

## Poll shows Dole leading in tight race

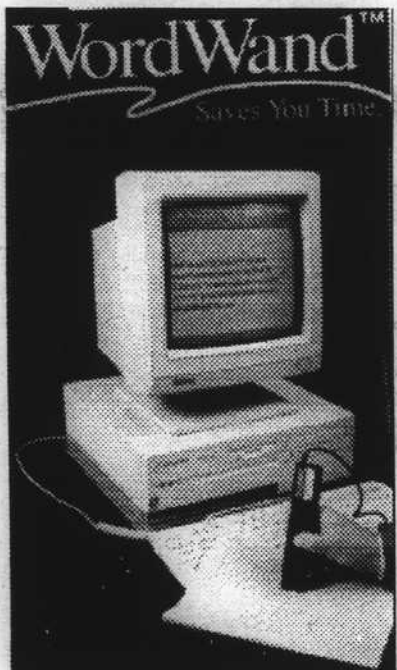
MANCHESTER, N.H. — A new poll shows Sen. Bob Dole leading in a relatively close race with multimillionaire publisher Steve Forbes in New Hampshire with only a month to go before the presidential primary.

The telephone poll of 525 likely Republican voters was conducted Friday through Monday, and was released today. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

A similar American Research Group poll conducted a week earlier showed Dole at 34 percent and Forbes at 21 percent.

Given the margins of error in the polls, the standings of the two candidates might not have changed much in the past week, but even Dole's advisers concede the race has tightened in New Hampshire.

In the latest survey, commentator Pat Buchanan and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm each had 10 percent support, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander had 5 percent, radio talk show host Alan Keyes had 2 percent and Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar had 1 percent. Nineteen percent were undecided.



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## Subpoena sends strong message

WASHINGTON — In summoning Hillary Rodham Clinton before a grand jury, prosecutors sent a blunt message: Everybody, at every level, is to cooperate with our investigation of Whitewater and related matters.

"The legal and political issues, for better or worse, are inextricably intertwined," one expert observer said of the development.

Prosecutors will ask Mrs. Clinton on Friday whether she or anyone else inside the White House tried to hide the records after they were subpoenaed by investigators two years ago.

The documents, unexpectedly discovered in the White House family residence, outline Mrs. Clinton's work for a failing Arkansas savings and loan owned by the president's and her Whitewater business part-

grand jury will consider possible obstruction of justice charges against somebody at some point," said Stephen Gillers, a New York University law professor.

"Mrs. Clinton, along with others, may have information that may illuminate whether those charges should be brought and against whom," Gillers added.

Still, politics hovers over the whole event.

Republicans suggest that the mere fact that she had to be subpoenaed shows the potentially serious legal trouble the White House finds itself in.

Mrs. Clinton is the first president's wife ever summoned before a grand jury. And prosecu-

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tors also subpoenaed Mrs. Clinton's Whitewater lawyer, David Kendall. They want to question him on issues they feel fall outside the attorneys.

"The only reason for Mrs. Clinton's appearance is that this

ney-client privilege.

Even the way Mrs. Clinton will approach the U.S. District Court on Friday for the grand jury appearance can send a political message.

She can greet the throng of reporters and television cameras at the front door in an attempt to demonstrate she has nothing to hide. Or she can be whisked by car into an underground garage and up to the grand jury room, making no public show.

"Maybe she is doing this to avoid making a political issue out of it or in fact try to get some political mileage out of this for the president," said Ira Robbins, an American University law professor. "The legal and political issues, for better or worse, are inextricably intertwined."

## Journalist: Serbs used banned gas in attack

LONDON — A British journalist said Tuesday he believed Bosnian Serbs used a banned chemical gas against Muslim fighters at the climax of their attack on the U.N. safe area of Srebrenica last year.

Brian Johnson Thomas said five witnesses to the attack who are now refugees in Tuzla said the Muslims became confused and disoriented after the Serbs fired artillery shells with gas warheads.

Thomas said chemical weapons experts had confirmed that the witness reports are consistent with the use of BZ gas, which causes hallucinations and is very similar to the drug LSD.

The former Yugoslav army had a lot of chemical weapons, from the nerve gas sarin to BZ, which were left behind when the country fell apart, he said.

During five months in former Yugoslavia last year researching a TV documentary on chemical weapons, Thomas said he saw BZ warheads with Muslim forces outside Mostar and with Serb troops outside Banja Luka.

He said he obtained the Yugoslav army's manual for use of BZ as a tactical weapon — which had pictures identical to the BZ shells and grenades he had seen.

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were very well dug in, well motivated and resisting strongly," Thomas said in an interview after the BBC World Service broke the story.

"BZ really blows your mind out. ... It gave the Serbs a quicker, easier win with less casualties themselves," he said.

Srebrenica, one of six U.N.-designated Muslim safe areas, was attacked in early July and overrun by the Serbs on July 11. Of 40,000 inhabitants, about 8,000 remain missing.

The United States has accused Bosnian Serbs of massacring up to 2,700 of the missing residents. Other estimates put the death toll at 4,000, which would make it Europe's largest civilian massacre since the Holocaust.

Thomas said he would be prepared to present his findings to the U.N. commission investigating war crimes in former Yugoslavia.

## Law prevents gay couples from getting home loans

RICHMOND, Va. — Applicants for low-income home loans must be related by blood, adoption or marriage under new state regulations that effectively bar gay couples from pooling their incomes to get a loan.

The Virginia Housing Development Authority's 6-2 vote reverses a policy it adopted in June 1994 to allow unrelated people to combine their incomes when applying for the loans.

"We feel like the new regulation will encourage the traditional family," Chairman Michael G. Miller said.

Gov. George F. Allen, a conservative Republican, requested the change last year. The new regulations take effect Feb. 5.

Gay-rights advocates were outraged.

"It doesn't make any attempt to hide its anti-gay motive," said David Smith, a spokesman for The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national gay rights group.

The decision also created sharp dissent among the commission itself.

"This change grants loans to convicted ax murderers who are married — while denying Mother Teresa and an unrelated sister a loan," said commission member Albert C. Eisenberg.

The regulations said the authority could consider exceptions, but did not specify how. Kent Willis, director of the Virginia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, indicated a court challenge is inevitable.

"This is the kind of blatantly discriminatory decision that prods courts to make hard decisions," he said. "Not only are they willing to create a policy that discriminates against gays and lesbians, they are willing to take along elderly couples, disabled people and others who want to pool their resources."

At a public hearing on the change Friday, 18 people protested the change and only two supported it.

## News in a Minute



### Alzheimer's patient kept from Kevorkian

PETOSKEY, Mich. — A man trying to keep his Alzheimer's-stricken father away from Dr. Jack Kevorkian won custody of the ailing 69-year-old in a court battle against his own mother.

Probate Judge Fred Mulhauser ruled in favor of Chip Klooster, who feared his mother and siblings were arranging for his father, Gerald Klooster, to kill himself.

Gerald Klooster sat quietly through the hearing and showed no reaction. He has been described as mentally incompetent, but his attorney, Scott Eckhold, said the man has some sense that the family is fighting over him.

Kevorkian's lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger, said last week that Kevorkian had talked to the Kloosters but would not have gotten involved in their case.

### Cupid statue may be a Michelangelo

NEW YORK — A little-noticed statue of Cupid in the lobby of a building across the street from the Metropolitan Museum of Art may be a priceless masterpiece: a missing Michelangelo.

The 3-foot statue of a naked, curly-headed boy with a blissful expression and a quiver of arrows strapped to his back has been sitting in plain view since the building was completed in 1908.

But it is only in the past three months that art historian Kathleen Weil-Garris Brandt has been sure that the sculpture is a Michelangelo.

Philippe de Montebello, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, said there were no other sculptures by Michelangelo in America.

### Pregnant 10-year-old, lover run away

HOUSTON — A 22-year-old man was charged Tuesday with sexually assaulting his 9-year-old girlfriend. The girl, now 10 and 8 1/2 months pregnant, has run away from a youth shelter.

Cindy Garcia gave social workers the slip Sunday, and police were appealing for help in finding her. They said she probably will have to give birth by Caesarean section.

The girl's lover, Pedro Sotelo, a Mexican national, also was missing Tuesday. He faces up to life in prison if convicted of aggravated sexual assault.

County social workers discovered Cindy's pregnancy Jan. 12 when she posed as a 14-year-old seeking welfare benefits for herself and her unborn child.

"She's a pretty smart little girl," police Officer Frank Elizondo said. "She gave me a false name and date of birth."

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