Ec. 132. W93. Old Notes

Student opinions of Clinton speech program

1. Pro loans to students Larry Yu
2. Skeptic - A. Sison. Wants ~~tax~~ less tax on workers who consume - demand-side. More tax on unearned income
3. Political reform - campaign finance. Iwakoshi; Wesko
4. Iwakoshi likes progressive tax reform.
5. Invest in children's health. Mike Cheng
6. Empower better than entitle - Cheng. Wesko
7. Fear higher corp. tax will cut jobs - Cheng, Yu
8. " cut in defense spending will cut jobs - Cheng
9. Invest in tomorrow - consume less today - Goon.

Debt crowds out pvt. invt. Pro-Clinton.

Ec. 132 Mon. 22 Feb.

A. Summarize Clinton. Style: gradualistic, practical

1. ITC, targeted to small bus., growth indy.
2. Stop crowding-out; lower i.r. (esp. long term)
3. ✱ Include more soc. sec.
4. Token Δ corp. inc. t.r., to 36% (cap. gains remains 28% max)
5. Raised earned inc. credit; at 6 tm.
6. Energy tax
7. Raise top bracket t.r., > 180,000, up to 36%; >250k, 10% surtax
8. ~~(cap. gains stays at 28% max)~~ Cut several old programs; & Wash. bureaucracy. 150 cuts. ✱
9. Negotiated trade agreements.
10. Targeted cap. gains break, new stock issues - ~~a~~ must they also be in new cos?
11. Public health
12. College loans, repaid by comm. service.
13. Xptn - highways, airports
14. Work-relief, "summer jobs"
15. Comm. Dev. Bank; Enterprise Zones.
16. End welfare dependency. Change entitlement to empowerment.
17. End various deductions.

FTC; lobbying; entertainment; salaries > $1 m; cost of moving out of U.S.; for. corps in U.S.;

18. Δ resource rev. Radio Spectrum; grazing
19. Restore fast write-off (passive losses).
20. Raise all t.r. on inc. over $30,000.

✱ 8. Spending cuts. Defense; Nuclear research; space (JPL); REA cheap loans; Water; Farm price supports; Forest Service sales below cost;

LVG CGT Outline

1. Leading dom. issue, 1989
2. Turning in to pub. dialogue
3. Single-tax & inc. tax
4. Creeping regress p. 9
   p. 10, 7 changes, a-g.
   ITC, bright spot.
5. 1986 retrogression. Raise rate on new inv.
   Repeal ITC
   Lengthening tax lives.
   Decel. depren. pathways.

6. Cap. gains – what are they?
   '86 removed exclusion of gains. Saving grace.

~~7.~~ #

7. Loop holes for land
   Deferral
   Deduct costs of land
   a. Current depren. of land
   b. Fast write off of land
   c. Carrying costs during appreen.
   d. Rent-seeking outlays.
   e. Leasehold abandonment.
   f. Unitized drawers.

Defeating "recapture"
A. Never selling
   1, Dynastic

Ag.

2. Advance buying
3. Reserving rights when sell
4. Refinancing
5. Draining cash cow

Clinton, Wed. 16 Feb.

1. Consume less today. Think about tomorrow. Invest more
2. 4 Components
   1) less cons
   2) Lower work
   3) Lower deficit
   4) Cut govt spending; change tax structure
3. Jobless recovery is n.g.
   1) 306 jobs inv. – hi ways, airports, 700,000 summer jobs in inner city, + poor communities
   2) Long term inv.
      Capt. from paying off debt ~ or deficit reduction
      Lower i.r.
      More inv. incentive
      Target incentives for small bus
      ITC for bus. w. rev. < $5m.
      40% of jobs.
      Small business access to technology
      " " credit – comm. dev. banks.
      Enterprise Zones.
      P.W. + env. clean up.
   3) Expand foreign mkts by negotiating,
   4) "Target" growth indus ~~for exit~~ to get aid.
4. Health Care system

No "stimulus"

5. Public Health - Vaccinations, prenatal nutrition, head start

6. Edu. Worker Trng.
College loans repaid by community service.
✓ Nat. Service program - bigger than G.I. Bill, land grant colleges.

✓ Reward work. Expand earned inc. credit.

7. Welfare system. End welfare as a way of life.

8. Tough crime bill. Pass Brady bill.

9. Campaign finance reform bill; motor voter bill. End tax deduction for lobbying.

10. Cut Work. bur. by 100,000.

11. Freeze Fed. salaries 1 yr.

✓ 12. 150 specific budget cuts. See 14.

✓ 13. Endorses crowding out thesis.
Wants to cut deficit. Uses CBO figures.

14. Cuts. Nuclear pwr. research
REA int. subsidies.
No sacred cows.
Defense.

15. > $80,000, 31% to 36%
+ 10% surtax > ($200,000? $500,000?)
Closing some loopholes — what?
Corp. rate 36%
Cut deduction entertainment (symbolic)
Cut help in moving overseas.
Fed. emps in Gov. pay same as U.S.
98% families will have no Δ t.o.
Cap on profits to providers of health care.
Soc. Sec. — shuts.

BTU tax
Pollution
Energy effic.
Fair among regions. Vague.

Families under 30,000 pay no more — less earned inc. offsets inc. tax.

Lower i.r. — from deficit reduction.

Kinsley

1. Neutrality
   a) If tax people + not K, cause subsidy prop - for people.
   ~~b) Gains pref.~~
   b) ~~a)~~ Misdirects K, e.g. office bldgs.

2. Inflation

3. Target new bus.? Too complex.

4. Holding pd.
   a) Long K no better than short
   b) Stock shares. Holding pd. no relation to asset pd.

5. Unlock cap?
   Better way is remove carryd of death.

6. Japan? No

7. Cap losses?

Mon., Jan. 25

1. Mid-term. Fri.
   Prop. Tax today; Cap. gains Wed.

The Prop. Tax

H. D. Simpson
   Ben. recd. vs. ability to pay.

Orig., ability was rationale for prop. tax.
19th, opponents used benefit theory. Contract thy. of state. Courts protect prop. Climax, Pollock Case, 1894.

Now, 1939, ability is key.
(" 1993, use charges are "in".)

Benefit principle was only a detour. We're back to "ability" — A. Smith's idea.

	9:30	
Tues	~~10~~ A	Kevin
Tues	10:00	Selim
"	10:30	Mike Cheng

Prof. Tax: Hi Points

1. How values adjust

$$B = \frac{a}{i+t}$$

$$CC = B(i+t) = \frac{a}{i+t}(i+t) = a$$

$$ROR = \frac{a}{V} = \frac{a}{\frac{a}{i+t}} = i+t$$

$$RORAT = (i+t) - t = i$$

2. p. 2, (c)

3. p. 2, (7.)

~~$\frac{T}{B} = \frac{a}{i+t}$~~ $B = \frac{a}{i+t}$

$$Bt = a\frac{t}{i+t}$$

So effective rate depends on i.r.

" " " " $a = \frac{T}{a}$

$$\frac{T}{a} = \frac{tB}{a} = \frac{t\frac{a}{i+t}}{a} = \frac{t}{i+t}$$

4. p. 2, 10, c Pa. System

5. p. 2, 1. Taxable wealth.

6. p. 3, b, c. History

7. Level of govt. p. 4, 4, pol. strategy
   Integrate with p. 7, F, Central & Local Govt.

8. p. 5, D, allocational effects
   Ignore – substitute PTF UR

9. p. 6 Distrib. effects
   Is outline of PTP

10. p. 8, G, rationale.

$$B = \frac{a}{i+t}$$

$$Bi = a\frac{i}{i+t}$$

$$\rightarrow \quad cc = B(i+t) = a$$

Case of Pac. Lumber. Tax exemption allows sale at high price to clear-cutter, now pressed by junk bonds.

Nation, State & Southern California

BRIEFS

Jury convicts doctor in chloroform murder

A doctor was convicted of murder yesterday in Vista for accidentally killing a woman friend when he used chloroform to knock her out so he could rape her.

Dr. Samson Dubria, 29, of Morristown, N.J., was convicted of first-degree murder, rape and administering an anesthetic during commission of a felony.

The verdict was returned after one full day of deliberations. The Superior Court jury also found that, because the murder was committed during a rape, Dubria should be sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Dubria was convicted of murdering Jennifer Klapper, 20, of Cincinnati. She was traveling with him on a sightseeing trip through Southern California when she died at a Carlsbad motel in 1991.

Dubria told police that Klapper had died mysteriously after the two had consensual sex in their shared motel room. An autopsy did not reveal the cause of death, but toxicology tests found a lethal amount of chloroform in Klapper's body, leading to charges against Dubria.

Honig may not get jail, attorney reports

Probation officers recommended that suspended state schools chief Bill Honig work 1,000 hours of community service rather than go to prison for his conflict-of-interest conviction, his attorney said.

The Sacramento County Probation Department also urged that Honig pay a $10,800 fine and be placed on probation, said attorney Hugh Levine, adding he had received a copy of the probation report this week.

Superior Court Judge James L. Long does not have to follow the recommendations. Honig faces up to five years in state prison when he is sentenced by Long on Wednesday.

A jury convicted Honig Jan. 29 on four felony conflict-of-interest counts.

Cosby returns to NBC

Bill Cosby and NBC will reunite in 1993-94 for a series of two-hour movies that will be spun off into a weekly series the following season, NBC West Coast President Don Ohlmeyer announced yesterday.

Cosby, who led then-struggling NBC into ratings dominance in the 1980s with "The Cosby Show," will star in four two-hour movies described in an NBC statement as "light mystery."

The NBC movies and series will be produced in New York, as was "The Cosby Show."

Washington

Portable cribs recalled

Playskool Travel-Lite portable cribs that were blamed for three infant suffocations are being recalled by the manufacturer, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said yesterday.

The agency said consumers should immediately stop using the Playskool Travel-Lite cribs with model numbers 77101 and 77103.

Kolcraft Enterprises Inc. of Chicago, the manufacturer, is voluntarily recalling 11,638 cribs made between 1990 and 1992, the agency said.

It said consumers who own the cribs should immediately stop using them and call Kolcraft at 1-800-453-7673 to arrange for them to be picked up. Kolcraft also will give consumers a refund, the commission said.

From news services

Senate votes to bar AIDS-infected foreigners

By Richard L. Vernaci
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate voted yesterday to bar AIDS-infected foreigners from immigrating permanently to the United States, a lopsided defeat for President Clinton that left the White House groping for what to do next.

Clinton had promised during the campaign that he would lift a ban already in place, but right after the vote the White House seemed to run up the white flag.

"If you look at the vote margin, he doesn't have that many options," said spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers. "He's going to review it; I think the Senate made a pretty strong statement about it."

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., thought so, too, and said the 76-23 vote on his amendment should send the administration a message that letting people with the AIDS virus into the country and letting homosexuals into the military are politically unpopular.

"Frankly, I think President Clinton made a lot of promises to special interest groups that are not in sync with the American people, and this is one of them," Nickles said.

Up to now, the immigration ban has been a matter of policy that the administration could change. But Nickles' amendment would make that policy federal law.

His amendment is attached to a bill that authorizes spending for the National Institutes of Health. The bill itself later passed 93-4 and now goes to the House, where a similar effort is under way to put the ban into law.

Before approving Nickles' amendment, the Senate defeated a move by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., that would have kept current federal policy in place for 90 days but left Clinton free to change it after that.

Kennedy, whose measure lost on a 56-42 vote, said the United States had obligations that extend beyond its borders. Such obligations, he said, would include political refugees who should not be denied U.S. government protection simply because they have caught a virus.

But Nickles said medical costs could range upward of $100,000 per person with AIDS. And he said the nation's resources should not be sapped to pay for foreigners with an expensive and fatal illness.

HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, is one of a handful of infections the government has decided should be grounds for excluding foreigners from entering this country. The others are syphilis and four other sexually transmitted diseases, along with infectious tuberculosis and a form of leprosy.

New storm hits Northern California

The Associated Press

An offshore storm system spun waves of rain across Northern California yesterday, further bloating saturated coastal hillsides and burying inland mountains under new snow.

Forecasters said wet weather would continue into the weekend and possibly until Monday.

Isolated thunderstorms were predicted today along the coast from San Luis Obispo to Marin County while the northernmost parts of the state would be spared the brunt of the storm, said National Weather Service spokesman Gary Lipari.

Lipari said snow fell throughout yesterday in most of the Sierra Nevada, where up to two feet was expected at higher elevations by today. As much as a foot was expected in the Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou region. High winds along the coast also caused concern.

In the Santa Cruz Mountains, rain pounded early in the day, but slackened temporarily by noon, prompting the weather service to cancel flash flood warnings for parts of Santa Cruz, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

The Associated Press

Two neighbors use snow blowers to remove the fresh snow that fell on their homes in Mount Shasta yesterday.

Two firms charged in alleged juice scheme

The Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.

Two juice manufacturers were indicted yesterday on charges they sold millions of cartons of highly diluted orange juice containing an unapproved preservative.

The juice was sold in 11 states, not California, including to several school districts, the indictment said. The juice was packed under at least 23 labels and sold from 1979 to 1991, when investigators found evidence of adulteration, U.S. Attorney John Smietanka said.

The juice was made and distributed by Peninsular Products Co. of Lansing, Mich., and Flavor Fresh Foods Corp. of Chicago.

It contained large amounts of beet sugar, citric and amino acids and orange pulp-wash, but was sold as orange juice from concentrate, Smietanka said.

The adulterated products apparently didn't pose a health risk, but some of the juice contained the antibiotic preservative natamycin, which hasn't been tested for use in beverages.

Using inferior products lowered the companies' costs, allowing them to sell the juice at inflated prices, Smietanka said. He said that companies defrauded the public of at least $10 million from 1984-90.

Harassment at Universal theme park alleged

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Scores of current and former Universal Studios Hollywood employees said they've witnessed or experienced sexual harassment at the tourist attraction, it was reported yesterday.

At least 23 studio employees have been accused of sexual harassment at the theme park since 1990, according to union and company sources that weren't identified by the Los Angeles Times.

The newspaper said seven employees were fired or suspended, but Universal officials refused to confirm the number.

Court records show that two female park employees filed sexual harassment lawsuits against Universal in the last five years.

Universal, a subsidiary of MCA Inc. that employs 4,000 people, denied there is a pattern of sexual harassment at the theme park. In a statement, the company said any large enterprise will encounter some cases of "inappropriate sexually related statements or actions."

Some employees said their complaints to supervisors were not forwarded to upper management.

"I put up with pornographic pictures, the lewd talk, the guys running around propositioning the girls," said Loretta Miller, a makeup artist who alleges she was attacked on the "Adventures of Conan" set. "But this time . . . it went too far. The guy attacked me. . . . I was hysterical."

Ron Bension, an MCA executive who oversees Universal Studios, said that, in "each and every case where the company was aware of a complaint, we acted decisively."

Sid Sheinberg, president and chief operating officer of MCA, said in a letter to Times Editor Shelby Coffey III that some allegations of sexual harassment were "patently ludicrous on their face."

In a $10 million lawsuit filed in December, Wendy Sue Rosen alleges a former supervisor demanded oral sex and masturbated in front of her in 1990. Rosen, who worked at Universal for 13 years, described other forms of harassment and alleged that a boss offered her paid vacations for sex.

Rosen said she complained to union and company officials but didn't file a written grievance because she feared retribution.

Kevorkian helps two Californians in suicide

By Laura Grimmer
The Associated Press

WATERFORD, Mich.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian yesterday assisted two cancer sufferers from California in suicide, bringing to 15 the number of people he has helped die since 1990.

The advocate of physician-assisted suicide has speeded up his work as a March 30 ban on the practice looms in Michigan. He has aided in six deaths this month alone.

Grenz

Ruwart

Jonathon Grenz, 44, of Costa Mesa and Martha Ruwart, 41, of Cardiff-by-the-Sea died yesterday, Waterford Township Police Officer Bill Himmelspach said. Ruwart had lived for the past three months with a sister in Kalamazoo, he said.

Ruwart had duodenal cancer that had spread to her ovaries and Grenz had throat cancer, said Geoffrey Fieger, Kevorkian's attorney.

Fieger said there had been "an unusual and just very great amount of medical help in this particular case . . . medical involvement by other physicians." The attorney refused to elaborate.

The cancer forced doctors to remove much of Grenz's tongue and part of his neck, said Michael Schwartz, another attorney representing Kevorkian. Surgeons who operated on Ruwart in December said the cancer had spread and her prognosis was poor, he said.

Both breathed carbon monoxide, the same method used in the other recent suicides, Schwartz said. He said he didn't know how long Kevorkian had been consulting with the two.

He said the patients, not Kevorkian, are the reason for the suicide doctor's stepped-up activity as the March 30 deadline nears. Many fear Kevorkian will be behind bars and unable to help them if they wait too long, he said.

The deaths yesterday were in the same house where two earlier assisted suicides occurred. The house has been identified as being owned by a Kevorkian supporter.

A next-door neighbor said the latest suicides neither surprised nor pleased him.

Setting it straight

Correction: An Associated Press report published in The Press-Enterprise yesterday misidentified California Army National Guard Major Gen. Daniel J. Hernandez.

Correction: A story in yesterday's Press-Enterprise on the state economic summit in Los Angeles had Assemblyman Fred Aguiar's name spelled incorrectly.

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Professors like president's plan

By JANET ZIMMERMAN
Sun Staff Writer

SAN BERNARDINO — Local university professors welcomed President Clinton's economic plan to reduce the deficit and increase productivity as a workable way to stimulate the economy.

One of the most volatile points in the hourlong address Wednesday was the tax increase.

The increase won't be significant for most people, who make between $30,000 and $40,000 a year, said Chris Niggle, chairman of the economics department at the University of Redlands.

"The expected effects of the changes come out to be $17 per month. None of those tax increases are going to be very noticeable for most of us."

Clinton's plan is more attractive than those of George Bush because Clinton understands that expenditures on consumption promote more productivity than defense spending, he said.

UC, Riverside economics professor Mason Gaffney said Clinton has adopted a supply-side stance.

Under his plan, production is the motor that drives incomes and spending, lowering interest rates and pumping more capital into the private sector to produce more goods and services, he said.

"It's a combination of supply-side economics with a traditional Democratic-populist focus on small business. If he's serious about that . . . it's pretty good targeting as far as creating jobs."

Clinton's plan was a combination of economics and politics, said Jim Charkins, an economics professor at Cal State, San Bernardino.

He said the pressing question is how the president will spend the tax increase.

ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATIONS

'Howards End,' 'Unforgiven' top list of nominees

PEOPLE A2

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
Sun

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Rain
Smog: Good
Metro Final Edition

TACKLING THE DEFICIT

S.B. offer tops $100 million

By GRAHAM WITHERALL
Sun Business Writer

Area officials secretly doubled the size of an incentive package to $111 million before presenting their bid for a 4,000-job federal accounting center, officials revealed Wednesday.

More than $80 million of the funds will be provided by the Inland Valley Development Agency, the publicly funded entity that is crafting Norton Air Force Base's redevelopment.

The agency's board approved the expense — which would drain about 75 percent of its budget for the next 30 years — in a session that was closed to the public, said Bill Bopf, its executive director.

"It would be a major part of our funding, but it would be a major accomplishment if we can get it," Bopf said of the center.

The Defense Department is basing its choices from among 20 finalists on bottom-line operating costs after the incentives are considered — and those calculations have not been revealed.

Besides the IVDA funds, the region's bid includes $11.5 million from the state, $3 million from the county, $1.1 million from the city of San Bernardino and $15 million from San Bernardino Associated Governments, a countywide transportation agency.

The SANBAG funds will pay for new roads at the base regardless of whether San Bernardino is chosen for an accounting center.

Bopf unveiled the San Bernardino bid a day after returning from Washington, where he delivered the proposal to Pentagon officials. He had earlier released figures tabbing the bid in the $45 million to $50 million range. The new figure was reached in secret and kept confidential because of concerns that competing sites would up their offers, Bopf said.

Besides spending $30 million to acquire, remodel and furnish a pair of Norton office buildings for the center, the IVDA has set aside almost $50 million to subsidize the buildings' operation and maintenance for 30 years.

Bopf said that setting aside three out of four IVDA dollars for the center would leave little for incentives to attract other potential employers. But he said the center would provide a strong centerpiece for redevelopment.

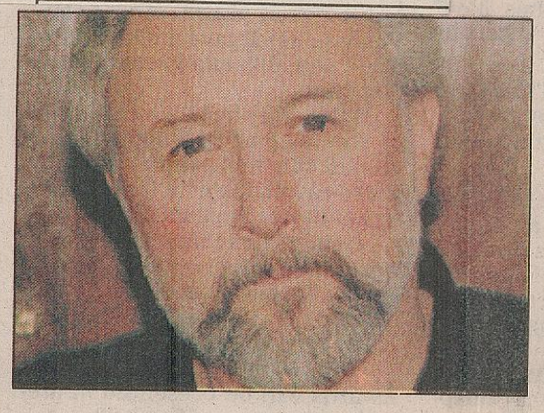
"We'll see what our options are, but other users would have to be more self-supporting," Bopf said. "The defense center just creates so many jobs."

THE LOCAL BID

The bid to put a Pentagon accounting center at Norton Air Force Base includes:

- $28.55 million from the Inland Valley Development Agency for buildings and improvements.
- $49.5 million from the IVDA for building operation and maintenance over 30 years.
- $3 million from the IVDA for furniture.
- $15 million from San Bernardino Associated Governments for road improvements.
- $10 million from the state for training funds.
- $1.5 million from the state for energy costs.
- $3 million from the county for a new communication system.
- $1.1 million from the city of San Bernardino for a child-care center.

Source: IVDA

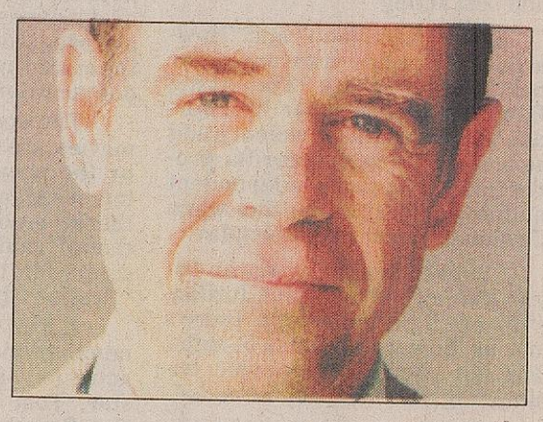


'If we pay more taxes, this reduces the government's borrowing of funds and frees up more money for investment in other things.'

CHRIS NIGGLE
Chairman of economics department, University of Redlands

'He's gone over to supply-side economics and made a pretty firm commitment in that direction.'

MASON GAFFNEY
Economics professor, University of California, Riverside



'The question is, what will he spend the (tax) increase on, the deficit or infrastructure?'

JIM CHARKINS
Economics professor, California State University, San Bernardino.
Local reactions. **Story/A4**

THE FULL STORY

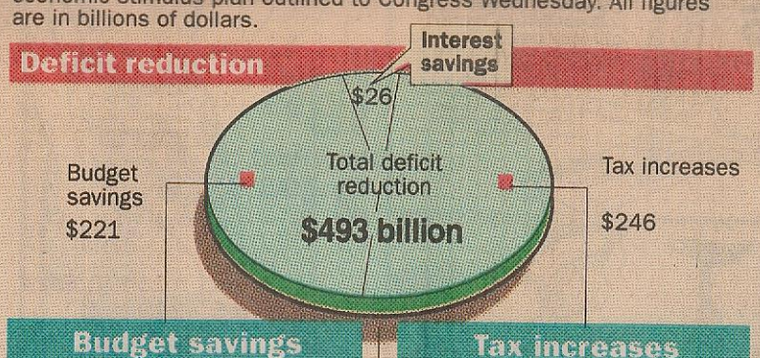
- Boxer, Feinstein praise recovery plan. **Story/A4**
- Clinton plan hits rich the hardest. **Story/A5**
- Business leaders cautiously optimistic. **Story/B8**

Clinton unveils sweeping plan

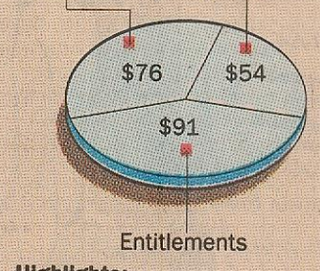
Clinton's plan

Here are the highlights of President Clinton's deficit reduction and economic stimulus plan outlined to Congress Wednesday. All figures are in billions of dollars.

Deficit reduction



Budget savings

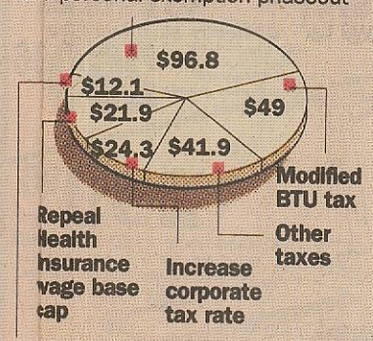


Highlights:

Non-Defense	
Wastewater treatment grants	$4.1
Federal payraise freeze	$8.3
Cut 100,000 Fed. employees	$7.9
Entitlements	
Interest savings	$11.4
Medicare/Medicaid	$38.4
Tax hike on Social Security benefits	$21.4

Tax increases

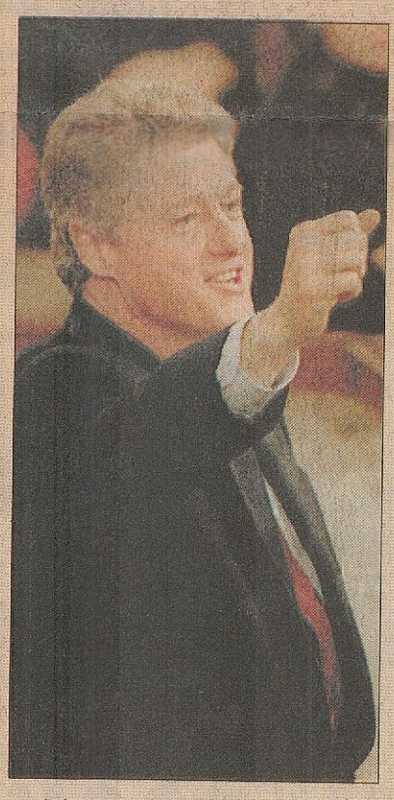
Increase tax rates paid by high-income individuals
- Add fourth bracket at 36% rate
- Impose 10% surtax on income over $250,000
- Increase in minimum tax rate
- Extend itemized deduction limit and personal exemption phaseout



Reduce deductible portion of business meals

Source: Executive Office of The President

Gannett News Service



'Americans will be harsh in their judgments of all of us if we fail to seize this moment.'

PRESIDENT CLINTON

■ **The president offers a program of tax increases and spending cuts designed to trim the deficit by nearly $500 billion.**

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton asked Americans on Wednesday night to accept one of the biggest tax increases in history, part of a tough $499 billion plan to curb massive budget deficits and stimulate the economy.

"This economic plan can't please everybody," Clinton said in a 60-minute address to a joint session of Congress. "If the package is picked apart, there will be something that will anger each of us. It won't please anybody. But if it is taken as whole, it will help all of us."

The plan is a mixture of $246 billion in tax increases and $253 billion in spending cuts over four years. He said his plan would cut $140 billion from the deficit by 1997 — "a real deficit reduction."

"If we don't act now, you and I might not even recognize this government 10 years from now," Clinton said. He said the deficit would have grown to $635 billion a year, and the national debt would consume almost 80 percent of the gross domestic product.

Republicans denounced Clinton's plan as a massive round of tax hikes. GOP lawmakers wore buttons that said "Tax and Spend. Again" and "It's Spending, Stupid."

City's bid not among top six, Brown says

By JIM SPECHT
Sun Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — San Bernardino's bid for a 4,000-job accounting center probably would not rank among the top six if the Defense Department makes its decision strictly on bottom-line cost, Rep. George Brown said Wednesday.

But the San Bernardino Democrat and Sen. Dianne Feinstein vowed to lobby hard to move the Norton site into contention when the recommendations are turned over next week to Defense Secretary Les Aspin.

Brown and Feinstein met Wednesday with top officials of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to determine how it will choose from among 20 bids. Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Redlands, met separately with the officials.

The Defense Department will open two to six accounting centers to consolidate payroll and contract administration. Its primary goal is to cut costs, and no other factors are supposed to be considered.

"What we learned is that DFAS has taken a very bean-counting approach to this decision, and that they are going to rank all 20," Brown said after his meeting. "I believe we'll rank in the top half of the list, but that's not necessarily going to be enough."

At least seven of the offers from cities across the country — including San Bernardino — are reported to be $100 million or more for new buildings and upkeep. Several would cost little or nothing for the accounting service to operate.

Lewis said DFAS officials were careful not to reveal how the bids compare, but they did acknowledge that the top 10 are so attractive that the reasons for ranking one ahead of another may be subtle.

The service is scheduled to submit its analysis and ranking to Aspin on Feb. 22. That also is the deadline for a new round of base closure recommendations from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Aspin can make his own decisions on where the centers should be based, and Brown and Feinstein said they will be ready to convince him San Bernardino should be one of them.

Because the top bids are expected to be so similar, all three representatives predicted that Aspin will make the final choice — and they will be ready.

"We will do better in the next round," Brown said. "We'll be in the top six."

WHAT'S NEXT

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will submit its report ranking the 20 finalists to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin on Tuesday. Aspin will report to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission by March 15.

- The commission can make changes in the list. In July, it will submit its list to President Clinton, who will forward it to Congress. Congress may reject the whole list but may not remove individual bases.

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Candidate's role in deal raises questions

■ **Ralph Hernandez, also running for S.B. mayor, calls fees to candidate Frank Schnetz questionable; Schnetz says everything he did was correct.**

By CAROL BAKER
Sun Staff Writer

SAN BERNARDINO — San Bernardino mayoral candidate Frank Schnetz was paid a $53,000-plus commission to serve as a broker in the city's 1991 purchase of a defunct savings and loan property for a new police station.

Now, the commission paid to Schnetz — and a like amount paid to Bill Leonard Sr., a San Bernardino real estate consultant and Caltrans commissioner — has become an issue in Schnetz's campaign for the city's top job.

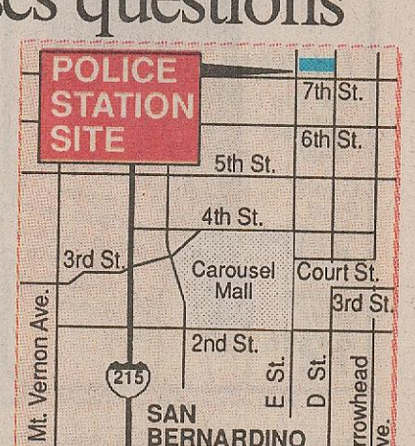
POLITICS

Eleven months after the sale, the city found the two bank buildings unsuitable for a police station. Mayor Bob Holcomb and the city council are feuding over whether to build a new police headquarters on that site, and several council members who voted to buy the land are blaming Holcomb for the fiasco.

Mayoral opponent Ralph Hernandez, who did not vote on the initial real estate transaction, said the deal raises questions about Schnetz's judgment.

"Where really, honestly is the interest of the people of the city of San Bernardino being served? Was (the deal) in the interest of the city? Or was it the brokerage fees?"

But Schnetz defended his involvement and said he did nothing improper. "I was sought out because of my qualifications and my expertise," he said. "I earned my fee."



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Small, independent films score with academy

By JOHN HORN
The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS — Largely dismissing big-budget crowd pleasers, the Academy Award nominations Wednesday recognized smaller, independently made films such as "Howards End" and "The Crying Game."

"Howards End," a stately examination of English class wars that was made without studio money, tied with "Unforgiven," Clint Eastwood's starkly unromantic take on the classic Western, for the most nominations with nine.

Although "Unforgiven" was a Warner Bros. film, it was among the veteran actor's most personal works — he produced, starred in and directed the story of an aging gunslinger. Eastwood collected his first Oscar nominations ever in his long career, for directing and best acting.

Both "Unforgiven" and "Howards End" were nominated for best picture, as was "The Crying Game," writer-director Neil Jordan's riveting tale of violence and sexuality. Truly a guerrilla production, no major or independent studio would fund the film when Jordan shopped the screenplay.

"I never thought it was an Oscar kind of movie," said Jordan. "It's not a period drama, there's not an Edwardian dress in sight. It's not even about people triumphing over insuperable odds."

Also nominated for best picture were "A Few Good Men" and "Scent of a Woman."

AP WIREPHOTO

Clint Eastwood appears in a scene from the film 'Unforgiven.'

Fully a third of the nominations in the best picture, actor and actress categories were awarded to films made outside the studio system. There was only one such nomination a year ago.

"The good thing is that those movies are getting seen at least by the people who are nominating Academy Awards and that there's no big stigma attached to them," said John Sayles, whose script for the independent film "Passion Fish" was nominated.

"A Few Good Men" also won a nomination for best supporting actor for Jack Nicholson, but its star, Tom Cruise, and director, Rob Reiner, were overlooked.

In much the same way, splashy star vehichles such as "Hoffa," "Malcolm X" and "Chaplin" did not dominate the awards, even though similar films have been popular with Oscar voters in past years.

"The Crying Game" had six nominations, followed by the animated musical "Aladdin" with five.

Selected for best actor were Eastwood for his turn as a gunslinger, Al Pacino for his part as a womanizer in "Scent of a Woman," Stephen Rea as the reluctant terrorist in "The Crying Game," Denzel Washington in the title role in "Malcolm X" and Robert Downey Jr. for starring as "Chaplin."

Best actress selections were Emma Thompson for a love-torn woman in "Howards End," Susan Sarandon as a concerned parent in "Lorenzo's Oil," Michelle Pfeiffer as an obsessed Texan traveler in "Love Field," Mary McDonnell as an invalid in "Passion Fish" and Catherine Deneuve as a Indochinese plantation owner in "Indochine."

Pacino collected a rare double honor, also earning a nomination in the supporting actor category for "Glengarry Glen Ross." Other supporting actor picks were Jaye Davidson in "The Crying Game," Gene Hackman in "Unforgiven," Jack Nicholson in "A Few Good Men" and David Paymer for "Mr. Saturday Night."

Among the more unusual selections was a best supporting actress honor for Marisa Tomei in "My Cousin Vinny." Joining her in the category were Judy Davis in "Husbands and Wives," Joan Plowright in "Enchanted April," Vanessa Redgrave in "Howards End" and Miranda Richardson in "Damage."

"The Player," a cutting spoof of Hollywood filmmaking, received two top nominations: for director Robert Altman and screenwriter Michael Tolkin.

Other directing selections were James Ivory for "Howards End," Jordan for "The Crying Game" and Martin Brest for "Scent of a Woman."

The 65th annual Academy Awards will be presented in atelevised ceremony March 29.

OSCAR NOMINEES

1. PICTURE: 'The Crying Game,' 'A Few Good Men,' 'Howards End,' 'Scent of a Woman,' 'Unforgiven.'
2. ACTOR: Robert Downey Jr., 'Chaplin'; Clint Eastwood, 'Unforgiven'; Al Pacino, 'Scent of a Woman'; Stephen Rea, 'The Crying Game'; Denzel Washington, 'Malcolm X.'
3. ACTRESS: Catherine Deneuve, 'Indochine'; Mary McDonnell, 'Passion Fish'; Michelle Pfeiffer, 'Love Field'; Susan Sarandon, 'Lorenzo's Oil'; Emma Thompson, 'Howards End.'
4. SUPPORTING ACTOR: Jaye Davidson, 'The Crying Game'; Gene Hackman, 'Unforgiven'; Jack Nicholson, 'A Few Good Men'; Al Pacino, 'Glengarry Glen Ross'; David Paymer, 'Mr. Saturday Night.'
5. SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Judy Davis, 'Husbands and Wives'; Joan Plowright, 'Enchanted April'; Vanessa Redgrave, 'Howards End'; Miranda Richardson, 'Damage'; Marisa Tomei, 'My Cousin Vinny.'
6. DIRECTOR: Neil Jordan, 'The Crying Game'; James Ivory, 'Howards End'; Robert Altman, 'The Player'; Martin Brest, 'Scent of a Woman'; Clint Eastwood, 'Unforgiven.'
7. ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY: Neil Jordan, 'The Crying Game'; Woody Allen, 'Husbands and Wives'; George Miller and Nick Enright, 'Lorenzo's Oil'; John Sayles, 'Passion Fish'; David Webb Peoples, 'Unforgiven.'
8. ADAPTED SCREENPLAY: Peter Barnes, 'Enchanted April'; Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, 'Howards End'; Michael Tolkin, 'The Player'; Richard Friedenberg, 'A River Runs Through It'; Bo Goldman, 'Scent of a Woman.'
9. FOREIGN FILM: 'Close to Eden,' Russia; 'Daens,' Belgium; 'Indochine,' France; 'A Place in the World,' Uruguay; 'Schtonk,' Germany.
10. ART DIRECTION: 'Bram Stoker's Dracula,' 'Chaplin,' 'Howards End,' 'Toys,' 'Unforgiven.'
11. CINEMATOGRAPHY: 'Hoffa,' 'Howards End,' 'The Lover,' 'A River Runs Through It,' 'Unforgiven.'
12. COSTUME DESIGN: 'Bram Stoker's Dracula,' 'Enchanted April,' 'Howards End,' 'Malcolm X,' 'Toys.'
13. DOCUMENTARY FEATURE: 'Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker,' 'Fires of Kuwait,' 'Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts in World War II,' 'Music for the Movies: Bernard Hermann,' 'The Panama Deception.'
14. DOCUMENTARY SHORT SUBJECT: 'At the Edge of Conquest: The Journey of Chief Wai-Wai,' 'Beyond Imagining: Margaret Anderson and the 'Little Review,'' 'The Colours of My Father: A Portrait of Sam Borenstein,' 'Educating Peter,' 'When Abortion was Illegal: Untold Stories.'
15. FILM EDITING: 'Basic Instinct,' 'The Crying Game,' 'A Few Good Men,' 'The Player,' 'Unforgiven.'
16. MAKEUP: 'Batman Returns,' 'Bram Stoker's Dracula,' 'Hoffa.'
17. MUSIC ORIGINAL SCORE: Alan Menken, 'Aladdin'; Jerry Goldsmith, 'Basic Instinct'; John Barry, 'Chaplin'; Richard Robbins, 'Howards End'; Mark Isham, 'A River Runs Through It.'
18. MUSIC ORIGINAL SONG: 'Beautiful Maria of My Soul' from 'The Mambo Kings'; 'Friend Like Me' from 'Aladdin'; 'I Have Nothing' from 'The Bodyguard'; 'Run to You' from 'The Bodyguard'; 'Whole New World' from 'Aladdin.'
19. ANIMATED SHORT FILM: 'Adam,' 'Mona Lisa,' 'Descending a Staircase,' 'Reci, Reci, Reci ... (Words, Words, Words ...),' 'The Sandman,' 'Screen Play.'
20. LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM: 'Contact,' 'Cruise Control,' 'The Lady in Waiting,' 'Omnibus,' 'Swan Song.'
21. SOUND: 'Aladdin,' 'A Few Good Men,' 'The Last of the Mohicans,' 'Under Siege,' 'Unforgiven.'
22. SOUND EFFECTS EDITING: 'Aladdin,' 'Bram Stoker's Dracula,' 'Under Siege.'
23. VISUAL EFFECTS: 'Alien 3,' 'Batman Returns,' 'Death Becomes Her.'

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