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State results

Following are the results of the statewide Texas Democratic and Republican primaries as of 1 a.m. Wednesday.

Preference for Presidential Nominee

Republican:	
George Bush	316,077 64.0 %
Pat Robertson	77,697 16.0 %
Bob Dole	69,294 14.0 %
Jack Kemp	24,153 5.0 %
Alexander M. Haig, Jr.	1,771 0.0 %
Pete du Pont	1,606 0.0 %
Democratic:	
Michael S. Dukakis	336,613 32.0 %
Al Gore	231,721 22.0 %
Jesse L. Jackson	217,259 21.0 %
Dick Gephardt	161,991 15.0 %
Gary Hart	53,764 5.0 %
Paul Simon	19,205 2.0 %
Bruce Babbitt	7,877 1.0 %
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.	6,637 1.0 %
David E. Duke	6,052 1.0 %
W.A. Williams	4,460 0.0 %
Norbert G. Dennerl Jr.	2,484 0.0 %

United States Senator

Republican:	
Wes Gilbreath	178,871 35.0 %
Beau Boulter	157,202 31.0 %
Milton E. Fox	97,302 19.0 %
Ned Snead	74,589 15.0 %
Democratic:	
Lloyd Bentsen	976,534 84.0 %
Joe Sullivan	191,791 16.0 %

Railroad Commissioner

Republican:	
P.S. "Sam" Ervin	59,345 31.5 %
Ed Emmett	57,781 30.6 %
Ralph E. Hoelscher	50,859 27.0 %
Dale W. Steffes	20,548 10.9 %
Democratic:	
James E. "Jim" Nugent	316,314 63.5 %
Jerry J. Langdon	109,177 21.9 %
John Thomas Henderson	72,963 14.6 %

Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term

Republican:	
Kent R. Hance	uncontested
Democratic:	
Clint Hackney	uncontested

Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Unexpired Term

Republican:	
Tom Phillips	uncontested
Democratic:	
John E. Humphreys	207,133 51.3 %
Ted Z. Robertson	196,689 48.7 %

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1

Republican:	
Paul Murphy	122,835 68.8 %
George Barbary	55,613 31.2 %
Democratic:	
Lloyd Doggett	317,482 71.2 %
Marsha Anthony	128,605 28.8 %

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2

Republican:	
Nathan Hecht	70,210 37.7 %
Ronald S. Block	61,994 33.3 %
D. Camille Dunn	54,014 29.0 %
Democratic:	
Bill Kilgarlin	255,100 56.9 %
Carol R. Haberman	193,017 43.1 %

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3

Republican:	
Charles Ben Howell	uncontested
Democratic:	
Raul A. Gonzalez	272,916 58.9 %
Art Vega	190,479 41.0 %

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4, Unexpired Term

Republican:	
Barbara G. Culver	uncontested
Democratic:	
Jack Hightower	uncontested

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Republican:	
David A. Berchermann Jr.	uncontested
Democratic:	
Mike McCormick	252,222 57.9 %
Ron Chapman	183,024 42.1 %

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Brazos County results

Following are the Brazos County totals for statewide primary races and local races as of 1 a.m. Wednesday.

United States Representative, District 6

Republican:	
Joe Barton	uncontested
Democratic:	
W. Alton Parish	519 39.0 %
John E. Welch	425 31.0 %
N.P. "Pat" Kendrick	386 29.0 %
uncontested Member, State Board of Education, District 10	
Republican:	
C.B. "Buddy" Jones	4,089 53.0 %
Dorothy Chandler	3,620 46.0 %
Democratic:	
Will Davis	uncontested

State Representative, District 14

Republican:	
Richard A. Smith	uncontested
No Democratic Candidates	

Chief Justice, 10th Court of Appeals District

Republican:	
Wesley "Wes" Peyton	uncontested
Democratic:	
Bob L. Thomas	uncontested

Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 1

Republican:	
Carol H. Lane	uncontested
Democratic:	
Michol O'Connor	1,339 51.0 %
Geraldine B. "Gerry" Tennant	713 27.0 %
Bert Moser	541 20.0 %

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Bush reaps wins in primaries



Photo by Jay Janner

Four Corps members vote Super Tuesday in the Republican primary at the voting cubicles in Rudder Exhibit Hall. The Democratic Primary

voting booths are on the right of the divider. Bush won the Republican primary in Texas and Dukakis won the Texas Democratic primary.

Republicans approve referendum on English

By Mary-Lynne Rice
Staff Writer

Ninety-one percent of Republican voters decided Tuesday to approve a non-binding referendum proposing English as the official state and national language.

With 26 of 45 precincts reporting, 4487 people voted to approve the referendum; 385 voted against it.

Across the state, 91 percent approved the referendum and 8 percent rejected it.

Although approved, however, the referendum — only an opinion poll to gauge voter's response to the proposal — will have no legal consequences.

The Texas Legislature last year voted down the placing of a similar

referendum on the November ballot.

The Democratic party chose not to include the referendum on its primary ballot, claiming that it is solely a party concern, not a state issue.

"There is absolutely no support in the Democratic party for mandating that English be the official language of the United States," said Ron Gay, chairman of the Brazos County Democratic Party and a member of the Texas Democratic Executive Committee.

"This is a multicultural society — we are the melting pot of the world," he said. "It is helpful for people coming from a foreign country to learn English, of course, and for

anyone to be successful here, it behooves them to learn English.

"We need to quit being so arrogant, and to be open to learning other languages. The alternative smacks a little bit of isolationism."

But neither isolationism nor ethnocentrism is the issue behind the official-language campaign, said Lou Zaeske, chairman of the American Ethnic Coalition.

"It isn't a slap against anyone," he said. "It's a plus for the state and the country."

The proposal provides for English to be the only language used in government and law — including ballots, city street signs, general edu-

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State, county supports option to keep elections for judges

By Drew Leder
Staff Writer

Voters in Brazos County and statewide strongly supported the only referendum on Super Tuesday's Democratic ballot in Texas — to maintain the state's current policy of electing state judges rather than change to an appointment system.

Statewide in the Democratic primary, with 19 percent of the vote counted, 87 percent favored the current system of selecting judges, while 13 percent would prefer the ap-

pointment of judges by the governor.

In Brazos County, with 34 of 41 precincts reporting and 5,538 votes counted, 82 percent of the voters responding to the referendum approved keeping the election process as is, while 18 percent of those responding indicated they would like to see it changed. There were 1,127 ballots returned without a response.

Of the 105 voters who cast their ballots at the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M, 65 percent of those who responded to the referen-

dum were for maintaining the current process, while 34 percent were opposed to it.

The referendum, which appeared at the bottom of the Democratic ballot, asked voters if they wish to continue electing state judges or if they would prefer an appointment process created by the legislature.

The executive committee of the Texas Democratic Party put the referendum on the ballot to gauge Democratic voters' opinions on the issue, said Ron Gay, a member of the

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Group says vandals ruined apartheid shack

By Tracy Staton
Reporter

Members of Texas A&M's Students Against Apartheid said Tuesday that vandals damaged their anti-apartheid shack early Tuesday morning.

Derek Kalahar, a Students Against Apartheid member, said the group reported the incident to the University Police. Police reports were not available Tuesday evening.

The shack, which was placed near the Academic Building on Sunday, was damaged sometime between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. Tuesday, said David Luckenbach, vice president of Students Against Apartheid. He said

the shack was turned over, its roof was damaged and one wall was torn off.

"We definitely suspect that people took it down," Luckenbach said. "No wind could have done that."

Senior journalism major Deborah Jensen said she saw a student removing a white posterboard labeled "KKK #1" from the shack about 9 a.m. Tuesday. About 12 members of the group rebuilt the shack Tuesday afternoon.

Luckenbach said the shack's door was forcibly taken out.

"The side wall that was taken off

was fairly well put in there," he said. "It would take a hurricane to take it off. The only way it could be wind would be if there was a 200 mph gust last night."

Luckenbach said the group will rebuild the shack as often as necessary.

"They can break it, burn it, destroy it or take a hacksaw to it," he said. "But we'll keep putting it back up until they get tired of taking it down."

The group put up the shack to draw attention to South Africa's pol-

George Bush won Super Tuesday primaries from one end of Dixie to the other, reaping a rich harvest of convention delegates to seize control of the Republican presidential race. Michael Dukakis captured Florida and Maryland in a demonstration of nationwide appeal and Sen. Albert Gore Jr. emerged to split Dixie with Jesse Jackson in the splintered Democratic race.

Jackson and Gore dueled one another in a series of close contests in the 14 Southern and border states on the busiest night of this or any other presidential nominating season.

That left Rep. Richard Gephardt the odd man out in the Democratic contest. He won only his home state of Missouri and was failing to qualify for convention delegates in several states.

Pat Robertson's best states were Arkansas and Louisiana, where he challenged Dole for second place. Rep. Jack Kemp was in fourth place in most of the states, and was a candidate for withdrawal from the race.

Democrats give Dukakis nomination

By Tracy Staton
Senior Staff Writer

Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis pulled slightly ahead in a four-pronged race for the Democratic presidential nomination, capturing 32 percent of the Texas vote in Super Tuesday's primary and 33 percent of the vote in Brazos County.

Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee was second statewide with 23 percent, but Jesse Jackson assumed runner-up status in Brazos County. Jackson won 25 percent of the county vote with 34 of 41 precincts reporting.

In Precinct 20 on the Texas A&M campus, the field narrowed to Dukakis and Jackson, but neither candidate clearly dominated. Dukakis garnered 38 percent to Jackson's 36 percent of the campus vote. No other candidate won more than 10 percent of the 105 Democratic votes cast on campus.

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Bush gets 64 percent of Texas vote

By Jamie Russell
Staff Writer

Vice President George Bush swept the rest of the presidential candidates under the rug in the Super Tuesday Texas primaries, winning an overwhelming 64 percent, according to results available at 1 a.m. Wednesday.

Bush also stole the lead in Brazos County, winning 61 percent of the vote.

Texas State Rep. Richard Smith of District 14, has endorsed Bush for the Republican nomination. He said he was impressed with the voter turnout and participation in Brazos County, and that he was happy with Bush's victory in the primary.

"It was a Bush tidal wave," Smith said in a phone interview.

Smith, because he did not have a primary opponent in the state representative District 14 race, spent the last few months working for the Bush campaign acting as regional director for a six-county area.

Bush's victory spilled over into the student population at Texas A&M.

In Precinct 20, in which the voters are solely students, 67 percent of the vote was for Bush, but since not all

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icy of apartheid, or racial segregation.

The shack has drawn complaints that it is an "eyesore" on the A&M campus, Luckenbach said. But destroying the shack also destroys its value as a symbol, he said.

"By turning it over and messing it up, it no longer has significance," Luckenbach said. "It's just a big pile of wood. At least before it had meaning and importance to a lot of people. We had a lot of positive comments. It achieved its purpose because it caused a lot of people to ask a lot of questions."