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Molinari named GOP keynote speaker

for the Clinton assault-weapons ban. She backed family-leave. She supports abortion rights.

While some religious conserv atives grumbled Tuesday about New York Rep. Susan Molinari, Bob Dole's choice to deliver the GOP convention keynote address, most Republicans seemed genuinely delighted to welcome the perky and dynamic new

mom to their San Diego podium. And that included Dole's vanquished — but hardly silenced — GOP rival, Pat Buchanan. "While we disagree, deeply, over the issues of life and social policy, Susan is an articulate, passionate voice inside our great and diverse party," Buchanan said.

For just as Dole, 72, epitomizes the old guard among the Grand Old Party, to many Republicans Molinari, 38, repre-

sents the GOP's new face.

and concern about women and mothers and cities," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi. "I just don't think we ought to be nitpicking every candidate's position on

every issue. Dole praised her for her "vitality and message, reaching out to people" when he unexpectedly announced her selection Monday night on CNN's 'Larry King Live.

Molinari was reveling in the attention, appearing on morning television talk shows and telling reporters at a news conference, "I can tell you this, I don't intend to let him (Dole) or the Republican party down.

Holding her sleeping 2-month old daughter over her left shoulder, and with husband Rep. Bill Paxon, R-N.Y., at her side, Molinari said she still remains "much in shock" over her selection. She 'She reflects our interest confessed to "a combination of

But, she said, "By the time we get to San Diego we're going to be a united party and one that understands the importance of coming together to elect

As for her pro abortion-rights stance, Molinari hinted she may not even bring it up. "I fought long and hard as a pro-choice advocate, but a convention is a time to rally around the important positions and the character and the integrity of a man like Bob Dole. And that's certainly going to take at least three full

nights of speeches."

Even Molinari's strongest detractors — those with the religious right - did not criticize her personally.

'Î like Susan and I'm not go ing to say anything critical about her," said Ralph Reed, executive director of the Chris-

But Reed, in an intercautioned, "It's not a reci

energizing the base in the Christie Hamrick of the abortion Family Research (cil said: "The issue isn't specifically speaks, but w or not (they) get the grass mobilized. This is a step in

wrong direction." One reason conservat aren't more riled, accordin several GOP strategists, is Dole, having picked a mode keynoter, might now turn anti-abortion candidate as ning mate.

Molinari's choice was ro cheered at a luncheon Dole Tuesday for eight of his pr ry-season rivals Buchanan skipped.

It is outreach, it is big it is a woman in a key pos It's going to help the ger issue," said Sen. Arlen Sp of Pennsylvania.

Clinton aide denies concealing cash withdrawa

aide Bruce Lindsey emphatically denied on Tuesday that he'd discussed illegally hiding cash withdrawals by Bill Clinton's 1990 gubernatorial campaign. But he also testified in the Whitewater trial that he had felt paranoia" that opponents would find out about the withdrawals.

Answering friendly questions from a de-fense attorney in the trial of two Arkansas bankers, Lindsey firmly declared "I could care less" about whether the \$52,500 in withdrawals were reported to the Internal

Revenue Service. Still, the president's most-trusted aide who was treasurer of his 1990 campaign in Arkansas — said he had sought to ensure the withdrawals would not attract attention of bank workers. That's why, Lindsey said, he withdrew \$30,000 in four \$7,500 increments on May 25, 1990, and was prepared to do the same for a \$22,500 withdrawal on Nov. 2, 1990.

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ond amount when the bank president said it wasn't necessary. The second withdrawal was handled as a lump sum.

Herby Branscum Jr. and Robert M. Hill, co-owners of rural Perry County Bank in Perryville, Ark., are charged with concealing the withdrawals from the Internal Revenue Service, which requires financial institutions to report deposits or withdrawals exceeding \$10,000.

They also are accused of misapplying bank funds and conspiracy, by using the institution's money to reimburse themselves and others for political contributions. The donations included checks to Clinton's 1990 campaign and his 1991 presidential ex-

ploratory committee.
Prosecutors have said Lindsey participated in the concealment, but they have not charged him with criminal acts.

'I had no discussions with anyone at Perry County Bank about currency trans-

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that should go to the IRS.

Lindsey's statements directly contra ed earlier testimony from the government chief witness, former Perry County by president Neal T. Ainley.

Ainley testified Lindsey did not want reports to the IRS filed in either Management of the state of the sta

ovember, and neither was sent.

Branscum attorney Dan Guthrie indsey several times, "Did you in an conspire" with Ainley, Branscum or H hide the transactions.

"Absolutely not," Lindsey replied, so he was "absolutely sure" he never hinted at a desire to conceal the w drawals — cash, he said, that was no

for last-minute get-out-the-vote efforts.
Lindsey was testifying in his home where he had practiced law even we serving as campaign treasurer. He had

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