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Virginia

Allen Hits D.C. Airwaves With Newest TV Spot

Sen. George Allen (R) has a new TV ad in the Washington, D.C., media market, the second he has aired in his campaign for re-election. The new 30-second spot features Allen with his family talking about efforts to make make communities and schools safer for children.

Allen notes that kids grow up fast and that his daughter will enter college this fall.

"While we have them, we want to make sure they're safe," he says in the commercial. "I'm working on new laws and better enforcement to protect our children from Internet predators. And to give law enforcement the tools they need to crack down on violent gangs that threaten our schools."

The ad, which began airing this week, was produced by Scott Howell & Co. While the new commercial is airing only in Northern Virginia, Allen's first ad touting his record in the Senate and as governor continues to run in the Norfolk media market.

Allen campaign manager Dick Wadhams said the new spot is part of the ad buy that began running several weeks ago and that the campaign's media strategy has not been adjusted based on the outcome of last week's Democratic Senate primary.

Allen faces former Reagan administration Navy Secretary **Jim Webb (D)** in November.

Wadhams chose his words carefully when asked whether the ad was specifically targeted to women voters—a key swing constituency, especially in Northern Virginia.

"We're talking about Sen. Allen's work to

mer state Rep. **Betty Sutton (D)** showed her with a commanding lead over Lorain Mayor **Craig Foltin (R)** in the open-seat 13th district race.

The Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research poll showed Sutton ahead of Foltin, 58 percent to 27 percent.

However, the full survey results were not made available and it is unclear how well either candidate is currently known. While Sutton's name ID was no doubt boosted by ads run during last month's hotly contested Democratic primary, both she and Foltin have represented relatively small portions of the district and it is uncertain if they are known to even a majority of voters there.

Sutton's lead almost exactly mirrors the results of the generic ballot question, when respondents are asked whether they favor electing a Democrat or a Republican to Congress, an indication that her large lead may be based more on party ID than anything else. Democrats led the generic ballot question 58 percent to 29 percent.

The survey also showed independent voters favored Sutton by a 48 percent to 23 percent margin.

The poll of 500 likely voters was taken May 31-June 5. It had a 4 percent margin of error. —**L.W.W.**

Pennsylvania

Hart Fairly Strong in Pittsburgh-Area District

A new Democratic survey showed **Rep. Melissa Hart (R)** in front of Democratic op-


ponent **Rep. Bill Clinton** will headline

amount ... that's not agreed to," she told the AP.

growing up right here to Washington," says the candidate, who grew up outside of Albany but is accused by Republicans of being a car-pet-bagger from New York City (where she worked for several years).

Meanwhile Welch took to the television airwaves for the first time Tuesday with a spot calling for health care reform. —**N.D.**

Gillibrand is beginning her advertising blitz less than two weeks after Sweeney went on the air with a spot touting his humble roots—and after the release of a Republican poll showing she is not well known among 20th district voters.

New Hampshire 

Gravel Rock Solid for State Council Candidate

Former Sen. **Mike Gravel (D-Alaska)** is running a long shot bid for president, but unlike his better known would-be opponents he apparently is eschewing speeches to party leaders in early primary states in favor of helping candidates at a lower level of government.

The poll of 401 likely voters, conducted for the Saratoga County Republican Party June 6-7 by Zogby International, found Sweeney preferred by 51 percent of those surveyed and Gillibrand the choice of 27 percent. When Libertarian candidate **Eric Sundwell** was included, the results were Sweeney 48 percent, Gillibrand 24 percent and Sundwell 2 percent. The poll had a 5 percent error margin.

Gravel will be in the Granite State today to help Bob Bruce, a one-time Congressional candidate, in his bid for the state's Executive Council. The council, unique to New Hampshire, is a five-person citizen advisory council to the executive branch.

While the poll generally had good news for Sweeney on several fronts—more than 63 percent of those surveyed viewed him very favorably or somewhat favorably—it also suggested that Gillibrand, who is making her first run for office, has some room to grow. More than 68 percent of the poll respondents said they were not familiar enough with her to have a strong opinion about her. That should change as she advertises more.

—**Josh Kurtz**

Indiana

After the Fireworks, Clinton Comes to Town

Gravel who served from 1969 to 1981, might best known for reading portions of the Pentagon Papers into the Congressional Record. —**N.D.**