

# Buchanan, Trump bid for party

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Pat Buchanan said he will seek the Reform Party nomination "because the Washington elite of the GOP has left me."

New York developer Donald Trump also said he will make the switch in a possible prelude to his own candidacy.

Buchanan planned to announce his decision today during a speech in Virginia, but the television commentator told potential supporters he needed a forum to distinguish himself from the leading major party nominees.

"Issues which I believe are of profound importance to our nation's future — among them trade, immigration, right to life, our national sovereignty and foreign interventionism — will not be seriously debated in 2000 between the probable establishment nominees," Buchanan wrote in a letter seeking money for his new campaign, a copy of which was obtained Sunday by The Associated Press.

"On none of these issues, not one, is there any real disagreement between the leading Democratic and GOP candidates," Buchanan explained.

A source close to Buchanan, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the letter was authentic.

Trump, meanwhile, told the AP he would file papers today changing his voter registration from the Republican Party to the Independence Party — the Reform affiliate in New York.

"The Republican Party has just moved too far to the extreme right. The Democrats are too far to the left. I believe the Reform Party can be the true centrist party. And that's very much in line with my thinking," he said.

Trump said he has not decided whether to seek the presidency, though he has made arrangements to qualify for an early deadline to get ballot access in California. He also has formed an exploratory committee to help him decide by January whether to run.

Buchanan is hoping to rally social conservatives, labor Democrats and populists and Perot followers with his positions on abortion, national security, trade and campaign finance reform.

His letter said he needs to raise \$4 million to \$6 million to win the nomination. He confessed that "right now, our campaign treasury is virtually empty. We are really starting our new campaign from scratch."

Buchanan's departure from his party of 40 years will make him the sixth GOP candidate to drop out months before the first primaries and leave a field of six.

Trump took the offensive against Buchanan on NBC's "Meet the Press," declaring: "He's a Hitler lover; I guess he's an anti-Semite. He doesn't like the blacks. He doesn't like the gays." Trump also predicted Buchanan would get 4 percent to 5 percent of the "really staunch right wacko vote."

Trump repeated criticism of the political com-

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**DONALD TRUMP**  
Reform Party nominee

mentator for his recent book, in which he contends Hitler posed no threat to the United States after 1940 because Germany's interests lay to the East. Buchanan has said the United States was justified in getting involved in World War II only after Germany declared war.

The Buchanan campaign did not offer immediate comment Sunday in response to Trump's remarks. But Pat Choate, Perot's running mate in 1996, defended Buchanan.

Choate said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that Trump "needs to learn not to delegate his reading and thinking, because Pat Buchanan never said that and doesn't hold those positions."

## RHA encourages forum attendance

### Students, Food Services to meet

BY JOHN HEJKAL  
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Residents will have a chance to voice their opinions to UNL Food Services on Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in Abel Hall's ballroom.

The forum between students and Food Services representatives was addressed at Sunday's UNL Residence Hall Association meeting.

"Food services this year is trying to arrange a forum so that students' input is actually made into policy," said Jadd Stevens, RHA president. "This will be basically our only chance this semester to get the changes that we want in Food Services."

Abel senator Andy Krejci also urged residents to go to the meeting and get their ideas out to Food Services.

"They listen to student input. The more students there are, the more likely their input will be instituted. If they've ever had a complaint, they need to come to this meeting," Krejci said.

Another issue discussed at the meeting was a proposed amendment to the RHA constitution. The amendment would have based representation in RHA on the average population in each residence hall from the first Monday in October through the first Monday in February.

Current representation in RHA is based on a count of residents taken

the first Monday in February.

Population in the residence halls tends to decline as the year goes on.

Matt Knobbe, RHA senator from the Harper-Schramm-Smith complex, wrote the proposed amendment, which he said would have given students in residence halls more accurate representation.

The amendment failed to receive the two-thirds majority required for approval. Eleven members voted for the amendment, and 12 voted against it.

Those opposed to the amendment argued that representation based on the average counts would end up giving Abel and HSS 50 percent of the votes in RHA, making it possible for them to outvote the smaller halls.

Andy Wigton, an RHA member from Cather-Pound, said the bill would give too much power to the larger halls.

"It adds more numbers to the two largest governments," he said. "It really creates more of a division."

Knobbe said the top three reasons people leave residence halls are withdrawing from school, moving to a greek house and graduation.

"I'm here representing the spring semester," he said. "They are people, too, and we are here to represent them."

Jason Ball, RHA treasurer, agreed.

"I think it's only fair to those who've paid their money in the first semester to be represented," he said.

## Russian military bombs Chechnya

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian warplanes and artillery pummeled towns around Grozny and other parts of Chechnya on Sunday, and Chechen officials claimed at least 39 people had been killed and dozens more injured in the attacks.

The Russian military acknowledged it fired missiles at targets around the towns of Bamut and Achkoi-Martan but said they were aimed at rebel military positions.

Chechen leaders again called for peace talks with Russia, demanding they be held on neutral territory with international mediation.

"The conditions for the peace talks are a cease-fire and the withdrawal of Russian troops from Chechnya, or Russia's complete capitulation," Chechen Vice President Vakha Arsanov told The Associated Press.

The Chechen military reported that the Russians "heavily pounded" villages to the north and east of the capital, Grozny. It said that a pre-dawn Russian rocket attack on the town of Vedeno, 18 miles southeast of the capital, had killed 23 and wounded 58.

Russian artillery also targeted the village of Samashki, near Chechnya's western border, killing 16 people and wounding 41 others, the Chechens said.

The casualty figures could not be confirmed, and the Russian command did not offer any estimates of its own. It stressed that the attacks were aimed at militants rather than civilians.

The Chechens did not say if the casualties included rebel fighters.

"The militants are strengthening their positions," said Col. Gennady Alyokhin, a Russian military

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**VAKHA ARSANOV**  
Chechen vice president

spokesman, and Russian troops are responding with "some artillery strikes against the rebels' bases."

The Chechen military said its fighters downed an Il-20 Russian reconnaissance plane overnight with a Stinger missile, after shooting down two warplanes Saturday. The Russian air force vehemently denied losing any of its planes in recent days.

Grozny was calm Sunday, though most people ventured out of basement bomb shelters only to cook food on campfires in the streets. Electricity and gas in the city have been shut off.

Some residents shopped for food at the city's central open-air market, which reopened Sunday after a Thursday night bombing that killed at least 143 people. But they didn't linger, fearing Russian attacks.

A group of Russian leaders from regions surrounding Chechnya pressed for negotiations to end the fighting.

Ruslan Aushev, the president of neighboring Ingushetia, said the leaders had met Saturday and called for Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen president, to meet with Russian President Boris Yeltsin or with Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, the Interfax news agency reported.

Russian officials have repeatedly balked at suggestions for negotiations, saying the war is aimed against terrorists. Russia sent troops into Chechnya at the end of September, ostensibly to wipe out militants who invaded neighboring Dagestan this summer and were blamed for a series of apartment explosions in Russia that killed some 300 people.

## World and Nation Datelines

### Washington

#### Missouri GOP circulate

**1960 photo of governor**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Missouri Republicans, upset over charges of racism against Sen. John Ashcroft, are circulating a photograph taken 39 years ago of Democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan in blackface makeup performing a minstrel show.

Carnahan is challenging Ashcroft for his Senate seat in 2000.

The issue of race arose after Ashcroft voted Oct. 5 to help defeat the nomination of Ronnie White, the first black Missouri Supreme Court judge, to the federal bench.

The image of Carnahan, then 26, and his brother, Bob, singing in a white minstrel quartet and wearing blackface makeup, was published in 1960 in the Rolla Daily News.

Roy Temple, Carnahan's campaign adviser and executive director of the Missouri Democratic Party, said the picture represents the last time such a show was performed for the local Kiwanis Club fund-raiser. At the urging of Carnahan's brother, the civic service group in 1961 abandoned the annual minstrel performance.

### Texas

#### Jury selection to start for third dragging death trial

**JASPER (AP)** — Was Shawn Allen Berry a hometown boy caught in the wrong place with the wrong people or a thrill-seeking killer in a racist rage?

A jury will decide during the third trial stemming from the dragging death of a disabled black man behind a pickup truck.

Jury selection for Berry begins today in James Byrd Jr.'s killing. Berry's two co-defendants and roommates, John William King and Lawrence Russell Brewer, were convicted of Byrd's murder and sent to death row.

The three white men were accused of chaining Byrd, 49, to the bumper of Berry's pickup truck and dragging him more than three miles of bumpy country road on June 7, 1998. Byrd's body was found on a road northeast of Jasper a few hours later.

Berry, a native son whose family roots are three generations deep in Jasper, asked to be tried in his hometown, hoping a jury of his peers and neighbors will be sympathetic.

### Virginia

#### Falwell offers message

##### of love to gay Christians

**LYNCHBURG (AP)** — The Rev. Jerry Falwell, the Moral Majority founder long known for his strong condemnation of homosexuality, on Sunday brought a message of God's love to 200 gay Christians.

Falwell's sermon was the culmination of a weekend forum designed to reduce violence against gays and Christians.

"He sent a message to parents to love their children no matter what," said David Chandler, 36, a gay man from San Francisco. "... I admire and respect Falwell for taking that stand."

Earlier this month, gay activists hissed, booed and screamed as Falwell lectured via satellite to about 60 people in a San Francisco park, urging them to give up homosexuality.

As he had all weekend, Falwell stressed he will not change his belief that homosexuality is a sin, but added: "That has nothing to do with the love factor involved. We are to be lovers of all men and women."

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