

# Top candidates

## Democratic presidential primary hopefuls stress leadership, experience, traditional party values

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The roster for the 1988 Democratic presidential primary will probably feature eight candidates, all stressing leadership and experience as well as traditional Democratic values, said spokesmen for the National Democratic Committee.

Several polls have predicted a close battle between Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., and former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado.

Gov. Bruce Babbitt of Arizona, Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., and Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., are likely to figure in the contest as well.

Hart, the early front-runner for the nomination after an unsuccessful bid in 1984, declared his candidacy in early April, said his deputy press secretary Dawn Alexander.

Hart will advocate educational improvements, environmental preservation, economic strength, alteration of U.S. investment methods to avoid debt, living condition improvements for underprivileged Americans and limitation of nuclear weapons.

Biden, a member of the U.S. Senate since 1972, will officially declare his candidacy in early June, said his press secretary Dennis Toner.

Toner said Biden's campaign will stress leadership and experience. Biden is chairman of the Senate Judicial Committee and ranks second on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Biden raised \$1.73 million toward his campaign, more than any other candidate who reported campaign contributions for the first quarter of 1987, Toner said.

Rumors that New York Gov. Mario Cuomo might reconsider and



**Gary Hart**



**Joseph Biden**

enter the race, despite his earlier announcement to the contrary, are false, said Tom Conroy, the governor's press secretary. Speculation surfaced when Cuomo announced the formation of a national political action committee last week, usually the first stage of a presidential campaign.

Cuomo is not considering the presidential nomination and formed the PAC as a means of bringing the candidates to New York to participate in a series of forums and public debates, Conroy said.

Jackson, a previous contender for the nomination, will emphasize his economic justice and "invest in America" themes if he runs, said

Frank Watson, his press manager. Jackson will decide whether to run for the nomination in late spring, Watson said.

Jackson believes "Reaganomics" caused many U.S. problems and called Reagan a "Robin Hood in reverse," Watson said.

Americans should be wary of "merger mania" sweeping U.S. industry, Watson said.

Gephardt, the first Democrat to officially declare his candidacy, has raised about \$1.03 million for his campaign, said his press secretary Bill Carrac.

Gephardt has proven his leadership throughout his career of service to the American people, Carrac said. Gephardt acted decisively in implementing recent tax reform laws,

Carrac said.

Before last month, Simon had not intended to run, said his press secretary Pamela Huey. Simon planned to support Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., but when Bumpers declined to seek the nomination, Simon decided to run.

Simon, who will base his campaign on traditional Democratic values, said, "I am not a neo-anything. I am a Democrat."

"He really believes that he has something to offer that the other candidates don't," Huey said. "He has courage and convictions."

Simon, a former journalism professor, will make his formal announcement in May, Huey said.

Babbitt officially announced his candidacy on March 10, said his press secretary Mike McCurry. Babbitt, who describes himself as socially progressive and economically conservative, will concentrate on economics and social issues during his campaign, McCurry said. He will also stress the role of the family in America's success, McCurry said.

McCurry said Arizona was the top-rated state economically during Babbitt's tenure as governor and will be able to carry that success to the national level.

Babbitt has raised more than \$800,000 for his campaign, McCurry said.

Dukakis will officially declare his candidacy April 29, said Steven Akey, his press secretary. Dukakis' campaign will focus on his commitment to creating economic opportunity, Akey said.

Dukakis, who served eight years as a state representative before being elected governor of Massachusetts in 1974, offers "honesty, integrity and competence" to America, Akey said.

Press secretary Mike Kopp could not be reached to comment on Gore's campaign.

## Nazi execution supervisor deported to Soviet Union

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Karl Linas, facing a Soviet death sentence on charges of supervising Nazi concentration camp executions, was being deported to the Soviet Union on Monday after the Supreme Court and Justice Department turned down his bids to remain in the United States, government sources said.

Linns fell two votes short in his court effort as the justices refused, 6-3, to extend an order that had blocked deportation.

The court's action came on the heels of Justice Department efforts to find some country other than the Soviet Union to which Linns could be sent.

### U.S. urges killing lawsuit

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration said Monday the World War II detention of Japanese-Americans in U.S. prison camps shamed the nation, but it still urged the Supreme Court to kill a lawsuit stemming from the internment.

Solicitor General Charles Fried, the administration's top-ranking courtroom lawyer, argued that "ordinary rules of law" should apply to the lawsuit "no matter how much balm we would like to apply to the wound."

He said a 1983 suit, which seeks compensation for property losses suffered by those imprisoned, was filed in the wrong federal court and was filed too late.

### Soviet labor camps criticized

MOSCOW — A Soviet paper, the Literary Gazette, has published a letter from a former prisoner criticizing Soviet labor camps and asking that more information about them be released.

Western diplomats said it may be the first letter published in official mass media criticizing the camps, about which almost no official information is available.

The letter was signed by former convict V. Stavrovsky of Smo-

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lensk and said the camps, estimated to hold at least one million prisoners, turned people into hardened criminals.

Publication of the letter appears to be part of a review of the criminal justice system. Soviet media have published examples of miscarriages of justice over the past year, and some high-ranking officials have called for better protection of citizens against false arrest and imprisonment.

### Tariffs not protectionist act

OISO, Japan — New U.S. tariffs on some Japanese products should not affect the overall relationship between the two allies, American trade representative Clayton Yeutter said Monday.

He said imposition of the duties last Saturday was not a protectionist act, and the U.S. trade deficit will not be eliminated by solving individual issues, but he urged Japan to increase imports and drop quotas on foreign goods "as a matter of principle."

The United States wants Japan to stimulate its domestic economy so the market for both foreign and Japanese products will expand.

### Slammed over a ham

PITTSBURGH — A woman claims her husband's friend slugged her after she chastised the two men for eating her entire Easter ham well before dinnertime.

Shirley Krist, 38, of the city's Beltzhoover neighborhood, said her husband, George, 51, and Wesley Watters, 53, ate "the whole ham" while she was away from home late Saturday night, police said.

Mrs. Krist said she located the men at 1:30 a.m. Sunday at a bar and confronted them about the ham.



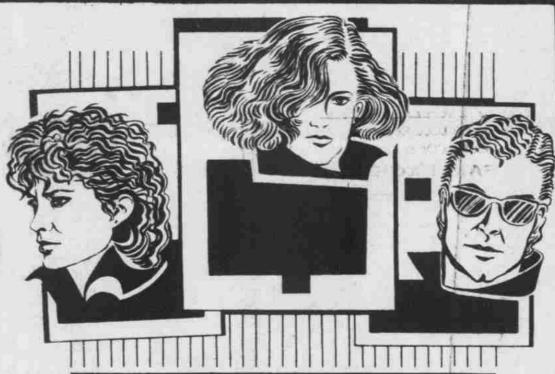
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