

335, 1988

The Salina Journal

30P 4C66
RUSSELL PUBLI
126 E SIXTH
RUSSELL

115th year — No. 40

Salina, Kansas TUESDAY February 9, 1988

10 Tuesday, February 9, 1988

Dole wins big; Bush finishes 3rd Gephardt squeaks by Democratic field

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole won a convincing victory in Iowa's Republican presidential caucuses Monday night while Pat Robertson dropped a faltering Vice President George Bush into third place. Rep. Richard Gephardt led Paul Simon in a tight Democratic race.

With 65 percent of the Democratic caucuses reporting in the first big test of the 1988 presidential campaign, Gephardt of Missouri had 27 percent of the total. Simon of Illinois had 24 percent and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis had 21 percent. CBS and ABC predicted Gephardt would hang onto his lead and win.

At the back of the pack, Gary Hart's comeback bid was failing dramatically. He had scarcely 1 percent of the total in the state that catapulted him to national prominence in 1984.

The GOP returns were almost complete, with Dole at 38 percent, Robertson 24 percent and Bush at 19 percent.

Bush, the national front-runner as the evening began, conceded defeat and vowed to work harder in New Hampshire's lead-off primary next week.

"I'm a fighter," he said. "I'm not going to be slinking around."

Dole, who urged Iowans to regard him as "one of us," said his victory demonstrated "I can be elected in November." His double-digit margin was roughly in line with the pre-caucus polls.

But most of those polls showed Bush finishing ahead of Robertson, who said his showing was a victory for voters "who wanted us to restore the greatness of America through moral strength."

On Pages 14 and 15:

■ A look at Pat Robertson's surprising showing.

■ An analysis of what the caucuses mean.

■ A look ahead toward New Hampshire.

The final votes hadn't even been counted before the contenders turned their eyes toward New Hampshire.

Bush and Dukakis lead handily in polls there — but Dole's aides said the Republican numbers would shift dramatically — and quickly, if history is a guide, the same will be true for the Democrats.

With 97 percent of the Republican precincts reporting, Dole had 39,866 votes, or 37 percent. Former TV evangelist Robertson had 26,186 for 25 percent and Bush — the nationwide front-runner who scored a dramatic triumph in Iowa's caucuses in 1980 — had 19,820 or 19 percent.

The rest of the Republican field trailed far behind — Jack Kemp with 11 percent, Pete du Pont with 7 percent and Alexander Haig, who didn't compete, had a smattering of support.

The Dole camp crowed about the magnitude of the defeat suffered by the vice president. "This is going to help" in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary next week, said Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., a supporter of the Kansas senator.

Robertson's support was hard to figure before the caucuses — pun-

Republican results

- Bob Dole, 39,866 — 37 percent
- Pat Robertson, 26,186 — 25 percent
- George Bush, 19,820 — 19 percent
- Jack Kemp, 11,832 — 11 percent
- Pete du Pont, 7,762 — 7 percent
- No Preference, 772 — 1 percent
- Alexander Haig, 432 — 0 percent

* 97 percent of precincts reporting

Democratic results

- Richard Gephardt, 23,959 — 27 percent
- Paul Simon, 21,250 — 24 percent
- Michael Dukakis, 17,905 — 21 percent
- Jesse Jackson, 9,686 — 11 percent
- Bruce Babbitt, 7,947 — 9 percent
- Uncommitted, 5,212 — 6 percent
- Gary Hart, 892 — 1 percent
- Albert Gore, 188 — 0 percent

* 70 percent of precincts reporting



Sen. Bob Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, make a campaign stop Monday in Knoxville, Iowa.

Salina teen-ager joins Dole's campaign in Iowa

By ALAN STOLFUS
Staff Writer

Jim Hughes is not sure why, but the people of Iowa were listening to him.

Hughes, a 17-year-old Salinan campaigning for Sen. Bob Dole, spoke to high school students, college students and senior citizens for three days and most of them listened to what he had to say.

"They had some speculations at

first, but then I tell them what I'm doing," he said Monday from a phone booth in Ames, Iowa. "They're just accepting it. I don't know why."

After months of having presidential candidates stalk them to gain support on caucus night, Iowans may have been growing tired of presidential politics, Hughes said. "I'm having a few people tell me to blow it out my ear," he said.

Hughes was one of several Salina residents in Iowa this weekend trying to persuade caucus goers to vote for Dole. Others in Iowa were Nancy Macy, Keith and Elizabeth Duckers, Merlin and Mary Liby and Kansas Sen. Ben Vidriksen.

Hughes, who is president of the Salina County Young Republicans, was campaigning with the blessings of his parents, James and Debbie

Hughes, 2522 Robin Road.

"We thought it would be a good experience for him," his mother said, especially because Hughes is considering a career in politics.

Hughes was asked by Macy, Salina County co-chairwoman for the Dole campaign, if he would like to join the Iowa caucus for the weekend.

He traveled with the Liby's Fri-

day to Story City, about an hour north of Des Moines, and stayed with Dole supporters there.

Throughout the weekend and the prospect of political momentum for next week's first-in-the-nation primary in New Hampshire and later contests turned the state into a multimillion-dollar battleground.

That explained the millions of dollars on television and radio commercials, the massive organizational efforts and the hundreds of candidate days spent in a state where the turnout wasn't expected to go much above 250,000 voters.

Democrats began dividing up 52 of the state's 58-member delegation to the nominating convention according to a complicated formula designed to reflect strength at the caucuses.

The decisions were made not in the privacy of the polling booth but in precinct meetings in cities and towns from Adel to Zearing, posing an organizational challenge that gave hope to dark horses and favorites alike.

Robertson, the former TV evangelist, hoped his fundamentalist supporters would flood the GOP caucuses and produce an upset. Pre-caucus polls had Dole leading national front-runner Bush after a campaign laced with bitterness.

"Please, go to your caucuses and vote for me," Bush said as he closed out his Iowa campaign.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson was winning the battle for fourth place, with 9,686 votes and 11 percent to 7,947 and 9 percent for former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt. Sen. Albert Gore Jr., had abandoned his Iowa campaign and criticized the process here. He was running behind even non-candidate Mario Cuomo. Hart had 892 votes.

The Democratic race ran true to forecasts — a close race among three rivals. Gephardt, a congressional insider who campaigned as an anti-establishment figure, spent more time than anyone campaigning in Iowa in a bid to establish his candidacy. He and Simon ran a poor second to Dukakis in New Hampshire polls.

Iowa had relatively few national convention delegates to bestow. But the prospect of political momentum for next week's first-in-the-nation primary in New Hampshire and later contests turned the state into a multimillion-dollar battleground.

That explained the millions of dollars on television and radio commercials, the massive organizational efforts and the hundreds of candidate days spent in a state where the turnout wasn't expected to go much above 250,000 voters.

Democrats began dividing up 52 of the state's 58-member delegation to the nominating convention according to a complicated formula designed to reflect strength at the caucuses.

The decisions were made not in the privacy of the polling booth but in precinct meetings in cities and towns from Adel to Zearing, posing an organizational challenge that gave hope to dark horses and favorites alike.

Robertson, said he hoped his fundamentalist supporters would flood the GOP caucuses and produce an upset. Pre-caucus polls had Dole leading national front-runner Bush after a campaign laced with bitterness.

Rep. Kemp of New York and former Delaware Gov. du Pont vied for standing among conservatives, hoping to use Iowa as a springboard to challenge Bush and Dole next week in New Hampshire.

The sixth GOP contender, former Secretary of State Haig, skipped Iowa for New Hampshire.

Dole wins in Iowa

ELECTION '88
Iowa caucuses

Gephardt defeats Simon in close Democratic race

February 8, 1988	
DEMOCRATS	
Candidate	Pre-visibility straw poll vote
Gephardt	27%
Simon	24%
Dukakis	21%
Jackson	11%
Babbitt	9%
Hart	1%
Gore	0%
Uncommitted	6%

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole scored a convincing triumph in Iowa's Republican presidential caucuses Monday night while Pat Robertson dropped a faltering Vice President George Bush into third place. Richard Gephardt edged Paul Simon to win a seven-man Democratic race.

With 70 percent of the Democratic caucuses reporting in the first big test of the 1988 presidential campaign, Rep. Gephardt of Missouri had 27 percent of the total and led in the separate vote to apportion Iowa delegates to the national nominating convention.

"People are worried about regaining control of our economic destiny," Gephardt remarked in claiming victory.

Sen. Simon, of Illinois, had 24 percent and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis had 21 percent. Jesse Jackson bested a disappointed Bruce Babbitt for fourth place.

Even further back in the pack was Gary Hart, his comeback bid in shambles. He had scarcely one percent of the total in the state that catapulted him to national prominence in 1984.

The GOP returns were almost complete, with Dole at 37 percent, Robertson 25 percent and Bush at 19 percent.

Bush, the national front-runner as the evening began, conceded defeat and vowed to work harder in New Hampshire's lead-off primary next

week. "I'm a fighter... I'm not going to be slinking around," he said. Dole's aides crowed about the magnitude of the vice president's embarrassment. "I think it mortally wounds him," said Sen. Chuck Grasley of Iowa, who campaigned extensively for the winner.

Dole, who urged Iowans to regard him as "one of us," said he hoped his win would help him in New Hampshire, where he has picked up strength in a fresh public opinion survey released by ABC.

Dole's double-digit margin in Iowa was roughly in line with the pre-caucus polls — but the same polls showed Bush finishing ahead of Robertson.

The former television evangelist said his showing was a victory for voters "who wanted us to restore the greatness of America through moral strength." A CBS survey said more than a third of the Republican caucus participants identified themselves as fundamental or evangelical Christians and half of them favored Robertson.

As Dole and Bush indicated, the final votes hadn't even been counted before the contenders turned their eyes toward next week's test in New Hampshire.

Bush and Dukakis lead handily in polls there — but Dole's aides said the Republican numbers would shift dramatically — and quickly, if history is a guide, the same will be true for the Democrats.

With 98 percent of the Republican precincts reporting, Dole had 40,618 votes, or 37 percent. Robertson had 26,711 or 25 percent and Bush — the nationwide front-runner who scored a dramatic triumph in Iowa's caucuses in 1980 — had 20,172 or 19 percent.

The rest of the Republican field trailed far behind — Jack Kemp had 12,065 for 11 percent and won his duel with Pete du Pont, who had 7,971 for 7 percent. Alexander Haig, who didn't compete, had 412 votes.

With 70 percent of the Democratic caucuses reporting returns, Gephardt had 24,102 votes for 27 percent. Simon had 21,390 for 24 percent and Dukakis had 18,030 for 21 percent. Reporters seeking to gather vote counts at several hundred Democratic precincts were denied admission by party officials, meaning final returns were impossible.

Jesse Jackson led for fourth place, with 9,755 votes and 11 percent to 8,043 and 9 percent for former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt with six percent uncommitted. Albert Gore Jr. had abandoned his Iowa campaign and criticized the process here, and he was running behind even non-candidate Mario Cuomo, 223 votes to 192.

Hart had 895 votes and pronounced himself "disappointed but not discouraged." He his sixth place finish proves "I'm back in the role of the underdog, a role I cherish."

Democrats began dividing up 52 of the state's 58-member delegation to the nominating convention according to a complicated formula designed to reflect strength at the caucuses.

Based on returns from 81 percent of Iowa's precincts, the Associated Press calculated that Gephardt would win 21 national convention delegates, Simon 17, Dukakis 12, and

TOWNS CAPITOL 2-9

— Associated Press

(Continued on page 14, column 1)