

Dole tops Nebraska list of fund-raising

OMAHA, Neb. — Bob Dole and Bill Clinton will not spend much time campaigning in Nebraska, campaign representatives say.

Republican presidential contender Dole has such strong support in Nebraska that there is no point in his spending time here; and there is no point for Democratic President Clinton because he is so far behind, they said.

According to Federal Election Commission statements, Dole, the Kansas senator and Senate majority leader, was far and away the leading fund-raiser in Nebraska last year, taking in \$184,292 from donations of \$200 or more.

Clinton was second at \$24,800. Republicans Pat Buchanan and Steve Forbes raised \$17,571 and \$2,000 respectively.

Compared with other states' fund-raising efforts, Nebraska was squarely in the middle. While some areas, like New York, raised considerably more money — \$2.7 million for Dole, \$2.2 million for Clinton — others were on the low end. North Dakota, for example, had Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, as the lead fund-raiser with \$5,800, and Dole at \$5,050.

Andy Abboud, executive director of Nebraska's Republican party, said he believed Dole now has close to \$300,000 in his state campaign chest, and he credited organization as the key to success.

"He had a lot of strong organization here early on," Abboud said. "Dole is a favorite son of Nebraska, he's kind of like our third senator."

However, the son probably will not be in Nebraska to rouse the troops, Abboud said.

"Quite honestly, I don't think Nebraska is going to be a priority for him," Abboud said. "He's already strong in this state and he needs to spend his time where he can have an impact."

Clinton's authorized representative in Nebraska is Anne Boyle of Omaha. Boyle said one reason Dole raised more money than Clinton in Nebraska was that Dole faces opposition in the GOP primary, while Clinton does not face opposition on the Democratic side.

But Boyle, a longtime Democrat, said she did not hold out much hope for Clinton in Nebraska.

"No Democrat running for president has won Nebraska since LBJ (Lyndon Johnson, 1964)," Boyle said. "And in today's world of winner take all, it doesn't make a lot of sense for Clinton to campaign here when in all likelihood he's not going to win."

Boyle said she only hoped that Dole loses overall in the November general election. "I think if people sit down and give Bill Clinton a chance, they will see he is a very progressive president who has achieved great things," she said.

Stock market woozy after Friday's plunge

NEW YORK — Whether the "clang, clang, clang" of the stock market's opening bell Monday signals an outright alarm or simply the start of another round of jabbing and ducking is anybody's guess.

Traders had the weekend to consider the flurry of selling Friday that pushed the Dow Jones industrial average, the stock market's best-known index, down 171.24 points, its third-worst point decline ever. Bond prices plunged too, in their worst one-day performance in almost 20 years.

The Dow's drop almost immediately brought comparisons to the crash of 1987, when a 108-point decline on Oct. 16 — a Friday — preceded the 508-point Oct. 19 meltdown that became known as Black Monday.

Many Wall Street analysts, who spent the weekend furiously trying to piece together the cause and effect of Friday's decline, say Monday should not bring another drop like 1987. They're less sure, however, just what it will bring.

In other words: Get ready for anything.

"I don't hear of much in the way of panic — obviously, we've been on the

phone over the weekend talking to various financial types," said A. Michael Lipper, president of the research firm Lipper Analytical Services Inc.

"I don't think Monday will be historically bad," he said, "but that doesn't mean it won't go down."

Down is the last thing many investors want to hear.

Precipitating the Friday sell-off was a government report showing the nation created 705,000 jobs in February, the biggest gain since 1983. Traders figured the news of a stronger economy would keep the Federal Reserve from cutting interest rates in the near future.

Expectations of lower interest rates have been a main underpinning of the remarkable rise in the financial markets that carried the Dow average up more than 30 percent last year. Lower rates help boost corporate profits and make stocks and bonds more attractive than other interest-bearing investments like savings accounts.

One thing market analysts worked to figure out over the weekend was the nature of the down draft. Was it simply a blip or the beginning of a "correc-

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tion," a loosely defined term meaning a pullback in prices that allows an overall advance to continue?

"I think that's what we have going on here, a correction within the theme of an ongoing up trend," said Eugene Peroni, director of technical research at Janney Montgomery Scott, a brokerage firm.

Wall Street generally defines a correction as a decline in stock prices of 10 percent or so. The Dow's drop Friday to 5,470.45 represented just a 3 percent decline, so analysts like Peroni figure there's more to come. Though, they say, not all in one day.

Buchanan bolsters fight; Forbes 'in for duration'

HOUSTON — Pat Buchanan campaigned with renewed verve Sunday, stating bluntly he's not about to help Bob Dole win the White House, but the signals from Steve Forbes' camp were less clear.

While Forbes said in Florida that he, too, was in the GOP presidential race "for the duration," campaign aides indicated Forbes might be willing to bow out if Dole embraces serious tax reforms.

Forbes is looking for "basically, some sort of recognition" of his role in the GOP presidential campaign, said a senior aide to Forbes who asked not to be identified by name.

But Forbes maintained on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he had no intention of withdrawing from the race.

"These principles and issues are bigger than the candidate. I'm in for the duration to get them across to the voters," he said.

Buchanan was even more forceful about staying in.

"Right now, what I'm going to do is campaign as long and hard as we can, amass as many delegates and votes as we can and ... fight strongly, fairly, bravely, as we have all along for the things I believe in," Buchanan said in a television interview.

In a sermon-like address to Houston's Bread of Life Church congregation, Buchanan called for a "more muscular Christianity" to help in his fight to outlaw abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, and restore prayer and Bible study in public schools.

"We've had too much of the church milquetoast and not enough of the church militants in America," he

preached. Forbes continued to focus on his 17 percent flat tax proposal at visits to a strawberry festival and an exhibition baseball game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Kansas City Royals.

On his NBC appearance, Forbes acknowledged that Dole was the front-runner "but, as I say, this election is not just about picking a candidate to run in a single election. This election is about the direction that America takes ..."

Former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, campaigning with Forbes on Sunday, said he was willing to help his friend close ranks with Dole any time the candidate asks him to.

"I have a lot of friends in the Dole camp and maybe, if he asked me, at the right time, to help build a bridge to the party or to Dole, I could play that role," Kemp said in an interview.

But Forbes, asked whether he wanted Kemp to serve as a negotiator, Forbes had a testy response: "Not at all — Jack is in this campaign as an advocate."

Forbes also dismissed any thought of an imminent deal saying "if they (the Dole camp) want to join my campaign they have my phone number."

Dole, campaigning in Jacksonville, said: "I didn't know I needed an intermediary. Well, that's what quarterbacks are for, I guess." Kemp was a pro football quarterback before entering politics.

Buchanan conceded on CBS' "Face the Nation" that Dole would be a "far preferable" president to Bill Clinton, but hastened to add "My objective now is not to help Bob Dole at all, it is to get the GOP nomination."

Family sues creators of 'Philadelphia'

NEW YORK — Relatives of a lawyer who was fired after contracting AIDS will try to prove to a jury this week that his story was stolen by the creators of the movie "Philadelphia."

Trial is set to begin Tuesday in U.S. District Court on a \$10 million lawsuit filed by the family of Geoffrey Francis Bowers.

Like the movie character, Bowers worked for a major law firm and was fired in 1986 after workers noticed that he had disfiguring facial lesions of Kaposi's sarcoma, an AIDS-related cancer.

Bowers died in 1987 at age 33, shortly after testifying against the New York law firm of Baker & McKenzie in his own lawsuit claiming that he was discriminated against because he had AIDS. The state human rights board later ordered Baker & McKenzie to pay \$500,000 for discriminating against Bowers.

Lawyers for TriStar Pictures Inc., Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc. and individuals who played key roles in the movie's development concede in court papers that two emotional movie scenes were inspired by Bowers' case.

However, the lawyers maintain both moments were described in published stories that were in the public domain. Defendant Ron Nyswaner said he did extensive research and talked to people diagnosed with AIDS.

New fires burn in Sarajevo; UN officials plead for help

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — More fearful Serbs fled lawless Sarajevo suburbs on Sunday, and a U.N. aid official accused the NATO-led peace force of not offering enough protection.

Two days before Ilidza was to be handed over to Bosnia's Muslim-Croat federation, fires burned in a music school, two factories, a pharmacy, a church and several apartment buildings in the largely deserted Serb suburb. Dozens of people waited at a wrecked streetcar terminal for rides to Serb-held areas.

A mother and her two children stood weeping outside one burning building. French NATO troops first stood and watched, then tried to put out the blaze after more troops arrived and orders were apparently changed.

Later, NATO troops escorted a fire truck from a nearby government-held suburb to help extinguish an apartment fire that threatened to engulf the entire building.

Serb gangs intent on proving that Bosnians cannot live together have been blamed for intimidation, arson and a reported murder designed to drive Serbs out of the two remaining Sarajevo suburbs not yet under federation control.

Local sources have told international police monitors that more than 200 buildings and houses would be burned down in the areas in the next 48 hours, spokesman Alexander Ivanko said Sunday.

U.N. and NATO officials say Serb gangs apparently are being directed by the hard-line leadership in the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale.

The Serb mayor of Ilidza, Nedjeljko Prstojevic, appealed to truck owners to assemble in the suburb on Monday to help evacuate remaining civilians, the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA reported.

The suburb of Grbavica was already virtually deserted. "The atmosphere is really bad and everybody is

going to leave," said Veselinka Risic, a 57-year-old widow.

Under the Bosnian peace agreement, the whole Sarajevo region is to be reunified by March 19 under the control of the Muslim-Croat federation that is to govern half of Bosnia. Most Serbs have deserted the city's five Serb-held districts, fearing reprisals when their wartime enemies take over.

International civilian officials said NATO should do more to respond to the security vacuum as Serb police withdraw or stand by and federation police are not yet in place.

The 60,000-member NATO-led force has refused to carry out police duties for fear of getting drawn into conflict between the warring factions.

At a meeting Sunday, representatives from NATO, the U.N. civilian police, Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-Croat federation agreed on a number of measures to help improve security for those Serbs who choose to stay.

But the idea of a curfew was dropped. NATO officials said enforcement would require extra troops and personnel trained in civilian control — both of which are unavailable.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees will set up "safe houses" for Serbs who stay in Ilidza and Grbavica that would be protected by international police and NATO forces. Firefighters of the Muslim-Croat federation would enter the Serb-held areas with NATO escort and protection.

Adm. Leighton Smith, the commander of NATO-led forces, also met with Bosnian Serb leader Momcilo Krajisnik late Sunday to discuss the Serb exodus.

Smith said Serbs could leave if they wished, but urged them to "recognize that the actions that some are taking now are clearly inflammatory, threaten their neighbors, and do great damage to the prospects for peace."

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