

Several Cabinet members may resign

■ **QUITTING:** William Perry and Mickey Kantor are among the staffers planning to leave in upcoming weeks

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WASHINGTON — The anchors of President Clinton's national security team — Warren Christopher and William Perry — led a snowballing exodus of at least six Cabinet officials Wednesday in a sweeping second-term staff shakeup.

Commerce Secretary Mickey Kantor told Clinton he intended to resign and return to California. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, out of favor, also was quitting, officials said.

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros were also expected to leave, administration officials said. White House officials were waging a behind-the-scenes campaign to force Attorney General Janet Reno to go; she wants to stay.

As the president returned triumphantly to the White House from victory celebrations in Arkansas, Washington buzzed with leaks about resignations and speculation about successors. No formal announcements were expected before a Cabinet meeting on Friday.

Clinton brushed aside questions about his staff, telling reporters on Air Force One "we just want to savor what happened yesterday."

There were varying reasons for the staff reshuffling. Some, like presidential senior adviser George Stephanopoulos, made no secret of the fact they are worn out. Out-



CHRISTOPHER



CISNEROS



KANTOR



PERRY



PENA



RENO

going chief of staff Leon Panetta is considering running for governor of California. Some officials — O'Leary, Reno — were nudged toward the door. In general, Clinton apparently wants to reinvigorate his presidency.

Christopher, 71, and Perry, 69, are highly regarded but, after countless trips to world trouble spots, have tired of the job.

Kantor, a political warrior who helped engineer Clinton's 1992 victory, is bored at commerce. He was believed to be interested in becoming White House chief of staff or attorney general, but now is said to have dropped those ideas.

Reno upset the White House overseeing Waco and Whitewater. Popular in Washington, she is not considered a team player. Recognizing she would be tough to shove aside, White House officials are waging a campaign of leaks against her, noting her battle with Parkinson's disease. Her doctors say she has a mild case, and it is not a problem.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich is welcome to stay, officials said, but appears inclined to leave. Reich told associates he'll talk about his future over the weekend with his family, which has moved back to

Boston.

Pena wounded himself by mishandling the ValuJet crash. Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's brother, Bill, is a possible successor.

Cisneros, while popular with Clinton, is under investigation for allegedly concealing information about payments to a former mistress.

Republicans, strengthening their grip on the Senate, will have veto power over all Cabinet replacements. That raises the possibility that Clinton, in a bipartisan gesture, would install some Republicans in high administration positions.

"It's a chance for him to reach out and be very bipartisan and even appoint some Republicans in a way which indicates a real willingness to work together," House Speaker Newt Gingrich said.

Clinton's former political strategist, Dick Morris, also said it would be good idea to put Republicans in the Cabinet.

The president also could try to avoid ugly confirmation battles by turning to readily acceptable choices, such as retiring senators. For example, Democrat Sam Nunn of Georgia and Republican William Cohen of Maine both

have backgrounds in defense issues. Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell also is available.

A few Cabinet secretaries appear likely to stay: Donna Shalala at Health and Human Services, Robert Rubin at Treasury, Dan Glickman at Agriculture and Bruce Babbitt at Interior.

Education Secretary Richard Riley said he is "tired but happy" and intends to speak with Clinton about his future. His job is safe if he wants to stay, White House officials said. So is Veterans Secretary Jesse Brown's.

Christopher informed Clinton of his decision Tuesday night as they savored the president's re-election. Even so, the secretary plans to go to Cairo, Egypt and Paris next week for conferences on economic development in the Middle East and on Bosnia's recovery from war.

Perry told Clinton he wants to leave "for personal reasons," but will stay a few more months

until a successor is confirmed, officials said.

Speculation about the next secretary of state has centered on Anthony Lake, the president's national security assistant; Madeleine Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations; and Mitchell.

Other possibilities: Richard Holbrooke, who helped negotiate a settlement of the war in Bosnia, retired Gen. Colin Powell, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, a longtime Clinton friend.

Former White House deputy chief of staff Erskine Bowles is considered a top candidate to replace Panetta, but he is reluctant to leave North Carolina. Deputy national security adviser Sandy Berger and deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes also are candidates.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd also said he will be leaving that post, probably in January.

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Cleanup companies thrive on bloody crimes

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The blast from the package bomb killed its victim instantly and blew the hinges off the front door, shattered windows and ripped apart everything from linoleum tile to bedroom baseboards. Blood soaked the wallboards and stained the carpets.

Michael Hosto was paid to clean up the mess.

"It's a dirty job," said Hosto, owner of Crime Scene Cleanup, a company that specializes in removing signs of violent crimes, including blood stains and body parts missed by medical examiners.

Before such companies, crime scenes were mopped up by police, janitors and

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even victims' families.

"We're providing a service to family members," Hosto said. "Nothing more, nothing less."

The oddities of the business have been captured in Quentin Tarantino's new low-budget black comedy, "Cruel Intentions," about a Florida company much like Crime Scene Cleanup.

Hosto started his company in Fort Lauderdale in 1993 as an offshoot of another business, Fireworks Restoration Co., which rebuilds houses damaged by floods, hurricanes or bombs.

The cleanup company, which averages about six jobs a month, covers a region from Orlando to Miami.

Prices range from \$100 for a basic job to \$54,000 for an extensive cleanup, like the damage from the package bomb last April in a home in Plantation, near Fort Lauderdale. That took a month to complete. The case is still under investigation.

Once Hosto gets the go-ahead from insurance companies, his cleanup crew dons masks and sterile suits to avoid contact with blood-borne diseases.

The crews put blood in special receptacles, replace contaminated drywall and remove and burn soiled rugs and carpets. The state licenses the company to dispose of biological waste.

Workers sometimes find clues, including

bone fragments and other body parts, even after medical examiners remove bodies and detectives collect evidence. Such clues are turned over to investigators.

Sgt. Bill Garrison, supervisor of the Metro-Dade Police Department's Health Services, said crime cleanup companies take a load off the victims' families.

"Families who have moved away from their support systems just don't have the people to help them clean up after murders or suicides," he said.

But the hard part of the job isn't the cleanup, it's being prepared for the grisly images.

"Sometimes the scenes are hard to forget," said Lisa Stein, a 23-year-old worker for Crime Scene Cleanup. "Sometimes I want to read the newspapers to find out more about what happened."

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