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with slim pickings after caucuses

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CAUCUSES

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straw poll remained uncounted this morning. But in the game that's more important for the Republican convention in Detroit this summer — the collection of delegates — Bush appeared to be holding a wide lead.

The actual breakdown of loyalties at the upcoming county conventions won't be known for months, because those loyalties change with the political winds.

But a random check of key precincts suggested Bush was drawing about 50 percent, compared to Reagan's 30 percent, 10 percent for Tennessee Senator Howard Baker, 5 percent for Illinois Representative Philip Crane, 3 percent for Illinois Representative John Anderson (who hardly campaigned at all here), and 2 percent for John Connally of Texas.

The Iowa news raised serious questions about Reagan's "survivability." Only two months ago, the Californian was backed by half of Iowa Republicans for the nomination, but things unraveled for him quickly after his reluctance to campaign here was highlighted by his absence from the Des Moines debate.

Reagan has been bloodied in Iowa, and New Hampshire's primary Feb. 26 should help determine whether he's a front-runner or a political hemophiliac.

At a press conference Tuesday in Los Angeles, Reagan brushed Iowa aside and said, "I'm going to go all out for New Hampshire. . . I'm going to win in New Hampshire." He refused to characterize that contest as crucial, but indicated he "might" now be willing to engage in debate with his Republican presidential rivals.

For Bush, who repeatedly had refused to predict publicly that Iowa

Results of Iowa caucuses

Republicans

Results of the straw poll conducted at Republican precinct caucuses Monday based on 92,108 votes from 1,985 precincts out of 2,531.

George Bush	30,436	33%
Ronald Reagan	24,792	27
Howard Baker	12,908	14
John Connally	9,024	10
Philip Crane	6,578	7
John Anderson	3,806	4
Robert Dole	2,478	3

Democrats

Below are "state delegate equivalents," the hypothetical percentage of delegates each candidate would have at the Democratic state convention based on Monday's precinct caucuses. Results are based on results from 2,442 of 2,531 precincts.

Jimmy Carter	59.1%
Edward Kennedy	31.2
Jerry Brown	0
Uncommitted	9.6

would make him a winner, there was no limit Tuesday on the level of his optimism.

"Impossible Dream"

"It was the impossible dream," he said. "Because of what's happened in Iowa, we're going all the way to the White House. I'm totally convinced of it."

But he laughingly added a sobering note: "I suppose I am out of the pack, but they will be after me, howling and yowling at my heels."

Tennessee's Baker promises to be one of the more awesome howlers and yowlers. He ran third in the straw poll, with 14 percent of the vote. In Baker's view and almost everyone else's, that's more than enough to survive.

That should prove troubling to Bush, because he and Baker are competing for the hearts of Republican moderates across the nation. A Baker win over Bush in New Hampshire could drag the Yale-educated candidate back with the rest of the pack.

Nonetheless, Bush proved that he was considerably more appealing than Baker in Iowa, where the Tennesseean campaigned almost as much as Bush did — 26 days, to Bush's 27. Even though Bush moved to Texas years ago and went into the oil business, his Connecticut birthright may give him a leg up in all the New England primaries.

For the rest of the Republicans, the caucuses provided fairly slim pickings. Connally finished a disappointing fourth, with 10 percent of the straw vote — but that won't knock him out of the race. He was telling anyone who would listen Tuesday that conservative Republicans will be coming to him if Reagan falters.

The two men from Illinois, Crane and Anderson, finished fifth and sixth, with 7 percent and 4 percent respectively. At the bottom of the heap, and almost certainly at the end of his presidential rope, was Kansas Senator Robert Dole. The 1974

believe it. Independents, who were eligible to attend the caucuses, rejected his story by more than a 2-to-1 margin in December.

Beyond that was the wrath Kennedy drew from the anti-abortion activists and, more important, the disappointed condition in which he left many potential Iowa supporters after 6,000 miles of statewide campaigning — much of it lackluster.

For his own part, Kennedy was promising to remain in the race and fight Carter hard in New England and elsewhere. He told a Washington, D.C., news conference that he had to win in New Hampshire to stay in the race.

Even in doing that, however, he displayed the same stumbling speech pattern that has plagued his campaign from the outset: "It's a long road," he said Tuesday. "It's a 15-inning fight and maybe it's the first round."

But Carter forces were moving to make the New Hampshire primary the knockout round, and the effect of Iowa on that effort will not go unnoticed — psychologically and financially.

Kennedy will campaign in New England Friday, but instead of traveling in his specially designed United 727 jet that brought him to Iowa repeatedly, he will fly commercially to the Northeast, then travel by bus in New Hampshire. The jet was canceled in an effort to cut costs.

Also apparently canceled — in Iowa, at least — was California Gov. Jerry Brown, who told his supporters to join uncommitted forces at the caucuses. That was interpreted as an effort to avoid the embarrassment of a virtual shutout that would be witnessed by the national press.

He virtually was shut out anyway. Only 9.6 percent of the delegates failed to choose between Carter and Kennedy.

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make up our own minds. But people are talking about it."

William Houghton, 46, a Walpole electrician and plumber was testimony to Hubbard's words. As Bush spoke to the 125 people at the town hall meeting, Houghton stood expressionless, arms folded, leaning against a wall watching. When Bush finished fielding questions on inflation, nuclear power, national health care and other topics, Houghton stirred.

"Time to go back to work," he said. Before he did, he told why he had given up an afternoon to walk through a snowstorm and watch Bush.

"From hearing him and seeing him, I think he is a darn good man. If I was a Democrat, I'd still think that. It was



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at a rally at Iowa State University.

favor

hammer Midwestern farmers whose fortunes are tied closely to selling corn, wheat and soybeans overseas.

The other proposal was for production controls on agriculture that, if agreed upon by a majority of farmers, would be mandatory for all.

However dim the proposals' chances of ever becoming law seemed to be, they gave Gephardt a foothold with organized labor, whose members are suffering from foreign competition, and with the farmers for whom the agricultural crisis continues to be a daily reality.

Gephardt did particularly well in rural areas Monday night, winning about two-thirds of the counties in the state.

Although his themes seemed tailor-made for Iowa, which was battered by a six-year agricultural recession and the loss of thousands of factory jobs, Gephardt said his farm and trade messages will "apply all over the country."

Steve Murphy, who managed Gephardt's campaign in Iowa, said Gephardt succeeded by giving "specific solutions to the shortfalls of the Reagan administration."

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The apparent turnaround occurred about three weeks ago, when the Gephardt campaign began running its "\$48,000 Hyundai" advertisement that hammered home clearly his message about unfair trade by other countries.

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Democrats' caucus results

County	Total Precincts	Precincts									Uncommitted
		In	Babbitt	Dukakis	Gephardt	Gore	Hart	Jackson	Simon		
Adair	20	9	18	53	95	0	0	98	58	15	
Adams	15	12	10	37	90	0	2	27	32	253	
Allamakee	21	17	44	97	80	1	9	14	66	25	
Appanoose	21	10	21	40	99	0	12	6	45	18	
Audubon	8	8	15	40	94	0	24	11	128	29	
Benton	29	22	25	152	222	0	4	37	117	36	
Black Hawk	83	47	272	647	827	16	17	434	873	180	
Boone	26	5	9	45	70	0	5	29	14	8	
Bremer	19	14	67	150	185	0	3	29	274	31	
Buchanan	23	14	18	149	188	1	20	12	70	52	
Buena Vista	25	18	33	68	229	0	5	40	133	26	
Butler	18	18	18	111	109	1	4	15	62	31	
Calhoun	21	4	4	23	39	0	0	5	25	6	
Carroll	20	15	46	151	229	0	8	9	109	60	
Cass	23	21	7	95	235	1	11	29	119	19	
Cedar	18	8	10	66	60	1	4	28	44	22	
Cerro Gordo	37	23	80	352	291	2	24	130	393	109	
Cherokee	21	18	37	93	211	0	11	22	178	43	
Chickasaw	18	16	41	109	184	1	1	17	51	31	
Clarke	15	13	17	27	166	0	8	9	53	43	
Clay	22	18	21	201	128	3	6	23	100	50	
Clayton	25	14	19	75	157	0	4	28	79	31	
Clinton	35	29	72	233	472	6	11	124	328	80	
Crawford	26	4	19	19	29	0	2	1	17	6	
Dallas	22	13	39	78	295	2	9	110	187	99	
Davis	18	5	5	22	95	0	5	21	30	21	
Decatur	22	16	3	67	116	0	2	30	83	22	
Delaware	21	19	50	106	157	0	9	31	45	43	
Des Moines	26	25	152	315	570	8	20	166	599	57	
Dickinson	14	13	3	96	56	4	0	25	103	16	
Dubuque	46	39	246	531	1,020	2	10	212	770	144	
Emmet	11	8	8	34	56	0	0	22	90	17	
Fayette	28	16	37	95	110	2	4	40	74	24	
Floyd	17	10	27	90	103	0	11	39	82	17	
Franklin	22	18	57	45	79	0	3	58	57	31	
Fremont	19	17	19	78	132	1	1	13	52	30	
Greene	19	17	15	109	172	0	7	42	74	51	
Grundy	18	15	6	69	74	0	0	16	41	16	
Guthrie	19	13	12	36	149	0	4	16	83	9	
Hamilton	22	14	45	86	125	0	6	8	44	21	
Hancock	18	12	14	34	40	1	5	15	45	28	
Hardin	19	14	23	205	325	0	0	89	193	58	
Harrison	26	15	30	68	100	0	6	5	34	20	
Henry	19	7	61	117	167	0	2	8	65	11	
Howard	18	18	16	74	101	0	8	1	39	34	
Humboldt	20	13	5	44	54	0	0	13	57	14	
Ida	12	7	18	55	75	0	1	5	20	4	
Iowa	19	10	4	74	77	0	0	31	85	9	
Jackson	24	23	56	89	347	0	15	29	180	25	
Jasper	31	22	73	155	452	0	6	99	250	58	
Jefferson	17	14	19	96	68	1	21	48	80	14	
Johnson	51	26	814	804	384	1	56	1130	1622	232	
Jones	27	13	9	81	72	0	7	12	110	22	
Keokuk	25	19	83	67	140	1	13	21	40	30	
Kossuth	34	33	26	26	16	8	16	79	8	79	
Lee	26	8	23	60	78	4	3	22	96	15	
Linn	75	48	599	1,125	988	13	7	711	985	254	
Louisa	13	9	4	34	59	0	4	2	34	9	
Lucas	8	7	8	94	158	0	9	24	86	17	
Lyon	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	
Madison	19	18	46	114	235	0	6	80	127	83	
Mahaska	23	17	34	120	220	0	20	50	188	16	
Marion	27	27	115	115	13	0	13	82	0	82	
Marshall	29	10	14	35	209	4	0	29	75	73	
Mills	14	13	26	26	10	1	10	18	1	18	
Mitchell	20	9	4	37	66	0	4	9	33	12	
Monona	20	17	13	13	8	0	8	14	0	14	
Monroe	11	10	1	71	166	0	7	10	56	7	
Montgomery	16	15	23	23	4	1	4	32	1	32	
Muscataine	24	21	67	170	268	1	14	118	260	56	
O'Brien	19	15	27	27	2	0	2	16	0	16	
Osceola	10	3	18	18	0	0	0	11	0	11	
Page	23	23	62	62	2	2	2	10	2	10	
Palo Alto	21	17	48	48	1	3	1	48	3	48	
Plymouth	17	10	82	82	2	0	2	23	0	23	
Pocahontas	12	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	
Polk	154	135	1,808	4,019	3,806	64	77	2,264	4,141	1,020	
Pottawattamie	53	28	115	115	17	0	17	67	0	67	
Poweshiek	21	16	286	189	203	10	11	183	226	51	
Ringgold	19	17	13	13	5	2	5	35	2	35	

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The apparent turnaround occurred over three weeks ago, when the Gephardt campaign began running its 48,000 Hyundai advertisement at hammered home clearly his message about unfair trade by other countries.

Gephardt asserted that because of South Korea's trade practices, a Chrysler-made K-car, which is about as humble as a Hyundai, would cost more than \$40,000 in South Korea.

"Needless to say," he told audiences, "there are not too many K-cars in South Korea."

Gephardt said the ads were able to transform arcane arguments about quotas and tariffs to a dramatic, easy-to-understand example of why it is difficult for American products to compete overseas.

Gephardt also was helped by an increasingly smooth, relaxed manner in front of Iowa voters.

His stuffy, wooden style of speaking gradually evolved into a more easy delivery, sprinkled with frequent "by gollys," that played well in the large crowds he began to draw in the final weeks of the effort.

His speeches also took on an increasingly populist, anti-big corporate, stand-up-for-the-little-guy tone that seemed out of character for the candidate who a year earlier had defined himself on his pragmatism and ability to shape compromise.

"I'm not an idealist," he said last night. "I really have tried to do things that are realistic, that work, that are pragmatic."

About 80 House Democrats supported Gephardt's campaign for the party's presidential nomination. Many of them came to Iowa to twist their ears for their candidate, traveling to the corners of the state to woo even the most wavering Democrats.

As Gephardt began catching fire, he joked about him as a Howdy Rudy and clean-cut Dudley Do-Right. He quickly and his campaign rivals — particularly those on trade became targets of every other Democratic contender in Iowa.

The thrust of his stump speeches was "a change in attitude in the country — restoring quality workmanship, pride, and discouraging profiting from corporate mergers and leveraged buyouts.

The blue-eyed Gephardt, who grew up in a modest neighborhood on the north side of St. Louis, was an Eagle Scout as a teen-ager and a fast-track lawyer as an adult.

Five years after receiving his law degree from the University of Michigan, Gephardt was elected to the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, where he served for six years. In 1976 he was elected to the U.S. House, and, by investing himself in few issues that troubled him problems in his home district, won re-election every two years.

Gephardt and his wife, Jane, have three children.

Mills	14	13	26	10	1	18	1	18
Mitchell	20	9	4	37	66	0	4	33
Monona	20	17	13	13	8	0	8	14
Monroe	11	10	1	71	166	0	7	10
Montgomery	16	15	23	23	4	1	4	32
Muscataine	24	21	67	170	268	1	14	118
O'Brien	19	15	27	27	2	0	2	16
Osceola	10	3	18	18	0	0	0	11
Page	23	23	62	62	2	2	2	10
Palo Alto	21	17	48	48	1	3	1	48
Plymouth	17	10	82	82	2	0	2	23
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Pottawattamie	53	28	115	115	17	0	17	67
Poweshiek	21	16	286	189	203	10	11	183
Ringgold	19	17	13	13	5	2	5	35
Sac	21	21	39	39	5	3	5	14
Scott	62	38	161	709	600	4	57	557
Shelby	21	20	38	38	13	0	13	72
Sioux	26	5	2	2	0	1	0	19
Story	47	36	735	945	727	1	85	1,028
Tama	25	24	13	87	297	0	0	35
Taylor	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Union	17	15	26	26	8	0	8	21
Van Buren	15	14	17	51	83	1	4	12
Wapello	30	24	56	332	722	0	12	63
Warren	24	21	96	96	4	2	4	138
Washington	19	17	54	106	158	0	2	30
Wayne	15	6	6	6	5	0	5	13
Webster	32	27	93	261	705	4	10	94
Winnebago	16	15	20	37	68	1	4	3
Winneshiek	27	21	187	152	101	4	5	104
Woodbury	58	29	115	115	155	2	13	144
Worth	12	12	38	60	117	0	1	7
Wright	27	14	14	14	0	0	0	22
TOTALS	2,487	1,739	8,049	18,041	24,136	192	896	9,773
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Iowa victory a first step for Gephardt

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night. "A win is a win," he said, no matter how narrow.

Strategists have contended there is room for only one Midwesterner coming out of Iowa.

For Dukakis, the third-place finisher, the contest now moves to his regional home court — next-door New Hampshire. "Any time we stay with the leaders on their home turf, we're happy," said Dukakis' Iowa campaign manager, Teresa Vilmain.

"No Alibi"

Dukakis needed to avoid embarrassment in Iowa, and he did that. But the third-place finish now puts a burden on him to produce a solid victory in New Hampshire.

"I guess I've won the bronze tonight and I'll be going for the gold in New Hampshire next week," he said Monday night.

Said Dukakis spokesman Francis O'Brien, "He's going to win. There's no alibi."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson demonstrated a breadth of appeal he lacked in 1984, and that was what he needed to do. Tennessee Senator Albert Gore Jr. is marking time until the race moves to the "Super Tuesday" regional primary election in the southern states March 8.

If Iowa is a winnowing process, Bruce Babbitt and Gary Hart seemed to be the two candidates most likely to be on their way to the sidelines.

Babbitt walked into a rally for his supporters in Des Moines as his prospects were fading with his fifth-place finish, and he said: "C'mon you guys, this isn't a wake."

But it clearly was not a victory celebration. As recently as a week ago, Babbitt was talking tough and gaining ground on the Democratic leaders, but his momentum dissipated before the caucuses. Always a long shot, Babbitt's strategy was based on a surprise showing in Iowa, and that did not happen.

"Disappointed"

Hart was the front-runner in Iowa before disclosure of the weekend he spent with model Donna Rice drove him from the race in May. He enjoyed a brief resurgence when he audaciously re-entered the campaign in December to "let the people decide."

Hart's sixth-place finish showed the people, too, were having trouble accepting his new candidacy. From New Hampshire Monday night, Hart said he was "disappointed but not discouraged" by his showing.

Before he left Des Moines early Monday, he said his campaign was not dead. "This campaign will only get stronger the longer it goes," he said.

For Jackson, the Iowa caucuses were a challenge to prove he could run a well-organized campaign and appeal to voters beyond his natural base of support among blacks and other minorities in the South and the urban North. If his fourth-place finish Monday did not send him out of Iowa on a rocket, it gave him the strength to carry on. No one expected Jackson to win Iowa, and a respectable finish proved he could appeal to more than just black voters.

Some were calling Gore a winner for his strategic move not to compete in Iowa. "Tonight is the start of the Gore campaign," said Arlie Schardt,

Gore's press secretary.

Gore supporters believe he can be competitive in New Hampshire (where he is at 6 percent in the polls) and then catch fire in the South. Gore supporters said the lack of a clear winner in Iowa will help them in the South.

"The people of Kentucky do not give a twit about what happens in Iowa tonight," said Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, who endorsed Gore Monday.

But that is all political strategy. Gephardt was the story Monday night, and his staff immediately engaged in the lowering of expectations for New Hampshire. Said Murphy, his Iowa campaign manager: "Dukakis has to be the big favorite."



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County	Total Precincts	Precincts								Uncommitted
		In	Bush	Dole	Du Pont	Haig	Kemp	Robertson		
Adair	20	20	62	209	21	1	25	98	8	
Adams	15	15	34	163	6	2	33	30	0	
Allamakee	21	21	143	158	40	1	49	217	3	
Appanoose	21	21	92	236	21	0	22	101	2	
Audubon	8	8	31	146	12	0	24	47	0	
Benton	29	29	100	319	58	1	66	173	4	
Black Hawk	83	83	718	1,291	219	5	530	673	11	
Boone	26	26	168	411	43	5	109	289	4	
Bremer	19	19	135	494	59	30	72	118	4	
Buchanan	23	23	92	267	34	0	167	189	0	
Buena Vista	25	25	154	388	91	7	82	253	4	
Butler	18	18	106	312	24	9	51	92	1	
Calhoun	21	21	83	199	12	0	24	129	0	
Carroll	20	20	72	219	29	1	47	69	1	
Cass	23	23	143	431	67	3	70	289	19	
Cedar	18	18	101	244	28	0	81	128	4	
Cerro Gordo	37	37	242	669	184	2	207	548	5	
Cherokee	21	21	231	392	24	2	63	177	4	
Chickasaw	18	18	66	175	14	0	22	28	0	
Clarke	15	15	45	122	12	1	37	54	2	
Clay	22	22	194	315	27	2	45	224	4	
Clayton	25	25	83	246	54	2	49	124	3	
Clinton	35	35	436	514	240	2	104	555	9	
Crawford	26	26	87	202	29	0	38	143	1	
Dallas	22	22	286	515	73	1	120	380	31	
Davis	18	18	41	107	9	0	17	130	2	
Decatur	22	21	60	159	34	9	26	86	4	
Delaware	21	21	96	198	19	0	79	108	5	
Des Moines	26	26	382	452	100	5	118	604	12	
Dickinson	14	14	124	230	18	2	39	169	1	
Dubuque	46	46	284	518	77	10	237	573	17	
Emmet	11	11	48	123	6	1	25	93	1	
Fayette	28	28	159	320	68	1	50	207	2	
Floyd	17	17	64	263	70	2	49	128	2	
Franklin	22	22	79	294	30	0	50	102	4	
Fremont	19	19	101	126	15	2	27	71	1	
Greene	19	19	72	272	28	1	34	212	3	
Grundy	18	18	101	306	32	0	72	114	8	
Guthrie	19	19	61	195	29	2	34	98	3	
Hamilton	22	22	99	337	32	3	77	291	7	
Hancock	18	18	56	214	49	2	83	254	3	
Hardin	19	19	95	340	40	1	72	238	1	
Harrison	26	26	52	143	13	0	42	97	8	
Henry	19	19	161	332	33	2	48	327	4	
Howard	18	18	73	117	35	0	23	92	1	
Humboldt	20	20	62	191	9	1	49	66	9	
Ida	12	12	73	157	7	1	30	156	4	
Iowa	19	19	80	217	29	0	51	86	2	
Jackson	24	24	94	518	27	4	15	232	2	
Jasper	31	28	282	506	128	2	199	334	16	
Jefferson	17	17	170	243	34	3	31	297	7	
Johnson	51	51	721	1,410	272	24	405	595	16	
Jones	27	27	104	328	27	4	35	158	3	
Keokuk	25	25	83	198	19	0	24	146	5	
Kossuth	34	34	71	259	41	2	72	207	3	
Lee	26	26	204	274	96	3	97	340	3	
Linn	75	72	1,105	1,999	668	18	726	1,911	22	
Louisa	13	13	45	267	11	1	37	94	3	
Lucas	8	8	61	123	12	1	44	63	1	
Lyon	15	15	92	243	11	0	75	92	6	
Madison	19	18	99	204	36	1	68	120	8	
Mahaska	23	23	129	368	51	3	57	474	1	
Marion	27	26	156	377	92	4	298	321	7	
Marshall	29	29	489	691	106	1	165	497	14	
Mills	14	14	83	183	21	4	36	74	3	
Mitchell	20	19	101	207	17	0	34	56	1	
Monona	20	18	67	178	8	0	25	104	0	
Monroe	11	11	35	138	7	1	26	44	1	
Montgomery	16	16	121	322	50	1	41	86	0	
Muscatine	24	24	357	410	131	9	93	224	11	
O'Brien	19	19	131	320	42	3	150	132	7	
Osceola	10	10	35	178	5	2	111	40	50	
Page	23	21	183	292	79	0	55	295	2	
Palo Alto	21	21	60	131	12	1	30	63	3	
Plymouth	17	17	166	345	110	1	151	212	4	
Pocahontas	12	12	54	109	7	0	32	83	1	
Polk	154	138	3,443	5,757	1,520	71	1,801	3,043	160	
Pottawattamie	53	49	461	826	252	5	318	610	9	
Poweshiek	21	20	165	282	50	2	83	65	5	
Ringgold	19	19	57	146	8	0	38	55	10	
Sac	21	21	74	256	38	1	37	101	10	

1988

Republican Caucuses

Party's precinct caucuses.

momentum that is needed to win the 1988 Republican presidential nominee.

cent poll by the Boston Globe Republican voters in New Hampshire shows Bush running well ahead of the pack. Bush was favored by 68 percent of the respondents, 20 percentage points ahead of Dole, the second place finisher. The poll showed Robertson winning the favor of 13 percent of the respondents for a third place finish.

recent interview, New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, one of Bush's backers in that state, said that if the president loses by nine points in Iowa, it would be "management" still produce a victory in New Hampshire. "Twenty points is not hard," he said. Dole's lead is at 18 percentage points as the caucus votes were being counted Monday night.

a first popular primary, New Hampshire poses another kind of obstacle for Robertson. To date, his political triumphs have been in straw poll caucuses — the kinds of non-competitive where cohesive opinion has its greatest impact.

president

last days of the race, Bush has generated plenty of heat in a series of exchanges sparked by a release issued by Bush's Iowa caucus chairman, George Wittgraf. Dole of "cronyism" and "inspiredness." Another notable was Bush's combative interview with CBS anchor Dan Rather. from caucus results, neither would admit to having any friends. Bush wouldn't admit to having any mistakes in the campaign. Rather wouldn't speculate on the press release contributed to the president's downfall. Voted at which candidate "has the edge, which one made a difference, which one is closer to the Dole said.

From Zero

Pont backers, the night's results were satisfying. "Bush has been running for president for eight years and now he's running for four years. Pete's been running for 18 months. To get 7 percent good for a campaign that starts from zero," said Fred Stern, campaign manager for

said, "I'm an old quarter-back. I've won a few and I've lost a few. Congratulations to Bob and Pat, but on a great race. But we're something in store for them in New Hampshire."

Davis	18	41	107	9	0	17	130	2
Decatur	22	21	60	159	34	9	86	4
Delaware	21	21	96	198	19	0	79	5
Des Moines	26	26	382	452	100	5	118	12
Dickinson	14	14	124	230	18	2	39	1
Dubuque	46	46	284	518	77	10	237	17
Emmet	11	11	48	123	6	1	25	1
Fayette	28	28	159	320	68	1	50	2
Floyd	17	17	64	263	70	2	49	2
Franklin	22	22	79	294	30	0	50	4
Fremont	19	19	101	126	15	2	27	1
Greene	19	19	72	272	28	1	34	3
Grundy	18	18	101	306	32	0	72	8
Guthrie	19	19	61	195	29	2	34	3
Hamilton	22	22	99	337	32	3	77	7
Hancock	18	18	56	214	49	2	83	3
Hardin	19	19	95	340	40	1	72	1
Harrison	26	26	52	143	13	0	42	8
Henry	19	19	161	332	33	2	48	4
Howard	18	18	73	117	35	0	23	1
Humboldt	20	20	62	191	9	1	49	9
Ida	12	12	73	157	7	1	30	4
Iowa	19	19	80	217	29	0	51	2
Jackson	24	24	94	518	27	4	15	2
Jasper	31	28	282	506	128	2	199	16
Jefferson	17	17	170	243	34	3	31	7
Johnson	51	51	721	1,410	272	24	405	16
Jones	27	27	104	328	27	4	35	3
Keokuk	25	25	83	198	19	0	24	5
Kossuth	34	34	71	259	41	2	72	3
Lee	26	26	204	274	96	3	97	3
Linn	75	72	1,105	1,999	668	18	726	22
Louisa	13	13	45	267	11	1	37	3
Lucas	8	8	61	123	12	1	44	1
Lyon	15	15	92	243	11	0	75	6
Madison	19	18	99	204	36	1	68	8
Mahaska	23	23	129	368	51	3	57	1
Marion	27	26	156	377	92	4	298	7
Marshall	29	29	489	691	106	1	165	14
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Pottawattamie	53	49	461	826	252	5	318	9
Poweshiek	21	20	165	282	50	2	83	5
Ringgold	19	19	57	146	8	0	38	10
Sac	21	21	74	256	38	1	37	10
Scott	62	62	1,309	1,559	499	18	537	17
Shelby	21	21	79	233	20	2	109	2
Sioux	26	26	273	626	52	2	585	50
Story	47	46	675	1,795	319	22	541	18
Tama	25	22	83	241	21	3	49	1
Taylor	11	10	96	245	16	0	53	0
Union	17	17	117	147	16	1	63	3
Van Buren	15	15	116	209	11	2	41	4
Wapello	30	30	158	212	25	0	117	11
Warren	24	24	260	563	119	9	182	17
Washington	19	19	118	289	34	1	71	16
Wayne	15	15	41	88	10	0	41	0
Webster	32	32	192	485	90	3	108	8
Winnebago	16	16	114	243	13	1	39	1
Winnesiek	27	27	103	284	128	3	40	7
Woodbury	58	55	576	842	339	27	526	6
Worth	12	12	30	111	11	0	6	0
Wright	27	27	72	296	29	2	54	3
TOTALS	2,487	2,445	20,189	40,657	7,971	366	12,082	784

Declare winners soon after caucuses start

1996 Democrats enjoy their low-

Turnout was estimated at 50,000, nearly double that of four years ago. President Clinton won every delegate.

By THOMAS R. O'DONNELL
OF THE REGISTER'S AMES BUREAU

Nobody was paying attention to Craig Kelison and his band of Democrats Monday night.

And that was fine with him.

"Four years ago, we were in the center of attention," said Kelison, Democratic chairman of Des Moines' 71st precinct on the city's west side. "It's kind of nice to get together like this."

The Democrats held a harmonious meeting in the vocal music room at Merrill Middle School, 5301 Grand Ave. In the larger gymnasium across the hall, more than 200 Republicans were wrestling over delegate counts and resolutions.

Though there was no contest for the presidential nomination at the Democrats' caucuses, dozens showed

up anyway, many of them encouraged by President Clinton's weekend appearance in the state.

Weekend Visit

Clinton "just came off such a tremendously successful weekend here," said Peter Willmert, the Iowa Democratic Party's communications director. "He really excited people."

Ken Mikesell was one of the more than 100 party faithful that came out to Merrill. "I was encouraged by the president's recent appearance here," he said.

That also seemed to be the case in Des Moines' Precinct 45, at the Polk County Senior Citizens Center at 1914 Carpenter Ave. About 30 Democrats, mostly Drake University students, attended the caucus held five blocks from where Clinton spoke on Sunday.

Donald Caslavka, 58, was decked out in a bright white Clinton-Gore T-shirt for his caucus at West Des Moines Valley High School. He was sure Clinton is a shoo-in for re-election.

"If things stay as they are today, I

think he'll have an excellent chance," said Caslavka, a dedicated caucus-goer.

First Caucus

Others in West Des Moines were attending their first caucus. LaVon Hameister and Margaret Hanna came early to find their precinct site. Hanna, 67, also was a strong Clinton backer.

"I think he's done 60 years' work in four years and he doesn't get any credit for it," she said.

Lauri Swegle, 43, and her son, Ryan Dowie, were first-timers at the West Des Moines caucuses — and Swegle found herself recording the proceedings as precinct secretary.

"I do feel this is a very critical year for Democrats — we have to defeat the Republicans. God forbid we get a Republican Congress and presidency," she said. "The Republicans are about making money and the Democrats are about caring for people."

Only a dozen Democrats gathered at North Polk High School in Alleman to hash out a platform and re-

“Folks may sit around and drink coffee and eat pumpkin bars for the rest of the night.”

— Peter Willmert
of the Iowa Democratic Party

affirm their dedication to Clinton, but "that's more than people thought would come," said Aaron Heley Lehman, 27, who lives west of Alleman.

It was Lehman's first caucus, and he enjoyed the experience — especially meeting with neighbors to discuss the issues.

Clinton's lack of opposition didn't keep Willmert from trying to inject some excitement into the night. "It's no mystery who's going to win," Willmert said, but "it'll be interesting to see by what percentage."

In the end, the results were no big surprise: Clinton won every delegate in the state. Turnout was projected at 50,000, nearly double that of four

HOW IOWA'S REPUBLICANS VOTED

Here are the votes the Republican candidates for president received in Iowa's precinct caucuses Monday night. The results were compiled by the Associated Press.

County	Total pcts. counted	Alexander	Buchanan	Dole	Dornan	Forbes	Gramm	Keyes	Lugar	Taylor	No pref.	Others
Adair	15	15	92	40	128	0	16	35	15	11	6	0
Adams	11	11	30	56	68	0	20	20	10	6	2	0
Allamakee	22	22	81	177	140	0	41	45	11	13	1	9
Appanoose	14	14	52	70	151	0	49	29	52	12	9	1
Audubon	6	6	38	25	68	1	10	9	1	2	0	0
Benton	21	21	57	172	201	0	55	35	131	24	10	2
Black Hawk	64	64	475	724	1,055	4	333	356	245	125	67	99
Boone	26	26	178	242	203	1	73	73	45	45	14	0
Bremer	16	16	128	137	300	0	86	46	33	77	11	2
Buchanan	16	16	81	149	214	0	65	44	69	20	8	3
Buena Vista	18	18	165	296	231	2	74	30	44	16	99	0
Butler	16	16	116	119	197	0	51	45	23	13	17	4
Calhoun	18	18	49	105	92	0	23	30	11	12	5	1
Carroll	15	15	68	144	75	0	26	35	21	8	7	3
Cass	16	16	149	110	263	1	71	79	32	22	5	1
Cedar	13	13	56	128	188	2	49	55	45	15	9	3
Cerro Gordo	31	31	112	376	434	2	231	98	74	57	94	2
Cherokee	21	21	100	120	150	3	42	24	19	8	22	3
Chickasaw	18	18	47	94	134	0	32	46	9	12	8	29
Clarke	8	8	56	54	72	1	23	22	11	10	5	3
Clay	22	22	221	110	273	0	86	45	45	7	21	3
Clayton	25	25	63	100	141	1	44	24	30	20	11	1
Clinton	35	33	328	269	280	1	132	172	77	30	20	3
Crawford	16	16	24	88	92	0	24	14	10	19	4	3
Dallas	21	21	378	324	401	1	219	140	75	68	11	0
Davis	18	17	42	91	126	3	49	61	14	73	4	0
Decatur	22	22	55	64	87	0	13	8	10	16	2	0
Delaware	20	20	64	105	127	0	47	45	59	16	6	1
Des Moines	21	21	197	318	269	1	129	101	44	15	32	1
Dickinson	15	15	65	73	152	0	67	42	68	10	7	2
Dubuque	41	38	135	757	327	1	132	272	244	41	14	2
Emmet	11	11	42	44	89	1	8	16	37	4	0	0
Fayette	28	28	95	139	250	0	56	96	121	18	14	5
Floyd	13	13	83	108	125	0	39	45	14	9	10	0
Franklin	17	17	77	93	191	1	39	35	15	23	24	1
Fremont	13	13	10	27	112	0	81	60	60	10	10	1

POLL OF CAUCUS-GOERS

Procrastination weighs in

About 23 percent of those attending didn't make decisions until the final three days of the campaign.

By THOMAS A. FOGARTY and JONATHAN ROOS
REGISTER STAFF WRITERS

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander derived the greatest benefit of any presidential candidate as undecided Iowa Republicans made up their minds during the final days of the campaign, according to a statewide poll of people entering their precinct caucuses.

According to the poll, which was conducted by Voter News Service, 23 percent of caucus-goers made their decisions in the final three days of the campaign. Among that group, Alexander drew support from 31 percent, former commentator Pat Buchanan 24 percent and Sen. Bob Dole 15 percent.

In the overall caucus results, the order was reversed — Dole, Buchanan and Alexander.

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Davis	18	17	42	91	126	3	49	61	14	73	4	0	0
Decatur	22	22	55	64	87	0	13	8	10	16	2	0	0
Delaware	20	20	64	105	127	0	47	45	59	16	6	1	0
Des Moines	21	21	197	318	269	1	129	101	44	15	32	1	0
Dickinson	15	15	65	73	152	0	67	42	68	10	7	2	0
Dubuque	41	38	135	757	327	1	132	272	244	41	14	2	1
Emmet	11	11	42	44	89	1	8	16	37	4	0	0	0
Fayette	28	28	95	139	250	0	56	96	121	18	14	5	1
Floyd	13	13	83	108	125	0	39	45	14	9	10	0	0
Franklin	17	17	77	93	191	1	39	35	15	23	24	1	1
Fremont	13	13	10	27	112	0	21	62	7	4	3	0	1
Greene	17	17	113	104	115	0	24	29	19	27	15	5	0
Grundy	7	7	120	92	147	2	27	29	26	16	5	0	0
Guthrie	18	18	110	119	129	0	36	31	40	9	14	1	0
Hamilton	13	13	120	201	192	0	45	23	15	22	14	4	0
Hancock	10	10	68	161	151	0	20	25	13	6	25	4	0
Hardin	12	11	120	152	166	18	82	111	52	26	4	1	0
Harrison	26	26	90	144	173	0	48	23	6	5	3	1	0
Henry	19	19	119	141	146	1	51	69	23	20	2	0	0
Howard	17	17	41	95	91	0	20	9	4	11	8	1	1
Humboldt	17	17	48	92	110	0	33	57	7	17	6	0	0
Iowa	10	10	45	145	78	0	22	8	14	2	4	0	0
Jackson	16	16	49	130	154	0	48	23	15	25	3	0	0
Jasper	31	31	278	279	349	0	97	132	63	69	15	2	0
Jefferson	12	12	51	111	156	3	85	32	103	33	12	1	0
Johnson	51	40	496	360	638	6	331	324	276	116	24	7	1
Jones	18	18	106	156	181	0	56	33	79	22	7	2	0
Keokuk	25	25	38	88	109	0	27	18	25	17	3	2	0
Kossuth	21	18	62	173	209	1	24	34	27	18	7	1	0
Lee	23	23	85	158	180	1	84	81	62	25	18	0	0
Linn	77	77	1,103	1,179	1,372	12	610	476	1,369	161	64	12	1
Louisa	7	7	56	83	129	0	46	27	6	13	6	1	1
Lucas	8	8	70	68	63	0	17	21	17	14	5	0	0
Lyon	9	9	96	143	111	2	19	27	24	5	0	0	0
Madison	20	20	112	125	135	0	57	40	23	32	0	3	0
Mahaska	17	17	152	255	252	1	49	90	93	36	5	5	0
Marion	21	21	203	274	230	0	78	118	127	45	15	3	1
Marshall	19	19	392	364	355	3	148	59	60	56	12	3	0
Mills	14	12	13	73	159	0	30	33	119	15	1	3	0
Mitchell	13	13	59	120	273	0	51	13	11	12	42	1	0
Monona	17	17	18	127	82	0	15	13	3	2	3	1	0
Monroe	10	10	19	36	58	0	13	8	1	10	2	1	0
Montgomery	12	12	49	69	146	1	33	34	2	19	1	0	0
Muscatine	26	26	240	160	265	2	123	145	141	57	10	5	0
O'Brien	20	20	133	234	181	1	47	37	50	16	3	1	2
Osceola	9	9	16	68	54	0	12	11	8	1	3	0	1
Page	12	12	66	71	215	0	33	35	14	28	3	3	0
Palo Alto	21	21	51	47	65	2	6	12	17	5	10	0	0
Plymouth	16	15	122	293	259	0	80	61	79	39	10	2	0
Pocahontas	11	11	35	72	69	0	19	29	34	2	12	0	0
Polk	163	158	3,542	3,157	3,549	5	2,287	1,425	905	883	125	69	4
Pottawattamie	51	51	249	602	636	0	199	262	50	69	22	7	2
Poweshiek	21	21	173	122	167	2	49	42	32	32	3	4	0
Ringgold	9	8	39	32	69	0	18	4	5	6	1	1	0
Sac	9	9	97	124	140	3	29	26	6	8	13	1	0
Scott	62	62	932	902	1,096	9	556	745	375	128	61	7	2
Shelby	16	16	39	139	114	5	20	86	9	16	2	2	0
Sioux	23	23	357	845	420	3	68	194	248	39	5	1	0
Stary	43	43	628	586	906	4	329	497	190	203	22	31	4
Tama	22	22	32	49	75	0	28	26	5	5	8	1	0
Taylor	8	8	20	34	77	1	3	9	4	4	1	2	0
Union	15	15	63	102	138	2	37	35	14	7	5	3	2
Van Buren	9	9	27	79	70	0	43	19	19	13	12	0	0
Wapello	24	24	53	171	227	0	68	134	46	25	8	2	0
Warren	25	25	333	374	399	3	214	108	49	44	9	0	0
Washington	14	14	119	166	214	2	48	42	60	13	9	1	2
Wayne	10	10	50	67	74	1	15	5	8	2	1	1	0
Webster	33	29	157	370	217	3	150	198	21	13	4	1	0
Winnebago	16	16	48	96	164	0	21	23	28	23	15	1	0
Winneshek	27	27	112	118	188	3	67	34	26	34	4	4	2
Woodbury	49	47	452	1,291	663	2	358	205	75	48	36	17	5
Worth	11	11	27	41	86	0	13	8	3	7	12	0	0
Wright	18	17	124	128	208	0	45	100	22	11	15	6	2
Totals	2,142	2,104	17,003	22,512	25,378	131	9,816	9,001	7,179	3,576	1,380	428	47

wide pool of people entering their precinct caucuses.

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Significant Gain

Alexander's gain is significant, given the negative tone of the campaign, particularly in its final days. At every opportunity, Alexander contrasted the positive tone of his message by what he called the mud-slinging of opponents by displaying a pair of rubber boots.

Voter News Service, the polling organization, is a cooperative effort of The Associated Press, ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC. Poll results are based on 2,053 interviews distributed at the Monday night caucus sites in 70 sample precincts.

Voter News Service selected precincts that, taken as a whole, were intended to reflect the characteristics of Republican caucus-goers generally. VNS officials say the poll has an error margin of about 4 percentage points, plus or minus.

Pre-caucus polls showed that a relatively large number of Republicans were undecided late in the campaign. How the undecided bloc would break became one of the dominant news stories of the final week.

Final Boost

Fully 62 percent of Alexander supporters made up their minds in the final week, the poll found. That figure includes 40 percent of Alexander supporters who made their decisions in the final three days.

Overall, the poll shows that those who attended Republican caucuses Monday were largely motivated by their perceptions of the candidates' conservatism, electability and experience. Less important to caucus-goers as a group, the poll shows, were the candidates' tax plans and positions on abortion.

Among those to whom abortion was paramount, Buchanan was the clear favorite, the poll shows. And for those who cited tax policy as their top concern, publisher Steve Forbes was the favorite.

Overall, 44 percent of caucus-goers say they oppose a call in the party platform for a ban on abortion. Despite his opposition to abortion, Alexander drew 66 percent of his support from those who hold that position.

Among caucus-goers, 16 percent said the ability of a candidate to defeat President Clinton matters the most in determining support.

In the final week of the campaign, Alexander's advertising stressed his electability as a moderate whose experience comes mostly from outside Washington, D.C. The Alexander campaign slogan for the final week

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'UNPRECEDENTED' AMOUNT OF ADS

GOP hopefuls make TV stations happy

By FRANK SANTIAGO REGISTER STAFF WRITER

With Steve Forbes leading the pack, the Republican candidates in this year's caucus campaign pumped record amounts of money into television advertising in Iowa.

Station managers say the assault for time on the tube hasn't been seen before in any political contest — or any single event — in the state.

The rush to get on television was so great at times that many stations were forced to bump local and national ads to accommodate the candidates. And to make sure they didn't get left out by other advertising, many candidates paid more than the usual cash rate assigned to political advertising.

"It's unprecedented," said Paul Fredericksen, manager of KCCI-TV, the CBS affiliate in Des Moines, which sold \$800,000 of political advertising, one of many stations in the state to roar into six figures.

Said Russ Hamilton, manager of Cedar Rapids' KGAN-TV, a CBS affiliate, who declined to disclose that station's numbers, "It's been pretty good in Cedar Rapids, and I imagine if you talked to the other stations, you'd get the same response."

KDSM, the Fox affiliate in Des Moines, sold \$100,000 worth of political advertising in the past week, a figure that could have been much higher, Manager Ted Stephens said, if the station had a news department. Usually, he said, candidates like to sprinkle ads in and around

newscasts.

WHO-TV, Des Moines' NBC station, which collected more than \$440,000 from the candidates, had some staff members work through the weekend to accept last-minute ad changes and to rearrange scheduling.

The demand, the managers say, was created by Forbes' big spending and the fact that there was a crowd of nine candidates in the field.

Stephens said that the candidates even attempted to squeeze political ads into the sacred ground of the University of Iowa basketball games broadcast on KDSM. But KDSM declined in most cases, said Stephens, determined not to alienate the loyal advertisers.

"We allowed reasonable access, not ridiculous access," he said.

While the spending will fatten bottom lines, it had a gloomy side, too, said KDSM's Stephens.

"It's great to have the money, but it's gone after today. You want to be sure you haven't done something to get the regular advertisers mad," he said.

Said Fredericksen, "Our local and national advertisers are the ones who are going to be here after it's over."

Some stations didn't run any commercials Monday, the day of the caucuses. KCCI, which followed that policy, said scheduling last-minute ads might prove unfair and controversial.

"We just didn't do it," said Fredericksen.

WOI-TV, the central Iowa ABC affiliate, which sold \$200,000 in political ads since January, did run some political ads on Monday.

"The political process didn't start until the evening, so we didn't think it was a big deal," said Manager John Sloan.

Light turnout, though some precincts bulge

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Turnout for the Iowa caucuses was not what the Republican Party had hoped for.

"It was lighter than expected," said David Kochel, executive director for the GOP State Central Committee.

Voter News Service estimated that roughly 18 percent, or 100,000, of all registered Republicans went to precinct caucuses. With 98 percent of the votes counted, the total was 95,791. That is lower than what Republicans had projected and less than the record.

The largest turnout ever for Iowa caucuses was in 1988, when 125,000 Democrats attended. That same year 109,000 Republicans went to their caucuses. In 1980, some 115,000 Republicans and 100,000 Democrats participated in caucuses.

This year GOP officials predicted a record turnout of 135,000 voters — about 20 percent of the state's registered Republicans — for the evening straw poll at 2,142 precinct meetings at churches, schools and community centers.

"The candidates are probably disappointed that people weren't more enthusiastic," Kochel said.

In Cedar Rapids, heavy turnout caused confusion early during a caucus meeting, when it appeared two precincts attracting about 400 people were assigned to share a small cafeteria at Grant Wood Elementary School that might hold 100 comfortably.

Precinct 14 took over the gymnasium, displacing a scheduled sixth-grade boys YMCA basketball team practice.

Both precinct meetings started 10 to 30 minutes late, given the last-minute press of people crowding into both areas.

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