

Clinton wins primary

Perot's following makes candidates nervous, wary

PHILADELPHIA — Democratic front-runner Bill Clinton routed Jerry Brown Tuesday in a desultory Pennsylvania primary that masked the intensity building toward a three-way fall campaign for the White House.

Clinton's victory was sweetened by evidence of increased voter trust. Sixty-one percent of Democrats interviewed at their polling places said they believe the Arkansas governor has the honesty and integrity to serve as president — a sharp increase over polls in earlier states.

President Bush cruised to his 22nd straight primary victory over conservative challenger Patrick Buchanan. Bush said he was "over the top" in amassing the delegates needed to assure his renomination, but the White House conceded it was relying on 22 delegates not yet chosen.

With 72 percent of the precincts reporting, Clinton was leading Brown, 56 percent to 26 percent. Former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, who quit the race last month, was gaining 12 percent. With 73 percent of the Republican vote in, Bush was gaining 77 percent of the vote in the Republican primary to 23 percent for Buchanan.

The hottest political property in the land — Texas billionaire Ross Perot — was not on either primary ballot. But he looked increasingly like an independent candidate for the White House. The polls charted strong support for him, and Bush and Clinton sized him up nervously.

The Arkansas governor spent most of his Pennsylvania campaign tilting against Bush, and virtually ignoring Brown.

Clinton began the night with 1,388 delegates of the 2,145 needed to claim the nomination, according to the Associated Press tally. Brown had 271. There were 169 delegates at stake in the Democratic primary; 73 on the Republican side.

Clinton's enormous delegate lead made him the presumptive Democratic nominee, with 14 primary elections still to come and party and union leaders lining up behind him.

Even so, pre-primary polls pointed to widespread voter doubts about his character, and suggested another surprising showing was possible for campaign dropout Paul Tsongas. The state's Democratic governor, Robert Casey, said Democrats risk losing this fall if they ignore the character issues dogging their front-runner.

Both Clinton and Brown dismissed speculation about their likely margins of victory or defeat.

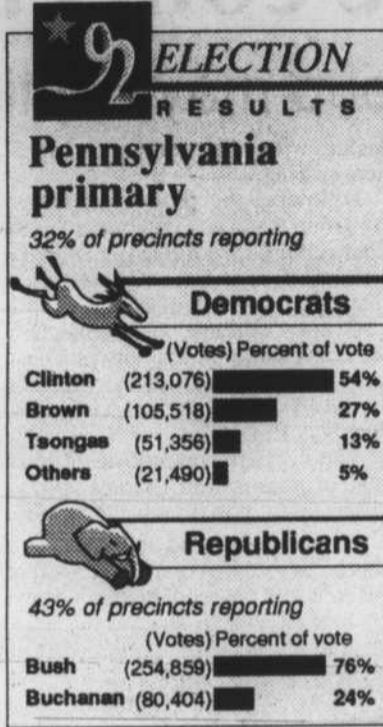
"I just want to win today and then I want to go on and talk about the issues that affect people's lives," Clinton said.

Brown insisted the Pennsylvania results would not slow his reform movement, saying, "It doesn't matter what the margins are."

But the luster was gone from Brown's campaign, and Clinton paid him scant attention in Pennsylvania.

Instead, Clinton turned his rhetoric on Bush — and Perot, to a lesser extent — in a likely preview of his campaign through the six weeks remaining in the primary calendar.

"If it turns out to be Perot, Clinton



and Bush, I am the only one who has taken action to help ordinary people solve their problems," he said.

Polls showed Perot with strong support as he pondered whether to invest \$100 million or so of his personal fortune in the race.

A Washington Post-ABC poll released Monday night gave Bush 38 percent support, to 31 percent for Clinton and 27 percent for Perot in a three-way matchup. A separate survey showed Bush and Perot running an even race in California, with Clinton close behind.

Economy climbing out of recession

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy clearly left the recession behind in the first three months of 1992, the government said Tuesday, but a plunge in new home sales threatened a crucial underpinning of the fledgling recovery.

The economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, expanded at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2 percent in the January-March period, the Commerce Department said.

At best, that's a modest growth rate, economists said, and not enough to reduce the unemployment rate, which hit a 6 1/2-year high of 7.3 percent in February and March.

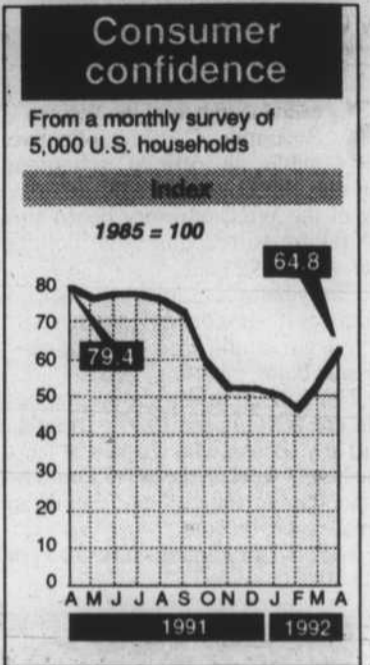
Still, it was the best growth in three years and a substantial improvement over the near-standstill in the fourth quarter of 1991, when growth slowed to a 0.4 percent rate.

President Bush welcomed the news.

"Most people would say that 2 percent growth is not recessionary," he said at a meeting with Republican lawmakers. "There are some areas that are still hurting, but clearly this is a good sign and there are a lot of other good signs."

A separate Commerce Department report, however, said new home sales plummeted 14.8 percent in March after falling 7 percent in February. It was the worst decline since January 1982.

Nevertheless, housing construc-



tion as measured by the GDP surged 15.8 percent in the first quarter, accounting for nearly a quarter of the economy's overall advance.

The increase was the biggest in nearly six years and came after mortgage rates reached a 19-year low early in January.

Economist David Seiders of the National Association of Home Builders said that if contractors can't sell the homes they've built, they'll quickly pull back, eliminating a crucial element of the recovery.

ASUN to address change in appointment procedure

By Kara Morrison
Staff Reporter

ASUN senators will vote tonight on transferring the power to appoint student members of the Parking Advisory Committee from the Appointments Board to President Andrew Sigerson. "I think I'm in a better position to appoint students to this committee," Sigerson said Tuesday.

Sigerson said he was looking for "pro-active" parking committee members, and said he thought he would be able to better inform students of the responsibilities the position would include.

Sigerson said he had no hidden agenda in assuming responsibility for the appointment. But he said he thought the Appointments Board, which had to fill numerous positions, did not always have time to do extensive research on filling the parking committee, specifically.

The parking committee, he said, is important because its recommendations are taken seriously by John Goebel, vice chancellor of

business and finance.

Because Sigerson already approves appointments made by the Appointments Board, the change would mean that he would interview the applicants.

Sigerson also will relinquish one of his appointment responsibilities tonight when the senate elects its Government Liaison Committee chairperson. The GLC position had been appointed by the president.

In other business, the senate will vote on whether to support stricter admissions standards for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Sigerson said he thought stricter standards were needed to attract the best students to UNL and to lessen the problem of retaining students. But he said he also realized access to a land-grant college was important.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska also will discuss funding for a new Student Information System, which Sigerson said would "totally revolutionize" UNL's drop/add registration system.

SIS would enable UNL students to register by touch-tone telephone. Sigerson said the system also would improve financial aid and other administrative services.

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