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March 4 Primary Draws Record Turnout In Texas

AUSTIN — More than 4.2 million people voted in the March 4 Texas primaries.

This was a record-breaking turnout, far surpassing the previous record of 2.7 million in 1988.

The Republican primary, with its one person, one vote, no-caucus method, quickly yielded a winner: U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona with 51 percent of the vote to former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's 38 percent.

McCain received 80 delegates to Huckabee's 16 and Huckabee dropped out of the race, as McCain

had accumulated enough GOP state delegates to win the nomination.

U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Clute, who got 5 percent of the Texas Republican vote, also ended his race for the presidential nomination.

The Democratic Party, on the other hand, revealed how engaging but messy democracy can be in actuating its "Texas Two Step" primary election process.

The state's chief election official, Secretary of State Phil Wilson, on March 4 said his office received many calls from people

confused over the Democratic Party's process.

Democrats who cast ballots on March 4 or in early voting were allowed to participate in a post-election precinct caucus.

Caucus goers, according to party rules, proved they had voted as Democrats by showing the party stamp on their valid voter registration card.

Next, they signed their name and address on a sign-in sheet. Along with their name, they were asked, but not required, to declare in writing the presidential candidate of their choice.

Precinct chairs and secretaries applied a formula to the candidate declarations to calculate the number of Clinton or Obama delegates and alternates who will attend county party conventions later in March.

U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York won the popular vote with 51 percent to Illinois U.S. Sen. Barack Obama's 47 percent. The precinct caucus delegate count wasn't complete until March 7. Clinton won 65 delegates to

Obama's 61.

Many thought winning Texas was a do-or-die situation for Clinton, but she bolstered her bid for the Democratic presidential nomination by also winning Ohio.

Challengers replace incumbents

Eight incumbent members of the Texas House of Representatives lost their primary races. Their names are below, with the new nominees in parentheses:

- Kevin Bailey, D-Houston, House District 140 (Armando Walle);
- Juan Escobar, D-Kingsville, House District 43 (Tara Rios Ybarra);
- Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso, House District 78 (Dee Margo);
- Thomas Latham, R-Dallas, House District 101 (Mike Anderson);
- Nathan Macias, R-Bulverde, House District 73 (Doug Miller)
- Borris Miles, D-Houston, House District 146 (Al Edwards)
- Paul Moreno, D-El Paso, House District 77 (Marisa Marquez)

• Corbin Van Arsdale, R-Tomball, House District 130 (Allen Fletcher)

Incumbent members continue in office until their term expires on Dec. 31. Each will face opposition in the November general election.

Runoffs will decide 7 nominees

Five state house districts and two U.S. congressional districts will elect nominees by runoff on April 8. Those are:

- Republicans Bryan Daniel and Doyle Hobbs, HD 52 (east half of Williamson County);
- Republicans Ralph Sheffield and Martha Tyroch, HD 55 (most of Bell County);
- Republicans Tyron Lewis and Buddy West, HD 81 (Andrews, Winkler and Ector counties);
- Republicans Angie Button and Randy Dunning, HD 112 (part of northeast Dallas County);
- Republicans Ken Legler and Fred Roberts, HD 144 (part of southeast Harris County);
- Republicans Pete Olson and Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, CD 22 (part

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of Fort Bend, Galveston, Brazoria and Harris counties);

• Democrats Steve Love and Eric Roberson, CD 32 (part of north, northeast and central Dallas).

The winners of those runoffs will face opponents in the November general election.

DPS warns spring break drivers

The Texas Department of Public Safety said more patrols would be watching drivers in South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley as students on spring break flock to the beaches.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

February 23, 1984

Thilda Ella Birdwell, a resident of Sweetbriar Nursing Home in Brenham, closed her eyes to a peaceful rest the morning of February 18 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were conducted from Dulany Funeral Home at 10 a.m. February 20 with interment following in Lakeside Cemetery. Rev. J Melburn Sibley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, officiated at the services...

Funeral services for **Robert M. Yanez**, 26, of Bay City were Tuesday, February 7 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Bay City. The Rev. J.P. Shanno, officiated. A rosary was held at Taylor Brothers Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. February 6. Interment was in Roselawn Memorial Park in Van Vleck...

Braulio Esturbid Ortega passed away at 3:45 a.m. February 10 at Westbury Hospital in Houston. Funeral services were conducted from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 3 p.m. February 21 followed by burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

March 24, 1960
 Mr. and Mrs. James Gertson are the proud parents of a son,

Mike Everett, born March 17 in Laughlin Hospital...

Jo Ann Sens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Sens, and **Guy Burkart** of Conroe were united in marriage March 12 in the First Baptist Church...

Miss Gini Pendergrass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Pendergrass of Eagle Lake, was

one of nine students at Baylor University, where she is a freshman, winning in the Southern Literary Festival Contest...

Miss Glenda Altman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Altman, was elected best dressed cowgirl during the Wharton County Junior College western week activities...

Mrs. C.H. Radack passed away Tuesday evening in Houston. Mrs. Radack is the mother of E.A. Radack, son-in-law of publisher and Mrs. Fred G. Frnka...

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky attended the 90th birthday anniversary party held Sunday for Mrs. Mary Macha, great aunt of

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Drunk Driver's Truck Forfeited

A drunk driver convicted of his 4th DWI lost his truck in a forfeiture case filed by prosecutors.

Glynn Gary Scheffler, 50, of Schultenburg was arrested by Officer Doug Blaha of the Weimar Police Department for DWI on June 15, 2007 and refused to take a breath test.

Blaha obtained a search warrant, which authorized the taking of a blood sample for alcohol testing. The result was a blood alcohol level of 0.30, over three times the legal limit.

Colorado County Attorney Ken Sparks filed a civil suit to forfeit Scheffler's 1994 F-150 Ford truck since he had previous DWI convictions in 1985, 1990, and 1998.

Scheffler pled guilty to the felony DWI charge. District Court Judge W.C. Kirkendall sentenced him on March 3, 2008 to 10 years probation and immediate placement in an in-patient alcohol treatment program for 6 to 12 months depending upon his progress.

Following the sentencing hearing the judge conducted a forfeiture hearing and awarded the truck to the Weimar Police Department for use or sale.

"I hope this sends two messages to all drunk drivers," said Sparks. "First, if you refuse to take a breath test, a blood sample will be taken by court order; second, if you have three previous convictions, your vehicle will be

forfeited," he added. "Alcoholism may be a disease, but it does not cause you to drive," he said.

District Court Sentencing

One individual was sentenced in District Court Monday, March 10.

Charles C. Casanova, bail jumping and failure to appear felony. Sentenced to five years TDCJ-ID.

Charles C. Casanova, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Sentenced to five years TDCJ-ID.

Civil Suit Filed In District Court

One lawsuit was filed in the last week in Colorado County District Court.

On March 7, Helena Chemical Co. filed suit against Carl B. Halla and Eagle Lake General Store in a dispute over payment on an account. The suit claims that \$43,576 is owed.

Divorces Filed

Lora Ann Thye and Edward Charles Grisham, March 5.
 Jolee Brooks Fox and Cory Robert Fox, March 10.
 Leslie Sloan Hendrix and David Mark Hendrix, March 11.

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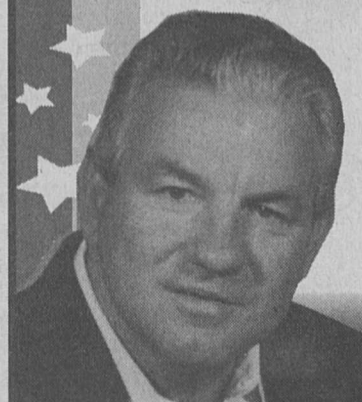
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 Commissioner Pct. 1

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