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## Dole wins, Robertson wounds Bush; Gephardt beats Simon in squeaker

### Iowa makes Dole a very happy man

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Bob Dole strode onto the stage at Indian Hills Junior High School in Clive Monday night, thrust a left-fisted salute into the air and beamed while the audience roared. Republicans all around Iowa roared approval with their votes, as well.

Dole, a 64-year-old U.S. senator from Kansas, was a happy man Monday night. The mood of his celebration at the Hotel Fort Des Moines in downtown Des Moines was tempered only by the uncertainty of his standing in New Hampshire, site of the nation's first presidential primary one week from today.

"It is going to be a tough race," Dole predicted. "We're behind in recent polls. I do hope we are helped a little by our impressive victory here. And we hope we can give the same message to the voters of New Hampshire. But let's face it, I'm behind."

#### Rudman Backing

Dole leaves this morning for New Hampshire, where he is counting on Senator Warren Rudman to provide the same type of help he received from Senator Charles Grassley in Iowa.

Grassley, who appeared in television and radio commercials for Dole as well as providing organizational support, said Vice President George Bush will "have some explaining to do. How can someone with a 20-point lead in New Hampshire finish third here?"

Grassley asked. As happy as Dole's supporters were late Monday, the numbers most likely to be reverberating around the country this morning are those accorded to Pat Robertson and Bush.

Dole said Robertson's finish "puts a whole new focus" on the race. "I think what Robertson is telling us is that in caucus states he can be a real threat," Dole said. "I think in an open primary the threat is not that great."

What Robertson is doing, Dole added, "is bringing a lot of new people into the party and I want to put up a welcome sign."

The battle between Dole and Bush, who try only feebly to hide their dislike of one another, had grown heated during the last week of the Iowa campaign, although Dole said he doesn't believe the feuding had much effect on the outcome.

"I think the people of Iowa are saying which candidate has a message, which candidate will make a difference, which candidate is closer to the people," he said.

#### Famous Temper

Dole conceded that Bush's campaign may have been trying to trip the trigger on his famous temper, but said he had learned a lot since he was Gerald Ford's running mate and hatchet man in the 1976 election against Jimmy Carter.

"In 1976 I got sent to the briar patch and got scratched up," Dole said. "So this year, I am trying to run a high-level campaign."

"I'm setting the tone of this election. No one is going to rattle Bob Dole. I want to talk about the issues."

Bush was not in Iowa Monday night. Air Force II, the vice president's jet, departed in late afternoon for New Hampshire, where Bush is expected to be hard at work early this morning explaining that Dole's victory was due to little more than the fact that Dole's home state of Kansas is not far from Iowa.

Dole, anticipating Bush's strategy, had his response ready: "Tell them it wasn't the neighborhood that made me finish last in Iowa in 1980."

The entire day was a good one for Dole. William Brock, the former U.S. labor secretary who is Dole's campaign manager, said the candidate was in a "fantastic" mood after a "wonderful day."

#### Dole Quips

Dole quipped his way around central Iowa Monday, telling many Iowans, "If you can't vote for me, don't go out in the cold."

At the caucus at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Urbandale, a supporter ripped a temporary panel off his "Welcome Senator Dole" sign so it read, "Welcome President Dole." Dole smiled.

Dole shook every hand he could find Monday night, including that of Pete Bissinger, 17, a senior at Valley High School, who gave the nominating speech for Dole at Indian Hills. "He's conservative," said Bissinger. "But he'll vote the way he feels."

Dole had maintained a frenetic schedule during the final hours on Monday.

Traveling with his wife, Elizabeth, his daughter, Robin, his Senate pal Grassley and home-state friends from Kansas, Dole began the day on the Knoxville farm of Abe and Sally Synhorst. He said he wanted to end his Iowa campaign on a farm, just as it had begun.

By Monday night, Dole was effusive with his thanks to Iowans. "I know how to get back here," he said. "I've learned that Iowa is right on the way back to Topeka."

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## Clobbered!

### Dole, Robertson steamroll Bush during Iowa caucuses

By Howard News Service

DES MOINES, Iowa — Sen. Robert Dole buried George Bush in Iowa's Republican caucuses Monday night, and the vice president was even soundly beaten for second place by former TV evangelist Pat Robertson.

Rep. Richard Gephardt, Mo., won the Democratic race, with Sen. Paul Simon, Ill., finishing second, and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis a close third.

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Dole was running at 37 percent of the GOP vote to 25 percent for Robertson and only 19 percent for the vice president.

Dole — who finished last here in 1980 — won in cities, suburbs and rural areas and was even showing large margins in areas where Bush won in 1980.

Gephardt, who held the lead based on his strength in economically hard-hit rural areas, capitalized on effective TV commercials that appealed to workers and farmers who suffered during the Reagan years when most Americans prospered.

"We're going to have a good victory," Gephardt said. He said his



Pat Robertson waves to supporters after finishing well ahead of George Bush Monday night.

victory showed. "People have been worrying about wages and jobs."

"We're the hot campaign," said Gephardt campaign manager William Carrick.

Dole's backers were elated by the unexpected size of their victory.

"It's a terrible disaster for the vice president," crowed Dole's campaign chairman Bill Brock, Reagan's former Labor Secretary who spurned Bush's offer to join his campaign last year.

"I think it mortally wounds him," said Sen. Charles Grassley, a Dole supporter.

Dole himself said the results could "reshape" the race. He said the outcome reflected "differences, rather sharp differences" between him and the vice president. Dole said he thought his proposal for a spending freeze to deal with the deficits was key to the victory.

Bush, in Manchester, N.H., told reporters, "Sure, I made mistakes. All it does is convince me to get the message out better."

However, Bush said, "I believe I'm going to be the nominee of this party."

Bush has a 20 point lead in New Hampshire and a 2-to-1 lead in the South.

Mitch Daniels, who was President Reagan's top political aide and is neutral in the GOP nomination fight, called the results "a body blow to Bush, no doubt about it."

Daniels said Dole "was already the Republican who showed best among Democrats and independents. The day Bob Dole demonstrates, as he may be doing, that he can become the choice of Republicans he becomes the likely next president."

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### Suit alleges Owen used influence with Dole improperly

WASHINGTON (AP) — A businessman alleged in a lawsuit Monday that the government improperly terminated his contract to supply housing at Fort Leavenworth because of influence by a long-time associate of Sen. Bob Dole.

The suit filed by David V. Adamson, of Leavenworth, Kan., did not name Dole. But it said Dole's associate, David Owen, had asked "an aide or aides in a U.S. senator's office" to contact officials at Fort Leavenworth on behalf of Darol Rodrock, who wound up winning the housing contract.

Walt Riker, a Dole spokesman in Wash-

ington, said last month that a Dole aide called a Fort Leavenworth commander last year to insist on "fair and proper" handling of the \$1.4 million housing contract. Riker said the aide had not mentioned Rodrock's name and that the call was made because of concerns that Rep. Jim Slattery, D-Kan., was trying to help a competing businessman.

The suit, filed in the U.S. Court of Claims, seeks \$322,934 in damages and names as defendants the United States Government and Donald Radosevic, who was the chief of the Army Corps of Engi-

neers' real estate division when Adamson's contract was terminated in March 1987.

The lawsuit said Owen "unduly influenced" officials of the Corps of Engineers about the contract to house off-base officers.

Owen, of Overland Park, Kan., said last month that Rodrock began paying him about \$7,000 a month in consulting fees shortly after Rodrock's housing contract was extended. Owen, a former Kansas lieutenant colonel, later became the national finance chairman of the Dole cam-

paign. He resigned from the campaign on Jan. 14.

Adamson and two other property owners last week submitted claims to the Corps demanding a total of \$777,298 in damages, with Adamson seeking \$322,934, the same amount as his suit.

The three property owners, and Rodrock, had provided the off-base housing at Fort Leavenworth until last March, when the corp extended Rodrock's \$1.4 million contract and terminated the other three.

The suit said the base housing officer at the time, Lt. Col. Michael Jacobi, recom-

ended the Corp extend the contract because he wanted to work for Rodrock after retiring from the military.

Rodrock has said that in August he hired Jacobi to oversee his rental property at a salary of \$36,000 a year.

Rodrock and Jacobi have denied that Jacobi traded his recommendation on the contract for a job with Rodrock.

The three claims submitted to the Corps last week by Adamson, Condotelis Inc. and Chester and Harvelene Lewis make the same allegations as the lawsuit.