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Miller wins in Republican primary for Brazos County sheriff position

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Ron Miller celebrated his win in the Republican primary for Brazos County sheriff at the Aggeland Inn on Tuesday night.

No Democrat will oppose Miller in the November election.

With 40 Brazos County precincts out of 41 reporting, Miller, sheriff since 1985, won 6,679 votes to Choya Walling's 3,386 votes.

Miller said he has increased manpower while in office by rearranging duty shifts, creating new policy books for employees and helping open the county jail.

Miller said his goals for his second term include opening a new minimum security jail and expanding the officer reserve program.

Miller, 41, has worked in law enforcement for 20 years. He said he has worked as a patrolman, a narcotics officer and an investigator.

Walling, the defeated candidate, is a sergeant in charge of community relations in the Bryan police force.

He has 11 years of law enforcement experience.

Walling, Texas A&M Class of '74, said he has learned many things about political campaigning since he filed to run on Jan. 4.

"Don't run against a Republican incumbent and don't fight opinion leaders," he said. "I ran as a Republican because their law enforcement platform was in line with my thinking."

Walling said he had hoped for more support from the A&M community, because "Aggies vote for Aggies."

Chris Kling, a lawyer in Bryan-College Station, said Walling did not try to get the support of local Republican party leaders.

Walling said he "went the hard route" in campaigning.

"I am a law enforcement officer,



Newly elected Brazos County Sheriff Ron Miller receives a congratulatory hug from a long-time supporter, Fay Davis. Miller won against Choya

Walling in the Republican primary election Tuesday. No Democrat will oppose Miller in the November election.

Photo by David Elmer

not a politician," he said. "I didn't know how to play political games."

Walling said he has accomplished more for the sheriff's department in the last 60 days than Miller has accomplished in the three years he has been in office.

"Everything Miller has campaigned on, except for the opening of the jail, has taken place since I filed in January," he said.

Kling said that after the 1984 election, Democratic candidate Howard Hill contested the results in a two-year battle that went all the way to

the Texas Supreme Court.

The controversy centered around whether some of the voters at the MSC polling location were registered illegally.

Voters without registration cards had signed affidavits saying they were registered.

Officials of GSU expect rate hike of \$93.2 million

HOUSTON (AP) — As a result of preliminary rulings by the Texas Public Utility Commission, officials of financially-strapped Gulf States Utilities Co. say they expect a \$93.2 million rate increase.

But the Beaumont-based company's annual revenues would increase by only about \$23 million, because Gulf States owes its customers \$30 million for fuel overcharges and the company already has put into place a \$39.9 million temporary rate hike.

The \$30 million in fuel overcharges will be refunded to customers through credits on bills during the next 12 months.

The resulting \$23.4 million net rate increase would cost the typical residential customer "a little more than \$1 per month," said Bill Jefferson, Gulf State's vice president of regulatory affairs.

The utility commission has scheduled further hearings in the longest-running rate case in its history. Gulf States estimated the

impact of the commission's preliminary rulings in a filing Monday.

Jefferson said that the \$23 million net increase in revenues for Gulf States would not eliminate the company's need to borrow money to keep operating past May.

The utility had sought an \$144 million rate increase in Texas, and three hearing examiners who presided over the controversial case recommended an \$86.7 million rate increase. That increase was the first in a series of four annual rate increases totaling nearly \$300 million.

In its preliminary findings in the case, the PUC has voted 2-1 to prohibit Gulf States from billing customers for half of its investment in the \$3 billion River Bend nuclear power plant, near St. Francisville, La. Under a tentative schedule outlined by the commission, a final decision in the case could be reached by March 21.

Police search for suspects in 2-state shooting spree

FARMERSVILLE (AP) — Police used helicopters Tuesday to track two men suspected of a two-state shooting spree that left three dead, including two North Texas residents who were shot in the face and beaten about the head with a tool, officials said.

Police said they were also searching for leads on a possible fourth victim.

Sheriff's officers said they found the bodies of a man and his son in

their east Collin County home Monday night.

"They had been struck in the head several times with a tire iron or tire tool and wooden club," Sgt. Anthony Hancock of the Collin County sheriff's office said. The men also had been shot in the face, authorities said.

Hancock identified the Texas victims as Cecil Floyd Morrison, 85, and his son, Cecil Leonard Morrison, 62.

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