Channel Surfing in Today's Political Ocean

I must say, political talk shows on television have become so amusing lately. Dealt an incredible blow in the November midterm elections, the liberal media is having a harder time of dealing with

er time of dealing with it than the defeated Democrats.

Channel surfing with the remote control among these shows invariably finds you watching a show in which so-called political experts and pundits are being asked, "So, what does Bill Clinton have to do now in order to get re-elected?" Another variation on the theme is, "Does Bill Clinton have a chance in '96?" My favorite is Bernard Shaw on CNN's "Inside Politics." He has uttered the phrase "Comeback Kid" so often in reference to Clinton, you can only get the impression that this is what he fervently hopes for 1996.

What I'd like to say to the media is, allow me to break this to you since you seem to want answers. Bill Clinton has only the remotest chance of pulling off a win. It is not, as Leon Panetta has suggested, that he's doing a lousy job of informing the public of his accomplishments and all he has to do is get better public relations going. It is simply that his credibility is so damaged, he's blown himself out of water.

Look, Clinton supporters, it's not that bad. After all, he fulfilled his life's dream of becoming president of the United States. It's obvious when you see him at different state functions that he's having a great time. So, even when he gets sent back to Arkansas after the '96 election, he can still say he had fun. Play time will be over, and it'll be back to serious business at the White House.

Personally, I think Clinton would be doing his party a favor if he decided not to seek re-election. At least the Democrats could choose someone who has a stron-

Guest Commentary DIANE AMANTEA ger image and is perceived to be a person of his or her word. Perhaps they'd even have a shot at retaining the White House with, say, someone like Al Gore as president.

Obviously, I don't agree with Gore's politics. However, I think he is a decent man and, more importantly, a man of his word. While he's been relegated to the untenable position of cheerleader for a failed Clinton administration, I think he'd be a much better president than his boss. At least we know he won't be giving his wife's cronies exalted positions in his cabinet. That doesn't seem to be Gore's styleas well it shouldn't be. After all, when Whitewater and the Rose Law firm dealing hit the proverbial fan, most of those who attained their positions through nepotism dropped like flies.

The next presidential race should prove to be very interesting. However, I'll bet you Clinton doesn't have the intestinal fortitude to do what's right for his party—and his country—by stepping down.

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Letters to the Editor

Alaskan jobs misleading

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter regarding a classified ad that I have seen several times in *The Rebel Yell*.

The ad deals with the employment of fisherman in Alaska and the lure of high pay to perform these duties.

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Watching an expose on NBC's Prime
Time Live, I was disgusted to find out just
how bad these people are treated while
they work. The network placed hidden
cameras to record the nightmare.

This is how the scam works: First, you must sign a contract with the people who own the fishing boats. You become a fishing hand and are forced to spend long periods of time at sea. The fishing goes on 24-hours a day until the ship is full and must return to port.

Because of the overcrowding on the boat, crew members only get three to four hours of sleep per day. To top it off, when you re-

turn to land, these companies take phantom deductions out of your pay and your wages suddenly shrink below what you had expected.

The safety on these boats is also deplor-

HELP WANTED

ALASKA SUMMER EMPLOY-MENT—Students Needed! Fishing Industry. Earn up to \$3,000-\$6,000 per month. Room and Board! Transportation! Male or Female. No experience necessary. able. The fishing hands are constantly in harms way facing 20-foot seas on a regular basis.

With all this in mind,
I don't think The Rebel
Yell needs the money
bad enough to run this
add that could potentially put a UNLV student in harm. I hope
that the newspaper will
reconsider its policy
concerning these advertisements.

Harold Mann Junior



