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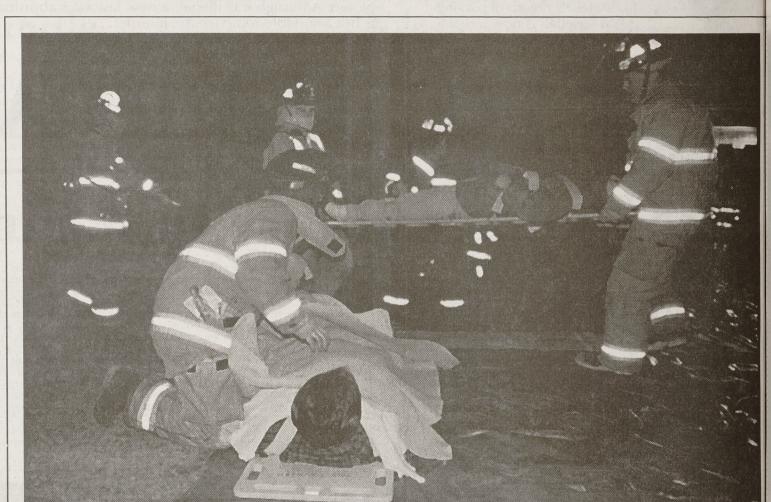
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Forbes said. Pataki said Dole's big mar-

gins in recent primarie him plenty of leeway to choose a running mate who supported abortion rights, Buchanan's protests notwithstanding. "I don't know where these

people live — but clearly not in the real world," Bay Buchanan, her brother's campaign manager, said in response to that, promising a vigorous convention fight if Dole took that course.

Only Forbes and Dole were on the New York ballot statewide. Buchanan competed in twothirds of the state's 31 congressional districts but didn't get any reward for his tenacious effort to overcome New York's arcane ballot access laws.

Thursday's victory capped a climactic week for Dole, who saw

the nomination he has coveted so long finally come within reach. Dole won a 10-state sweep Tuesday, and then saw two rivals quit the race and endorse him Wednesday, leaving just Forbes and Buchanan in his path.

Buchanan appeared in no

mood to get out of the way. Campaigning in Tennessee as scoured the South for a symbolic victory, Buchanan said Dole "waffles" on abortion and labeled him "the biggest taxer in the his-

tory of the Republican Party." Looking ahead to the August GOP convention, Buchanan told restless supporters: "We go to San Diego, we break the doors open to this party and we take it over.'

Taken aback, Dole suggested his rival needed a little rest and said peace with Buchanan would come only if he lowered the temperature.

"I'm not going to put my hand out and get it chopped off," Dole said. "I expect him to meet me half way. If he really wants Bill Clinton for four more years, he can have him.

Surveys of voters as they left their precincts across New York provided evidence of each candidate's niche in the GOP race: those worried most about abortion chose Buchanan, voters driven most by taxes picked flat-

tax champion Forbes The most important candidate quality to New York voters was experience in Washington, a big change from the earlier primaries, and one that clearly benefited Dole.

More than six in 10 said Buchanan was too extreme.

New York voters were evenly divided over the existing tax system or a Forbes-backed flat tax though even among those who wanted a flat tax, Dole ran evenly with Forbes.

As in other primary states, there was troublesome data for Dole as he thinks ahead to the fall campaign: More than half of New York's Republican voters said the 72-year-old senator does not have new ideas.

The exit polling was conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium of AP and the

television networks.

Playing to win here, Forb invested nearly \$1.5 million to get on the ballot and then other \$1 million plus on tel sion advertising. After pro ing weeks ago that he through airing attack at Forbes tried one more time bloody Dole with ads berati the Kansas senator as a l al tax-raiser.

New York's 93 were to biggest single-state prize so

in the primary season. Next Tuesday 362 more be chosen, including 98 f Florida and 123 more f Texas. Louisiana, Mississi Oklahoma, Tennessee Oregon also have "Super To day" contests.

The Republican contest t moves to Kansan Dole's hoturf, the Midwest, where m of the GOP governors are supporters. Forbes has tall of spending heavily in Cal nia's March 26 primary, hasn't made much of an e yet in the big states that cor before then.

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