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The Logo Lowdown, *part 1*

## Who paid for Repubs and Dems in our last election?

**T**HE 2006 ELECTION RESULTS HAVE JUST COME IN! Not the polling results for Congress, of course—we got those last November. I'm talking about the money numbers—the votes cast in cash by major corporations eager to elect Congress critters beholden to them.

The final reports to the Federal Election Commission arrived last month, revealing that a record level of corporate money poured into the corrupt system, with the preponderance of it flowing into the coffers of Republican candidates. It was hardly surprising, as George W and GOP congressional leaders have long since hitched themselves to the corporate wagon, loading it with billions of dollars' worth of special tax breaks, regulatory favors, trade scams, no-bid contracts, subsidies, and other goodies.

**Drug makers**, for example, got Congress to hand them a multibillion-dollar boondoggle with passage of a Medicare drug bill that was essentially written by their lobbyists.

**Computer giants** have had Congress holding open the visa gates so they could bring tens of thousands of low-wage engineers and programmers from India and elsewhere to the U.S., knocking down the overall pay scale for these mid-

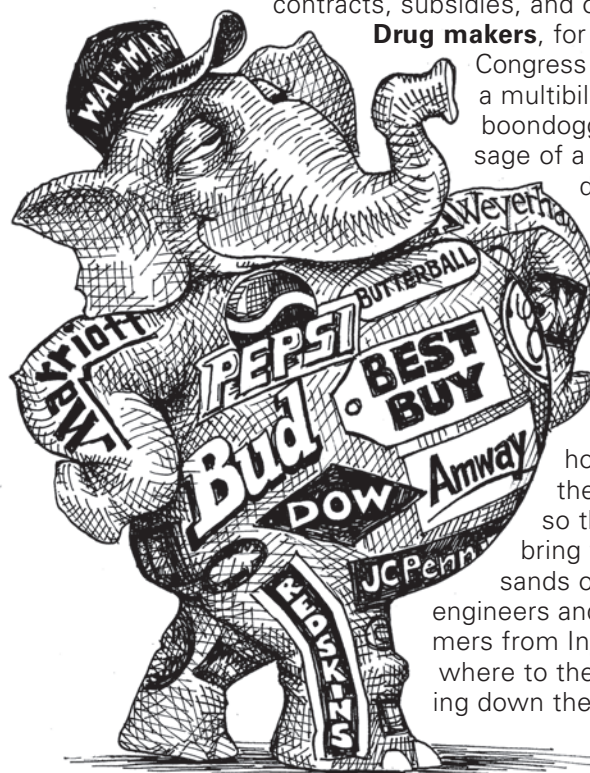
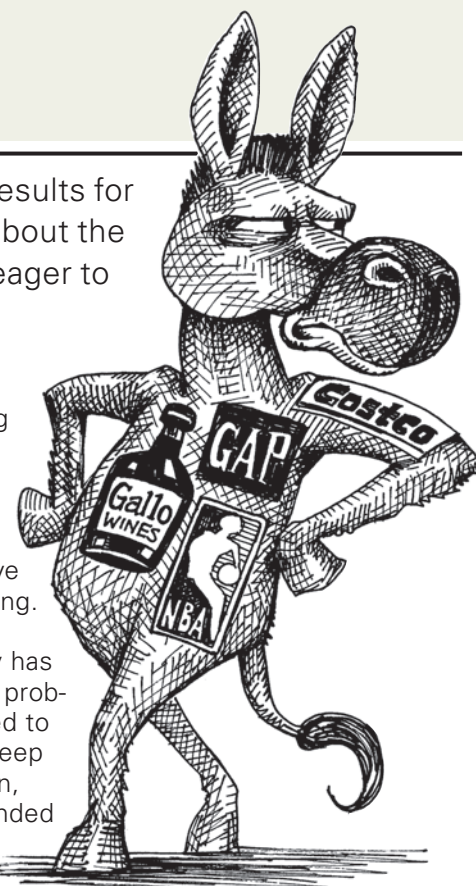
dle-class jobs. **Meat processors** fought off consumers demanding action on mad-cow disease, even getting Congress to stall the simple requirement that food products have country-of-origin labeling.

Under GOP control, industry after industry has been porking out. You probably won't be surprised to hear that in order to keep on in the same fashion, corporate America handed out generous campaign donations to its favorites in 2006.

But—which corporations, exactly?

Working with the Center for Responsive Politics, our intrepid research director, Laura Ehrlich, has compiled a handy-dandy list of brand-name corporations that were major political players in the '06 elections. We include only those that put \$100,000 or more into candidates' pockets, with at least two thirds of their money going to one particular party. The sums include donations from corporate executives and PACs.

Since these outfits rake in your consumer dollars, then donate a portion to the GOP, which in turn backs the anti-consumer, anti-worker, anti-environment agenda of the corporations, you might want to consult this **Lowdowner's Shopping Guide** when making future decisions about how to vote with your consumer dollars.



## 363 TONS OF CASH—POOF!

Iraq is now in a civil war, right? Well, George W's top intelligence team says no—and yes. I quote: "The term 'civil war' does not adequately capture the complexity of the conflict." But then it says, "nonetheless, the term 'civil war' accurately describes key elements of the Iraqi conflict."

Speaking of intelligence confusion, the Pentagon recently confirmed what we've all known for years: It cooked the intelligence reports so Bush could justify invading Iraq. But then, Bush officials proclaimed that—omigosh!—they've found evidence of weapons from Iran being used in Iraq. They shouted that this is proof—PROOF!—that evil Iran is behind the Iraq mess.

Curiously, though, the officials would not release all of the "evidence." It's deja vu all over again.

Meanwhile, there's the little matter of missing bucks in Iraq. Beaucoup bucks. L. Paul Bremmer III, the guy Bush first installed as overseer of the Iraq occupation, now concedes that he okayed the shipment of \$12 billion from the U.S. Treasury to the Iraqi interim government. In cash! Shrink-wrapped stacks of \$100 bills were loaded on wooden pallets and flown to Baghdad. It was 363 tons of cash.

Where it went, no one knows. Neither L. Paul III nor the Iraqis bothered to monitor its disbursement. Did some of it go to fund the insurgents who attacked our soldiers? Did corrupt officials stuff their pockets? Did Halliburton and other contractors rip off a wad?

We need a new Truman Committee to hold our officials accountable for this disgrace.

## MAKING A MOCKERY OF REFORM

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## FOOD & BEVERAGE COMPANIES



| CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS   | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED | CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS   | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Silver Eagle Distributors</b>   | <b>\$205,484</b>   | <b>100% to GOP</b>     | Oh Boy! Oberta Meat Snacks, Rold Gold Pretzels, Ruffles, Sabritones, Tostitos, Sun Chips, Cap'n Crunch, Life Cereal, Quisp, Mother's Natural Foods, Kretschmer Wheat Germ, AuntJemima, Rice-A-Roni.  |                    |                        |
| <b>Molson Coors Brewing</b>  | <b>\$168,597</b>   | <b>83% to GOP</b>      | <b>Pilgrim's Pride</b>   | <b>\$351,400</b>   | <b>100% to GOP</b>     |
| Coors, Molson, Carling, Killian's Irish Red, Blue Moon, Keystone, Zima, Winterfest.  |                    |                        | Poultry, eggs, deli products.  |                    |                        |
| <b>Reyes Holdings</b>  | <b>\$109,525</b>   | <b>100% to GOP</b>     | <b>Flowers Foods</b>   | <b>\$182,950</b>   | <b>100% to GOP</b>     |
| <b>Proctor &amp; Gamble</b>  | <b>\$356,674</b>   | <b>81% to GOP</b>      | Nature's Own, Cobblestone Mill, Sunbeam Bread, Bunny Bread, ButterKrust, European Bakers, BlueBird, Mrs. Freshley's, Mi Casa, Tesoritots.  |                    |                        |
| Eukanuba, Folgers, Iams, Metamucil, Millstone, Pringles; see also <i>Consumer Products</i> .   |                    |                        | <b>Smithfield Foods</b>  | <b>\$166,360</b>   | <b>86% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Altria</b>  | <b>\$1,264,435</b> | <b>65% to GOP</b>      | <b>Meats:</b> Smithfield, John Morrell, Kretschmar, E-Z Cut, Dinner Bell, Rath Black Hawk, Rodeo, Hunter, Peyton's, Tobin's First Prize, Farmland, Rogelein, OhSe, Patrick Cudahy, La Abuelita, Pavone, Ember Farms, Cook's, Stefano Foods, Butterball, Gwaltney.  |                    |                        |
| <b>Kraft products including but not limited to:</b> Maxwell House, General Foods, Sanka, Seattle's Best Coffee, Starbucks, Tazo, Kool-Aid, Baker's Hot Chocolate Mix, Del Monte juice drinks, Country Time, Crystal Light, Quench, Tang, Capri Sun, Fruit2O, Back to Nature products, Kraft cheese cubes, Breakstone's Cottage Cheese, Knudsen, Light n' Lively, Athenos Hummus, natural cheese (Athenos, Casino, Churny, Churny Barrel, Delissio, DiGiorno, Handi-Snacks, Harvest Moon, Hoffman's, Maclaren's Imperial), Velveeta, Cheez Whiz, Oscar Mayer, Louis Rich, Taco Bell Dinner Kits, Lunchables, Boca, Tombstone, Bull's-Eye BBQ Sauce, Del Monte canned fruits and vegetables, CarbWell products, Aylmer products, Grey Poupon, Cream of Wheat, Dream Whip, Jell-O Knox Gelatine, Balance products, Ever Fresh, Cool Whip, Barnum's Animals, Biscos, Café Crème, Cameo, Chips Ahoy!, Homeymaid, Lorna Doone, Mallomars, National Arrowroot, Newtons, Nilla, Nutter Butter, Oreo, SnackWells, Teddy Grahams, Air Crisps, Better Cheddars, Cheese Nips, Doo Dad, Flavor Crisps, Harvest Crisps, Ritz, Stoned Wheat Thins, Triscuit, Unedea, Zwieback, Balance brands, Planters, Corn Nuts, Jet-Puffed Marshmallow Creme, Kraft Caramels, Toblerone, Claussen Pickles, Alpha-Bits, Banana Nut Crunch, Blueberry Morning, Bran Flakes, Cranberry Almond Crunch, Shredded Wheat, Fruit and Fibre, Golden Crisp, Grape-Nuts, Honeycomb, Raisin Bran, Sugar-Crisp, Good Seasons salad dressing, Seven Seas salad dressing, Miracle Whip, A1 sauce, Shake 'n Bake. |                    |                        | <b>Swift &amp; Company</b>   | <b>\$138,750</b>   | <b>75% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>UST Inc.</b>  | <b>\$531,500</b>   | <b>86% to GOP</b>      | Beef and pork supplier.  |                    |                        |
| <b>Wines:</b> Chateau Ste Michelle, Columbia Crest, Col Solare, Conn Creek, Distant Bay, Domaine St Michelle, 14 Hands, Northstar, Red Diamond, Saint M, Snoqualmie, Stimson Estate Cellars, Villa Mt Eden, Boonaroo, Spring Valley Vineyard, Antinori; see also <i>Tobacco Products</i> .   |                    |                        | <b>ConAgra</b>   | <b>\$123,000</b>   | <b>82% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Dean Foods</b>  | <b>\$523,400</b>   | <b>71% to GOP</b>      | Act II Popcorn, Andy Capp's, Angela Mia, Award, Banquet, Big Mama Sausage, Blue Bonnet, Brown 'N Serve, Chef Boyardee, Crunch 'n Munch, DAVID, Dennison's, Egg Beaters, Fernando's, Firecracker, Fleischmann's, Gebhardt, Gilardi Foods, Gilroy, Gulden's, Healthy Choice, Hebrew National, Hunt's Snack Pack, J. Hungerford Smith, Jiffy Pop, Kid Cuisine, Knott's Berry Farm, La Choy, Lamb Weston, Lamb Weston Inland Valley, Libby's, Luck's, Manwich, Marie Callender's, Move Over Butter, Orville Redenbacher's, PAM, Parkay, Patio, Pemmican, Penrose, Peter Pan, Ranch Style, Reddi-wip, Ro*Tel, Rosarita, Slim Jim, Squeeze 'N Go, Swiss Miss, The Max, Van Camp's, Wesson, Wolf. |                    |                        |
| Alta Dena, Barbe's, Barber's, Berkeley Farms, Brown's Dairy, Country Fresh, Creamland, Dairy Ease, Dean's, Gandy's, Garelick Farms, Hershey's Milks and Milkshakes, Horizon Organic, International Delight, LAND O LAKES, Lehigh Valley Dairy Farms, Louis Trauth, Mayfield Dairy, McArthur Dairy, Meadow Brook Dairy, Meadow Gold, Melody Farms, Mountain High Yoghurt, Oak Farms Dairy, Organic Cow of Vermont, PET Dairy, Price's Creameries, Purity Dairies, Rachel's Organic, Reiter Dairy, Robinson Dairy, Schepps Dairy, Silk Soymilk, Stroh's, T.G. Lee Dairy, TofuTown.   |                    |                        | <b>AGR Foods</b>   | <b>\$119,600</b>   | <b>98% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>PepsiCo</b>   | <b>\$376,392</b>   | <b>70% to GOP</b>      | <b>HJ Heinz</b>  | <b>\$105,898</b>   | <b>74% to GOP</b>      |
| Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Pepsi ONE, Mountain Dew, Code Red, LiveWire, MDX, AMP, Mug Root Beer, Mirinda Orange, Sierra Mist, Tropicana drinks and juices, Frappuccino, Starbucks DoubleShot, Aquafina, Lipton, SoBe, Quaker Milk Chillers, Baked!, Cheetos, Cracker Jack, Doritos, Fritos, Funyuns, Gamesa Cookies, Lay's Potato Chips, Quaker Oats and Quaker products, Nut Harvest, Munchies Snack Mix,   |                    |                        | Bagel Bites, Boston Market, Catelli, Classico, Delimex, Farley's, Greenseas, Guloso, Heinz Ketchup, Heinz Vinegar, HP Sauce, Heinz 57, Jack Daniel's Sauces and Marinades, Lea & Perrins, Nancy's, Ne-nerina, Olivine, Ore-Ida, Orlando, Plasmon, Polly Mi Chica, Polly Rice Flour, Smart Ones, tonytums, T.G.I. Friday's, Wattie's, Weight Watchers Foods, Wylers.  |                    |                        |
|  |                    |                        | <b>United Dairy Farmers</b>  | <b>\$168,400</b>   | <b>100% to GOP</b>     |
|  |                    |                        | Homemade Brand ice cream, Premium Homemade ice cream and yogurt  |                    |                        |
|  |                    |                        | <b>E&amp;J Gallo Winery</b>  | <b>\$175,120</b>   | <b>94% to Dems</b>     |
|  |                    |                        | Gallo wines, Bridlewood Estate, Frei Brothers, Indigo Hills, Louis M. Martini, MacMurray Ranch, Turning Leaf, Bella Sera, Black Swan, DaVinci, Ecco Domani, Red Bicycleette, Whitehaven, Carlo Rossi, Livingston Cellars, Peter Vella, Wild Vines, Burlwood, Copperidge, Liberty Creek, William Wycliff Vineyards.   |                    |                        |
|  |                    |                        | <b>Southern Wine &amp; Spirits</b>   | <b>\$176,250</b>   | <b>77% to Dems</b>     |
|  |                    |                        | <b>Charmer Sunbelt Group</b>   | <b>\$110,850</b>   | <b>95% to Dems</b>     |
|  |                    |                        | <b>Astrale e Terra Winery</b>  | <b>\$100,400</b>   | <b>100% to Dems</b>    |

## TOBACCO PRODUCTS



| CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS  | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Altria Group</b>   | <b>\$1,288,703</b> | <b>65% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Philip Morris products:</b> Apollo Soyuz, Bond Street, Caro, Chesterfield, Diana, F6, L&M, Lark, Longbeach, Marlboro, Merit, Multifilter, Muratti, Optima, Parliament, Peter Jackson, Petra, Philip Morris, Polyot, Red & White, SG, Start, Vatra, Virginia Slims.   |                    |                        |
| <b>Reynolds American</b>  | <b>\$860,000</b>   | <b>86% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Cigarettes:</b> Camel, Kool, Winston, Salem, Doral, Pall Mall, Barclay, Belair, Capri, Carlton, GPC, Lucky Strike, Misty, Monarch, More, Now, Tareyton, Vantage, Viceroy, American Spirit. <b>Smokeless tobacco:</b> H.B. Scott's Private Blend, Morgan's, Levi Garrett, Peachey, Taylor's Pride, Union Workman. |                    |                        |
| <b>UST Inc.</b>   | <b>\$575,900</b>   | <b>85% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Smokeless Tobacco:</b> Copenhagen, Skoal, Rooster, Red Seal, Husky, Skoal Bandit.  |                    |                        |
| <b>Loews Corporation</b>  | <b>\$235,250</b>   | <b>87% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Holding company for:</b> CNA Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, Lorillard, Inc. products (Newport, Kent, True, Maverick, Old Gold), Texas Gas Transmission Company, Gulf South Pipeline, Loews Hotels, Bulova.   |                    |                        |
| <b>Vector Group</b>   | <b>\$110,100</b>   | <b>84% to Dems</b>     |
| Liggett Select, Eve, Grand Prix, Quest, Jade, Pyramid, USA, Tourney, Tourney Slims, Silver Eagle.   |                    |                        |

## BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS



| CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS                   | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>National Beer Wholesalers Assn.</b>     | <b>\$3,064,250</b> | <b>69% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Nat'l Fedn of Independent Business</b>  | <b>\$897,431</b>   | <b>90% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>National Assn of Convenience Stores</b> | <b>\$811,332</b>   | <b>78% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Wine and Spirits Wholesalers</b>        | <b>\$665,858</b>   | <b>69% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>National Cattleman's Beef Assn.</b>     | <b>\$386,294</b>   | <b>76% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Food Marketing Institute</b>            | <b>\$343,071</b>   | <b>89% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Internat'l Franchise Assn.</b>          | <b>\$338,500</b>   | <b>87% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Hardwood Federation</b>                 | <b>\$313,969</b>   | <b>79% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>U.S. Chamber of Commerce</b>            | <b>\$231,440</b>   | <b>80% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>American Meat Institute</b>             | <b>\$231,234</b>   | <b>81% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>American Forest &amp; Paper Assn.</b>   | <b>\$218,171</b>   | <b>88% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>National Pork Producers Assn.</b>       | <b>\$178,801</b>   | <b>75% to GOP</b>      |
| <b>Nat'l Assn. of Chain Drugstores</b>     | <b>\$175,355</b>   | <b>65% to GOP</b>      |

**RETAIL STORES**



| CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS  | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Wal-Mart</b><br>Wal-Mart, Sam's Club.  | \$1,427,026        | 71% to GOP             |
| <b>The Home Depot</b>   | \$820,060          | 74% to GOP             |
| <b>Target Corporation</b>   | \$482,888          | 74% to GOP             |
| <b>Amway/Alticor Inc.</b>   | \$301,050          | 100% to GOP            |
| <b>Limited Brands</b><br>Victoria's Secret, Express, Bath & Body Works, The Limited, C.O. Bigelow, The White Barn Candle Company, Henri Bendel. | \$277,000          | 68% to GOP             |
| <b>National Retail Federation</b>   | \$211,150          | 79% to GOP             |
| <b>JCPenney</b>   | \$180,650          | 84% to GOP             |
| <b>Best Buy</b>   | \$130,300          | 88% to GOP             |
| <b>Federated Dept Stores</b><br>Bloomingdale's, Macy's.   | \$103,913          | 76% to GOP             |
| <b>Walgreen Company</b>   | \$125,501          | 64% to GOP             |
| <b>Gap Inc.</b><br>Gap, Old Navy, Forth and Towne, Piperlime.   | \$216,939          | 74% to Dems            |
| <b>Costco Wholesale</b>   | \$148,396          | 85% to Dems            |
| <b>Barnes &amp; Noble</b>   | \$129,680          | 81% to Dems            |

**RESTAURANTS**



| CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS   | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>National Restaurant Assn.</b>   | \$1,649,546        | 69% to GOP             |
| <b>Outback Steakhouse</b><br>Carrabba's, Roy's, Bonefish Grill, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Lee Roy Selmon's, Cheeseburger In Paradise, Blue Coral Seafood & Spirits. | \$595,864          | 95% to GOP             |
| <b>Darden Restaurants</b><br>Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Smokey Bones, Bahama Breeze.   | \$265,629          | 75% to GOP             |
| <b>Wendy's International</b>   | \$241,250          | 85% to GOP             |
| <b>McDonald's</b><br>McDonald's, Chipolte Mexican Grill, Aroma Café, Boston Market.  | \$229,440          | 85% to GOP             |
| <b>Brinker International</b><br>Chili's, On The Border, Maggiano's Little Italy, Romano's Macaroni Grill.  | \$124,900          | 86% to GOP             |
| <b>American Beverage Assn.</b>   | \$115,607          | 78% to GOP             |
| <b>Pizza Hut Fran. Assn.</b>   | \$106,500          | 93% to GOP             |
| <b>Ladex Corp.</b><br>Canned fruits and vegetables.  | \$102,300          | 66% to GOP             |
| <b>Yum! Brands Inc.</b><br>Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, KFC, A&W All American Foods.  | \$95,550           | 83% to GOP             |
| <b>Riese Organization</b><br>Times Square Grill, Lindy's, Martini's, Knot Just Pretzels, Roy Rogers, Nathan's Famous, T.G.I. Friday's, Charley O's.                              | \$90,300           | 100% to Dems           |

**AGRIBUSINESS**



| CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS   | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED | CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS   | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Deere &amp; Company</b><br>Tractors and farm equipment.   | \$457,800          | 84% to GOP             | <b>Peace River Citrus Products, Inc.</b>   | \$117,560          | 95% to GOP             |
| <b>Weyerhaeuser Company</b>  | \$452,826          | 77% to GOP             | <b>Centric Group</b>   | \$160,200          | 100% to GOP            |
| <b>International Paper</b><br>Paper brands: Accent, Great White, Hammermill, Springhill, Williamsburg. | \$389,549          | 89% to GOP             | <b>Swift &amp; Company</b>   | \$138,750          | 75% to GOP             |
| <b>California Dairies, Inc.</b>  | \$379,500          | 82% to GOP             | <b>Publix Super Markets</b>  | \$137,820          | 88% to GOP             |
| <b>Pfizer, Inc.</b>  | \$156,500          | 65% to GOP             | <b>Georgia-Pacific</b><br>Dixie brand paper products and plastic cutlery, Spectrum paper, Georgia Pacifica and Advantage brand office paper and ink cartridges, various commercial paper products. | \$212,550          | 70% to GOP             |
| <b>American Proteins, Inc.</b>   | \$128,593          | 100% to GOP            | <b>Plum Creek Hollow Farm</b>  | \$100,100          | 93% to Dems            |
| <b>Albertsons</b>  | \$225,000          | 73% to GOP             | <b>Flo-Sun Inc.</b><br>Sugar.  | \$411,240          | 65% to Dems            |
| <b>Syngenta Corporation</b>  | \$117,250          | 71% to GOP             | <b>Connell Company</b><br>Rice and sugar.  | \$354,000          | 97% to Dems            |
| <b>Schnucks</b>  | \$143,735          | 100% to GOP            | <b>Florida Sugar Cane League</b>   | \$211,922          | 65% to Dems            |
| <b>Scotts Miracle-Gro</b>  | \$135,778          | 98% to GOP             |  |                    |                        |
| <b>Cargill, Inc.</b>   | \$270,799          | 80% to GOP             |  |                    |                        |

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Democratic-controlled Congress did in January was to pass long-overdue curbs on lobbyist-paid junkets, jet travel, tickets to sports events, and such. Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared this will be “the most ethical Congress in history.”

But January wasn't over before the lobbyists and lawmakers had found the loophole in the law. While influence peddlers can no longer fly a Congress critter on a corporate jet to a private party, lobbyists can pay \$5,000 each to the lawmakers' political committees to join them at events the Congress critters happen to be attending.

So, members of Congress have staged all sorts of creative events that lobbyists can pay to attend, thus continuing the pay-to-schmooze corruption that we were told the new law banned. Let's see, for \$5,000, a lobbyist could hang out at Disney World with Sen. Mel Martinez, or go snowmobiling in Montana with Sen. Max Baucus. For just \$2,500, Rep. Mary Bono let lobbyists join her at a Who concert, and Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones spent quality time with lobbyists while she had a manicure!

My favorite is Rep. Eric Cantor. Put \$2,500 in his pocket, and you're entitled to join him for coffee four times this spring at a Capitol Hill Starbucks. Golly, Eric, what do you charge for a real breakfast?

Said one influence peddler: “I have to have some personal contact to be a lobbyist.”

The way to stop the corruption for good is to have publicly financed elections so Congress critters don't need lobbyists' cash.

**MOLLY IVINS**

We progressives, we Americans—and anyone anywhere who loves lib-

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erty and justice—lost a true, trusted friend when Molly Ivins died recently.

Yet Molly was more than a person. She is a spirit—a big, boisterous, joyful, irreverent, hell-raising, fun-loving, muckracking, uninhibited, maverick spirit.

As such, she lives.

I first encountered her in 1970, when she exploded from the pages of the Texas Observer like a supernova. She was full of wit, smarts, and sass, grabbing readers by their hearts, minds, gonads, and funnybones. Damn, I thought, no human can write like that! She could knock you over and lift you up in the same sentence. It was her spirit coming at you.

For forty years or so, Molly wrote, spoke, taught, and agitated all across America, rallying progressive souls with the expressive force of that spirit to stand a little taller, get a little noisier, help whack some pompous plutocrat or asinine autocrat right in the snout—then go have some beers and an uproarious laugh.

In my years of knowing her, I found her to have five passions: (1) good, solid, and brave investigative Journalism (with a capital J); (2) the Bill of Rights—I think she spoke to more ACLU meetings than any president of that organization; (3) progressive, aggressively populist politics, putting the corporate structure and the money powers right in our sights; (4) underdogs; and (5) the merry combination of good friends, good drink, and good fun (she orchestrated many a wild game of charades in her home, playing it as a full-body contact sport).

In my last dinner with her, Molly turned to me and said out of the side of her mouth, “This has been a hell of a ride.” She meant the months of trying to stay atop the cancer bucking within her, but it also sums up her 62 years in this life.

**ENTERTAINMENT & LODGING** 

| CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS  | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>MGM MIRAGE</b>   | \$838,485          | 64% to GOP             |
| <b>Station Casinos, Inc.</b><br>Boulder Station, Fiesta Henderson, Fiesta Rancho, Green Valley Ranch, Palace Station, Red Rock, Santa Fe Station, Texas Station, Wild Wild West.  | \$424,275          | 83% to GOP             |
| <b>Marriott International</b><br>Marriott, JW Marriott, Renaissance Hotels, Courtyard, Residence Inn, Fairfield Inn, TownePlace Suites, SpringHill Suites.  | \$230,950          | 82% to GOP             |
| <b>International Game Technology</b>  | \$240,550          | 74% to GOP             |
| <b>Loews Corporation</b><br>Holding company for: CNA Financial, Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, Lorillard, Inc. products (Newport, Kent, True, Maverick, Old Gold), Texas Gas Transmission, Gulf South Pipeline, Loews Hotels, Bulova. | \$235,250          | 87% to GOP             |
| <b>Robson Communities</b>   | \$228,600          | 86% to GOP             |
| <b>Colorado Rockies</b>   | \$192,200          | 99% to GOP             |
| <b>Arizona Diamondbacks/Datatel, Inc.</b>   | \$162,800          | 100% to GOP            |
| <b>Washington Redskins</b>  | \$121,650          | 99% to GOP             |
| <b>Herschend Family Entertainment</b><br>Silver Dollar City Theme Park, Showboat Branson Belle, Celebration City, White Water, Talking Rocks Cavern, Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede, Ride the Ducks, Dollywood, Stone Mountain Park. | \$105,772          | 100% to GOP            |
| <b>Viejas Band of Mission Indians</b>   | \$359,900          | 68% to Dems            |
| <b>Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Tribe</b>  | \$253,240          | 76% to Dems            |
| <b>Gila River Indian Gaming</b>   | \$239,250          | 66% to Dems            |
| <b>Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians</b>   | \$233,400          | 98% to Dems            |
| <b>H Group Holding</b><br>Hyatt, Summerfield Suites.  | \$115,050          | 94% to Dems            |
| <b>Nat'l Basketball Association</b>   | \$115,280          | 99% to Dems            |

**CHEMICAL COMPANIES**   

| CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS   | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Contran Corporation</b>   | \$372,850          | 92% to GOP             |
| <b>Lyondell Chemical Company</b>   | \$287,020          | 87% to GOP             |
| <b>Ashland Inc.</b><br>Plastics, gel coats, packaging, inks.   | \$268,340          | 88% to GOP             |
| <b>Goodyear Tire &amp; Rubber</b><br>Tires, hoses, belts, etc.   | \$258,200          | 81% to GOP             |
| <b>Huntsman Corporation</b><br>Chemicals, plastics, automotive, aviation, textiles, footwear, paints and coatings, construction, technology, agriculture, health care, detergent, personal care, furniture, appliances, packaging. | \$213,050          | 71% to GOP             |
| <b>Dow Chemical Company</b><br>Chemical, plastic and agricultural products.  | \$185,490          | 86% to GOP             |

**CONSUMER PRODUCTS**  

| CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS   | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>General Electric</b><br>Home appliances, home electronics, lighting.  | \$1,172,101        | 64% to GOP             |
| <b>Proctor &amp; Gamble</b><br>A Touch of Sun, Activair, Always, Aussie, Bounce, Bounty, Braun, Camay, Cascade, Charmin, Cheer, Clairol, Cover Girl, Crest, Dawn, Dolce & Gabbana, Downy, Dreft, Duracell, Era, Escada, Eukanuba, Febreze, Folgers, Gain, Gleem, Head & Shoulders, Herbal Essences, Hugo, Iams, Ivory, Joy, Lacoste, Luvs, Max Factor, Metamucil, Millstone, Naomi Campbell, Natural Instincts, Nice 'n Easy, Noxzema, Old Spice, Oral-B, Pampers, Pantene, PeptoBismol, Pert Plus, Prilosec OTC, Pringles, Puffs, Puma, Safeguard, SatinCare, Scope, Secret, Sure, Tampax, Thermacare, Valentino, Zest. | \$356,674          | 81% to GOP             |
| <b>Georgia-Pacific Corporation</b><br>Dixie paper products, Sparkle, Zee, Angel Soft, Mardi Gras, Quilted Northern, So-Dri, Soft 'n Gentle, Vanity Fair; see also <i>Agribusiness</i> .  | \$212,550          | 70% to GOP             |
| <b>3M Company</b><br>Command products, Filtrete, Nexcare, Post-it, Scotch, Scotch Brite, Scotchguard, Scotchprint.   | \$177,790          | 70% to GOP             |
| <b>Curves International, Inc.</b><br>Fitness franchise.  | \$177,300          | 100% to GOP            |
| <b>New Balance Shoes</b>   | \$155,300          | 95% to GOP             |
| <b>CCA Industries, Inc.</b><br>Plus+White toothpaste and oral products, Sudden Change skin-care products, Scar Zone, Bikini Zone, Hair Off, Nutra Nail, Solar Sense, POUND-X, Mega-T, Mega-G, Wash 'N Curl, Wash 'N Tint, Pro-perm, Cherry Vanilla Fragrance, Wild Berry Vanilla Fragrance.  | \$149,750          | 100% to GOP            |
| <b>SC Johnson</b><br>Saran, Ziploc, Edge Active Care, Skintimate, OFF!, Raid, Glade, Oust, Drano, Shout, Pledge, Scrubbing Bubbles, Tempo, fantastik, Vanish, Windex, Future, Brite.   | \$106,100          | 83% to GOP             |
| <b>ServiceMaster Company</b><br>TruGreen ChemLawn, Terminix, American Home Shield, ServiceMaster, InStar Services Group, Merry Maids, Furniture Medic, Amerispec.  | \$217,140          | 75% to GOP             |

| CORPORATION AND PRODUCTS   | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION | PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTED |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>DuPont</b><br>Teflon, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides for crops, Kevlar.   | \$201,605          | 72% to GOP             |
| <b>PPG Industries</b><br>Glass products, protective coatings.  | \$141,240          | 76% to GOP             |
| <b>BASF Company</b><br>Chemicals, plastics, performance products, agricultural products, fine chemicals, crude oil, natural gas. | \$138,850          | 77% to GOP             |
| <b>Eastman Chemical</b><br>Chemicals, fibers, and plastics in household products.  | \$112,206          | 83% to GOP             |
| <b>NewMarket Corporation</b><br>Parent corporation of Afton Chemical, petroleum additives.                                       | \$106,475          | 99% to GOP             |
| <b>Internat'l Specialty Products</b><br>Chemicals in consumer products.  | \$100,100          | 89% to GOP             |

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