

## Field shrinks as candidates enter Super Tuesday

### Little support causes Harkin to leave race

WASHINGTON — Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin departed the Democratic presidential field Monday the same way he entered it — an unrepentant liberal convinced that his party's salvation lies in its past.

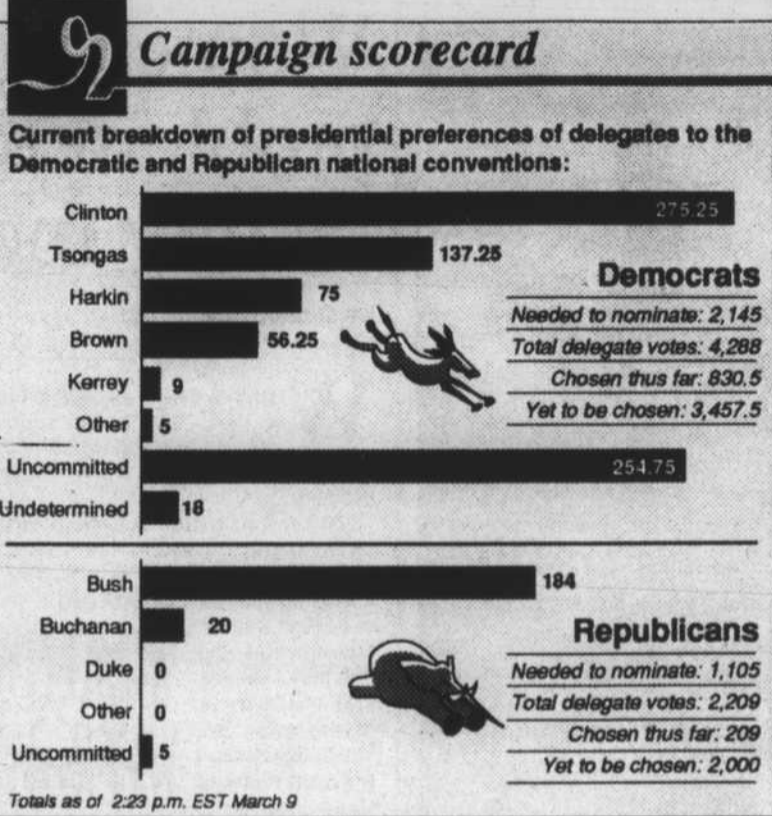
In a speech that paid homage to Hubert Humphrey, Harkin called Democrats "the party of hope and opportunity for all those... who want to fulfill their God-given potential, who just want to be part of the American Dream."

Harkin preached a populist Democratic gospel that promised deep defense cuts and a massive public works program in the style of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

His exit raised an immediate problem for hard-core liberal and labor voters who had seen him as their best hope.

Harkin's showings were dismal except in the Iowa, Minnesota and Idaho caucuses; he emerged from South Carolina's primary Saturday with a 6 percent vote total and a \$300,000 campaign debt.

Most primary-season voters spurned Harkin and Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, in favor of two candidates trying



to lead their party away from liberal orthodoxies — Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas.

"It says absolutely nothing about liberalism," said pollster Mark Mellman. "Tom Harkin's failure was not so much a failure of ideas as it was a failure of the way he conveyed them. He was a superb vehicle for venting anger and venting frustration. But voters this year were also looking for solutions."

Bill Carrick, who managed Rep. Richard Gephardt's 1988 presidential campaign, agreed that Harkin "never seemed to bridge the gap from Bush-bashing to a more substantive message that he had an economic plan to get the economy moving again."

Harkin was backed by most unions in Michigan and Illinois, which hold primaries next week. Clinton apparently is drawing much of that support and the organizational muscle that goes with it.

### Democrats vie for 783 delegates

By the Associated Press

Bill Clinton and Paul Tsongas barnstormed through Florida on Monday in a final, hurried hunt for Super Tuesday votes as Sen. Tom Harkin bowed out of the Democratic presidential race.

The White House predicted a sweep for President Bush.

Harkin folded his uncompromisingly liberal campaign with a parting shot at Bush and a pledge to "bear any burden" to help unseat him in the fall.

His departure left Clinton, Tsongas and former California Gov. Jerry Brown as the Democrats still afloat.

Brown said Clinton could not win in the fall. "You can't elect a candidate with a scandal a week. I'll tell you that," he said in Rhode Island.

Clinton seemed assured of winning at least six states and a rich delegate harvest on Tuesday. Tsongas was favored in two New England states and struggled for a Florida showing strong enough to give him a boost as the campaign moves on to industrial states.

Bush and his camp exuded confidence in the race against Patrick Buchanan and David Duke. The president campaigned from the White House, sitting for dinner-hour television interviews broadcast live to Super Tuesday states.

"We are going to keep this battle

going for the heart and soul of this party. And as I say, we are winning the national debate and everybody in Washington knows it," Buchanan said in a CBS interview.

There are 783 Democratic delegates and 421 Republican delegates at stake in the states voting Tuesday.

All three remaining Democrats said they would reach out to Harkin's constituency, particularly the union workers whose votes will be critical in next week's primaries in Illinois and Michigan.

Tsongas aides said they were preparing fresh television commercials criticizing Clinton's record as governor of Arkansas; Clinton was ready with a reminder to voters that Tsongas opposes legislation that would ban the hiring of permanent replacement workers in cases of strikes.

Clinton, the favorite in primaries in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Tennessee and caucuses in Missouri, headed for Kissimmee, Fort Lauderdale and Tampa on the final rounds of his Super Tuesday campaign.

He sought to depict Tsongas as the stronger of the two men in Florida, saying his rival "has had a big advantage in this race" because he has targeted Florida.

Brown took aim at the political establishment in general and Clinton in particular.

"Rhode Island is a perfect example of what politics is doing to people right in their pocket," he said in a reference to a scandal in the state's banking system.

## Supreme Court allows California to limit terms

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday let California limit the terms of its state legislators, an action likely to encourage supporters of similar anti-incumbent drives in other states.

The justices, without comment, let stand a California Supreme Court ruling that said the term limits, adopted in a 1990 voter initiative, do not violate the constitutional rights of legislators or voters.

The denial of a challenge to the initiative is

most certainly not a ruling on the merits, and cannot be interpreted as formal approval of such measures. It's possible the justices could agree to review a challenge to term limits imposed by some other state, and then invalidate them.

John Sowinski, who is heading a term-limit campaign in Florida, wasted no time in interpreting expansively the court's action.

"What the Supreme Court is saying, and what we've known all along, is term limits is

good public policy," Sowinski said. "They did what was right and listened to the people."

Voters in Colorado and Oklahoma also passed legislative term limits in 1990. The Colorado measure includes limits on how long someone may serve that state in Congress.

Voters in more than a dozen states will be faced with term-limit proposals in November. Term limits for both executive and legislative offices, including members of Congress, will be on the Florida ballot.

The justices rejected an appeal by the California Legislature and a group of voters that had argued, "The standards to be applied in election cases are critically in need of clarification from this court."

California's Proposition 140 says none of the 40 state senators may serve more than two four-year terms, and none of the 80 state Assembly members may serve more than three two-year terms. It also sets two-term limits for statewide officeholders.

## Former Israeli leader Begin given people's funeral

### Friends reveal reasons that he resigned in 1983

JERUSALEM — Former Prime Minister Menachem Begin was buried Monday after being carried to his grave on the Mount of Olives by aging comrades in arms from Israel's war for statehood.

Thousands of Israelis, some in tears, accompanied Begin's body to the cemetery in Arab east Jerusalem where he was laid to rest next to his wife, Aliza.

Begin, who died Monday at age 78, was a giant of the Jewish state, but he wanted — and got — a people's funeral. There was no coffin. He was carried to the grave on a stretcher, wrapped in a prayer shawl.

With Begin's death, his friends finally began to explain the riddle of

his 1983 resignation. They confirmed what most Israelis long suspected — he stepped down because he was depressed over his wife's death a year earlier and because of the rising Israeli death toll in the Lebanon war.

Some branded Begin a terrorist for the tactics his underground army, the Irgun, used to oust the British and achieve Israeli statehood. Begin always called his guerrilla years his finest moment, and aging comrades

honored their commander by carrying the stretcher with the body to the grave.

At the end of the funeral, some mourners unexpectedly sang the anthem of Betar, Begin's ideological movement.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir watched silently as sacks of soil were dumped in the grave and a plain marker with Begin's name was stuck in the earth.

### Dial-an-elephant offered in India

NEW DELHI, India — For a taste of the high-class travel once favored by India's maharajahs, call dial-an-elephant.

Within an hour, an elephant can be at the doorstep for a birthday party, a wedding celebration or a royal treat for visitors.

The government parades magnificently decorated elephants in the annual Republic day events in New Delhi. Elsewhere, they are commonly paraded for Hindu festivals.

Now, more and more people are hiring elephants for personal events. Sunder Rajan hired one for his 4-year-old daughter's birthday party. The kids "squealed all through the ride," he said.

About a dozen elephant owners live in shantytowns with their beasts outside New Delhi. Most come from a long line of stable keepers who

worked for the courts of Hindu maharajahs and Muslim kings, or nawabs. Mohammed Ashraf is one. His ancestors worked in the stables of a royal family in Bijnor, 75 miles north of New Delhi.

"As far back as my grandfather or his grandfather remembered, our family has lived among elephants," he said. "But with changing times we also have to change."

After India won independence in 1947, the princely states were abolished, and with them went the trappings of royalty.

Many elephants were bought by zoos or circuses, leaving the royal tamers unemployed.

In 1986, Ashraf and his two brothers bought Dimple Kapadia — named after an Indian actress — to start a hire service.

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## Surgeon general, doctors want to kill Camel's Old Joe

WASHINGTON — The nation's doctors want Old Joe, the cartoon camel from the land of Reynolds tobacco, to bite the desert dust.

Led by Surgeon General Antonia Novello, they declared Monday that the dashing dromedary appeals too much to children in his ads for Camel cigarettes.

"It's time for the tobacco industry to stop preying on our nation's youth," Novello said. "It's time that cigarette companies act voluntarily and responsibly."

"In years past, R.J. Reynolds would have us walk a mile for a Camel," she said. "Today it's time that we invite 'Old Joe' himself to take a hike." The American Medi-

cal Association agreed. The tobacco company didn't.

Joe's ugly as a camel, but he's adventuresome, chic and multi-talented. He plays piano, races cars and wears dinner jackets and tuxedos, often catching the eye of a beautiful woman.

Old Joe has been in trouble with the health community almost since RJR Nabisco Inc. introduced him as the "smooth character" in its ads for Camel cigarettes in 1988.

Last December, the Journal of the American Medical Association published studies that found the camel's image was as familiar to 6-year-olds as Mickey Mouse.