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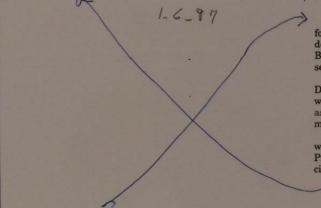
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Phyllis Schatz, being installed as President of Republican Women of Benton County, by former, Geri Allen







Janet Huckabee, speaking at our Republican Dinner, when Phyllis Schatz was installed as the new President for Republican Women of Benton County





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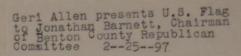
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In Washington, D.C.-Reta Hamilton Asa Hutchinson, & Geri Allen Second photo: Geri, Donna Hutchinson, & Reta





Mildred Ketron

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ROGERS — Mildred Kathleen Ketron, 68, of Rogers died Feb. 13, 1987, at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetreville. She was born Oct. 5, 1928, at Malvern to Tom and Lacie Beason Grigsby. She was a life resident of the area and a member of Temple Baptist Church in Rogers, the Encouragement Club and the Republican Women's Club. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Ketron, on March 26, 1989.

Survivors include her mother of Fayetteville, one son and daughter-in-law, Steve Ketron and Miriam of Rogers; one daughter and son-in-law, Kathy McClure and Ed of Rogers; one brother, Thomas Grigsby of West Vilrginia; two sisters, Rose Marie Harris of Farmington and Alma L. Scoles of Oklahoma City, Okla; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

### Republican Women to meet

The Benton County Republican Women will meet at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Rogers Youth Center. The program will feature Carole Robel speaking on adult literacy. Refreshments are served prior to the meeting.

The public is invited.

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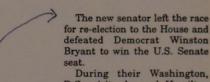
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# GOP is focus of Hamilton's heart

SCOTT DOUGLAS Weekly Vista Reporter

The phrase "It comes from the heart" can be applied to many concepts like commitment, dedication, loyalty and honesty. Many people who live in the village commit themselves to something that truly comes from the heart.

One of those is Reta Hamilton, who has dedicated her life to politics ... not as a candidate for public office, but rather as a person behind the scenes. She has also chosen the Republican Party because she believes in the philosophy of the party.

Recently, she and 14 other Republicans from northwest Arkansas attended the swearing in ceremony for Tim Hutchinson as a U.S. senator and Asa Hutchinson as a U.S. Rep. in Washington, D.C.

"It was nice to be with Asa and Tim. They are such good men who have good values and who will work hard for the people of Arkansas," she said proud-

made the commitment then to work for the party and elect candidates that would bring the people good government.

She continued to work for the Republican Party in Texas and Arkansas in the following years, never accepting compensation for her work. She volunteered as a party organizer, campaign stumping for congressional candidates, working phone banks, registering voters (her record was 200 in one day at the University of Arkansas in 1988) and participating in fund-raising efforts.

She ran for and won a seat on the National Republican Committee and has been a sustaining member since 1979. She has been and is a delegate to national conventions for the GOP.

It was not until 1988 that she and her family moved to Arkansas and quickly became involved in Republican Party politics here.

"Arkansas, unlike Texas, is still a one-party state. When you committed to my work after liv-

County. She was elected a state convention delegate in 1988. She also served as president of the Washington County Republican Group in 1989.

In 1993 her family moved to Bella Vista, and she has been busy with the party organizing Republican women's groups in Siloam Springs and helping form the Northwest Arkansas Republican Group. There are currently four groups in Benton County, with Bella Vista having the largest group in the state with 175 members. Next in line is the Benton County Republican Group with 150 members.

She has also served as a state convention delegate in 1994 and 1996, and was recently selected to the State Appointee Recommendation Committee. She went to the Republican National Convention in

Hamilton considers herself a hawk on political matters.

"I am very conservative and





### 1997 Benton County Republican Women officers

dent; Jody Parsons, first vice president; (standing) Hahn, second vice president. Kathleen Butler, treasurer; Dorothy Baker and

Benton County Republican Women's officers Donna Marlow, corresponding secretaries; Marserving this year are (seated) Phyllis Schatz, presigaret Otte, secretary; and (not pictured) Kaye

## GOP women attend Legislative Day

legislators in action and met procedures," Hamilton said. with Gov.Mike Huckabee during The proposed bill would elim- of Rogers, State Sen. John

The Arkansas Federation of tion procedures. women's clubs.

Republican women from four said. Benton County GOP women's Lt. Gov. Winthrop Paul Rockclubs left Bentonville around 5 efeller, presiding at a Senate a.m. and got back to Benton session, acknowledged the County about 8:30 p.m., accord- group, Hamilton said. ing to Reta Hamilton of Bella The GOP women were bussed

going on at the capitol Tuesday, Janet Huckabee.

to of interest was (the hearing addressed the group, thanking BENTONVILLE - Republi- for) House Bill 1349, which is the women for their activities on can women from four Benton the one dealing with the (pro-behalf of Republicans, Hamilton County GOP women's clubs saw posed) change in car licensing said.

a day's activities in Little Rock inate car inspection require- Brown III of Siloam Springs, ments to simplify car registra- state Rep. Jim Hendren of Sul-

the event, attended by 300 women attended the hearings David Hausam of Bentonville, members of the state's 39 GOP and watched House and Senate and state Rep. Randy Bryant of session from galleries, Hamilton Pea Ridge, all attended the lun-

to the Governor's Mansion, and Of many legislative activities had a luncheon with first lady

By GARY LOOKADOO 7/11/97 "the main one we were listening Gov. Huckabee attended and

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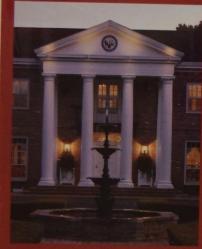






Faster tags? Rep. David Bisbee, R-Rogers, holds up an enlarged replica of what a proposed motor vehicle tag renewal form would look like during the House Revenue rector of the state police, supported the proposal.





Home of history, symbol of state pride
The handsome Georgian colonial mansion
located at 1800 Center Street in Little Rock
is the official home of Arkansas' Governor.
However, it really belongs to all Arkansans –
and stands as a symbol of our pride in our state.























Askansas Democrat-Gazette/RICK MCFARLAND

Elizabeth Dole, president of the American Red Cross, listens
Findsy with Lt. Gov. Wintingo Rockerlein (left) and San. Tim
Hutchinson (light), R-Ark, as Little Rock Vice Mayor Michael
Human and Community Development Agency, guided the four

# Red Cross chief tours damage, praises state's reach-out spirit

BY JIM BROOKS ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Elizabeth Dole toured tornadopraising Arkansans who banded together to help their neighbors after a killer storm a week ago.

"All you have to do is look around you to see how totally devastating this was," the president of the American

RELATED articles, Red Cross said. Pages 11A, 1D. "People who have just lost everything and yet they are out there trying to help their neigh-

bors. There's such a spirit here."

Dole flew to Little Rock from Washington, D.C., Friday morning. She surveyed the damage from a spot near a baseball field in the center of College Station. Four



College Station residents were A two-by-four blown by the same tornado that destroyed Floyd and Linda Gwin's among those who died in the tor-

# Huckabee signs child health-care law

David A. Leib The Associated Press

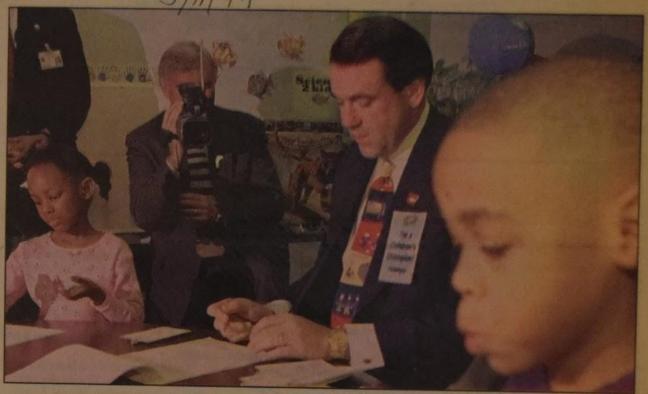
LITTLE ROCK - Surrounded by children busily coloring stick figures of him, Gov. Mike Huckabee signed a program into law Monday that will expand health care to tens of thousands of Arkansas' uninsured children.

Huckabee called it the most sigr. ficant law that he likely ever will sign.

The "ARKids First" program will provide basic medical insurance for children whose parents work but don't earn enough to pay for private insurance and make too much to qualify for traditional Medicaid.

"When boys and girls in Arkansas get sick, we're going to make it possible for them to go and see the doctor," Huckabee explained to the 10 children in Jeanne Schallhorn's preschool class.

Huckabee, who usually signs bills in the private quarters of his Capitol office, took his bill-signing apparatus to the Child Development Center at First United Methodist Church, a few blocks away in downtown Little Rock.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Mike Huckabee signs a bill into law Mon- looks on at First United Methodist Church in day with a crayon he borrowed from Dionne Little Rock. The program will offer health Mitchell (left), 5, as Dylan Hearney (right), 4, care to uninsured children.

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Had to snicker

When I read that Ms. Moran felt the Demograt Women were "kinda snubbed," by the governor, I had to snicker.

Ask Arkansas Republican Women if we From: were ever "kinda snubbed" by the Democrat governors or

Geri Allen Rogers

Did we ever get a proclamation or any other recognition? Of course not! But we didn't whine to the press about our "snubs." We just kept working to build our

party and get Republicans elected. Arkansas Republican Women are proud to have 1800 paid-up-members, 350 of whom showed up for Republican Legislative Day. The Democrat women numbered 100 on

their day. As for the "snub", the governor was deal-

ing with the tornado crisis on the day they were in Little Rock, so it is little wonder that he did not have time to deal with more trivial things, like proclamations.

## Huckabee pardons Rogers man, despite Sheriff Lee's comments

News Little Rock Bureau

ROGERS

LITTLE ROCK - A Rogers man Court of embezzlement in 1974 and 1986 was granted executive clemency Thursday by Gov. Mike Huck-

James J. Cline, 45, was sentenced to three years' probation and \$240 sess firearms. Jail on the aggravated assault con-

He was discharged from the sec-

ond sentence on Sept. 9, 1988. ed his life in that he has no subse-Henderson State University and

aspires to be a probation officer. objected to the pardon, but the 19th committing violence should be a Judicial District judicial and law-probation officer," Lee said.

enforcement officials raised no objections after receiving the notice of intent dated March 17.

A pardon restores all rights, privileges and immunities Cline posincluding the right to own and pos-

Lee said Monday he wrote a letconviction and two years' probation ter of objection to the governor's office because he doesn't think a violent felon should be a probation

"I've got five felonies here on him." Lee said as he flipped through "Our biggest concern was when we received the notice to grant execuvices and aspires to be a probation

"I just don't think anybody that goes around threatening people and

## Judge says sheriff must trim budget

Cummings thinks county could face millage increase

John T. Anderson
The Morning News

Benton County Sheriff Andy Lee faces a millage increase, Benton-County Judge Clyde Cummings

Quorum Court members Anne es of a \$13,557 Harley-Davidson motorcycle and two jeeps for prisonjail-maintenance fund - by the Sheriff's Department were listed as

a challenge to the trio.

"If these members of the Quorum Court and the county judge resign from this office if I can't office look bad by giving out false resign," Lee said. "I am tired of They are giving false information justify those things, but before I do

# Dick Barclay roast benefits Kiwanis scholarship fund

### By Chad Hayworth

Rogers Hometown News

A host of politicians and columnists took of Barclay's wife, Jan. former state Rep. Dick Barclay to task April 17, albeit for a good cause.

Barclay, a Rogers accountant who currently both love the same person." works as legislative liaison to Gov. Mike Huckabee, was the subject of a roast to raise money for the Rogers Noon Kiwanis scholarship fund.

"What can you say about Dick Barclay that walls?" asked Meredith Oakley, a Little Rock anything about Dick? He's boring." newspaper columnist.

likes it," she added. "He gets to go out drinking County politics. and carousing with a few of his former col-

Former Gov. Frank White recalled a converthe last election," Matthews said. sation he had with Barclay soon after he was elected in 1980.

was elected governor. Barclay came to me and Barclay go over some legislative items," Huck-thing about it." said, 'Can I ask you a question?'

"He said, 'If a man and a woman get married in Arkansas, and then they move to California

still brother and sister?""

White praised the perseverance and patience

"I asked her about the secret to their marriage," White said. "She said it's easy when you turned serious before ending his remarks.

target for the roast.

hasn't already been written on bathroom asked. "You all are his friends. Do you know you."

"Seriously, Dick does good work and he starting the Republican dominance of Benton finer that Barclay.

more people here tonight than voted for you in to do than Dick Barclay," he said.

Even Huckabee took his shot at Barclay.

A prerecorded bit from the Governor phone when the others had finished. "I remember the first time I was elected gov- opened with Huckabee sleeping in a chair in abee said.

"Dick is quite a guy to have working for you," he added. "He has a wealth of experience said. "But they tell me it make me look like Bill and get divorced under California law, are they not only as a legislator, but as a CPA. Which, Clinton."

of course, means he talks about numbers and laws, and numbers and laws, and numbers (yawn) and laws, and numbers and laws."

Huckabee, like all the other panelists,

"When I learned that I was going to become Former state Rep. David Matthews of Governor, one of the first people I called was Rogers questioned the choice of Barclay as a Dick Barclay," Huckabee said. "I told him if ever there was a time when a Governor needed "The question I have is why?" Matthews someone to come and serve by his side, I need

Matthews said he served with many great Matthews, a Democrat, credits Barclay with people during his time in Legislature, but none

"This old boy has not seen a public servant "Having started the Republican Party in with a more conscientious attitude who served leagues. It's almost like he never left the Benton County it's curious to me that there are people because he thought it was the right thing

Barclay, who smiled and laughed through the entire night, got his chance at the micro-

ernor," White said. "Oh, I mean the only time I his office. "Sorry, I was just listening to Dick he said. "Because that was about the only good

He hobbled to the podium on a crutch.

"I hoped to get some sympathy with this," he

## The ribbon is cut, the offices are open

By Chad Hayworth Rogers Hometown News

The weather even seemed to cooperate Sunday. Attorney George Rhoads told the crowd the new Feb. 2 for the crowd of more than 150 as offi-building came as a result of a long-term needs assess cials from Rogers Area Chamber of Commerce ment the Chamber conducted in 1990. and United Way of Rogers/Lowell dedicated their new building in downtown Rogers.

The 12,000-square-foot building, located at Fourth even remember what those are? Probably not. and Walnut streets, has been occupied since December. The two organizations had previously been locat-this building can do the same." ed at 113 N. Fourth St.

Susan attended the ceremonies, and the freshman ing center with satellite up-link. Congressman made a few remarks.

is the entrepreneurial spirit of its people."

weeks to get in a position to help his constituents, in-roof, United Way past president Mike Martin said. cluding garnering assignment to a transportation-re- Martin said during the early 1980s, Bea Wardlated committee. However, the return home reminded law wanted to make a donation in memory of her nim of why he went to Washington.

"Susan and I drove up here today on (U.S. High-

way) 71," he said. "It renewed my efforts to see th. project finished in a timely fashion."

"Back then we had two (IBM) AT computers an

two (IBM) XT computers," he said. "Does anyon

"The other building served us 30 years; hopefully

The building is four times the size of the previous U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.) and his wife facility and comes complete with a video conference

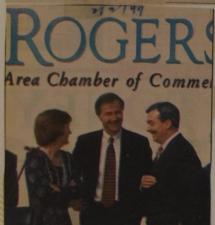
A dozen area businesses have donated money to "I'm often asked what the key is to the success of fund the furnishing for rooms in the building.

northwest Arkansas," Hutchinson said, "I tell them it. Since the United Way of Rogers/Lowell started as a project of the Chamber of Commerce, it seems only Hutchinson said he has worked hard in the past fitting the two organizations continue to share one

late husband Harold. She gave \$30,000, which the organization used to help fund part of the

"Back then, none of us realized the solution to our needs would come so quickly," he said.

The main conference room in the building is named after longtime Rogers bankers Carl Bagger and Dick Trammell. Their employ er, the First National Bank o Rogers, committed \$150,000 out of its operational budget to help fund the building.



Hometown News photo by Chad Hayworth Mike and Sharon Martin of Rogers talk with U. S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson, center, before the dedication of the Rogers Area Chamber of Commerce building.



Gov. Huckabee chats with Dr. Robert C. Burns, president of NWACC, before delivering a lecture

## Huckabee visits area

## community colleges is a high priority

BY TOM ERPELDING Daily Record Staff

BENTONVILLE - Arkansas Gov. Mike Huck-

Huckabee's visit came during Community Col- state. ege Focus Week in Arkansas, and he spoke on

he state and discussed the resistance to the col- tonville.

## Governor promotes | Welfare legislation

BY GARY LOOKADOO Daily Record Staff

BENTONVILLE - Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee addressed a group of students, administra- abee, a Baptist minister, Tuesday found fault tors and local politicians Tuesday as part of a lec- with some Baptist and other churches for not ture series at Northwest Arkansas Community having done more to help people, saying their reluctance to help fueled the growth of the welfare

"If those of us from the church had been willthe importance of community colleges, including ing to pay a dime out of a dollar ... there would NWACC, in filling the educational needs of the never have been the (current) level of welfare growth," Huckabee told a meeting of four area He outlined the role of community colleges in Rotary Clubs gathered for a joint meeting in Ben-

eges by some and the response of the colleges to He was the featured speaker at a luncheon sponsored by the Bentonville, Bella Vista Rotary "The emergence of the community college in Club, the Bentonville/Bella Vista Daybreak Ro-American education is a phenomenon unto itself," tary Club, the Rogers Early Risers Rotary Club

## Welfare legislation is a priority

and the Rogers Rotary Club.

Recent passage of a welfare governor said. reform bill by the Arkansas Leghappy to have helped achieve, the governor said.

An existing welfare bureaucracy - not most welfare recipiobstacle to welfare reform, the

islature is among the things he's ents) want out. They hate food Arkansans, to do all they can to said. The real obstacles are peo- work. ple who have made a very good

"Those folks (welfare recipi- Clubs, along with other people, Huckabee said.

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Welfare reform is one of the he said. ents themselves - is the major living off the poverty of others." initiatives helping to make the

The governor called on the state's government more respon- giving more power to local school

best such program in the nation, than it used to be

Also, Huckabee cited changes

members of four area Rotary sible and more responsive to the districts, a decrease in taxes, and simplification of the process A program to provide preven- through which Arkansans will be stamps. They hate being on the help welfare recipients to make tive health care to help working getting car tags as evidence state free lunch program," Huckabee the transition from welfare to parents, Our Kids First, is the government is more responsive

## Governor promotes community colleges

colleges of America really have cessing education all over again" your earning power." had an increasing role to play in post-secondary education."

Huckabee said.

of excitement, with hormones tion. raging and brains going in a hunlonger exist.

Huckabee said. "The community tion for a while and is now ac- nificant dollars to you in terms of concern to be sure that they are about the perceived "dumbing

community colleges so attractive, lives, he said. They are there be- and life skills.

dred different directions, no community college, versus those learned to learn." who do not, will earn no less than well be married and have had gram here at Northwest stems from the cost tion.

These non-traditional stu- He said that a college degree dents are not in school simply be- doesn't automatically guarantee Affordability and convenience cause attendance is simply an ex- a better job, but that a student

He said the days when almost the world of work and realize the most valuable part of an educaall college students were 18, full importance of a college educa- tion is not that I learned specific trained because they've never ways to do specific things, it's learned how to learn." "Students who go to at least a that I learned to think and I

"The average age of students \$250,000 more in their lifetime benefits, there are those who op- to pick up the pieces of the life of 14 or 15." on this campus is 28 years old," by today's dollars. Whatever it pose community colleges, Huck-someone who cannot remain em-Huckabee said, They could very costs you to complete the pro- abee said. Part of that opposition ployed because of lack of educa- selor could sit down with (a stu-

spent in the best possible way.

sive than education is ignorance. ed students and vocational stu-What really costs us is when we dents. are major parts of what makes pected part of the pattern of their will learn important work skills have a whole work force who really can't be employed because cause they have had exposure to "I sometimes believe that the they can't read labels, and can't run a computer, and can't be you're going to either go into col-

Regardless of the numerous provide for education than to pay that was determined at the age of

student is likely to be a person you can already know that that (tax dollars) must be spent effi- period, Huckabee responded to help her determine her entire

down" caused by the wide gap be-"The only thing more expen- tween curriculum levels for gift-

"In the past, a kid got to the eighth or ninth grade and a counselor would sit down and say 'OK, lege or you're going to go into some career,' and so the whole Huckabee told his audience academic curriculum would be that it is much less expensive to planned according to the track

"The thought that any counone or more jobs. Today's college Arkansas Community College, "I will hasten to tell you that During a question and answer with her for 15 minutes and dent that age) after meeting who has been away from educa- alone, on average, will mean sig- ciently, carefully, and with a lot of an audience member's concern life is absurd," Huckabee said.

## JPs want dog law in county

By STACEY ROBERTS

Daily Record Staff

BENTONVILLE - Most of the Benton County Quorum Court Committee of 13 agreed Tuesday night to further discuss a possible animal control ordinance as a dog-only ordinance.

Peace attended a Committee of 13 meeting at the County Administration Building. All agreed they would prefer to more of JPs attending.

a corrected copy of an ordiage from a hail storm in 1996. nance previously considered by the committee.

imals to a dog-only ordi-

"We started out with a dog ordinance and now we are trying to regulate everything in the world," Evans said. "I think we should confine the ordinance to dogs."

Evans also suggested the fees and fines for violators of the ordinance not be set in the ordinance itself but adjusted each year by resolution of the Quorum Court.

Miners said she understood most rural residents' reluctance to accept dog control ordinances but feared what could happen because of a few irresponsible dog owners.

please don't forget we're going to

for control of loose animals.

"We need to get a starting or- ly on a temporary basis.

an animal control ordinance.

pler said. "In order to give us west of Bentonville. our streets back - and they are Seven Justices of the our streets - we need something more than the vicious dog ordinance we have."

In other business:

· The committee approved consider the ordinance with consideration of an appropriation ordinance for repair of the JP Anne Miners of the County Public Health Building's Coppermine area presented roof. The facility sustained dam-

· The committee approved consideration of an appropria-JP Dodie Evans of tion ordinance for the county's Gravette said he would pre- share of fencing costs along the fer to see the ordinance Arkansas Highway 72 rights of changed from regulating an- way. The Arkansas Highway

Miners said she would suggest Sheriff Andy Lee, who would one animal control officer and the be responsible for enforcing the purchase of a used vehicle equipped ordinance, said the county need- to handle animals. The Roger's Hued some kind of starting point mane Society said it has the space to take impounded animals, but on-

dinance in this county," Lee said. One public comment came "We can come back for amend- from a Beaver Shores resident ments from time to time. But who urged the committee to pass

Department submitted a bill for "Please put people's rights \$77,420.96 as the county's share verses animal rights in its prop- of replacement fencing costs for er perspective," Wanda Crum- the expansion of the highway



LITTLE ROCK STATE CONVENTION Margaret Otte, Geri Allen, Rita Hammilton, Win Rockefeller re-celving Campaign Check.



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/DANNY WILCOX FRAZIEF

Rabbis Shlomo Truzman (left) and Pinchus Ciment of Little Rock speak Thursday with Gov. Mike Huckabee during a gathering at the Governor's Conference Room to recognize this week as the "Days of Remembrance."

## Huckabee remembers victims, liberators of Nazi German rule

joined with all four of Arkansas' full-time rabbis in recognizing this citizens, particularly clergy mem- Rabbi Eugene Levy of Congregavivors of the Holocaust and the lib- caust never happened.

Gov. Mike Huckabee Thursday under Nazi German rule between Hashoah. 1933 and 1945. He also called on

Huckabee, a Baptist minister, proclamation designating this Truzman of Synagogue Agudath recalled his own frequent visits to week as the "Days of Remem- Achim in Little Rock, and Rabbi Yad-Vashem in Jerusalem, the brance." This past Sunday was the Harley Karz-Wagman of Congregamemorial to the estimated 6 mil-international Day of Rememtion House of Israel in Hot Springs

lion Jews systematically murdered brance, known in Hebrew as Yom

Among those attending were marking the particular terms and the state of the state o Rock, executive director of Lubav-Huckabee last month signed a itch of Arkansas; Rabbi Shlomo

### Fancy meeting you here

en. Tim Hutchinson and Attorney General Winston Bryant didn't exactly become buddies during their heated race for the Senate last fall, but they did share a somewhat intimate moment together recently.

Hutchinson was on his way to a parade in Mountain View when he stopped off at a grocery store in Shirley. It happens to be the only grocery

Hutchinson headed to the back of the store to use the facilities - rather, the facility because in this case it is sin-

The se nator opened the unlocked restroom door only to find Bryant, whom he ladn't seen since the fall elec-

There's no word on what words the two may have shared.



## **Butler addresses**

## child abuse conference

BY STACEY ROBERTS Daily Record Staff

ROGERS - Benton County Prosecuting Attorney Brad Butler, Rogers Police Detective Jim Kibat, and suspected abuse or neglect. Restoration Village founders David the First Baptist Church of Rogers.

tim of sexual abuse, who has written a reporter." book for young victims entitled "It's

buse laws.

prosecute them," Butler said. "And or neglect is to call the state-wide toll- failure to report include hindering a then we usually never hear from them free reporting hot line at 1-800-482- prehension or prosecution, endanged again. It took a lot for both of them to 5964 Butler said.

do what they have done."

Arkansas Code and the legal responsi-said. "They will investigate." bility for child care workers to report Mandatory reporters who fail to re

and Beverly Engle addressed a confer- you are a mandatory reporter," Butler up to 30 days in jail and a fine up ence on child abuse Monday night at said. "That's day care workers, nursery \$100. workers, even if you just keep children The evening began with a statement in your home for a friend or are part of civilly responsible just like a rece from Elizabeth, an eleven-year-old vic- a church group, you are a mandatory suit by a Rogers family for over \$8 m

"Anytime you become suspicious, if you have a good faith suspicion of child accomplice liability, which is a felor Butler praised the efforts of people abuse, you cannot be sued," Butler Butler said. like Elizabeth and her mother who said. "We would rather investigate a have fought tirelessly to change sexual report that turns out to be inaccurate other way, you can be held accoun than miss one that is real."

The best way to report child abuse

"It's a central registry and you Butler reported on the standards of name will be kept confidential,"

port child abuse can be found guilty "You are required by law to report if a class C misdemeanor, punishable

"More importantly, they can be he lion in damages," Butler said.

Another charge of failure to report

"If you know about it and look t able," he said.

Other felony charges stemming fro ing the welfare of a minor, and allo

ing the abuse of a minor, a class C is carnal abuse. felony punishable by 3 to 10 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

prosecutable case Butler said.

But instances of child sexual abuse are often reported years after the inci- and suggested if the church members dent happened.

lose evidence we could have used," But- they need to develop one. ler said. "In many cases it's just the child's word against the adult's. We try tims and they know what children to collaborate their story with evi- need or want," Kibat said. "Their dedence."

Butler said he has 32 active felony sexual crimes cases on his felony dock- sexual abuse," Kibat said. et out of 1039 regular cases.

are sexual abuse cases, 2 are violation line number or any local law enforceof a minor involving teachers, and one ment agency Kibat said.

"Only one of those cases involves adult-on-adult crime," Butler said. Reporting suspicions of child abuse "The rest involve adult-on-children unallows the law enforcement agencies der the age of 18 and the majority of the opportunity to build a good, strong, the sexual abuse started before the victim was 16."

Kibat provided the profile of abusers present did not have a policy dealing "Any delay in reporting means we with who works with youth or children.

"Pedophiles know how to pick vicsires are very strong."

"Education is the only way to beat

Anyone wishing to discuss sexual Of those 32, 15 are rape cases, 14 abuse issues should call the state hot-

## Reveal contributors to Action America, two urge Huckabee

Senator: 'Mystery' will cause people 'to let their imaginations think the worst'

BY JONATHAN WEIL ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

The state Legislature's newly elected leaders are calling on Gov. Mike Huckabee to disclose who contributed money to Action America Inc., the Texas nonprofit corporation that has paid Huckabee more than \$42.500 since 1994.

The comments from Rep. Bob Johnson, the Bigelow Democrat who will become House speaker in 1999, and Sen. Jay Bradford, the Pine Bluff Democrat who will become president pro tempore of the Arkansas Senate, mark the first time Democratic leaders have openly criticized Huckabee's involvement with Action America.

Johnson and Bradford said Huckabee's refusal to identify the organization's benefactors, who contributed more than \$100,000 in 1994 and 1995, creates the impression the governor is trying to avoid public scrutiny.

"As long as it's a mystery, people are going to let their imaginations think the worst," Bradford said Monday. "The whole bottom line to the ethics issue is disclosure, so people will know who's taking you on a trip, who's giving you a contribution. And then they have the right to decide whether that's appropriate or not."

Johnson said, "Public perception is reality in this business. If you're holding the highest office this state has to offer with regard to public trust, and yet you hedge on an item that you've all along contended there's nothing to probe into, then why not disclose it?... I think that he draws more attention to it by not disclosing, than he does by just coming clean and letting the public make an assessment as to what they think is ap-





Bob Johnson

Jay Bradford

propriate or inappropriate about the people who contributed to this."

Johnson noted that Huckabee

earlier this year called upon Democratic House leaders to disclose who contributed money to their party caucus, which raised more than \$40,000 this year. Under Arkansas' campaign-finance laws, the Democratic House Caucus was not required to disclose its contributors. However, in part because of Huckabee's request, Democratic leaders eventually released a list of the caucus' contributors. All but two of the caucus' donors were legislators. Democratic House leaders said the caucus' main function was to finance public-relations efforts on behalf of Democratic state representa-

Huckabee has refused to release a list identifying all those who donated to Action America, an organization created in 1994 to coordinate parts of Huckabee's private-sector speaking schedule while he was lieutenant governor.

On Monday, Huckabee again said he wouldn't release a complete list of Action America's financial backers. He said he's "not dealing with any of that." Huckabee emphasized that federal reg-

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## Huckabee

· Continued from Page 1B America to identify its contributors.

Huckabee has said he severed his ties to the organization in July 1996, just before he became governor. He also has acknowledged that he participated in an Action America board of directors meeting in De-

Reports filed with the Texas comptroller's office in November and February by Action America listed Huckabee as its president. But the reports were wrong, according to Greg Graves of Roswell, N.M., Huckabee's top consultant during two political campaigns. Graves said he re-January. The February report was signed by Brenda Turner, the governor's chief of staff and Action America's treasurer and secretary.

Graves and Turner are the only two people who have been identified as Action America contributors. In its articles of incorporation, Action America listed Turner's home in Texarkana, Texas, as its address. Turner also has said she was paid a salary by the corporation.

questions about Action America's financial activities to Graves. Graves again said he would not disclose the names of contributors, explaining that he promised those donors they would remain anonymous. "I gave them my word," he

Last week, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported that the organization could face \$5,044 in federal penalties because it never has filed an annual return with the Internal Revenue Service.

Graves and the organization's accountant, Troy Lemons of Texarkana, Texas, last month acknowledged that Action America should have filed informational returns with the IRS for 1994 and 1995. Under federal tax regulations, infor- said.

mational returns (filed on IRS Form 990) are a yearly requirement for all -1 3- 9 7 organizations that claim they're exempt from federal taxes and norulations do not require Action mally have more than \$25,000 in annual gross receipts.

Graves and Lemons have said Action America's gross receipts totaled \$51,472 in 1994 and \$49,422 in 1995. According to the governor's chronology, Huckabee still would have been the organization's president when the 1994 and 1995 returns were due with the IRS. According to its articles of incor-

poration. Action America was established under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code as a taxexempt, social-welfare organization. However, Action America never has applied to the IRS for formal recogplaced Huckabee as president in nition as a tax-exempt organization. That doesn't necessarily mean it isn't tax-exempt. However, until the IRS recognizes it as tax-exempt, Action America runs the risk that the IRS may later seek to collect back taxes. Lemons has said.

action against Action America remains uncertain. David Stell, a spokesman in the IRS' Oklahoma City regional office, declined to comment on Action America specif-Monday. Huckabee referred ically. However, he said that, generally speaking, whenever anyone alerts the IRS to an exempt organization's failure to comply with federal tax-code regulations, the IRS looks into the matter.

Whether the IRS will take any

Notwithstanding the acknowledgements by Graves and Lemons that Action America should have filed informational returns with the IRS for 1994 and 1995. Huckabee on Monday said Action America always has complied with federal requirements for tax-exempt organizations. The informational returns contain descriptions of tax-exempt organizations' finances and activities, among other things.

"We always do everything that the law requires, which has been done on the disclosure," Huckabee

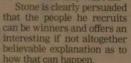
# Ambitious GOP targets state legislature

Lloyd Stone has laid out a wildly ambitious agenda for Arkansas Republicans in 1998.

It starts with keeping Gov. Mike Huckabee in the governor's chair and includes an all-out effort to secure as many as 41 seats in the Arkansas House of Representatives. The Republicans also want more - another U.S. Senate seat, all four of Arkansas' congressional seats, another statewide office or two and some more state Senate seats. But the priorities in 1998 will be keeping Huckabee in office and targeting

what will be wide-open

Or so says Stone, who is chairman of the state Republican Party. It is his job to recruit and field candidates for the party. So consider the source as you evaluate his expectations on how many and how well they will run.



Naturally term limits are the projected catalyst.

Term limits will kick in with the 1998 elections, bumping 50 of the state's House of Representatives members from the

Of the House members soon to be shown the door, 46 are Democrats and four are Republicans. Obviously, Republicans have the greater opportunity for gain and the lesser risk with those

Brenda

Between

The Lines

Blagg

The way Stone figures it, Republicans should already hold 17 of the seats that are about to open. That's based on his review of the closer races in 1996 that tipped to Democrats, on

increasing trends toward Republican voting in Republicans didn't get much bang for their camsome parts of the state and on Stone's attribution of the incumbent Democrats' success not so much to them as to President Clinton's presence on the ticket.

"He won't be at the top of the ticket next year." said Stone, giving an awful lot of credit to Clinton's coattails in Arkansas.

Stone is also planning for Republicans to hold the four open seats that are now in party hands as well as the 10 House seats held by Republican members who haven't run up against their term limits. And he figures Republicans can challenge incumbent Democrats strongly for at least another 10 seats.

All of that success would bring the Republican representation in the 100-member House to 41, which would amount to some sort of revolt among Arkansas voters. Remember, the four term-limited Republicans in the House now are among only 21 Republicans in all of the General Assembly term-limited or not.

The other factor to remember is that Republican numbers - despite the party's 1996 successes in the U.S. Senate race and in two of the four congressional races and then-Lt. Gov. Huckabee's ascension to the governor's office - are still quite limited statewide.

So where will Stone find so many quality can-

He offered some ideas along that line, too, last week as he and Lacy Kennedy, the Democrats' young political director, shared a podium Saturday before Arkansas newspaper editors.

Stone said he has already gone to the various county central committees in his party and encouraged the regulars to reach out into their communities for higher-profile individuals with a conservative bent to be their candidates.

Candidates fielded in the past have been those who have labored in Republican Party circles but weren't widely known enough to win, he explained. The result, Stone said, was that the paign bucks in the 1996 legislative races.

The instruction to the county committees this year is to search their communities to identify people who would make good candidates because they're already known from local civic work or service on school boards or in some

The idea is to recruit those people, whether or not they have previously identified themselves as Republicans, to be candidates and to use the skills of the Republican county-committee members to support their candidacies.

The game plan is all about focusing resources to win where Republicans find what they consider to be optimum Republican voting strength of

Having a game plan and winning the game are not necessarily the same thing of course especially if the plan is as far-fetched as Storie has offered.

By the way if you're wondering what the Democrats' game plan is, it is what it has been over time as Democrats dominated the Arkansis legislature.

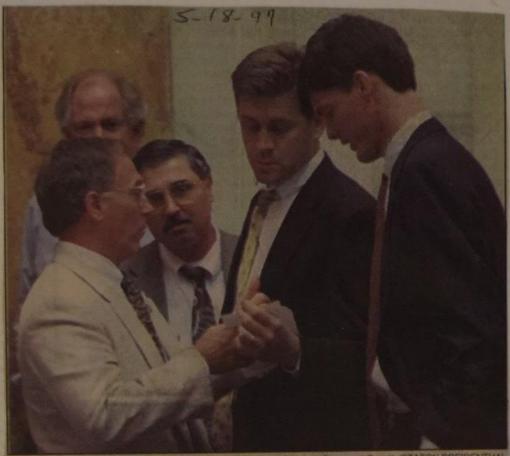
"We're treating all seats as obtainable," said Kennedy, "We're going after all of them."

That would amount to targeting all 100 of the 100 seats in the Arkansas House, which is a pref ty far-fetched goal in an increasing two-party environment.

Yet, considering Arkansas' Democratic traditions, that would be a more likely outcome than Stone's prediction that Republicans can win 41 of the House seats next year

The most likely outcome is something else again, probably with Republican gains but nothing so great as Stone has imagined.

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House members David Bisbee (left), Charles Fuqua (second from left), Gunner Delay (second from right) and Ted Thomas (right) confer at the Capitol. Bisbee and Thomas were runners-up for our 10 Best.

# Slinkard appointed to state election board

# Will remain

BY GARY LOOKADOO 5-19-97 Daily Record Staff

two-year term on the State Board of needed to comply with the National Vot-Election Commissioners around May 29. er Registration Act of 1993.

The SBEC meets every three months, obligations of a candidate and sugges- (which) one member of the board has to tions helpful to candidates in complying with election law; conduct statewide

training for election clerks and judges, as well as county election commissioners; and monitor all election law-related legislation.

Also, the SBEC investigates many citizen complaints and issues advisory opinions about violations of election and voter registration laws; receives citizen complaints; formulates regulations to as-BENTONVILLE - Benton County sure consistent application of fair elec-Clerk Mary Lou Slinkard will begin a tion procedures; and creates regulations

"The Secretary of State is chair of the or as needed, to: help publish a candi- State Board of Election Commissioners. date's election handbook outlining legal I'm the one that is a county clerk ...

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#### be," Slinkard said.

ignated by the chairman of the election commissioner. and another by the chairman of Benton County Clerk as she either in late May or early June.

Arkansas Senate, and still an- have some in-depth knowledge,

Gov. Mike Huckabee selected of the Arkansas House. Two Of course, I still have a lot to Slinkard for the slot. State law board members are selected by learn as a state board member," provides that, besides the Secre- the governor: a county clerk and she said. tary of State, six people serve on another person who has served the board, with one person des- at least three years as a county Benton County - any judge,

the Arkansas Republican Party. performs her new duties, said Another member is chosen by she is looking forward to workthe president pro-tem of the ing on the commission. "I do

other is chosen by the Speaker as county clerk, of elections ...

She expects to be sworn-in in Justice of the Peace, or Circuit Arkansas Democratic Party, Slinkard, who will remain Clerk can do it, Slinkard said -

ROGERS - Changes in state election laws are continuing. Benton County Clerk Mary Lou Slinkard told Benton County Republican Women Tuesday.

BY GARY LOOKADOO

Daily Record Staff

Slinkard said the Benton County Clerk has many responsibilities, "the biggie, of course, is voter registration and elections," and it requires lots of attention.

Although the Arkansas Legislature passed117 bills about the state's election laws in the recently completed legislative session, a law passed in 1995 is still the most misunderstood of recent election law changes, she said.

Early voting laws now in effect do not allow people to register to vote when they get a driver's license or at several other

The laws just give people the chance to apply to register to vote, Slinkard said.

The option of voting before

election changes election day appears to be popular, with some 550 people coming to the county clerk's office to cast their ballots on the Thursday before Election Day 1996, some 600 doing so the next day. and 832 on the following Monday, Slinkard said.

Slinkard explains

"We weren't quite prepared," but managed to cope with the strong response, she said.

As she did in 1996, she will continue to put voter registration forms in various places allowed, but not required by law, including many Chamber of Commerce offices, city halls and schools, Slinkard said.

In 1997, state lawmakers passed more election-related bills, including ones to allow limited numbers of polling places in special elections with only one candidate on the ballot; to require all general election laws to apply to school elections; and to prohibit a single candidate from filing for the same office as a member of more than one party.

# State's GOP Women gather in Springdale

biennial state convention here Friday.

Northwest Arkansas Republican lican Women.

can Women, and Siloam Springs Repub- members said GOP women in the north-

west corner of the state, having long-es-Women served as the hosts for the two- Recently organized clubs bring to 40 tablished organizations, have already SPRINGDALE - The Arkansas Fed- day event - assisted by Benton County the number of Republican Women's set an example of hard work and non-poeration of Republican Women began its Republican Women, Bella Vista Republi- groups around the state, and Federation litical community service on behalf of the

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**AFRW Biennial State Convention** 

Springdale Holiday Inn Saturday, May 24, 1997 Awards Luncheon \$15 Salon E



#### FROM THE DESK OF STATE SENATOR FAY W. BOOZMAN, III

May 23, 1997

Dear Fellow Republicans,

Welcome to Northwest Arkansas and, more specifically, State Senate District 33. As you have probably already noticed, some of the friendliest people in Arkansas live here.

One thing became very obvious during this legislative session—we need more Republicans in Little Rock to help Governor Huckabee implement our vision for Arkansas.

My challenge to each of you is to go back and energize your local committees. We must get Republican candidates elected. You are the heart and soul of our movement. You are the engine that gets things done.

Thank you for your hard work in the past. Please do not rest now. We are in sight of our goal to again make both Arkansas and the United States government a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people".

God bless each of you who fight so hard in the trenches to make this a better nation.

Sincerely,

Fay W. Boozman, III

#### **Hutchinson addresses Village GOP Men**

urns to his home district, he al- tion camps during World War II. protection for the flag.

a meeting of the Republican here in the district, and my fam- the meeting.

addressed a number of issues. In keeping with the spirit of me think about a hearing we including the balanced budget Memorial Day, Hutchinson rec- had in the judiciary committee agreement, highway funding ognized Paul Welles, a member about flag protection." of the Republican Men who sur- Hutchinson said he supports

BY TOM ERPELDING 5/2-3/97 ways gets asked if he is adjust- Welles was a member of the ing well to life in Washington. French underground who be-BELLA VISTA - U.S. Repre- "I always answer that my came a U.S. citizen after coming sentative Asa Hutchinson was purpose is never to get settled in to America in 1954. Welles led in the village Friday to speak at in Washington. My home is still the Pledge of Allegiance to begin

ily's here, "Hutchinson said. "I "I just really appreciate your Hutchinson, a Republican represent you, then I come service to our country, and your from Fort Smith who grew up in home, because my roots are being here," Hutchinson said. Gravette along with his brother here in Arkansas and they al- "The introduction Burt U.S. Senstor Tim Hutchinson, ways will be here." (Schindler) gave to you made

Hutchinson said when he re- vived three German concentra- any efforts to provide further

#### Republican Principles

#### I am a Republican Because:

I believe the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed. sex, age or disability.

I believe that free enterprise and the encouragement of individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I believe government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I believe the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations and that the best government is that which governs least.

I believe the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to

I believe Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

I believe Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

Finally, I believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.



#### ARKANSAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN AFFILIATED WITH NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN 5-24-97

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

1997

DIAMOND AWARD White Co RW

Boone Co RW Twin Lakes RW Garland Co. RW Johnson Co RW Hot Springs Vige, RW RW of Benton County Carroll County RW North Pulaski Co RW

GOLD AWARD Washington Co. RW Cleburne Co RW

NW Arkansas RW

SILVER AWARD

Jefferson Co RW SE Arkansas RW Bella Vista RW

BRONZE AWARD Fairfield Bay RW Faulkner Co RW Clark Co RW

HONORABLE MENTION Hempstead Co RW

AFRW SUPER SUPPORTER AWARDS

New Club Development.......North Pulaski Co RW

Trunkline 1st subscription.....Susan Power

lst Check for Afghan sales......Benton Co. RW \$300 

1st Delegate Form sent in......Janet Finley, 2nd VP AFRW

AFRW STATE PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

Janet Finley, 2nd VP AFRW DISTRICT DIRECTOR AWARD

Barbara Dueschele 2nd District Director Reta Hamilton 3rd District Director

UNIT CLUB PRESIDENT AMARD 4 years Twin Lakes Republican Women

AFRW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD OF MERIT

NEW UNIT CLUBS...WELCOME ABOARD

South Arkansas RM Martha Mathis, Pres Saline County RM Ann Clesmer, Pres Greater Little Rock RM Jean Kilpatrick, Pres NEWSLETTER CONTEST WINNERS:

MOST IMPROVED NEWSLETTER......CARROLL County RW

Tammy Hensel, Cha

Joy Wiley, Chairman

ST REDWRING
Ist Place Benton County Republican Momen
2nd Place Boome County Republican Momen
3rd Place Northwest Arkansas Republican Momen

MOST ATTRACTIVE LAYOUT

ST ATTRACTIVE LATURY
1st Place .....Boone County Republican Momen
2nd Place .....Benton County Republican Momen
3rd Place .....Pulaski County Republican Homen

BEST OVERALL NEWSLETTER ..... Boone County Republican Momen.....

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

CLUBS 0 - 34 members

1st Place......Northwest Arkansas Republican Homen 905 2nd Place......Marion Co Republican Women 23%

1st Place......Carroll County Republican Women 23% 2nd Place......Sebastian County Republical Women 21%

Clubs 50 - 99 members 1st Place......Twin Lakes Republican Women

2nd Place......Jefferson County Republican Women 14%

Clubs 100 + members

1st Place.......Pulaski County Republican Women 35%. 2nd Place.......Hot Springs Vige Republican Nomen 17%

Anita Gatzke, Chairman

Jonesboro Republican Momen's Club

THUNKLINE AWARDS Taxony Hensel, Chairman

HEETING DEADLINES.......Cathy Treadway, NN Arkansas RN.

LITERACY ANARD

#### PROPOSED RULES OF ORDER FOR ARKANSAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN 21ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION

MAY 24, 1997

In addition to provisions of the AFRW Bylaws, the following special rules of order shall be adopted for the conduct of this Convention.

WOTING BODY: The voting body of this meeting shall consist of the officers of the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women, immediate past president of the AFRW, the Vice Chairman of the RPA, the Arkansas National Committeewoman,

women, immediate past president of the AFRW, the Vice
Chairman of the RPA, the Arkansas National Committeewoman,
the District Directors, the President of each Unit Club, 2
Delegates from each Unit Club plus one Delegate for each 15
members recorded as of 12-31-96.

No member of the voting body shall have more
than one vote. Proxy voting shall be as designated in the
Bylaws. The voting body shall be seated at the front of the

No member of the voting body shall have more than one vote. Proxy voting shall be as designated in the Bylaws. The voting body shall be seated at the front of the meeting room.

OHORUM:

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QUORUM: A quorum at the biennial convention shall consist of a majority of the Delegates attending the convention.

MOTIONS: All motions, except on matters of procedure,

shall be written, signed by the proponent, and given to the recording secretary before the close of the meeting. The presiding officer may require that the written motion be furnished to the Chair before action is taken.

Only members of the voting body may introduce motions. A motion may not be seconded by a voting member of the same Unit Club as the maker of the motion.

of the same Unit Club as the maker of the motion.

DISCUSSION: A member must obtain recognition from the chair; she must give her name, title and Unit Club name. Discussion on a motion shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker. General consent shall be required if added time is to be granted to a speaker. If there is objection to the general consent, a formal vote must be taken, and a two-thirds vote shall be required.

No member may speak a second time until all others who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so. No member may be given the floor more than twice on the same

TIMEKEEPER: A timekeeper shall be appointed by the President. The timekeeper shall indicate to each speaker a 30 second warning before the expiration of the time alloted.

FLOORTELLERS: Floortellers shall be appointed by the President if it is necessary to count votes.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly

question, without unanimous consent of the voting body.

Only Delegates may participate in the

discussion, by obtaining recognition.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority.

A two-thirds vote of the delegates voting is required to suspend, amend, or add to these Special Rules of

## JUST FOR TODAY

Just for today--I will live through the next 12 hours and not try to tackle all of life's problems at once.

Just for today--I will improve my mind. I will learn something useful. I will read something that requires thought and concentration.

Just for today--I will be agreeable. I will look my best, speak in a well-modulated voice, be courteous and considerate.

Just for today--I will not find fault with friend, relative or colleague. I will not try to change or improve anyone but myself.

Just for today--I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count.

Just for today--I will have a program. I might not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two enemies--hurry and indecision.

Just for today--I will do two things I don't want to do, just because I need the discipline.

Just for today-I will believe in myself. I will give my best to the world and feel confident that the world will give its best to me.

-----Author unknown

# Phillips to lead Republican women

BY JONATHAN WEIL

SPRINGDALE — The Arkansas Federation of Republican Women on Saturday elected Joyce Phillips of North Little Rock as its president, marking the first time the 42year-old organization has elected a black woman for its top post.

Phillips, 43, has held leadership positions with the federation since 1991, most recently as its vice president in charge of operating training seminars for Republican campaign managers.

She said her primary goal in her two-year term will be to expand the number of federation chapters in Arkansas. Currently the federation has organizations in 40 of the state's 75 counties. Phillips said she wants to help start organizations in the remaining 35 counties.

"I just like people to be openminded and listen," said Phillips. who works in the finance office of a family-medicine clinic at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

"Don't say because 'my mother was, or my father was, or my uncle was a Democrat' ... that that's your reason. Choose a party that you feel fits what you're looking for in life." she said.

Phillips, who is married and has a 17-year-old son, ascended to the presidency while favoring abortion rights, opposing affirmative action. and opposing a ban on partial-birth abortions.



Joyce Phillips

She said she is a Republican because of the values she learned from her mother, who reared five children after Phillips' father left them. Phillips' mother, who worked in a variety of odd jobs, today lives in Jackson, Miss., where Phillips was born and raised.

"Her thing was there will be no welfare in our lives," said Phillips. a graduate of Jackson State University. "You will always stand on your own two feet and do your own thing.

Sure there will be a need for assistance from time to time. But she said 'If I did it and didn't go and get welfare or get food stamps or get Medicaid or whatever, then none of you as long as I live should live that way.' And so to this day none of us have, and none of us will. Or we'll have the wrath of Mom."

Phillips ran unopposed for the federation's presidency during the federation's biennial convention, held at the Springdale Holiday Inn. She replaces Mary Harvey of Hot Springs.

About 225 people attended the two-day event, which included appearances by Republican U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson of Fort Smith and Lloyd Stone of Conway, chairman of the Republican Party of Arkansas.

"She's been in the trenches, and she has earned her way every step of the way." Hutchinson said. "I hope that people will see there's great opportunity, there's probably more opportunity in our party for African-Americans than in a party that's not

seeking to expand its base."

Stone said he believes Phillips will succeed at recruiting new party members.

"I've been telling our people that we've got to say that it's more than 'the door is open - please come in if you want to," Stone said. "We've got to share with African-Americans why it's important that they become Republicans. And it's for the same reasons that those of us who are not African-Americans are Republicans - less taxes, less government. less government intrusion."

Arizona and Delaware also have black women serving as federation presidents, GOP officials said.





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# Ex-hospital boss to top Human Services

Huckabee picks Frazier, 50, to lend 'sense of teamwork, direction for agency'

BY SUSAN ROTH

Lee Frazier, a Little Rock civic leader and former hospital administrator, will become director of the Department of Human Services, the state's largest agency.

Gov. Mike Huckabee announced the appointment Monday afternoon in a news conference at the Capitol, saying he wanted to end speculation about the position.

Friday, Huckabee named outgoing Human Services Director

he was considering as Dalton's replacement. But Frazier's was the only name legislators mentioned in connection with the job.

Monday, members of the governor's staff said Frazier was Huckabee's top choice for the position but he wanted to talk with Frazier over the Memorial Day weekend before making an announcement.

"This is unquestionably the toughest job in the state bureau-

Tom Dalton his special assistant cracy," Huckabee said. "We needfor welfare reform. At that time, ed a strong person to come and the governor refused to say whom work with Tom to guide welfare reform, someone with great vi-

Frazier, 50, is the man for the job because of his "professional background and personal integrity, and his interest and expertise in health care and related issues." the governor said. He said he looks to Frazier to build an "esprit de corps" at Human Services, "a sense of teamwork and a direction for the agency.'

Frazier will earn \$105,301 a year starting July 1, the same salary as Dalton.

"This is probably the first job ! feel absolutely, totally prepared for in my life's experience," Frazier said. "Certainly, I'm nervous, But I have a great sense of inner peace."



Lee Frazier



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For those who gave all Gov. Mike Huckabee pauses a moment Monday at Little Rock National Cemetery to honor Americans who died for their country be people not to downplay the significance of Memorial Day.

# GOP women's leader 'pro-choice,' she says

BY JONATHAN WEIL ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

The president of the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women says that on the abortion issue she is "pro-choice" and favors a ban on partial-birth abortions.

"I am firmly opposed to [President! Clinton's promised veto of Congress' effort to ban partialbirth abortion," said Joyce completed. Phillips of North Little Rock, "I am and always have been opposed to this gruesome procedure, under any circumstance. I believe partial-birth abortion to be a form of for me," she answered Friday.

Phillips was elected Saturday at the federation's biennial convention in Springdale. She said Wednesday that she received numerous complaints from federation members after a Sunday article in the Arkansas Democrat-

Gazette reported that she supported abortion rights and opposed a ban on partial-birth abortions.

In an interview Friday, Phillips described herself as "pro-choice" when asked to state her feelings about partial-birth abortions. which involve the partial deliveries of fetuses through women's birth canals before abortions are

"Things like that to me are just as to how I feel about it." for an individual to decide upon. It's not for me to say whether or not it's right or wrong. It's wrong

Phillips also was asked Friday whether she was pro-choice or pro-life. She responded: "That's something that I really hate to answer, but if you were to really dig it out of me. I would say choice. Pro-choice.

"Whenever we discuss pro-life

or pro-choice, I basically don't say much of anything, because it is to me very private and it is a very individual subject," Phillips said Friday.

"Everyone has the right to make choices and decisions on what they feel is right or wrong. And I just back away from questions like that, because I think it's my individual concern and ideas

On Wednesday, Phillips said she objected to the article's statement that she supported abortion

Phillips also said on Wednesday that she did not speak on behalf of the federation's 1,700 members when she stated she was prochoice. She said she had sent letters to the federation's executive committee members stating her beliefs on abortion issues.

The organization feels that when I spoke in those ways, it may seem as if that's what the federation stands for," Phillips said. "I told them I never said that's how the federation feels. This is with me personally. But to them that's not the way it came across in the paper.

Gertrude Kazmi of Fayetteville. who is president of Washington County Republican Women, said she received a letter from Phillips this week about the article. "I'm glad she clarified that," Kazmi said. "I hope it does get cleared up.

Reta Hamilton of Bella Vista. who sits on the federation's executive committee, said she did not believe Phillips would lose support from members. "I don't think there's going to be any flak on it." she said

#### Boozman delays Senate decision

"I'm not making any public announcements. medical problems

He was referring to an accident that occurred son, 22, was driving a vehicle involved in the "It's a little early People aren't in an election

Lana F. Flowers man was in Hutchinson's vehicle and suffered a

State Sen. Fay Boozman, R-Rogers, has Hutchinson's and also two trucks. Two people Boozman said previously he would make a Watlington, 29, also of Center, was apparently dri-

June 1. However, on Monday, Boozman said he Boozman said he will see his doctor next week gress as soon as he is sure there are no lingering

"My first step will be to form an exploratory work through about this accident," Boozman committee, to gather information and start

However, he said, a formal announcement Oct. 31 on rain-slick U.S. 71 near Brentwood, U.S. about his political future won't come until much



Phyllis Schatz, club president, presents the book, Transforming America From Inside Out, to library director Lynn Eldred. Donated by the Benton County Republican Women, it is also in memory of deceased members: Patricia Pathe, Cleo De Craene, Eunice Beaman and Loretta Roberts.

#### County Republican women make donation to library

As part of the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP), the Benton County Republican Women are donating to the Bentonville Public Library, Transforming America From Inside Out by Kay Coles James. James is the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the state of Virginia and served in the White House during the Bush Administration. Her views on poverty, homosexuality, abortion and racism will surprise you. Her prescriptions might disturb you but one thing is certain, Transforming America will challenge you to join the fight to make America a safe and decent place in which to live and raise your family.

# Loose talk on abortion sunders GOP women

BY RACHEL O'NEAL

Although they have tried to avoid the controversy for years, the abortion issue is dividing the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women.

The new president, Joyce Phillips of North Little Rock, publicly stated her abortion views more than a week ago by answering questions from the Arkavasa Democrat-Gazette. Some members of the federation think she should resign because she broke a national GOP request that members remain neutral on the abortion sub-

When she heard of the complaints, Phillips, who was unanimously elected by the federation May 24, asked the 15 other members of the federation's executive committee whether she should re-

"I felt that if I were to be an ef-



Joyce Phillips

dent, I knew I had to have the support of the majority of the m e m b e r s ,? Phillips said Wednesday.

What she has found is support from more than half of the

than half of the committee's members, she said.

But some federation members not on the committee, especially members who are staunchly opposed to abortions, think Phillips should resign

"Our platform is to be entirely mute on the entire subject of abortion and she has already taken a position," said federation member Kathy Dumn of Searcy. "She has already broken the trust, and if she has done it once, she's going to do it again."

The first newspaper stoy erroneously stated Phillips opposed the ban on partial-birth abortions and supported abortion rights. She said the story misrepresented her views. A story clarifying her position correctly stated that she is against partial-birth abortions and is "prochoice."

In October 1991, the National Federation of Republican Women sent a letter to GOP leaders informing them that reporters may ask for an opinion on abortion. It stated that abortion is an emotional issue and leaders should remain neutral.

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Phillips said she is not sure why
she answered a reporter's question
about abortion, adding. 'It just happened. But I have no real reason
why.' She said she was aware the
national federation had requested
neutrality on the issue but said
when the question was asked, she
"wasn't thinking about that." She
said her answer reflected her own
position, not the position of the federation.

Several members of the federation's executive committee said Phillips should not resign.

"I think she will make an excellent president," said Phyllis Kincannon of Maumelle, first vice chairman of the state Republican Party and a member of the federation's excellent countries. "The country and a member of the federation was an excellent of the think the trenches and she has worked her way up the so-called ladder. She is a fund-raiser. She has been there and done that. She is ready Kincannon said she will encourage Phillips to remain president saying she thinks the abortion controversy will blow over by the time the federation gears up in the fall

On May 26, Phillips sent a letter to federation officials apologizing for beginning her tenure "with a serious misstep." In the letter, she said she is a private person and rarely discusses her personal views.

She asked the executive committee members to let her know whether she should continue to serve as president. She included a form on which each committee member could check off an answer and send it back to be-

The federation leaders are scheduled to meet June 21 in Little Rock Several members believe Phillips will announce her decision about whether to remain or resign at that meeting.

Phyllis Schatz of Rogers, president of the Benton County Republican Women, said her group unanimously voted Tuesday that Phillips should remain as president.

"She is a vivacious person. We need people from the black community to be active in our party." Schatz said of Phillips, who is the first black elected to the position. "That's not the sole reason, but we have so few black leaders in our party."

Schatz said the Benton County group has no problem with Phillips' abortion position.

"We know people have different opinions and we believe in diversity." Schatz said. "I think Joyce Phillips can do a great deal for Republican women. She is vivacious, she has great energy and she is full of good ideas."

Others, like Diane Cox of Searcy and her mother, Janet Finley of Searcy, believe if Phillips can remain neutral on the abortion issue in the future, she should remain president. Cox is a federation member while her mother is on the federation's first vice president.

"If she no longer gives her comments on abortion and sticks to our agreement of keeping our views private, then she should stay." Finley said. "I'm not asking for her resignation, but I'm displeased with the way she handled the situation."

Cox said she was stunned to read Phillips' abortion positions, saying she had never heard her talk about the issue before. Cox said Philips "knew this was a very touchy, volatile subject and being an educated person, she shouldn't have said anothing."

have said anything."

Cox also said the entire federation, not just the 16 members of the executive committee, should be allowed to decide whether Phillips

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## the show, get back to work

Everyone calls it the Clyde and Andy show.

It is the feistiest Wild West Show to hit this town since Confederate troops under Gen. Van Dorn chased Gen. Franz Sigel and his 600 Union soldiers out of Bentonville.

Benton County Sheriff Andy Lee and Benton County Judge Clyde Cummings

cannot agree on anything, but there is no reason to turn every disagreement into a public attack.

County government should not be allowed to sink to the level of soap-oprea entertainment. Neither one is going to rout the other, at least not until the next election.

Some people have suggested that The Daily Record and other news media should ignore the feud. However, this is a very public feud about very public matters, carried on in the Quorum Court and other forums. It would be a

this or any other dispute between elected officials.

Questions raised by each side should

disservice to our readers to cover up

be answered. These include:Does the Sheriff need 64 patrol

- cars, a motorcycle, a helicopter, an airplane and a tractor?
- Is Clyde Cummings, as head of the county Road Department, resolving problems with county roads?
- Is the Sheriff's budget adequate and is it being used effectively and according to law?

• What should it cost to operate the new jail and has the Quorum Court properly planned to fund it?

Reporters at *The Daily Record* are examining each of these questions and many other issues raised in the heat of the feud. We will publish detailed reports on the operations of both departments showing what each does and what each spends.

Citizens have a right to know how tax money is spent, item by item and dollar by dollar.

Meanwhile, let's make a few issues perfectly clear.

- Both Clyde Cummings and Andy Lee are elected officials with specific duties and jurisdiction.
- Neither has jurisdiction over the other.
- As County Judge, Cummings has the responsibility to approve the annual county budget after it is set by the Quorum Court. He also approves all purchase orders.
- The Quorum Court has the responsibility of determining how much money each department is allotted for each year.
- Nobody gains from the war of words, accusations and innuendoes between elected officials.
- Everyone in the county suffers from the effects of this feud.

The solution is clear:
Stop the show-business antics and get back to work.

# Republicans believe...

- The most effective government is government closest to the people.
- ★ The individual is at the heart of good government. Each person's ability, dignity, freedom and responsibility must be honored and recognized.
  - and incentive have given this nation an economic system second to none.
  - We must have equal rights, justice and opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex or national origin.

Free enterprise and individual initiative

We must promote peace, freedom and human rights around the world.

### Tim Hutchinson battling against renewal of China's trade status

WASHINGTON (AP) - A one-page proposal introduced by Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., Bentonville to Beijing.

Hutchinson and others have started a drive to block renewal this summer of China's status as a most-favored nation under Russ Feingold of Wisconsin. U.S. trade rules.

the issue puts him at odds with some of Arkansas' and the country's richest companies.

If successful, his measure could impose new tariffs on Chienese products and create other trade changes, potentially costing home-state companies, such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Tyson Foods Inc., millions of dol-

Hutchinson, from Bentonville, concedes it is tough to buck economic forces. But he believes removing China's mostfavored-nation trade status is the only way to reverse a human-rights record of religious persecution and political op-

expanded trade opportunities." different values." Hutchinson said. "There must be some things that are even er, Rep. Asa Hutchinson, also a tion of Christians, forced abormore important than the Republican, has not decided tions, forced sterilizations of the almighty dollar."

TATe are turning a blind eye to the oppressed in the interest of expanded trade opportunities. could have a ripple effect from There must be some things that are even more important than the almighty dollar.

> 6-9-97 - U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson

Their arguments have helped in some cases. His place at the forefront of persuade Rep. Jay Dickey, R- For toys, China's top export, Ark., to reverse his China posi- the tariff would jump from zero tion. After a January trip to to 70 percent. Such levies worry Asia, Dickey decided to oppose U.S. companies doing business giving trade breaks to a country with what is expected to be one that treats its inhabitants so of the world's fastest-growing "inhumanely."

how he will vote.

has teamed up with conserva- Cuba and North Korea, do not cerations of political dissidents tive Republican Sen. Jesse hold the most-favored-nation and ... the near extinction of the Helms of North Carolina and status. If China lost that status, expression of any opinion conoberal Democratic Sens. Paul it would trigger huge new tariffs trary to that of the commun Wellstone of Minnesota and on goods coming into the United regime."

States, with a tenfold increase

markets for decades to come.

The three Democrats in Tyson Foods, the Springdale-Arkansas' congressional delega- based poultry giant, counts Chition - Sen. Dale Bumpers, na and Hong Kong among its Reps. Vic Snyder and Marion top three foreign markets. Ben-Berry - side with President tonville-based Wal-Mart has ex-Clinton on this issue. They say tensive ties to China. The same they want to improve human is true for other top state indusrights in China by building tries, including chemical manumore economic influence and facturers, energy companies and using the trade access to push producers of rice and other agricultural products.

"We can do more good trading But Tim Hutchinson said, "I with these folks," Berry said, think they understand how "We want to make it a situation committed I am to my beliefs on the oppressed in the interest of where they begin to recognize this. We now see a human rights Hutchinson's younger broth- by every measure - persecuhandicapped, kangaroo courts For this effort, Hutchinson Just seven nations, including for democratic dissenters, incar-

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# Farmers: Trade war won't tame dragon

Hutchinson's views on China draw dissent

BY DOUG THOMPSON ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Arkansas agriculture respects the China trade stand of Sen. Tim Hutchinson.

But members of the state's farming community also say they don't agree with the Republican senator's views.

Hutchinson joined three other U.S. senators to introduce a resolution last week to strip China of reduced-tariff status - which extends to all but seven nations worldwide.

Hutchinson cited China's human rights record, which includes suppression of dissidents, religious persecution, forced abortions as part of a population control policy, military occupation and torture in Tibet and the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square, Beijing. Congress has until September to approve or deny China's trade status.

China is Arkansas' secondlargest export customer for wheat - about \$100 million worth a year.



Tim Hutchinson

Including Hong Kong, China is the second largest export destination for Arkansas poultry. China will assume control of Hong Kong on July 1, after its 149-year lease to See CHINA, Page 3A

### China

· Continued from Page 1A the British Empire expires.

"We've had a hard-line, Cold War approach to Cuba for 38 years, and nothing has happened on human rights there," said Harvey Joe Sanner of Des Arc, Arkansas president of the American Agriculture Movement. Cuba was the biggest export customer for Arkansas rice until the embargo began in 1959.

The Soviet Union was a much more powerful and equally repressive country when the United States opened trade with it, Sanner said. "That trade helped bring down communism there," he said.

"When you're in a trade war, it's hard to have a dialogue about human rights or anything else," said Rodney Baker, spokesman for the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation.

"China is the sixth biggest export market for U.S. agricultural markets in the world," Baker said. "It's important to us... We have the same concerns for human rights, but throwing up trade barriers won't help the dialogue."

Arkansas' agriculture industry points out that the efforts of Hutchinson and his compatriots are a long shot - repealing Most Favored Nation status would require a two-thirds majority in both the Senate and the House.

But Hutchinson said he is acting out of principal, not calculation of odds.

"There must be some things that are even more important than the almighty dollar," Hutchinson

said in support of the resolution.

The Arkansas company with the most dollars to lose in China trade is Tyson Foods Inc. of Springdale, the state's largest manufacturing employer. The poultry company cannot legally sell chicken feet, or "paws," in the United States. So, the company

"Sen. Hutchinson is exactly right, that some things are more important than money. But cutting off trade will only make it worse. Any nation resents the devil out of the U.S. dictating domestic policy to them."

- Harvey Joe Sanner

sells 175 million pounds - about 80,000 metric tons - of paws and other poultry products to China and Hong Kong each year. Tyson Foods, which did not disclose sales figures to China, had no comment on Hutchinson's resolution, a spokesman said Monday.

"Sen. Hutchinson is exactly right, that some things are more important than money," Sanner said. "But cutting off trade will only make it worse. Any nation resents the devil out of the U.S. dictating domestic policy to them."

"It's not a matter of selling soybeans. It's a matter of making

things better or worse for the Chinese people, who will be the ones to suffer if we do this," Sanner said. "I really believe to do what he's talking about would only worsen the situation, but I don't doubt his good intentions."

Until last year, Arkansas' domestic market for wheat was small. U.S. wheat grading standards discount the high-moisture content in the soft wheat grown here. Arkansas growers claim soft wheat is as good as the harder, low-moisture varieties, but have vet to succeed in getting the standards changed.

Riceland Foods Inc. of Stuttgart is the largest single marketing agent for Arkansas wheat. The company's board of directors discussed China's trade status at last month's board meeting. The board voted to support continued Most Favored Nation status, Riceland spokesman Bill Reed said Mon-

"China is the second largest importer of soft red winter wheat from the U.S.," behind Egypt, importing 625,000 metric tons" in the

past year. "Our biggest concern is that disruption of trade with China will cause upheavals in the wheat market," Reed said. "The market has been pretty good for the last two years, with demand exceeding production."

"From a political standpoint, the question is whether you can effect change without trade. We look at the Soviet Union, for example. Trade helped. We believe it did help replace communism with democracy."

## Hutchinson hopes campaign-reform proposal will weed out 'soft money'

Lana F. Flowers The Morning News

Campaign reform will help the average voter feel more involved and make politicians more honest, according to U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark. Hutchinson spoke about campaign-reform proposals at a Monday meeting of the Benton County Republican Women in Rogers.

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Hutchinson said he and a group of freshman legislators have been working in committee to institute several campaign

He said an announcement about the reform proposals is expected soon, but the chief goal of reform is to get rid of "soft

political party.

tered to candidates, but since can-many people believe that their inheritance tax, which is now 55 didates don't get the checks participation doesn't count," percent. directly, the contributions are Hutchinson said. referred to as "soft money."

seems to want to address soft a balanced-budget agreement.

corporate greenbacks.



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forbidden by law from contribut- U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Fort Smith (left), talks with ing directly to a candidate; how- Donna Hutchinson, wife of his brother U.S. Sen. Tim ever, organizations can con- Hutchinson, and Margorie Marugg-Wolf prior to speaking tribute as much as they like to a to the Benton County Republican Women on Monday.

"Millions of dollars in checks finance reform, Hutchinson said ers — work all their lives and save go from large corporations and some in Congress have also been so that they will have something labor unions to political parties," working on tax-relief measures, to leave their children. Then, the Hutchinson said. "Neither side Hutchinson said that \$85 billion federal government stands there (Democrats or Republicans) in tax relief is set aside as part of with a hand out and asks for 55

However, Hutchinson said, includes a \$500 tax credit for each the children must sell the farm or campaign reforms will encourage child younger than 18 years old; business to just pay the taxes and the average voter, who may often allowing families to deduct up to don't get their parents' legacy feel a single vote from Jane or 50 percent of college tuition; John Doe can't compete in the reducing the individual capital. Congress has agreed on the taxpolitical arena with millions of gains tax from 28 percent to 20 relief package in theory, the "It's important that we restore capital-gains tax from 35 percent relief proposals into law.

The money is eventually fil- confidence in government. Too to 30 percent; and reducing the

Hutchinson said many people

In addition to campaign- - farmers, small business ownpercent of that person's life's The tax-relief proposal work, Hutchinson said that, often,

Hutchinson said that, while percent; reducing the corporate tricky part is writing the tax-

#### Benton County Republican Women June 16, 1997 Prairie Creek Hickory House

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Introduction of Guest Speaker

Jody Parsons 1st Vice President, BCRW

Guest Speaker

U.S. Congressman Asa Hutchinson 3rd District

Adjourn

#### County expects stray dogs to go to Humane Society if law passes

If Benton County officials of dogs housed in the society stray dogs will be rounded up and have access to 16 pens. taken to the Humane Society for Animals in Rogers, according to the Humane Society said some of

Miners has drafted several ver- county's stray dogs. sions of the proposed ordinance,

If passed, the law would make it dogs are out in the county." llegal for a dog to roam off of its 
The Humane Society will euthabeing present.

Rogers, cast the lone vote against The society ended its contract the ordinance. The second reading with the city in February 1995 saywill take place at the June 26 meet ing the amount of money budgeted

To enforce the ordinance, the paid the society \$3,270 per month county will have to hire an animal- during the last six months of the control officer and provide a truck contract in 1995.

where. Miners said the Humane Court meetings. Society is the county's only alterna-

but it is clean," Miners commented "will probably not be a perfect soluon the Humane Society's overall tion." appearance "(The shelter workers) "We definitely need a dog ordi-

he county's stray animals.

Matt Matthews, director of code inforcement for Rogers, said last week that the shelter could work out an agreement with the county, but

Miners said the county could not ot wait until construction was

"I was hoping to enforce the ordi-

The Humane Society has 83 dog ens. On Friday, 67 dogs were

cked in its own pen. If the number

Keith Davenport

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approve a dog control ordinance, remains at 67 dogs, the county will

Justice of the Peace Anne Miners, the pens are large enough to hold two dogs, making more room for the

How many pens will be needed and the Quorum Court has dis- by the county is the "million-dollar cussed the ordinance for several question," Morgan said. "No one knows how many stray or vicious

owner's property without the owner nize unclaimed dogs caught in the county. "It's an unfortunate proce-The ordinance has to be read and dure, but with the number of dogs pproved three times before it we'll receive, there is no way around

The Quorum Court approved the The city of Rogers contracted first reading of the ordinance at its with the Humane Society for sever-June 12 meeting. JP Jeff Moser, R- al years to provide animal shelter by the city was inadequate. Rogers

Several county residents have Also, the dogs caught by the offi-voiced opinions for and against the cer would have to be taken some dog ordinance during Quorum

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on both sides, and the ordinance
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feel they can handle it, and its our nance for our heavily populated areas," he said. "But in the farm Miners also asked the Animal areas there is less of a demand for Shelter of Rogers if it had room for an ordinance, and they are the ones who don't want a dog ordinance."

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#### Republicans

As part of the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP), the Benton County Republican Women are donating to the Bentonville Public Library "Transforming America From Inside Out" by Kay Coles James. James is the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the state of Virginia and served in the White House during the Bush administration.

Reviewers sayd her views on poverty, homosexuality, abortion and racism will surprise readers. Her prescriptions might disturb them, but the book challenges readers to make America a safe and decent place in which to live and raise families.

## Boozman: NWA 1/3/97 base not a hindrance

BY GARY LOOKADOO Daily Record Staff

Boozman III insisted Tuesday said. voters elsewhere.

same region of the state.

Arkansas, when they evaluate One summer I worked on the the person running, have got minnow farms down in to evaluate is, how well can this person represent the

whole state. Then they've got to look at each one of us and ROGERS - Republican see what has been our experi-U.S. Senate candidate Fay ence in the state," Boozman

being from northwest He has had lots of experi-Arkansas won't hurt him with ences with all regions of the state, he said.

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### GOP women keep Phillips president

With 60% backing, she'll finish 2-year term but stay mum on abortion

The Arkansas Federation of Republican Women announced Phillips, would finish her two- gardless of their views on abortional GOP edict for members to tion, she said. remain silent on the abortion is-

with the organization."

Phillips said she doesn't plan abortions. to publicly speak further on abor-

publican Women.

saturday that its president, Joyce sition proves that all women, re-choice." year term despite breaking a na- tion, are welcome in the federa-

"It's a wonderful group of plaints from federation members women," Phillips said. "They 100 after the Arkansas Democratpercent support me. Now I'm go- Gazette reported the next day that ing to get out there and go forward she supported abortion rights and ment, Treadway said. opposed a ban on partial-birth

She said the story misrepre-

BY ERIN GIBSON 6-2229 Ron, as requested of all members sented her views, and that a story by the National Federation of Re- clarifying her position correctly stated that she's against partial-But she hopes retaining her po- birth abortions and is "pro-

Cathy Treadway, media spokesman for the federation, said Phillips' response was "a person-Phillips, unanimously elected al representation of Joyce Phillips May 24, said she received com- and not a corporate representation of AFRW.

Phillips' beliefs on abortion fit with her view of limited govern-

But she has never had an abortion, doesn't encourage anyone See PHILLIPS, Page 2B

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else to do so and doesn't oppose other federation members who crusade against abortion on a person-to-person basis, Treadway

The federation, which consists of 40 local units and 1.700 members statewide, resolved in 1991 that the organization would remain neutral on abortion. Treadway said.

"In that regard, the president of AFRW personally regrets that her remarks were interpreted as rights. an official stand of AFRW, or that she was elected to her office as a result of a pro-choice force with AFRW, as rumored," Treadway

Phillips asked the federation's

of confidence in her office to defeat rumors that she wouldn't letter to federation officials apolohave been elected president if her gizing for "a serious misstep." In views on abortion had been the letter, Phillips asked the other known before the election. Tread- members of the federation's exec-

Of the local presidents, 60 percent voted for Phillips to continue on which each committee mem-Phillips to resign and 20 percent send it back to her. didn't respond, she said.

committee members on whether continue as president, Phillips she should remain as president said. three days after the May 23 interview when she was asked whether she was for or against abortion

"That's something I really hate tion. to answer," she responded at the time, "but if you were to really dig it out of me. I would say choice.

40 local unit presidents for a vote an article on Sunday, May 25, and going to do a wonderful job.

the following day Phillips sent a utive committee whether she should resign and included a form as president, 20 percent voted for ber could check off an answer and

More than half of the commit-Phillips first polled executive tee's members said she should

> Mary Harvey, the federation's last president, said Phillips has worked her way up through the federation and deserves the posi-

"She's a well-educated, articulate, attractive working mother who is leading the largest women's political organization in The comment was included in Arkansas," Harvey said. "She is

### Benton County quartet still going strong after years of public service

need to register to vote or want to meetings.

For more than 10 years, four 1981.

Mary Lou Slinkard; Circuit Clerk said.

#### Gloria Spring-Peterson

visited with some other county trea- Now, it's not that uncommon or are supposed to come to court.

"That's kind of unique," Spring- these things.

ings to report on county finances or times and back to having to watch herself a feminist.

some affluent times, but the trend is each day. downward again," Spring-Peterson "I'm a workaholic. I'm always job I could," Hodges said. said. "When you're hit with the working as it is," Slinkard said.

night meetings," Spring-Peterson said.

#### Mary Lou Slinkard

Men, take notice. In Benton bate to voter registration to mailing a lot of people. County, if you need court records, out agendas for Quorum Court "It wasn't so much the political

have been in charge of tracking ernment or in public service before. ing with people in general and talkpublic court records and placing Charles Gocio, for 18 years. I The circuit clerk is in charge of The women are Treasurer Gloria now the old-time, experienced attor-ing case files for all court matters -Spring-Peterson; County Clerk neys were brand-new," Slinkard from civil lawsuits to criminal

the county clerk's office easier. How- courts; serving as the depository for Spring-Peterson was elected in of the few women in county govern- payments; and maintaining records 1984 and started serving as treasurment when she started. Josephine on deeds and mortgages in the couner in 1985. She said she decided to Heyland was the circuit clerk when ty. run for the office when the former Slinkard was elected, and she said treasurer didn't seek re-election. she can't remember any other she enjoys most is meeting jurors. "I had been working in the asses- female elected officials.

surers and said a lot of prayers," unusual," Slinkard said. "There are She noted that she, Hodges and jobs. In a way, women get things sacrifices. Sandlin all started out working in done. Women have to work harder the assessor's office and all three just to overcome the fact that, some in working in any of the offices.

As treasurer, Spring-Peterson women because you're working in a She said she feels a little like a

She said she feels a little like a Benton County. answer questions. She has seen the trailblazer for being a woman in Hodges said she will probably county go from lean times to boom elected office, but is hesitant to label run for circuit clerk again, but says

Slinkard also said she doesn't office. "When I first came in, we didn't feel like she's working in a "macho" hardly have enough money to make world — she just feels like a woman improve an office and help things the payroll. We have been through who goes to work and does a job work faster But I know when I ran

Spring-Peterson said she hasn't Slinkard said there still seems to be listed on a computer, but the only had to deal with the challenges of a stigma attached to women holding information available is the names

who doesn't have children to attend behind on these things," Slinkard actual paper file

#### Sue Hodges

Slinkard, who has served as serve as circuit clerk, but was and wasn't available for an intercounty clerk for 16 years, is now the appointed to serve as assessor in view

6.27. To Lana F. Flowers longest-serving official in county 1985 and 1986. She said she first

elected women in Benton County "I had not worked in county gov- are kind and gracious. I love work-

"Also at that time, there were compiling lists of potential jurors interested in the treasurer's office. I very few women attorneys around, and notifying them of when they

Despite the pleasures of her job. more and more women doing these Hodges said there have been some

times, people think women can't do There are a lot of long hours. I have "I think it's a little tougher on time with my family," Hodges said.

tracks county finances, makes fish bowl and trying to serve the pioneer, because when she was investments with county money public but still try to keep part of appointed assessor in 1985, there and attends Quorum Court meet- your life private," Slinkard said. hadn't been a female assessor in

she's afraid to get too comfortable in

For example, she said she would growth and it's not in your plans, Despite the fact that women are like to put more of the records on "It's not been all that difficult "I think the stigma is still there dants, the case number and which because I don't have any children at when you talk about a woman coun judge has the case. If someone home. My husband is very under- ty judge. I don't know why Benton wants to view documents in a case standing. It's easier for someone. County always seems to be a little. file, the person must look at the

EDITOR'S NOTE: Shirley Sandlin was out of town at a Hodges was elected in 1966 to statewide assessors' conference 8A — Wednesday, June 25, 1997

#### Republicans

As part of the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP), the Benton County Republican Women are donating to the Bentonville Public Library "Transforming America From Inside Out" by Kay Coles James. James is the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the state of Virginia and served in the White House during the Bush administration.

Reviewers sayd her views on poverty, homosexuality, abortion and racism will surprise readers. Her prescriptions might disturb them, but the book challenges readers to make America a safe and decent place in which to live and raise families.

## Boozman: NWA 1/30/97 base not a hindrance

BY GARY LOOKADOO Daily Record Staff

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The Benton County Daily Record

## Hutchinson fighting for tax reform

The cries of "Death to the Death Tax" have apparently gotten through in Washington.

The recent passage of the Taxpayer Relief Bill by the House of Representatives means substantial reform of federal inheritance tax is one step closer to reality. Now the bill moves on to reconciliation with a similarly structured measure already passed by the Senate.

Our representative in Arkansas' 3rd Congressional District, Asa Hutchinson, has stood solidly behind the movement for inheritance tax reform, and for that we applaud him. Hutchinson had cosponsored an early measure called the Family Heritage Preservation Act, which was unfortunately never picked up out of the Ways and Means Committee, and his continuing commitment to reforming the real estate tax laws could mean a brighter future for those who own family businesses and would like to see them passed down to their children.

Under current law, a family member who inherits the family business after the owner's death will have to pay the government in the neighborhood of 55 percent in taxes on all assets inherited — buildings, equipment, land; the whole lock, stock and barrel.

The crushing tax penalty for those who want to preserve th family business can be devastating. Critics of the tax code say it is killing the concept of the small, familyowned business in America.

The result is that many family-owned businesses are swallowed up by larger chains as the heirs reluctantly have to sell the business or break up and liquidate their assets in the face of a monstrous tax bill.

Of course we in the newspaper industry do have a vested interest in the reform of estate tax laws, since there are scores of small newspapers across the country who are still owned by hometown families with a rich tradition in their respective communities.

The 200 independent newspaper members of the Newspaper Association of America have been working with other business groups in seeking estate tax reform, but theirs is not the only grassroots movement.

Right here in Arkansas, the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation has started its own grassroots campaign by farmers, ranchers and small business owners to help lobby their legislators to make strides toward meaningful estate tax reform.

That campaign alone generated more than 2,700 letters from farmers and small business owners asking for the repeal of the 'death tax." Those letters joined 45,000 others from across the country as part of the Farm Bureau's nationwide lobbying efforts.

While the current legislation undergoing reconciliation in Congress would see the estate tax exemption rise from the current \$600,000 figure to a \$1 million level, the Arkansas Farm Bureau representatives lobbying for such reform would like to see the bar raised even higher.

"We really need to raise it to \$2 million," said Andrew Wisenhut, president of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation. "If we could get a \$2 million when it comes to any type of tax code reform, we would have to agree that more is better. But at the same time, we want to praise Congress — and especially, when it comes to any type of tax code reform, we would have to agree that more is better. But at the same time, we want to praise Congress — and especially Rep. Asa Hutchinson — for working toward substantial reform of a tax code that is suffocating the American family business.

### Gingrich's visit pays off for Dickey

Christine Dorsey News Washington Bureau

Rep. Jay Dickey, R-Pine ary and much of his success can be attributed to an appearance by House Speak-4th district congressman in

up for re-election until 1998. but candidates are required

Gingrich, a Georgia Republican, helped raise approximately \$70,000 for about 70 of them paid an additional \$500 for a private

"Oh yes, it was successa joint appearance by Rep.

of income for candidates.

Republican party commitinterest on campaign accounts he keeps in five dif-

## Asa Hutchinson is busy collecting donations, getting prepared for 1998

WASHINGTON - Last year's campaign committee. his oath of office, he has \$44,436 and gave Hutchinson a total of \$5,400. est groups alike to gear up for 1998.

Hutchinson took in \$76,543 in contributions during the first half cities. The Arkansas Republican of this year, according to campaign Party gave Hutchinson \$2,500, and al Election Commission. Just more ing poultry and other agriculture than half of the contributions were interests, telecommunications, from individual donors. The rest banking, airlines, health and insurtees, or PACS, and Republican Party donated a total of \$35,000.

July after his brother, Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Bentonville, gave up more than \$373,000 and spent

But the race left him with few leftover dollars. On top of that, the chairman still has debts totaling more than \$65,000 from a failed Senate bid in 1986 against Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., who is retiring

Hutchinson's campaign commitmore than \$5,600 on fund-raising receptions. Mark Myers, who was the congressman's campaign manager and now works in his Washington office, was traveling Friday and unavailable for comment. Hutchinson also was traveling in the district

\$7,000 on campaign-related travel,

Christine Dorsey another \$2,000 on telephone calls News Washington Bureau from January to June. He also donated \$1,000 to his 1986 Senate

ting Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Fort tions, he received more than \$10,000 Smith, against last-minute Democ- from employees of Arkansas healthratic candidate Ann Henry, left the care and insurance companies. Sevcongressman with about \$2,000 in eral employees of the Cooper Clinic. the bank. Six months after taking a Fort Smith walk-in health clinic,

> He also received donations from tives, mostly from Fort Smith, special-interest groups representance, tobacco and timber industries

#### **Delay speaks to County GOP Women**

By GARY LOOKADOO \$ 21.97 Delay said.

meeting of Benton County Re- issue in the race. take decades.

paign funds from public utili- race is the environment and been a Republican-elected state ties. The state attorney general what should be the next attor- attorney general in Arkansas, represents ratepayers before ney general's role in environ- but predicted he would break the state Public Service Com- mental issues, Delay said.

ROGERS - Republican Gun- cision that sidetracked a state Delay added he's against enviner Delay, a candidate for law against a late-term abortion ronmental issues being used by Arkansas Attorney General, procedure Delay asserted that, an attorney general to pursue he expects to take into the fall charge of the state's case for its Delay termed two major envi-Delay, main speaker at a candidates stand on abortion an Sierra Club and Greenpeace

defending a ban," he said

mission, and taking such funds He cited an instance when "This is going to be a tough in the upcoming campaign the attorney general sued a Fort race for attorney general. But I would create at least the ap- Smith plant on environmental believe with everything in me pearance of a conflict of interest, grounds - the company left that I can win," Delay said.

law, the situation makes each ronmental advocacy groups, the publican Women, promised to "Is the attorney general (can-ask whether the next attorney process, noting that appeals by I'm pro-life. I'm not sure I want thority (of the attorney general's convicted criminals sometimes a pro-choice attorney general office) to pursue radical environ-

He pledged not to take cam- Another major issue of the Delay noted there has never the GOP losing streak

#### **Boozman: 2nd senator from northwest** Arkansas would represent entire state

BY GARY LOOKADOO

Senator from northwest Arkansas doesn't worry voters elected next year, he said. outside the northwest region of the state, a U.S. Senate candi-

meeting of the Benton County which he has lived.

tor from northwest Arkansas Prescott, Boozman said. and from Benton County.

concerns about having a second the whole state, and he would do northwest Arkansas U.S. sena- the same, Boozman said. tor exclusively from people in "Tim has shown by the way northwest Arkansas, Boozman he's conducted himself that it

Arkansas," the candidate said. that it's not an issue."

In fact, he's had lots of expe- Many in the GOP meeting

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- Fay Boozman III

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Before living in Benton Coun-Boozman, who formally en- ty, he grew up in Fort Smith, tered the U.S. Senate race last went to college for a year in week, wants to join U.S. Sen. Conway, and had 10 years' med-Tim Hutchinson from Ben- ical training in Little Rock, and tonville as the second U.S. sena- worked in Pine Bluff and

Hutchinson has demonstrat-Surprisingly, he's hearing ed he can effectively represent

(regional concerns) is not an is-"We're finding this to be the sue," Boozman said. "Let people biggest issue in northwest know in our own community

rience in the rest of the state, room, including Benton County and it will serve him and the Republican Chairman Jonathan

Barnett, wore "Boozman for U.S "I can represent Arkansas as Senate" stickers at the meeting

## **Senator Hutchinson outlines** party's success in past 4 years

Daily Record Staff

BELLA VISTA - U.S. Senamore than 125 Republican men and women Friday the Republican party has made great political strides in the last four years. and bring America to a budget

first eight months in the U.S. said. Senate and spoke about the Rethe Bella Vista Country Club.

years, was elected U.S. Senator ness people, he said. in January. "If I remember corwe needed."

Since the Republicans have years, Hutchinson said Ameri- Arkansas more fairly." cans have seen "enormous, enormous changes."

Hutchinson said. This year, more than we get back." America saw the first tax cut in Reagan era, he said.

saying, "The era of the big labor shouldn't occur. government is over," Hutchinson relayed.

proposed to balance the budget pire."

T.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson said his agenda now entails a commitment to push through a hightor Tim Hutchinson assured way funding bill which would treat Arkansas more

Other significant changes are

based health care reforms and mary will be exciting. Hutchinson, who served as a legislators placing themselves

vote in Benton County," he said. from 19 percent in 1993, to 52 about his family. "You helped provide the cushion percent today, the highest in a generation, he said.

16 years - since the Ronald a China Bill Act which will ad- greeted the Hutchinson family

dress the ongoing abuses of the and spent an hour and one-half In 1993, the federal govern- people in that country. Hutchin- speaking with them in the Oval ment was expanding. Since son believes the bill will send a Office. then, the president of the message to the Communist

he said, citing the example of button collection. Four years ago, the deficit how Reagan took a stand was growing to a \$200 billion against what he called the "old wall, then looked at Clinton. loss. Today, government has Soviet Union - the evil em-

When Reagan took issue. Hutchinson highlighted his surplus by 2002, Hutchinson Communism began to crumble Hutchinson said.

The Republican party is also publican party's general marked by governmental agree- seeing tremendous growth, and achievements at the Republican ments to secure Medicare for Hutchinson said the number of Men of Bella Vista meeting at the next 10 years, more market- Republicans who run for the pri-

Hutchinson's address wasn't U.S. Representative for eight under the same laws as busi- strictly political seriousness. however. He took the opportuni-As a result, the approval rat- ty to highlight his talk with hurectly, we had 70 percent of the ing for Congress has increased mor, giving several anecdotes

In January, Hutchinson's 84year-old mother traveled to Hutchinson said his agenda Washington, D.C. for his and his taken majority hold of the U.S. now entails a commitment to brother, Asa's, swearing in cere-House of Representatives and push through a highway fund-mony. He arranged for a tour of Senate for the first time in 40 ing bill which would "treat the White House but upon arriving, the group learned they Arkansas is a donor state, he couldn't tour since President said, which means the state Bill Clinton was still working in In 1993, America saw the subsidizes other states. As it the Oval Office. An exception "biggest tax increase in history," now stands, "Arkansas pays in was made, however, something his staff said had never been Other issues at hand include done before. Clinton came out,

Clinton even took them to his "other party" was heard as leaders that such acts as slave private working quarters just off the Oval Office and showed "Appeasement never works," his extensive political campaign His mother looked at the

"I don't see a Hutchinson button up there," she quipped.



man while Sen. Tim Hutchinson (right) Thursday in Little Rock.

State Sen. Fay Boozman (center) greets a looks on after Boozman's announcement

## ozman announces candidac

News Little Rock Bureau Bumpers, a Democrat.

on Thursday and got an immediate endorsement ground for the job. from his close friend, neighbor and fellow church

under other circumstances, he wouldn't have done position of the junior senator from the state of

David Robinson announce for the Senate seat being vacated by Dale

Surrounded by about 50 enthusiastic friends LITTLE ROCK — State Sen. Fay Boozman, R. family members and several Republican lawmakers Rogers, announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate Thursday, Boozman said his life has been a training

as a husband and as a grandfather, as an employe "He is truly a good man," Hutchinson said. "He's as an employee, as a member of the National Guard Hutchinson said he ignored advice that his give me the credentials to place my name before the endorsement might be a bad political move, and people of Arkansas and seek their support for the

Please see BOOZMAN. Page A2

Boozman, 52, is the first Republican to officially

"Almost daily I receive contact Charles Fuqua, R-Springdale. selves having unwanted conse-expressed an interest in the Senatequences from well-intentioned leg-race include former state Sen. Luislation," he said, "It is so important Hardin of Russellville; Reps. Ted that those of us who are elected offi- Mullenix of Hot Springs and Joe cials understand that as we try to Hudson of Mountain Home; Jim meet the needs of our constituents. Keet, a Little Rock businessman and we must do no harm."

that a doctor's job is to not hurt the Siloam Springs; Reps. Ted Thomas, 80 percent of patients who would R-Little Rock; Randy Bryant, Rheal with or without a doctor's care. Rogers; Dave Bisbee, R-Rogers; and

Other Republicans who have former state senator. Dave Harring-He also addressed reported conton, former director of the tant to vote for him because he is Commission; and Tom Bonner, a from the same hometown and a former weatherman on a Little member of the same church as Rock television station.

#### Rogers woman set to run for a seat in the Arkansas House of Representatives By Gasy Lookadoo 9-10-97 of the place that I live - and courses, teaching in Head

ment to run. I will have a for- geon. mal announcement later on. The seat is held by state tatives, Bledsoe said

this year she thought it was restrictions. the candidate said.

get is a living, but what you manuel Baptist Church. give is a life. I feel that I've Bledsoe graduated from the I was going door-to-door. I given to my home and to my University of Georgia with a have experience helping othfamily, and to my community degree in journalism. She re- ers (but) I have not run for of-

ROGERS - Cecile Bledsoe in northwest Arkansas and in Louisiana and in kinderof Rogers said Tuesday she this area - I have now the garten in Louisiana, as well will seek the GOP nomination time and energy to give back as serving as a case worker for the area's District 3 state to my state. And that's why for the University of Arkansas House of Representatives I'm running," Bledsoe said. Medical Center.

but I have made a commit- Rep. Dave Bisbee, R-Rogers. "I'd like for us to examine

important to stay home with "We have wanted to be a better," she said. the family. But she decided part of whatever community Her involvement in politics now to run for office to serve a we lived in. That's the way we began in 1986, as a volunteer state she's glad she lives in, were reared - work in your in the unsuccessful U.S. Sen-

I am so grateful that I've lived Start in Georgia and

Bledsoe is the wife of Dr. She'd like to pursue her " I have made a commit- Jim Bledsoe, a Rogers sur- commitment to education in the state House of Represen-

ment to run," Bledsoe said. Bisbee has held the seat since vouchers and charter schools Until the youngest of her 1993, but is ineligible to run and things like that, because I three children left for college again because of term limits think that competition will make even our good schools

community and work in your ate campaign of Asa Hutchin-"Ronald Reagan said it church," the candidate said. son, now a U.S. representabest. He said that, 'What you She is a member of Im- tive. "I was (Hutchinson's) Rogers campaign chairman. . and my church. And, because turned to school for education fice before," Bledsoe said.

#### Boozman celebrates birthday with fund raiser

ate candidate, celebrated his said. 51st birthday Monday, with "Tonight is really the kickoff

campaign spokesman said.

Boozman expressed his grat- His decision to run was tude to supporters.

y do know what's on people's said.

His job in the campaign will

SPRINGDALE - Fay Booz- be to let Arkansans know he man III, a Republican U.S. Sen- shares their ideas, Boozman

more than a thousand friends. of our campaign," Boozman Boozman held a dinner to said. "My perception is ... it's raise funds for his candidacy at like a pyramid — the person Northwest Arkansas Conven- running for office is at the top tion Center in Springdale. carrying the flag," but the key Some 1,175 tickets - at \$25 element in a political campaign each - had been sold for the is always the support and efevent, which was organized in forts of volunteers and suponly four weeks, a Boozman porters underneath the top of the pyramid - the people who A \$100-per-person reception make phone calls, knock on ollowed the event, also in doors and offer support, Boozman said.

made even before incumbent "I think it does send a mes- U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers decidage, that we are in touch," ed earlier this year not to seek Boozman said. "I believe I real- a fifth six-year term, Boozman

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