosed "memo" and "statements" sent today to First Lady Barbara Bush in response to a letter received about the Convention and the Campaign.

Copy of memo to Clayton Yuetter is also enclosed.

Best regards,

Pen



J. Pendleton (Pen) Gaines

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August 26, 1992

MEMORANDUM

To: First Lady Barbara Bush, The White House

We received your letter about the Republican convention and the campaign. It's felt that you were much closer with real answers to the abortion issues than politicians and political parties.

You are right: Abortion should not be in the political process and especially in partisan politics.

The Attached might be of interest:

- 1) **Statement on the Abortion Issue;**
- 2) **Comment summary on some terms used by the political writer in your letter;**
- 3) **Fax/statement sent yesterday to the Orlando Sentinel.**

These are all non-partisan, non-political---seldom said or heard of in an election year or in this era of the "Fatal Partisan Politics System".

Please understand, I support 86% of President Bush's positions, so all Statements constructively deal with the 14%--but so vital and important that it lowers enthusiasm down to 50% or below.

It's felt your husband would have no trouble being elected if he had taken a completely different approach in his desire to be the Education President. The first step he took was a meeting of Governors, keeping the Education System within the bureaucratic grasps of Political Tyranny.

There's a common thread running through all Root Causes of Crisis Conditions now facing every facet of citizen and community life, including the Economy. A major part of that thread is that the Education System has not taught....

- 1) **The truths/traits of the American System in a non-partisan, non-political manner.**
- 2) **Nor the 3'R's of Citizenship in a Free Society in a non-partisan way; nor**
- 3) **How to detect the tactics/techniques of tyranny and teachings of Political Tyranny.**

You wouldn't have to live each day with so many "abused terms with altered meanings; applied half-truths to adjust messages, and abandoned truths to advance myths" of political tyranny.

It's not the "liberalism" of the Free Press that is unfair to President Bush's positions. It's an **addictive Media** that is so dependent upon the Fatal Systems of Political Tyranny, it does not even acknowledge or promote the truths and full facts about the American System. Few are even aware of the "**prediction of this addiction**" made over 200 years ago and again in 1801.

As a member of Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce---two organizations which should be in the forefront, it's difficult to accept that they, too, are part of the root causes of crisis conditions. Challenges will be made shortly to them and to the Press.

Today's conditions create more need for launching the C.A.P. Partner Movement sooner. [By the way, your husband could become the "Arts President" in office during the greatest Renaissance of the Arts, if he becomes aware of points in this Movement].

Thanks for listening, Pen Gaines

P.S. Please be as understanding as you can be. You're wonderful.

J. Pendleton (Pen) Gaines

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August 31, 1992

MEMORANDUM

To: Clayton Yuetter, The White House

Thanks for your prompt reply to the "packet of summary statements copies" sent to you.

Will not be displeased or too grateful over your use of "prolific", as I know from many American-English words with different meanings or connotations - like Volunteerism, Manners, Culture, Change and Chance - that prolific can mean "copious or abundant, even wordy"...or it can convey "being fruitful and productive, with abundant works or results".

The message is often much more important than the messenger. Whether it means "abundant words or abundant works"...it's the results that count most.

Unless "Meanings and Messages can be understood about The Means", as they relate to Fatal Systems and The Danger of the Most Dangerous Kind, it makes no difference what connotation of "prolific" is reflected.

The Truth is: America has fallen back two or three steps for every forward step taken over the past few decades in all facets of Citizen and Community Life.

Since you "enjoyed" the fax to Clinton/Gore, I'll soon send another. Also, since you are Domestic Affairs Adviser, will send one soon about the "Federal Disaster Funding/Agency Disaster".

In meantime, enclosed is a memo and summary statements sent to First Lady Barbara Bush after receiving a "campaign letter" from her.

Political Tyranny---not liberals---has President Bush exactly where it wants him regarding the Economy, Environment, Education and Employment; in the Needs of People and the Peoples in Need, and now even in such human disasters as Hurricane Andrew that he and his political advisers being so addictive to Political Tyranny themselves, that they do not know which way to turn. It's a disheartening situation to witness.

Best regards,

Pen

Placing Choice with The People--Not with the Politicians

Abortion deals with Beliefs, Choices and Rights.
The Constitution forbids the Government Sector from dealing in such matters, which should be handled only by The People, collectively, as the Free Society.

Varying views are healthy in a Free Society, but the unwarranted creating of conflicting camps is deplorable. This violates a fundamental function of politicians, press and the people--**To Insure Domestic Tranquility**--the only time "domestic" is used in the Constitution.

Few point to drains on the nation's Economy by the unjustified time, efforts and expenditures of billions to keep Abortion, Pornography, Arts, Vulgarity and Obscenity, etc. within the Political Process and in Partisan Politics.

This could be avoided by filling a vital void in the American System, so truths surrounding "adopting/amending" of Constitution are not withheld from the People.

If the overall Republican Party had analyzed "Choice and Life" in a different aspect, the slogan of its unnecessary splinter group, "Republicans for Choice", could have been used for the Party in a slightly different wording:
"Republicans for Choice--by People, not Politicians"

No legislature, no court, no judge can resolve the question: "When life begins?" Only the People, through their retained Rights of real Democracy; of Free Polling Places

and for the MEANS granted to The People (Public) can settle these matters as they should be.

Few realize this because of failures of Education and Free Media Systems. Those, in abortion issue, lifting up Rights of Choice as individual citizens are not being reminded:

- 1) They live in a Free Country, with a Free Society.
- 2) We, the People, collectively, as the Society have same three inter-related Rights as individual citizens to handle Rules of Society to help Rights meet and preserve them.
 - A. **Rights of Self-Determination** to self-resolve rules of society; rights of people.
 - B. **Rights of Self-Development**, based upon their rights to Nature Laws's fundamental principles.
 - C. **Rights/Responsibilities of Self-Discipline.**
(self-setting standards; self-bestowing bounds.)
- 3) When placing "Pro-Choice and Pro-Life" in Political Process, Choice is taken away from the People (individually and collectively) and given to Politicians.
- 4) This is not only tyranny at its original description, but removes "free" from "country, society and the real public sector; thus, endangering "free choice".

Fatal Systems of Political Tyranny have addictive elements which cause an **addiction** among Politicians, the Press and the People--the ultimate danger of Free Choice.

Politicians promise "reforms of systems' symptoms"--not revising **Fatal Systems**, about which they seem unaware.

Some Sincere Comments About Your Letter

Your letter refers to "the importance of responsibility to our family and same deep-seated commitment to family." That is certainly a key responsibility.

The responsibility left out--not merely by liberals but conservative politicians --is the responsibility of the People, as citizens, collectively, to their own Free Public Sector, and its Free Society System--which could be functioning if the People were not concealed from the truths.

When political writers who composed your letter...or when Rich Bond, Robert Mosbacher or President Bush misuse the term "Private Sector" and the phrase, "Public and Private Sectors", it aids and abets Political Tyranny.

The most vital Sector of the American System--the only one truly "of, by and for the People"--is omitted, along with the 3 R's of Citizenship in a Free Society.

It hurts even more, coming from those advocating less government, less taxes and less spending. It clearly shows that these, too, are as **addictive** to Fatal Systems of Political Tyranny as the "political liberals".

Running or Ruining the Free Country

When your letter uses term Clinton and others misuse: "the responsible dedicated public servants we need **running our Country**"....your writer joins Clinton in not

knowing that they're running to head Executive Branch:-
"Running the Government Sector--not a Free Country", with its American System, consisting of Free People..

Living in their Free (real) Public Sector, home of the Free Society, with no functioning system means, and..

Working in their Free Business Sector, with its Free Competitive Enterprise System and other means.

How can this be pointed strongly to Clinton when your writers use the same "running the country" expression?

The Free Economy System overlaps these two and has its beginnings and results in the Free (real) Public Sector (not Government) and continues in the Business Sector. These Sectors do receive non-productive benefits from the Government Sector, but seldom are made clear in results.

Both Parties talk about the "Economy"--never the Free Economy...nor list facts as to where the Government Sector often harms more than helps the overall Economy.

What Is "The Public Stock of Wealth"?

Without this perspective of the American System, no wonder Clinton does not understand what the "**Public Stock of Wealth**" is and how his programs do not put this in a position to better help the Free Economy System.

With so many Republican political writers and campaign

Sincere Comments About Your Letter

officials using tyranny's "abused terms to alter meanings, applied half-truths to adjust messages, and abandoned truths to advance myths of Political Tyranny, it's disheartening to think about a "lesser of two evils" election.

A Greater Homeless Issue

Placing a "Private Sector" in the American System...often in connection with the abused "Public Sector" (standing for Government), then the most important, vital central core Public Sector is not recognized semantically nor does it literally exist, making the Free Society homeless.

If this "homeless issue" is answered first, then the deplorable one in the headlines could be better answered more effectively, efficiently and sufficiently.

Your political writer has you saying: "America's future rests with our people---not with bigger government"---but never recognizes that Political Tyranny took over the "real Public Sector"; concealed truths from the People--who have no place to go except a bigger Government and cannot help the present nor the future without the means.

Key people in the Party and The President continue to use Tyranny's Term "Public and Private Sectors" and others running for constitutional-instituted office, who pledge to uphold the Constitution, do not seem familiar at all with the phrase "To Correctly Complete the MEANS".

"The Conceal Curtain" Thickens

Politicians and the Press heap praise upon the Peoples in other countries; who--without any constitutional rights or powers, or granted means--shed off a tyrannical, centralized government and move toward Republics.

However, they do not inform the American people of their "retained rights, their reserved powers and the granted MEANS at their disposal to handle "The Needs of People and The Peoples in Need", plus their own Institutions and Initiatives AND their Rights and Responsibilities.

While the Iron Curtain is being raised and walls separating truth and tyranny are coming down overseas, the Conceal Curtain thickens in America.

"Walls" are keeping the People from knowing need to correctly complete the means for defending both Rights of citizens, individually/collectively, from Political Tyranny.

Throughout the Business Sector, the means--in form of trade, industry and professional associations--have established ethics, set standards, bestowed bounds and promoted proper practices to maintain its Free System. Signs show some are falling short because of political tyranny.

Think what would have happened to "values, frugality and fundamental business principles if Sector had no means.

Your letter/Party campaign are based on family values.

Views/Statements represent Points from the C.A.P. Partner Movement being launched earlier than planned to Crusade for causes and against abuses, and cannot be used without special permission.

But why the declines in values, standards, ethics, virtues?

An answer is a question: How can People maintain standards and values in families/communities, if their Sector has no means to use Rights of real Democracy and Free Polling Places, to self-set standards, self-bestow bounds as part of the People's retained Rights of Self-Development/-Self-Discipline to protect all Rights of Self-Determination?

And how can the Public establish means in their Sector when politicians in all parties only recognize the Private Sector (personal, individual and private citizens and companies), which was not a part of the System until Political Tyranny literally took the Public's Sector away from them.

When phrase "Public and Private Sectors" is used, it aids and abets political Tyranny. Prayer is not key word in recent Court ruling. It's "Public", and way Judges consider "Public Education/properties" as Government. Public means "of and pertaining to the People as whole, open to all" as in public, private roads; public, private schools.

Counting Words That Count

The Media reports how many times "Economy, Education, Jobs, Choice, Change" are used in recent Conventions.

It does not inform the People how many times words like "tyranny, tyrants, rules of society, licentiousness, "free or Liberty" were used in another vital Convention, and which acknowledged a new "Type of Tyranny was being spawned while the Free Society was being shaped".

Addictive Politicians, the Press and Public today are not aware of the "truths/facts" in that key Convention.

Americans can go half way around the world to block a tyrant from "overstepping bounds" (a great feat), but not half way around the block to recognize the "Tyranny" that was clearly revealed years ago, but never mentioned today.

Did note your letter used Free Enterprise--not Private Enterprise utilized by your opponents--and "future rests with our people". But then it drifts into same tyrannical terms used by all politicians today, regardless of party.

"Putting People First"--but only as individuals--never what the People (as collective citizens in their Public Sector) could do with the means, and never refers to what means really prompted the proposing, preparing, presenting and passing the first amendments.

Yes, shivers come when thinking what could happen if the Democrats controlled both Government Branches, and I've sent some funds. But must place more in a C.A.P. Movement--the only one considering need to fill the Vital Void and taking care of the effects from The Danger of the Most Dangerous Kind that erupted a few decades ago.

Addictive Media/Public Education Systems do not seem to know Danger erupted, nor what The Most Dangerous Danger was, nor damages that followed, nor reported it to The People (Public) in non-partisan, non-political ways.

Distinctions Between Righteousness / Religions and Righteous / Religious

It is sincerely felt that opinions expressed in your editorial column would be entirely different if you had been taught in the Free Public Education System and properly informed by the Free Press (Media) System of the distinction between Righteousness and Religions, or being Religious or Righteous.

Early American leaders knew more accurately the meanings of words and terms and the distinction between such key matters as Religion and Righteousness, as clearly expressed in the....

- 1) People's Declaration of Rights before turning the Colonies into Free Independent States, and...
- 2) Later, in the Declaration of Independence, the founders of America as a Free Country with Free People in a Free Society--and framers of a Constitution and its amendments--strongly desired to keep the Government Sector out of the affairs, activities, institutions and initiatives of the real Public Sector, and the Government out of religions and their religious beliefs, but not out of Principles of Righteousness.

A 1776 Declaration of Rights clearly gave Americans the "Rights to Expect" that fundamental principles of Righteousness would not be taken away. In "Declaration of Independence", these became principles of Nature's Laws and Nature's God--nothing about religious beliefs and doctrines of various religions, including Christianity.

- Incidentally, the earlier Declarations of Rights by the People -- prior to any Government, prior to any First Amendment -- were the ones which retained the Freedoms of Press and Speech that had already been imbedded in the efforts to establish a Free Society.
- When the Free (Media) Press System hangs its "license or privilege, or rights of a Free Press on the First Amendment, it is aiding and abetting the altered meanings, adjusted messages and abandoned truths that advance the myths of Political Tyranny. This is much more important than whether they have liberal or conservative views in all the various meanings in or out of politics.

The fundamental principles of Righteousness--though including some of the same in various Religions--are not the same as Religious doctrines and beliefs.

"Nature's Laws and Nature's God" do not go into Christian beliefs that "God became flesh and walked among us", but the "Law's" principles of Righteousness are part of the foundation of the American Free Society. Righteousness is other "R", with Rights and Responsibilities, as 3 R's of Citizenship in a Free Society. If Rights to principles of Righteousness are not "secured by Government as Liberty", many freedoms go.

When members of The Free (Media) Press and Free Public Education Systems do not distinguish between Righteousness and Religions, they cannot properly inform the American People that among the Rights retained by the People is the "Right to Expect" or "Right to Know" that these fundamental principles are part of the Standards of Communities and Standards that can be taught in the schools.

Confusing Righteousness and Religion deprives Citizens and Communities of their Rights to these fundamental principles, and is contrary to 9th amendment, stating "retained rights cannot be denied or disparaged".

America is "one nation under God" and "In God We Trust". The main point: the Founders knew the difference between "Righteousness and Religions" and "religious beliefs and righteous principles".

Other distinctions made by the Framers of the first Amendments include differences between:

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| Rules of Society and Laws of Government | Liberty and liberties |
| Licentiousness and Law Breaking | Public and Private |
| Public, Business and Government Sectors | Free Enterprise and Private Enterprise |
| ■ MEANS for the Government Sector, Business Sector and primarily for the real Public Sector. | |
| ■ "Running the Free Country" and Running the Government Sector. | |
| ■ Tyranny that twists truths/thrives on turmoil and Truth that sets People Free. | |

It usually follows that when Americans do not distinguish between Righteousness and Religions, they do not consider distinctions in these vital terms and phrases. Lack of being properly informed by Systems designed for better and more informed citizens is among the major root cause of the crisis conditions in America today and because the politicians, the press and therefore the people are addictive to the Fatal Systems of Political Tyranny.