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# POLITICS

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## Bush makes final push for office

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WASHINGTON — President Bush is engaging in a flurry of activity — both presidential and political — as his re-election campaign enters its endgame. In many ways, his tactics echo two other incumbents with troubled presidencies, presidents Carter and Ford.

Both predecessors brought the full prestige of their office to bear in a final push to save their jobs. Like Bush, they made mad cam-

### Candidates' strategies mirror tactics of struggling, successful incumbents

paign dashes around the country — many to places in which they shouldn't have needed to campaign so late in the race.

Both previous presidents were defeated — Republican Ford by Democrat Carter in 1976 and Carter by Ronald Reagan in 1980.

Meanwhile, Democrat Bill Clinton's endgame follows a pattern used in 1980 by Reagan — a mix

of confidence and caution, a careful attention to avoiding last-minute slips and a repetition of a core issue: the economy.

Clinton and running mate Al Gore were returning on Monday to their bus tour, a mode of campaigning that has served them well.

This time they'll roam through North Carolina.

While Clinton still has a lead, polls show his advantage has dropped to between two and three points, largely as a result of a rebound by independent Ross Perot in 1976, 1980 and 1988, the year he was elected.

Bush, meanwhile, continues to work at shoring up his base.

He was to campaign in New Mexico and Colorado — two traditionally Republican states he should have been skipping.

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## Perot provides reason for quitting race

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NEW YORK — Ross Perot said in interviews released Sunday that he quit the presidential race in July because of Republican dirty tricks, including a plan to doctor a photograph of his daughter and give it to supermarket tabloids.

Several senior aides to President Bush labeled Perot's allegations preposterous, "total and complete nonsense."

Perot told both "60 Minutes" and the Boston Herald that a well-connected Republican friend said the GOP had used computer imaging to doctor a photo of his daughter, Carolyn. He said Republicans also planned to disrupt her wedding.

The Herald account appeared Sunday; the



Perot

CBS interview was airing Sunday night.

"They were going to smear her with a fake photograph that they had done with a computer where you put a head on another body and they were actually going to have people in the church to disrupt her wedding," Perot told the newspaper, adding that the picture was to be given to supermarket tabloids.

"There's nothing to it," said presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

"It's preposterous... It never happened. There haven't been any dirty tricks against Ross Perot. This business about his daughter is

just crazy and he's been told that he knows that."

Perot also contends that the Bush campaign intended to wiretap his Dallas business. He told the Herald that he has given investigators a 20-minute videotape of a meeting in downtown Dallas between a senior Bush campaign aide and an ex-Clinton employee hired to do the wiring.

Perot provided no names to back up his allegations and would not say how he obtained the videotape. CBS says the head of the Dallas office found no evidence of wiretapping.

## Polls indicate gap between candidates narrows

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aggressive last-minute campaigning by President Bush apparently is helping the Republican incumbent pull within striking distance of Democratic challenger Bill Clinton, according to several Texas newspaper polls Sunday.

Polls taken of voters throughout the state last week gave varying degrees of support to the two frontrunner candidates, but in general, Clinton remained in the lead.

Texas, with its 32 electoral

votes, is crucial to the political hopes of all three major presidential candidates.

The Houston Post reported Clinton leads Bush 39.5 percent to 34.2 percent in a poll conducted by Rice University for Houston television station KHOU and The Post.

Independent candidate Ross Perot carried 17.8 percent of those surveyed, while 8 percent were undecided or supported none of the candidates.

The poll included 650 voters

surveyed between Oct. 18 and Oct. 22 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percent, leaving Bush and Clinton in a dead heat.

But the Houston Chronicle reported that Clinton is moving farther ahead in its poll of 703 registered voters taken Oct. 20 through Oct. 22.

In the Chronicle poll, Clinton led with 39 percent, Bush had 31 percent, Ross Perot had 15 percent, and Libertarian Andre Marrou had 1 percent. Fifteen percent

were undecided in the poll, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent. Percentages were rounded off, accounting for the 101 percentage points.

The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday in a survey by Blum & Weprin Associates that Bush is backed by 38 percent of the 1,071 voters surveyed between Oct. 19 and Oct. 22.

The Morning News poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, with 15 percent reportedly undecided.

## Rev. Jackson leads early voting rally

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The Rev. Jesse Jackson rallied bus loads of voters and led them on a procession to an early voting site Sunday as the Democrat attacked President Bush in the Republican's hometown.

"There literally are bus loads of people downtown to vote the way we know that Clinton and Gore are leading in Texas," Jackson said.

Jackson began the day on a radio talk show, rallied voters at the University of Houston, Southern University and at a barbecue. He led the group to a downtown voting site, proceeded on to Beaumont and San Antonio Sunday, with plans to inspire voters in Odessa and Dallas on Monday.

At least six school buses carried voters around Houston to the polling place. Jackson, students, workers and homeless residents among those gathered to vote.

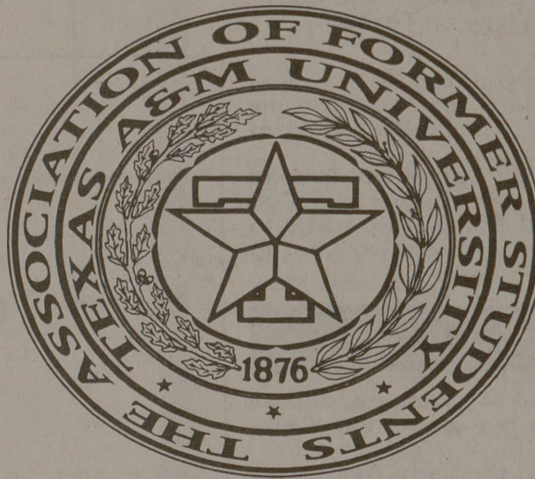
"I see an upturn in hope. That's what the registration is turning out to be," Jackson said. "I see students who are voting who have been indifferent for 10 or 12 years. I see workers who have dropped out through cynicism voting. I see homeless people giving churches their address voting."

"People are literally turning from polarization and cynicism to using the vote as a weapon. That's what will bring a record turnout," Jackson said. "There is a tidal wave of hope in contrast to a kind of stagnation and pain."



Jackson

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