

# Bill Clinton's fear: a Dole/Powell ticket

If President Bill Clinton had his druthers, he wouldn't want to face a Republican presidential ticket of Bob Dole and Colin Powell, says Wolf Blitzer, CNN's White House correspondent.

While that scenario is not out of the question, it is premature, Blitzer pointed out to about 100 LCOs and industry suppliers in Washington D.C. on Jan. 29. The event was PLCAA's annual Legislative Day.

First, Blitzer said, Dole is hardly assured the Republican nomination (especially

after what happened in the New Hampshire primary, which took place after Blitzer's speech). Also, Powell has studiously avoided tipping his hand about the vice president's job even though he declared himself a Republican last fall.

If Powell does have future White House aspirations, what better route than through the vice presidency, specu-



CNN Correspondent Wolf Blitzer, right, with Thomas Diederich of Orkin, center, and Norman Goldenberg, TruGreen/ChemLawn.

lated Blitzer. After all, since World War II, five vice presidents have gone on to serve as presidents: Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, Lyndon B. Johnson, Gerald Ford, and George Bush.

Blitzer said President Clinton's fondest wish for the November election would be the emergence of a strong third-party candidate like independent candidate H. Ross Perot in the 1992 election. Some White House staffers felt that Perot won just enough support to swing the presidency away from Bush and to Clinton, said Blitzer.

"Between now and November is going to be filled with unpredictability," said Blitzer. "There are so many wild cards out there that I wouldn't even attempt to try to guess what's going to happen."

While President Clinton's popularity was high in January, it could plummet if Bosnia erupted into fighting again with American casualties, or if the U.S. economy faltered, Blitzer said. □

## Dursban lawsuits dropped

Two lawsuits against the turf insecticide Dursban that were spotlighted on CBS-TV's "Eye to Eye with Connie Chung" last year have been resolved, and the DowElanco product has been vindicated.

In *Jack Kahn vs. DowElanco*, Kahn's attorneys filed a motion to dismiss their case with prejudice—meaning that the case can never be re-filed. Kahn had claimed that Dursban had caused him to develop "chemical sensitivity" and "peripheral neuropathy." But when faced with a list of expert witnesses which the defendant was ready to call to the stand, Kahn's attorneys asked for the dismissal.

"This action is a complete victory for DowElanco and, we believe, an acknowledgment by Mr. Kahn and his attorneys that they simply did not have any credible evidence to support their allegations," said Dave Morris and Guy Relford of DowElanco in a letter to customers.

In *Apple vs. Tri-County North Local School District*, DowElanco was never sued—just a pest control operator, building architect, building engineer, contractors and various others. Recently, however, the students' and teachers' suit against the pest control operator was voluntarily dismissed.

"The results of these cases is not unusual," claimed Morris and Relford. "Neither Dow Chemical nor DowElanco has ever lost a Dursban personal injury lawsuit at trial. In these two lawsuits, the individuals attacking Dursban were simply unable to prove their allegations." □