

ELECTIONS '92

# Perot sets Thursday deadline to re-enter presidential race

**The Associated Press**  
**DALLAS** — Ross Perot said Monday there was "a lot of commonality" between his economic views and Bill Clinton's as the Democrat and President Bush made unprecedented overtures to win the support of the Texas billionaire and his followers.  
 Perot said he would decide Thursday whether to enter the presidential race for the final month, insisting the answer rested with the supporters who placed his name on the ballot in all 50 states.  
 State leaders of the Perot movement assembled in Dallas Monday to hear presentations from the Clinton and Bush campaigns. On their return home, they planned to poll Perot supporters on whether the Texan should run, throw his support to Bush or Clinton, or stay out of the race and remain neutral.  
 "They are going to decide what we are going to do," Perot said.  
 Perot had nothing but praise for the Clinton delegation after it spent 2 hours in a closed meeting with Perot and his supporters.  
 Participants said the session was dominated by discussion of Clinton's economic growth and deficit-reduction programs.  
 "There is a lot of commonality," Perot said. "Where there are differences of opinion, they are honest differences of opinion, with both sides looking for answers and neither side frozen in its positions."  
 But he said it was premature to say whether he could support Clinton, saying he had yet to hear from the Bush camp or assess the reaction of his supporters. The Bush delegation was making its case after a lunch break.  
 Perot runs a distant third in national polls now and would have little chance of winning should he enter for the final month. But with a personal fortune to bankroll television advertising, he could significantly affect the race. Opinions

are divided on whether a Perot candidacy ultimately would hurt Clinton or Bush most.  
 The scene in Dallas was as confusing as it was remarkable, the extraordinary spectacle of both candidates sending high-level delegations to court the Perot.  
 Perot's legions were divided over whether he should run, regardless of what they heard Monday.  
 "I have not heard anything that would convince me that we would be better off supporting either Governor Clinton or President Bush," said Texas Perot coordinator Jim Serur, among the Perot leaders who is paid by the computer magnate.  
 "I'm very impressed and determined to keep an open mind," said Georgia Perot coordinator Ken Kendrick. Added Tennessee coordinator Steve Frederick: "They gave me a lot to think about."  
 "I see the Democrats and the Republicans gravitating to our position," said New Mexico Perot coordinator John Bishop. "The question is: Who would make the best leader? I feel Ross Perot is the best leader, and it would be good for the country to have an independent as president."  
 Perot state leaders said they would poll their supporters and fax their recommendations to Dallas by Thursday. Perot said he would then make his decision.  
 As Perot inched closer in recent days to mounting an 11-hour candidacy, some associates said the Texan did not want to run and was looking for a rationale not to run.  
 Both campaigns sent high-level delegations in hopes of keeping Perot on the sidelines, where he has been since announcing in July that he was abandoning plans to run as an independent. Of late, Perot has complained that neither Bush nor Clinton had a credible deficit-reduction plan and has said he would enter the race if his supporters wanted him to.  
 For Clinton, a Perot entry could scramble a race that has been stagnant for more than a month — to Clinton's benefit because of his consistent lead in national polls. Perot also could hurt Clinton in California, Colorado, Washington and a few other states where Clinton leads but Perot had deep support before opting not to run.  
 For Bush, the short-term risk from Perot's maneuverings is the attention they command at a time the president is in dire need of making a move.

# Black voters more likely to choose Democratic ticket, analyst says

**The Associated Press**  
**BALTIMORE** — Kwabena Hardy, like many black voters, doesn't feel much enthusiasm for Democrat Bill Clinton and running mate Al Gore.  
 Hardy is undecided about how to cast his first presidential ballot, but allows that he'll probably vote Democratic.  
 "It's going to be hard, but I have to," says the 19-year-old student at Morgan State University, who turned out to hear Gore speak at a recent rally in Baltimore.  
 Politicians in both parties "use their pulpits to say things to our people that will butter them up and get us to vote for them, but in the long run they turn around and stab us in the back," Hardy laments.  
 His ambivalence is not unusual. Clinton's effort to win over working-class whites who deserted the Democratic Party 12 years ago has left many black voters feeling ignored.  
 However, many blacks "feel that they've had Reagan and Bush in of-

fice for 12 years and any change would be better," says David Bosisio of the Washington-based Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.  
 A nationwide poll taken for the Bipartisan Center and Home Box Office in June showed that 77 percent of blacks disapproved of the job Bush was doing.  
 Clinton's challenge will be to lure those blacks out to polling places on Election Day.  
 Despite the polls, Bush has not conceded the black vote.  
 Spokeswoman Alixe Glen said black voters should study the legislative record and note such Bush appointments as Gen. Colin Powell as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan.  
 She said Bush has long raised funds for historically black colleges and has "been a very receptive ear" for black concerns — something civil rights groups dispute. Bush forces this month formed a campaign arm designed to

rally the vote in black communities nationwide.  
 The Democrats are walking a political tightrope with Clinton's decision to craft a single message for black and working-class white voters, who have followed divergent political paths the past 12 years.  
 Clinton has pleaded for racial harmony, promised assistance to decaying cities and proposed revisions in welfare programs — messages aimed at black voters.  
 Alice Harden, a black state senator from Mississippi, said Clinton was "delivering a universal message that speaks to the needs of all people," and she predicted blacks would respond.  
 "When you talk about jobs, you talk about something that has an impact in the black community," she said.  
 Howard University political scientist Ron Walters was skeptical that Clinton could "craft a message that has appeal to both white middle-class voters and black voters."

# Bush vows not to raise taxes if re-elected

**The Associated Press**  
**DALLAS** — President Bush straddled the politically sensitive question of a no-new-tax pledge Monday, refusing to repeat the promise he broke but vowing there wouldn't be any more tax increases.  
 Bush also talked tough about law and order, saying the robbery of cars from drivers — carjacking — should be made a federal offense carrying the death penalty if someone is killed in the crime.  
 But before he began campaigning in Missouri and Texas, the president faced persistent questioning on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" about whether he had recently repeated his 1989 pledge not to raise taxes.  
 Earlier this month, Bush seemed to take the pledge anew when he said, "We do not need to raise taxes. I'm not going to do it again — ever, ever." However, the next day Bush's spokesman said it wasn't a new pledge.  
 The whole issue has been sensitive for Bush since 1990 when he abandoned the "read-my-lips, no-new-taxes" pledge that was the hallmark of his 1988 campaign. His reversal outraged many of his supporters and raised questions about Bush's credibility.  
 Explaining his most recent statement, Bush told interviewer Charles Gibson that "it was a determination not to raise taxes."  
 Asked if his statement amounted to a pledge of no-new-taxes, Bush said, "As far as I'm concerned, it will be."

However, Bush hastened to tell Gibson, "You use the word 'pledge.' Pledge has kind of gotten to have a little political connotation of its own. I am going to hold the line on the taxes."  
 "I'm going to get them down," he said.  
 Five weeks before the election and trailing in the polls, Bush campaigned in Missouri and Texas, two pivotal states carrying 43 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win. Bush was greeted by dozens of hecklers in St. Louis and Dallas over his refusal to debate Bill Clinton under rules set by the bipartisan Presidential Commission on Debates.  
 In St. Louis, Bush visited an inner city neighborhood and talked about crime before an audience of several hundred people in the basement of a south side church.  
 He called for imposing the federal death penalty for carjackers who commit murders.  
 "These people have no place in a decent society. As far as this president's concerned, they can go to jail, and they can stay in jail, and they can rot in jail," Bush said, seizing on a highly publicized case in a Washington suburb in which a young mother was dragged to her death when carjackers seized her automobile as she drove her young daughter to pre-school.  
 Bush said the crime rate in Arkansas during Clinton's tenure as governor rose at more than twice the national rate, and he asserted that most inmates in Arkan-

sas serve less than 20 percent of their sentence.  
 "This kind of record is not right for Arkansas, and it is not right for America," Bush said.

## AP Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Washington (44)	3-0-0	1,525	2
2. Miami (12)	3-0-0	1,471	1
3. Florida St. (4)	4-0-0	1,451	3
4. Michigan	2-0-1	1,321	4
5. Texas A&M (1)	4-0-0	1,267	5
6. Notre Dame	3-0-1	1,228	6
7. Tennessee	4-0-0	1,172	8
8. Penn St.	4-0-0	1,127	9
9. Alabama (1)	4-0-0	1,123	7
10. Colorado	4-0-0	955	10
11. UCLA	3-0-0	920	11
12. Ohio St.	3-0-0	840	12
13. Florida	1-1-0	768	13
14. Virginia	4-0-0	761	14
15. Nebraska	3-1-0	668	15
16. Georgia	3-1-0	607	18
17. Syracuse	2-1-0	553	17
18. Stanford	3-1-0	527	19
19. Oklahoma	2-1-0	359	20
20. Southern Cal	1-0-1	352	22
21. N.C. State	4-1-0	348	23
22. Boston College	4-0-0	297	25
23. Georgia Tech	2-1-0	178	—
24. Mississippi St.	2-1-0	75	—
25. Clemson	1-2-0	64	16

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 43, California 40, Kansas 29, Hawaii 24, San Diego State 24, Washington State 16, North Carolina 12, Vanderbilt 10, Auburn 5, Central Michigan 3, Indiana 3, Arizona 1, Rutgers 1.

## The Far Side

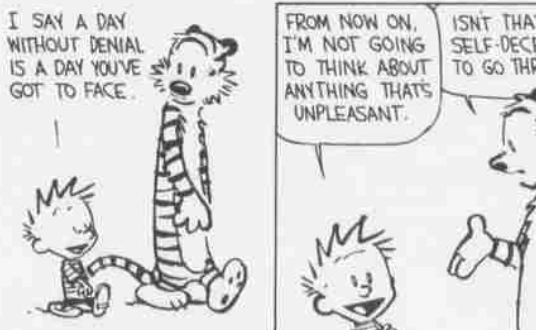


At the professional stick chaser's training camp.

## Forum

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 ments were cramped for space and that there wasn't enough room on campus to build a center devoted to just one culture.  
 Coalition members have said a possible location for a free-standing building could be the space between Wilson Library, the Kenan Laboratories and Venable Hall.  
 But Moody said a private developer studied the land in 1988 and determined that it could hold a 110,000-square-foot building. The coalition has asked only for 23,000 square feet. Moody said that would not be the best use of the space.  
 "A 23,000-square-foot building is not anywhere near to the maximum space of building that could go in there," Moody said at the meeting.  
 Thomas said the coalition would be willing to discuss other sites for the center.  
 She said the University had promised students a free-standing center in 1984, and the administration continually had delayed planning the new building. Thomas outlined to forum members a history of the administration's delays on the BCC issue.  
 "The history that I've shared with you helps you to understand what we are fighting and the frustration we feel because of the systematic oppression on this campus," she said.

## Calvin and Hobbes



## Doonesbury



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18 Flowerless plant

19 Clinched

20 Luther's opponent

21 Mason's cousin

23 Fr. clerics

25 Irregularly notched

26 Grain

27 Garden plot

31 Chi-chi

33 Bad: prefix

34 Benedict —

35 Feline

36 One in Bonn

37 AMA members

38 Country letters

39 Oak producers

41 Imogene's co-star

42 Drama

43 Make a boundary

45 Auerbach or Barber

46 " — In The Army Now"

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13 North Sea feeder

21 Solidify

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29 Ms Lanchester

30 June 6, 1944

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32 Sprint

33 Pool error

36 Registered

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40 Mr. Sam

41 Playing marble

42 Favorite

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45 Stadium cheer

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48 Lorna —

49 Apple or pear

50 Dutch cheese

51 Presage

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54 Highland group

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## AIDS

counseling after the test," Reinhold said.  
 During the sessions, the counselor and student discuss concerns about the virus, risk behavior and ways to change certain risk behaviors, Reinhold said.  
 Reinhold said anyone who has had any possible risk behavior or exposure to an infected person should be tested.  
 SHS has conducted more than 700 HIV-antibody tests since it began testing for the virus in 1989. Reinhold said only two of those 700 have tested positive for the virus, and neither showed any symptoms of AIDS. Both HIV-positive students were tested in 1989.  
 "There are no distinctive, telltale signs of HIV infection unlike other sexually transmitted diseases where there are some symptoms where one knows to get checked out," Reinhold said.  
 "We have dodged the bullet on several (students) that truly were at risk... like (one whose) former partner died of AIDS," he said. "These people were tested, and it turned out OK."  
 But Dr. Bruce Vukoson, a physician at SHS, said students were at risk to the AIDS virus.  
 "There have been people with AIDS on this campus for a number of years," he said. "I know that I am personally aware of many more cases than have come to my attention when people came in and told me that they were tested elsewhere."  
 Vukoson said that he knew of as many as 10 or 12 UNC students who had contracted the AIDS virus.

"In the clinical medicine section, I am one of nine physicians, and I have little doubt that other folks have also come across people here and there (that were HIV-positive)," Vukoson said.  
 "But it's very difficult to get accurate statistics, and it would be impossible for me to say how many of those folks are still on campus. I honestly don't know."  
 According to a 1991 study by the American College Health Association, one in 500 college students nationwide is HIV positive.  
 Reinhold said that if that estimate were correct, the University currently would have about 40 to 50 students with the virus. "We just don't know because many students get tested elsewhere," he said.  
 Because of the widespread threat of AIDS that swept the nation and college campuses during the 1980s, task forces have been set up at each of the 16 UNC-system schools.  
 The University's AIDS Task Force was established by former UNC-system President William Friday and former Chancellor Christopher Fordham in 1986.  
 The task force is headed by Dr. Michel

Ibrahim, dean of the School of Public Health, and has 13 other members. The AIDS Task Force meets several times each semester.  
 The primary responsibilities of the task force are to serve as an adviser to the chancellor and as an educational function for the campus, said Vukoson, a member of the UNC task force.  
 "With AIDS, there is no cure," Vukoson said. "We certainly aren't in the business of treating people but in trying to get the word out and to disseminate educational information."  
 "To find out what people are doing sexually is very difficult," Vukoson said.  
 The HIV-antibody test at Student Health Service is free for all UNC students. Appointments may be made through the health education department at 966-6586.  
 Students and local residents also can have the test performed free of charge at the Orange County Health Department. For more information, call 942-4168."

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