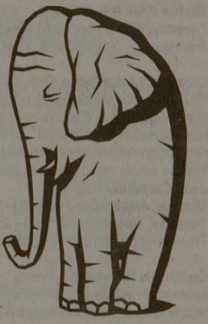


THE BATTALION DECISION '96

Races to Watch

On the eve of the election, a few races capture attention



WASHINGTON (AP) — It will be midafternoon in California when the polls close in Indiana and Kentucky and Bob Dole discovers if his upset dreams have any chance at reality. It won't be long after when Newt Gingrich has a decent guess at whether he will still be House speaker come January.

tossup state, Dole would have a long way to go for his upset. But Dole cannot afford to lose the state. Down ballot, a GOP win over Democratic Rep. Mike Ward would calm Gingrich's nerves and dampen Democratic chances of retaking the House.

GEORGIA
A must-win for Dole, and a pivotal state in the battle for the Senate. Democrat Sam Nunn is retiring, and Republican Guy Milner had late momentum in a tight race. Democrats need to gain three seats to win the Senate; losing here would make the climb steeper.

OHIO
The polls close at 7:30 p.m. EST, and by then Dole will know if he has a prayer. No Republican has ever won the White House without carrying Ohio. Democrats hope to defeat GOP Reps. Martin Hoke in suburban Cleveland and Frank Cremins in the state's more conservative southeast corner. These are critical tests of the \$35 million AFL-CIO campaign to put the House back in Democratic hands.

KENTUCKY
Even with a win over President Clinton in this

NORTH CAROLINA SENATE
Four-term GOP Sen. Jesse Helms in a rematch with 1990 Democratic challenger Harvey Gantt, who is black and a former Charlotte mayor. Race was again an issue in the end. Helms never wins by much, and is banking on high Christian conservative turnout. "We need this seat to have a realistic shot of getting the Senate back," says Democratic pollster Mark Mellman.

Eleven states are choosing governors, and in at least 28 states the balance of power in legislative chambers was in question. Not to mention important local contests and a record number of ballot questions, like a California effort to repeal state affirmative action programs, and proposals in 13 states that will test the staying power of the struggling term-limits movement.

FLORIDA
Until a tightening of the presidential race in the final week, Clinton aides were picturing an electoral landslide — in part because of the Democrat's lead in this usually Republican presidential state. A Clinton win here "and the so-called Republican lock on the Electoral College is shattered," said Clinton deputy campaign manager Ann Lewis. The Tampa-area seat of retiring Democratic Rep. Sam Gibbons is a GOP target.

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count could make a difference in the outcome. Freshman GOP Rep. J.D. Hayworth was one of labor's top targets, and was struggling to hold his seat.

WASHINGTON
The defeat of then-House Speaker Thomas Foley headlined the 1994 Republican rout here. The six House seats gained by Republicans two years ago are the major battlegrounds, and late Republican momentum appeared to dampen Democratic hopes for a big swing back in their favor. Democrat Gary Locke was favored to become the first Chinese American governor of a mainland state.

CALIFORNIA
At the start of the campaign year, Republicans suggested affirmative action would be a major national issue. It wasn't, in part because of the popularity of retired Gen. Colin Powell, who declared himself a Republican and warned his new party against focusing on affirmative action, and because of Dole's decision to put the GOP's ambassador of minority outreach, Jack Kemp, on the GOP ticket. Dole did return to the issue during his late California push.

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Some Republicans believe the anti-affirmative action initiative on the California ballot this year will increase conservative turnout. The results are likely to go a long way in shaping future debate on the issue.

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Profiles of Major Presidential Candidates

CLINTON
If Bill Clinton is re-elected, he would be the first Democrat since FDR to be elected to two consecutive presidential terms. Clinton was inaugurated as the 42nd president of the United States on Jan. 20, 1993. He won the 1992 general election with 370 electoral votes and 43 percent of the popular vote in a three-way race.

BOB DOLE
After serving in Congress for nearly 35 years, Bob Dole set his sights on one final election prize: the presidency. After losing in the 1980 and 1988 primaries, Dole announced his third bid for the White House in April 1995. But the campaign was in jeopardy at first, with a loss to conservative commentator Pat Buchanan in the New Hampshire primary. Dole would also lose the Arizona and Delaware primaries to publisher Steve Forbes.

ROSS PEROT
When Ross Perot ran for president in 1992, he did it as an independent hoping to change "politics as usual." Now that Perot's running again, he's doing it his own way — politics as unusual. The Texas billionaire has run a campaign mostly through television with paid half-hour specials, talk show interviews and commercials — no surprise from the man who started a windstorm in 1992 by offering to run for president on CNN's "Larry King Live."

He spent millions of his own money to form the Reform Party, which Perot said is "not about me" despite being overwhelmingly nominated as the party's presidential nominee over former Colorado Gov. Dick Lamm in August 1996. The group claims 1.3 million members.

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Clinton ran for governor of Arkansas in 1978 and won a two-year term. He lost a bid for re-election in 1980. He was elected governor again in 1982, was re-elected in 1984 and subsequently in 1986 and 1990 to four-year terms.

He resigned from the Senate in May 1996 so he could concentrate on his presidential bid. "I will seek the presidency with nothing to fall back on but the judgment of the people, and nowhere to go but the White House or home," he said.

Perot spent much of his time on political issues before seeking the presidency, like championing the cause of U.S. prisoners of war in Vietnam.

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