Harkin’s Shoo-In for Iowa

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Iowa Democrats kicked off their party’s competition for 1992 national convention delegates Monday night in precipitous caucuses across the state, with the only question the size of the victory for native Son Tom Harkin.

Harkin, the Democratic front-runner, effectively drove away other candidates and made state pride the principal drawing card for the caucuses, held in bars, churches, schools, and public buildings in more than 100 precincts.

Joe Shamah, Iowa Democratic Party spokesman, predicted a turnout of around 300,000 voters, about one-fourth as many as showed up for the highly competitive caucuses four years ago. That year, they went for Iowa’s King Richard Gephardt of Missouri, now the House majority leader and one of several ranking figures in the party with whose names they have divided since this year.

The night’s events set the stage for the caucus Monday night in an effort to boost the draw and stem some measure of national recognition from the un Fnished victory here.

Nazi Had Argentina’s Blessing

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Argentina’s secret government files on Nazi war criminals, released for the first time to the United States, show that the Peronist Movement, which controlled Argentina until 1955, was complicit in the Nazi war effort.

The documents provide the first official confirmation of what many historians have suspected for years: that Argentine agents helped the Nazis evade international law. Argentina, like many other countries, was an ally of Nazi Germany during World War II.

The Peronist Movement controlled Argentina from 1946 to 1955, and it is speculated that these documents could shed light on the involvement of Argentine officials in the Nazi war effort.

Witness Says Military Protected Alleged Noriega Drug Dealers

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A Panamanian military official who abandoned his unit and was a major source of information about former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega said Monday that the military protected alleged drug dealers in Panama.

The official, who is a high-ranking military officer, said that the military provided protection to alleged drug dealers and that Noriega was aware of the protection.

Weather

Cold and Windier

Natural Resources Service

Today: Increasing clouds, breezy and milder. A 40 percent chance of rain or snow showers in the afternoon, high of 45°F (7°C), wind with a high of 15-25 mph (24-40 km/h).

Tonight: Chances of flurries in the evening, clearing. Low of 15-20° F (-9 to -11°C).

Tomorrow: Sunny and cold, with highs between 20-25°F (-7 to -4°C).

U.S. Claims Returned Haitians Are In No Immediate Danger

By Art Pine

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration Monday night is said to have a number of Haitian refugees being forcibly returned to the country where they say they are round the world.

The United States has no official figures on the number of Haitians returned to the country, but it is estimated that more than 500,000 Haitians have been returned to Haiti since 1980.

Haley: The Master Storyteller Whose ‘Roots’ Ran Very Deep

By Jacqueline Trescott

WASHINGTON

One morning last week, Alex Haley stood at a government-issue lectern in an ornate room in downtown Washington and once again made you feel like you were right on the floor pumps in Henning, Tenn.

In a deep, velvety voice Haley told the story of Queen, his paternal grandmother, and described her life in such a detail that, once again, the Haley became part of you. It was your grandmother's diary, swastilling and splitting at the lightning bugs, rocking in the chair and talking about old times.

And, as Haley preached, was his father's projects — a ministry on Queen, a series of interviews with black filmmakers, the film Foreman in Henning — once again you knew something of magnitude was brewing. Haley's dark, deep voice, Florence, Alabama, on a plantation called the Forks of Cypress, "he said. "Her father was the master and her mother a mulatto waster. She was raised as if she were part of her half.

She was that they called 'a child of the plantation.' She was born in the Civil War, Queen was freed and was chased into a forest. "Then she joined three couples, and this was the first time she had ever confronted what being black was. I just can't wait to write that story."

Haley, who died early Monday in Seattle, when he had been scheduled to speak, pulled us into the dreamy rooms of living history, created characters that part of the American experience.

The Autobiography of Malcolm X in 1965 gave us the words and lessons of a complex and vibrant young man, a new generation hungry for Malcolm material has made the book a best-seller again. Even more eloquent have been his impassioned speeches on the power of his race.

The Haley family is in a quandary with what to do another Malcolm book last spring because he just didn’t want to sell it on the market. He was a man of the future.

The Lawyer’s Committee made a complaint that representatives of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees contacted with registered refugees in Haiti who said they had been forced to leave the United Nations because their papers had been shot.

The Associated Press reported that refugees said soldiers arrested their counts, who had returned on the same count, had been arrested as well as those who had not been deported.

But the documents also show that the United Nations administration must accept the Haitians if there is evidence they left to escape political persecution, but it can turn them away if they left voluntarily.

After the Haley, but what do it open? All this made you feel like you were right on the floor pumps in Henning.

Haley has two brothers in Washington, D.C., where he is chairman of the U.S. Postal Rate Commission, and Julius, an architect.

The Lawyer’s Committee made a complaint that representatives of the United States had been in Haiti to stop the deportation of refugees.

The documents also show that the Haitians said they were deported by the Bush administration’s ban to stop the deportations of refugees.

The United Nations refugee agency must accept the Haitians if there is evidence they left to escape political persecution, but it can turn them away if they left voluntarily.

CIA: U.S. Government Asked to Help Haitians

The CIA has asked the Haitian government for help in returning thousands of Haitian refugees to Haiti.

The documents also show that the Haitian government has sought to return the rest to Haiti, but the Bush administration must accept the Haitians if there is evidence they left to escape political persecution, but it can turn them away if they left voluntarily.

The administration contends that all blacks have not been able to advertise any of them, Fitzwater said of the reports by U.N. representatives. "We have no evidence that plantations are a form of slavery."

But on Monday, attorneys for the Haitian Refugees Center in Miami asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the Bush administration from forcibly rerouting several thousand Haitian boat people who are being kept at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay.

The documents also show that the Haitian government has asked the United States to return thousands of Haitian refugees.

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