

Candidates debate economy

ATLANTA — Paul Tsongas' economic policies drew repeated fire from rivals Sunday in a Democratic presidential debate.

The Georgia forum was the first of two debates Sunday leading into Tuesday's eight primaries and caucuses.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton opened fire on Tsongas early, contrasting his plan for a middle-class tax cut by raising taxes on the wealthy with Tsongas' proposal to raise taxes on the rich, but using that money for a capital-gains tax.

Tsongas answered by saying businesses needed help to repair the economy.

"We have to take our money, the precious resources that we have and put it into venture capital," the former Massachusetts senator said.

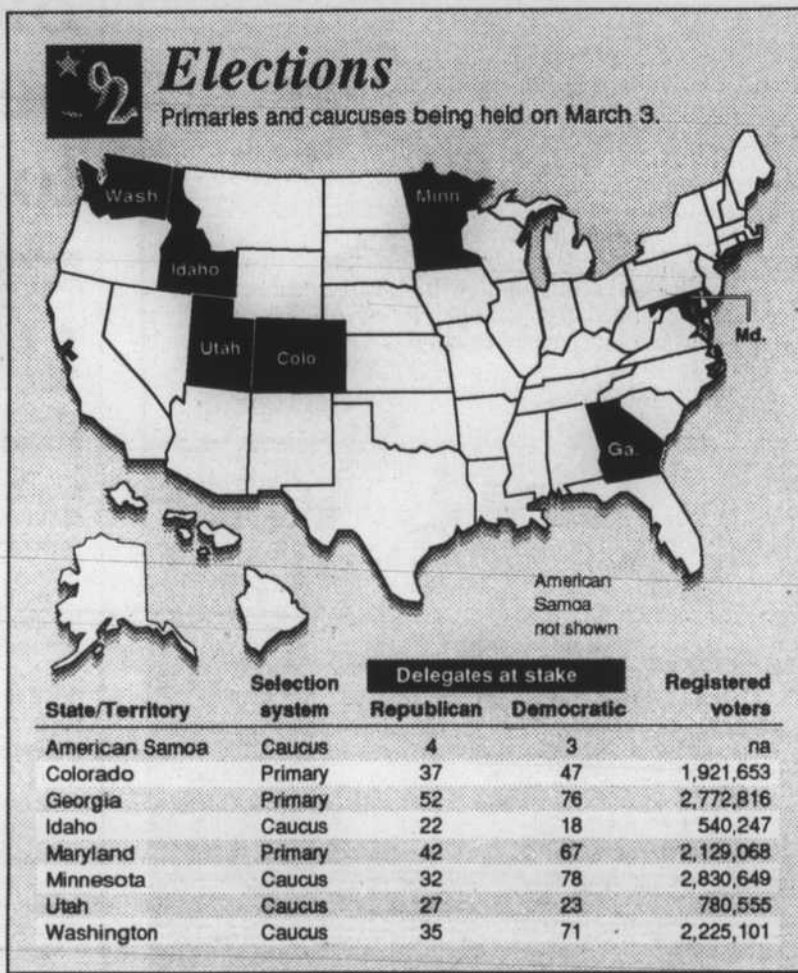
Former California Gov. Jerry Brown, in another colorful debate performance, poked fun at Tsongas' theme that he's "no Santa Claus" ready to offer politically popular giveaways.

"I'd say you're Santa Claus sack is pretty empty," Brown said. "Lollipops for business are no better than lollipops for the middle class."

Brown renewed his call for a universal flat tax, saying the current tax code was a "4,000 page tax morass that feeds on the corruption of selling loopholes for campaign contributions."

Each of the candidates talked tough on crime and promised help to Georgia's defense workers worried that military cuts will cost them their jobs.

The most colorful exchanges came



when the candidates were allowed to ask questions of a rival. Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey asked Clinton how he could promote a program that would allow for public service to pay back college loans when he didn't serve his

country in Vietnam.

"I opposed that war. I thought it was a terrible mistake," Clinton said, repeating that he gave up a deferment and made himself available for the draft, but was never called.

Gorbachev's think tank to open under suspicion

MOSCOW — Mikhail Gorbachev's new think tank has a lot going for it: a handsome complex of buildings, wealthy would-be Western contributors, a noble mission and, of course, its famous boss.

But the Gorbachev Foundation, which officially opens Tuesday, also has a host of troubles.

The government of Russian President Boris Yeltsin apparently views it with suspicion. Russian media have mostly ignored it. New tax laws are strangling it. And some researchers invited to join its staff are wary.

Gorbachev says he has no plans to use the non-profit, non-government organization to challenge Yeltsin — although he said the Russian president had asked him point-blank whether he was creating an opposition movement.

The foundation "is not a shadow cabinet," Gorbachev told the news-

paper Komsomolskaya Pravda on Saturday. "I personally am not going to become an opposition figure as long as the government is implementing reforms."

The stated goals of the foundation — formally named the International Foundation for Socio-Economic and Political Studies — are producing research papers, books, lectures and conferences that strengthen democracy and civil rights, plan market reforms, encourage disarmament and foster peace.

Those aims reflect Gorbachev's achievements as Soviet leader from 1985 to 1991.

But his failures also are reflected in the foundation's shaky start.

Gorbachev, who resigned Dec. 25, 1991, is still far more popular abroad than at home, where many blame him for the country's economic free fall.

West Bank unrest continues

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian teenager on Sunday during stone-throwing clashes in the Gaza Strip to protest two shooting deaths a day earlier, Arab reports said.

Also Sunday, Arab activists killed two Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israel in Gaza, the army and Arab reports said.

At least 20 other Palestinians were treated at hospitals for gunshot wounds inflicted during unrest at the Rafah refugee camp, they said.

The army imposed a curfew on the

camp, home to more than 50,000 people. It said troops intervened Sunday to quell widespread disturbances. It said hospitals reported one person killed and said the army was investigating.

Meanwhile, Shiite Muslim guerrillas claimed Sunday they attacked Israel's "security zone" in south Lebanon, killing three soldiers. Israel denied its soldiers were killed.

In apparent retaliation, Israeli gunners bombarded the village of Kfar Roumman, just north of Nabatiyeh, wounding one person, police said.

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Saudi King moves to share power

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia's absolute ruler, King Fahd, took a tentative first step toward sharing power Sunday by announcing the long-promised creation of an advisory body.

Fahd also spelled out a constitution based on Islamic law.

The 61-member Majlis al-Shura, or Consultative Council, was set up to make recommendations to the king and the prime minister, although it would have no ability to make laws on its own.

Its creation by royal decree was seen as a step toward political pluralism in the Islamic kingdom ruled by the Al-Saud family since 1932.

Fahd said in a statement that council members would be Saudi nationals aged 30 or older, apparently to be drawn from the kingdom's oil, religious and academic communities. If so, this would be the first time non-royals were allowed to participate in the kingdom's decision-making.

Extra legs may save lamb from sale barn

LEIGH — A lamb born with six legs doesn't seem to be bothered by them too much, its owner said.

Six Pack, a ewe lamb, was born with two extra legs protruding from its chest two weeks ago. Leigh, a village of about 500 people, is located 20 miles north of Columbus.

Deb Svehla, who cares for the flock Six Pack comes from, said the family is considering sparing the animal from the sale barn.

Six Pack is being bottle-fed, said Svehla, who cares for the herd of sheep for her brother. She said she and her husband, Dean, weren't sure the lamb would live.

"It was pretty weak at first," she said. But now, she said, Six Pack continues to get healthier.

"When it's feeding time, it's right there at the fence," Svehla said.

The extra legs, which dangle from Six Pack's chest, don't seem to bother the lamb too much, Svehla said. She said the extra legs are complete with hooves and appear to be as full grown as the legs the lamb uses.

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