

Democrats ante up for campaign

2008 race | Early in the White House fundraising marathon, Democrats are leaving Republicans in the dust

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DES MOINES, Iowa — For anyone looking for a sign of the health of the Democratic Party going into the 2008 presidential campaign, it came Wednesday with the last of the fundraising figures reported by the major presidential primary candidates.

With the \$25 million reported by Sen. Barack Obama in his campaign, closing in on Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's \$26 million, the Democratic presidential candidates collectively outperformed the Republicans by a substantial amount: Democrats raised about \$78 million, compared with just more than \$51 million by their rivals, according to preliminary first-quarter figures provided by the campaigns.

That is remarkable because Republicans have historically proved better at collecting contributions. In every presidential primary season since 1976, the top fundraiser was a Republican. The new numbers offered what even Republicans described as measurable evidence that Democrats today are more confident about their prospects of winning back the White House, and — not typically for their party — satisfied with their candidates. That enthusiasm gap is emerging as one of the early dynamics of the 2008 presidential campaign.

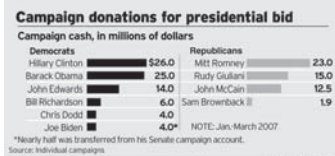
"The Democrats seem to have a lot more hunger for the White House right now than we do," said Scott Reed, who managed the presidential campaign of Bob Dole, a Kansas Republican, in 1996. "Part of it on the Republican side may be Bush fatigue. But clearly, the Republicans are going to need to get it together on finances if we are going to compete with the likes of Obama or Hillary Clinton. It's a concern."

Officials of both parties as well as some independent analysts said the figures quantified a trend apparent in Iowa and New Hampshire, where Democratic presidential candidates consistently draw crowds at rallies and house parties.

"This reflects on the part of Democrats not only their view of their prospects of victory in 2008, but also how they are coming off of this rush of the 2006 elections,"



Collecting \$25 million for his presidential campaign, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., on Wednesday affirmed his status as leading rival to Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., in the Democratic race.



said Costas Panagopoulos, a political science professor at Fordham University. "In terms of Republican candidates, voters are feeling like they have to choose from a list of who represents the least of all evils."

Democrats' momentum

The initial Democratic fundraising advantage seems to be the next step in a shift that began in 2004, when Democratic presidential candidates, starting with Howard Dean, tapped into the Internet to collect money from first-time contributors. It continued in the 2006 midterm elections when Democratic congressional campaign committees matched or beat their Republican counterparts, helping Democrats to take control of Congress.

"This is the continuation of a trend of an energized and engaged Democratic base that I think both Obama and Clinton are tapping into and that other Democrats at the congressional and local levels, are going to be

able to tap into," said David B. Magley, a political science professor at Brigham Young University. "If there is a bright side for Republicans, it is that Democrats, particularly Obama and Clinton, have enough money to inflict a considerable amount of damage on their fellow Democrats in the nine months before they settle in for the Iowa caucuses that lead off the primary voting."

And it is still many financial quarters before the general election. Even Democrats who described themselves as delighted by the results said they had no doubt that the Republican nominee will have more than enough money to compete in the general election.

Early in the game

"I don't think the Republicans are going to lose the presidential election next year because of a lack of money," said David Plouffe, the manager of Obama's campaign.

Still, that may prove to be

small comfort. The Republican who had been viewed as his party's leading candidate, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, raised about half of what Clinton and Obama reported raising, and trailed even the \$14 million raised by John Edwards, the North Carolina Democrat making his second bid for the Democratic nomination.

Beyond that, the Republican's top fundraiser, Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, has trailed in national polls in part because he is not widely known, but also because he has been repeatedly attacked by his rivals for changing his positions on central issues including abortion and gay rights.

In this unsettled environment it is no surprise that this year, the Republicans, not the Democrats, seem hungry to find someone else to get into the race, as reflected by the interest drawn by the potential candidacies of the untested Thompsons: Fred of Tennessee and Tommy of Wisconsin.

And the release of financial figures has offered a statistical basis to support anecdotal evidence that Democrats are more optimistic about winning the White House. Democrats as a rule have been drawing much bigger crowds than Republicans.

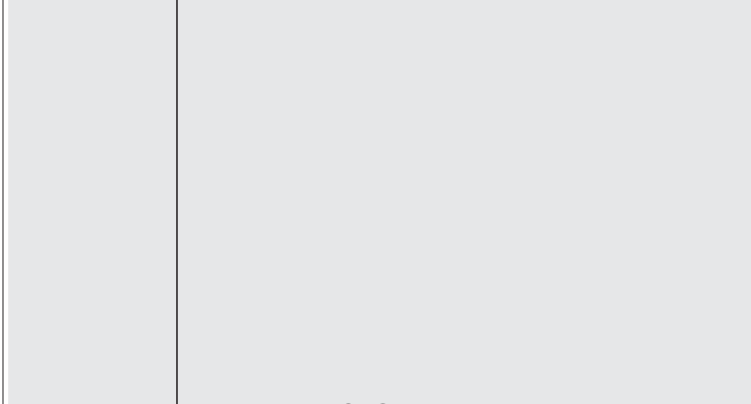
By contrast, Republicans show few signs of pulling out of the doldrums that followed their defeat in the November election. Reed, the former Dole adviser, suggested that that, combined with opposition to the war and Bush's low popularity ratings, was sapping the energy of voters in his party.

The Democrats' figures left no question that Clinton faces a fundraising equal in Obama.

At the same time, Edwards trailed significantly behind Clinton and Obama, evidence of just how important it will be for him to score an early win in Iowa before the race moves to the broad and expensive national field of the Feb. 5 primaries.

The news might be worse in the second Democratic tier, as Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Sen. Christopher J. Dodd both struggled to raise money, despite their credentials and networks, which might prove troublesome for them as they seek continued support.

Magley, of BYU, said he suspected Republicans were suffering from donor fatigue. In the quarters to come, the prospect of another Presidential Clinton could certainly get Republicans to take out their checkbooks.



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VISIONARY | Developer Albert C. Angelo Sr., 87, shaped communities across the West

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VANCOUVER — A funeral Mass for Albert C. Angelo Sr., a former Vancouver mayor whose development company helped change the face of communities from Bellingham to Klamath Falls, will be Friday.

Angelo died March 23 at his Vancouver home. He was 87.

The son of an emigrant from central Italy who came through Ellis Island looking for work in the United States, Angelo graduated from the University of Washington, then built what has become a third-generation family business with holdings in six Western states.

Starting in 1947 with an \$8,000 loan, Angelo began building single-family homes in Vancouver's westside Lincoln neighborhood. Now, the Al Angelo Co. is a development, purchasing and management company that

Ex-mayor's legacy goes beyond Vancouver

owns 3,200 multifamily housing units and 1 million square feet of commercial space in 22 cities.

The company owns the Morningside Apartments on West Table Rock Road in Medford, the Shangri La complex in Klamath Falls and the Villa Montana in Scottsdale, Ariz.

In Vancouver, the company's first multifamily project was Brundt Terrace, a 214-unit complex deemed a standard for federal Housing and Urban Development properties. In 2000, it developed the \$25 million Heritage Place condominiums, which helped revitalize downtown and neighboring Esther Short Park.

Angelo began building homes at the same time as Ed Pietz, cofounder of the Red Lion hotel chain.

"When I first started out, Al Angelo and I were both poor, real poor," Pietz said Tuesday. "He'd be building houses on one side of the street and I'd be building houses on the other side of the street, and we'd be yelling at each other to see who could get done first."

Elected to the City Council in 1982 and installed as mayor in 1986, Angelo persuaded the city

officers of excessive force, harassment and violating defendants' constitutional rights. The suits are all separate claims, though three of the defendants share the same lawyer.

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Tualatin VFW has a memorial idea: Ramsey Reservoir

Mount Tabor Park | Oregon's 108-year-old WWI vet "would just have loved this"

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From the day Howard Ramsey bought a home on Southeast 59th Avenue in 1937 until he left for an assisted living facility 65 years later, the reservoirs in nearby Mount Tabor Park were part of his life. Ramsey's daughter, Coral Falk said.

Now a veterans group wants to honor Ramsey — Oregon's last World War I combat veteran, who died in February at 108 — by naming Reservoir 6 after him as a way of memorializing Oregonians who fought in the war. The idea will get a public airing Monday at Portland City Hall.

Tricia Knoll, a spokeswoman for the Water Bureau, said the session will address the ramifications of the reservoir's being on the National Register of Historic Places. "You can't just go to



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a meeting and say this is what we are going to do," she said. "The Mount Tabor Reservoirs are not just a crown jewel of the water system, they are a crown jewel of the city."

Knoll acknowledged that the event also would allow Commissioner Randy Leonard, who oversees the bureau, to test the water for possible opposition. Representatives of such groups as the Mount Tabor Neighborhood Association, Friends of Mount Tabor Park and Friends of the Reservoirs have been invited to weigh in. Dick Tobias, a retired U.S. Army colonel from Bend who has championed military veterans memorials in Oregon and other states, will make a formal presentation.

Dale Potts, past commander of the Tualatin VFW, is spearheading the proposal. "Our idea is that this is history," he said. "We hope people who visit the look beyond the name and find out more about World War I and the lessons it should have taught us."

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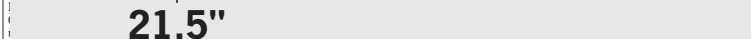
Ramsey, a graduate of the old Washington High School in Portland, bulked up on bananas and water before his enlistment day to ensure he would meet the minimum weight for service. He spent much of his active duty as a driver near the bloody Argonne battlefield in France, tracking officers and supplies to the front and returning with the bodies of dead GIs.

Perhaps anticipating concern about glorifying combat, Potts noted that the proposal seeks to honor war veterans, not war itself. "Howard was not a killer type," he said, "but someone who was in service to others. In

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McMinnville
Suspect in attack will have mental health evaluation

A man accused of attacking two Evergreen Aviation Museum employees last week has been transferred to a Portland hospital for a mental health evaluation, Yamhill County authorities said.

Police said Gerald Joseph Lahey, 19, broke into the museum, smashed a glass display case, removed a World War II uniform and put it on, pulled a fire alarm, climbed into a plane and smashed a television set.

Phillip Jaeger, 33, of McMinnville and Cheryl McKay, 62, of Sheridan encountered the intruder when they arrived for work. He is accused of punching Jaeger and biting McKay. Neither employ-

ee required hospitalization. — *The Associated Press*

Vancouver
Cameras attacked; two men are charged

Two men appeared Wednesday in Clark County District Court on charges stemming from an attack Monday on a Fox 12 television cameraman in downtown Vancouver.

Eugene E. Nerton, 26, no town given, was held on accusations of fourth-degree assault, unlawful display of a weapon and urinating in public.

Jesse K. Goncalves, 20, of San Juan Island was held on accusations of fourth-degree assault and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Both men are scheduled to return to court April 9.

The two were arrested shortly after the 8:40 p.m. beating of Peter Franzen, 31, at Sixth and Main streets. Franzen suffered a black eye, sore back, cuts and

required hospitalization. — *The Associated Press*

Umatilla
Four boaters rescued from Columbia River

Three men and a woman spent a frigid 20 minutes in the Columbia River near the eastern Oregon town of Umatilla on Wednesday after their boat erupted in flames.

Firefighters from the Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District rescued two members of the group about 8 a.m., and a private boat plucked the others out, said Fire Chief Michael Roxbury.

The boaters, who were not named, were not injured. — *Richard Cackle*

Wood Village
Police arrest suspect in 35-mile pursuit

An aggressive driver who led police on a 35-mile chase Wednesday crashed his car and

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Six lawsuits allege police misconduct

COURTS | Sandy and Clackamas County officers are accused of rights violations

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A lawsuit filed in federal court this month brings to six the current number of cases pursued by Sandy area residents against police and city officials alleging law enforcement misconduct.

Salem attorney Bruce Mowery, who represents the city in some of the cases through City/County Insurance Services, said the claims — which target city officials, Sandy police officers and Clackamas County sheriff's deputies — have no merit.

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CITY HALL NOTEBOOK

Zones extension OK'd

The city's drug- and prostitution-free zones will stay active for another six months, despite concerns among City Council members that an oversight committee studying the exclusion areas is "dysfunctional" and includes too many people with a vested interest in the policing tool.

The City Council established the exclusive zones 15 years ago to give police another way to fight crime in central, Northeast

now must arrest someone to exclude them.

Since the new rules took effect and city leaders began studying the zones, African Americans have been disproportionately hit by exclusions. That worries city commissioners, who want to make sure they're balancing the need to protect neighbors with the civil rights of those excluded.

The oversight committee is supposed to recommend changes to extend that balance. But its work has been hampered

sight committee, which includes prosecutors and public defenders. He suggested that the mayor's office, which has hired an outside facilitator to help the committee, might want to add members or rethink the group's makeup.

"An oversight committee can't be the people who actually do the work," he said.

In the end, Patter and Commissioners Randy Leonard, Sam Adams and Dan Seltzman voted to extend the zones until Sept. '30. Sten first wanted

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