

Clinton sweeps Ohio, Florida; Trump, Kasich split

Rubio ends campaign after losing home state

CLEVELAND (AP) — Hillary Clinton triumphed Tuesday in the Florida, Ohio, North Carolina and Illinois presidential primaries, putting her in a commanding position to become the first woman in U.S. history to win a major-party nomination. Donald Trump strengthened his hand in the Republican race with a big win in Florida but fell in Ohio to that state's governor, John Kasich.

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio ended his once-promising campaign after his devastating home-state loss, so the GOP primary is now down to three candidates: Trump, Kasich and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

Trump also picked up wins in North Carolina and Illinois, and was locked in a close race with Cruz in Missouri.

The billionaire businessman told a victory rally, "This was an amazing night."

Trump is the only Republican candidate with a realistic path to the 1,237 delegates needed to clinch the nomination before the July convention. But his loss in Ohio kept hope alive for mainstream Republicans dismayed by his candidacy and suggesting the real estate mogul can still be stopped in a convention fight.

"The campaign goes on," Kasich declared at a victory rally. Now thrust into the

ELECTION '16 Election roundup

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump saw strong showings in five states in the South and Midwest Tuesday:

REPUBLICANS	NORTH CAROLINA OHIO					DELEGATE COUNT		
	FLORIDA	ILLINOIS	MISSOURI	NORTH CAROLINA	OHIO	Added	Total	To win
D. Trump	45.8%	38.9%	41.0%	40.4%	35.9%	+161	621	616
T. Cruz	17.1	30.5	40.7	36.7	13.2	+26	396	841
M. Rubio	27.0	8.5	6.1	7.7	2.3	+5	168	1,069
J. Kasich	6.8	19.7	10.0	12.6	47.1	+75	138	1,099
PCT. REPORTING	99%	96%	98%	99%	99%	1,237 needed to win		
Trump also won nine delegates in the Northern Mariana Islands Republican caucus.								
DEMOCRATS	NORTH CAROLINA OHIO					DELEGATE COUNT		
	FLORIDA	ILLINOIS	MISSOURI	NORTH CAROLINA	OHIO	Added	Total	To win
H. Clinton	64.5%	50.4%	49.6%	54.6%	56.5%	+326	1,561	822
B. Sanders	33.3	48.8	49.4	40.7	42.7	+220	800	1,583
PCT. REPORTING	99%	96%	99%	99%	99%	2,383 needed to win		

Democratic totals include unpledged "superdelegates" — party members free to back the candidate of their choice — who have told The Associated Press whom they support.

SOURCE: AP Election Services

center of a campaign that has been biting personal, Kasich vowed to "not take the low road to the highest office in the land."

A confident Clinton pivoted quickly to November during her victory rally, assailing Trump's headline immigration positions and support for torture. "Our commander-in-chief has to be able to defend our country, not embarrass it," she declared.

Underscoring Republican concerns about Trump, Rubio focused heavily on an implicit critique of Trump in a speech announcing he was dropping out of the race. The senator

urged Americans to "not give in to the fear, do not give in to the frustration."

A favorite of Republican leaders, Rubio is the latest candidate to fall victim to an unpredictable election cycle and Trump's unmatched ability to tap into the public's anger with Washington and frustration with sweeping economic changes.

Clinton's victories in Ohio, Florida and Illinois were blows to rival Bernie Sanders and bolstered her argument that she's the best Democratic candidate to take on the eventual Republican nominee in the general election. Her win

in Ohio was a particular relief for her campaign, which grew anxious after Sanders pulled off a surprising win last week in Michigan, another important Midwestern state.

Clinton kept up her large margins with black voters, a crucial group for Democrats in the general election. Democratic voters were more likely to describe Sanders as honest, but more likely to describe Clinton's policies as realistic, according to exit polls.

Campaigning Tuesday in North Carolina, Clinton said "the numbers are adding up in my favor." She signaled

an eagerness to move on to a possible general election showdown with Trump, saying he's laid out a "really dangerous path" for the country.

Votes were also being counted Tuesday in Missouri, though races in both parties were too close to call.

Trump entered Tuesday's primaries embroiled in one of the biggest controversies of his contentious campaign. The GOP front-runner has encouraged supporters to confront protesters at his events and is now facing accusations of encouraging violence after skirmishes at a rally last week in Chicago.

The atmosphere at his events has deepened the concern over his candidacy in some Republican circles. Rubio and Kasich have suggested they might not be able to support Trump if he's the nominee, an extraordinary stance for intraparty rivals.

His closest competition so far has come from Cruz, who has kept relatively close to the businessman in the delegate count and has been urging other candidates to drop out so he can take Trump on one-on-one.

After another good night for Trump, some Republicans were struggling to come to grips with the prospect of him becoming the nominee and desperate to find long-shot ways to stop him.

A group of conservatives planned to meet Thursday to discuss options including a contested convention or by

rallying around a third-party candidate. While such no candidate has been identified, meeting participants planned to discuss ballot access issues, including using an existing third party as a vehicle or securing signatures for an independent bid.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., did not rule out the idea of being drafted by the party at the convention.

"People say, 'What about the contested convention?'" Ryan said in an interview with CNBC. "I say, well, there are a lot of people running for president. We'll see. Who knows?"

Despite concerns from party leaders, Republican voters continue to back Trump's most controversial proposals, with two-thirds of those who participated in GOP primaries Tuesday saying they support temporarily banning Muslims from the United States.

The exit polls were conducted by Edison Research for The Associated Press and television networks.

Trump's Florida victory brought his delegate total to 619. Cruz has 394 and Kasich 136. Rubio left the race with 167 delegates.

Clinton has at least 1,488 delegates, including the superdelegates who are elected officials and party leaders free to support the candidate of their choice. Sanders has at least 704. It takes 2,383 to win the Democratic nomination.

BIKE: City expects to spend no more than \$1,000 on the project

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Steve Chrisman, Pendleton economic development director and airport manager, also endorsed the park, citing a Linfield College study that showed Oregon mountain bike races brought in money and people from out of town.

The trails are the brainchild of Shayne and Stephanie Myers, the owners of Echo Bike & Board in Pendleton and the organizers of the Echo Red 2 Red Cross Country Mountain Bike Race.

With experience building and maintaining trails and organizing races in Echo, the couple will take on those tasks at the new recreation area.

City officials expect volunteer contributions to the trails will mean the city will spend no more than \$1,000 on the project.

The city currently leases

Council approves bid for airport waterline project

The Pendleton City Council approved a \$190,734 bid for a waterline expansion project at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport industrial park, which will increase water flow to the area and allow an expansion at Hill Meat Co.

Quesenberry Construction was the only company to bid for the project, which came in more than \$25,000 less than the original estimate.

The project's bill is mostly covered by a \$150,000 state grant, while the rest will be paid for with \$40,764 from the city water fund.

the land for cattle pasture. Chrisman said 20 to 30 head are put out to pasture during the spring, but the tenant has approved the idea even when the cows are out.

Although he supports the park, Councilor Neil Brown said cows spooked from a cyclist could cause the tenant to move his cattle elsewhere.

"Cows and people just don't get along," he said.

Stephanie Myers said the presence of cattle isn't ideal for trail users either and will damage the trails and suggested either limited hours during pasture season or raising enough revenue from trail events to offset the cost of the lost rent.

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HERMISTON: Small park named Greenwood Park

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traffic signals along south Highway 395. But the council and several citizens who testified that night were unanimously against the idea of roundabouts on the highway.

City staff went back to ODOT with the feedback, and the department withdrew its request for roundabouts.

"The public process worked," Drotzmann said.

The final amendment adopted by the council Monday did add the new signal to the city's longterm transportation plan but did not include any language about roundabouts.

City's smallest park named for its creator

On Monday residents of the neighborhood behind Pizza Hut watched as the council agreed to name the park at 80 Beech Avenue as Greenwood Park.

The city's smallest park has often been referred to as Northside Park, or sometimes Candy Cane Park, but parks and recreation director Larry Fetter said he couldn't find any record of the space ever receiving an official name.

The parks and recreation committee met with the park's neighbors four times over the past few months to discuss updating the design of the park, which includes a small playground and basketball court, and replacing the old equipment.

Out of those discussions came a consensus that the park should be named Greenwood Park after longtime neighborhood resident Greenwood Woodrow Luster.

Fetter said that according to a history he pieced together from city records and recollections from Hermiston residents, Luster went to the city in the early 1970s and asked if he could build a park on a derelict lot the city-owned near his house. He got the Hermiston Jaycees and members of his church to clean up the lot and install used playground equipment donated from Dun Rollin Mobile Home Park.

Luster's granddaughter Jackie Linton still lives in the neighborhood today, and has been participating in the meetings between the parks and recreation committee and residents. She said it was a great honor to see the park named after her grandfather.

"My grandfather loved Hermiston," she said. "... He'd grin ear to ear and say, 'Hermiston sure is growing.'"

Luster worked for Rohrman Ford, Union Pacific and Hermiston Sanitary Disposal in addition to serving as pastor for Church of God. He died in 2010 at the age of 87. Linton said people still tell her how influential her grandfather's well-known kindness was in their lives.

"He would give you the shirt off his back," she said.

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N. Korea sentences U.S. tourist to 15 years in prison

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korea's highest court has sentenced an American tourist who allegedly attempted to steal a propaganda banner from a restricted area of his hotel to 15 years of hard labor in prison.

Otto Warmbier, a 21-year-old University of Virginia undergraduate student, was convicted and sentenced in a one-hour trial Wednesday morning at the North's Supreme Court. He was charged with subversion.

No further details were immediately available. Warmbier was arrested in early January as he tried to leave the country after visiting as a tourist with a New Year's tour group.

In a statement made before his trial, he told a gathering of reporters in Pyongyang he wanted the banner "as a trophy" for the mother of a friend.

Police kill 1 man in Belgian raid linked to Paris attacks

BRUSSELS (AP) — Belgian and French police investigating a suspected link with the November attacks in Paris stormed a Brussels house Tuesday after being fired upon, and killed a suspect armed with

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a Kalashnikov assault rifle, authorities said.

Three Belgian and one French police officer were slightly wounded in the operation.

"We had a lot of luck," Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel said. "It could have been a drama."

One police officer was wounded on his ear right under his helmet, and another

was injured when his service weapon was struck by a bullet.

The major anti-terror operation, which lasted more than three hours, paralyzed an entire neighborhood of the Belgian capital, with schools and a day care center placed on lockdown and autoworkers at a nearby Audi plant instructed not to leave by management.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Tucker Wilson
GRISWOLD HIGH SCHOOL


Senior Tucker Wilson is involved in multiple activities including Varsity Basketball, in which he was a co-captain, Varsity Track, Key Club, National Honor Society, and is a three time state champion, in different events for FBLA. Tucker is also the Chapter President for FBLA, the Sergeant-at-Arm for ASB, and the Knowledge Bowl team captain. Tucker is a two time state finalist and national qualifier in National History Day, two time Voice of Democracy state finalist, a four time participant of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth program, and will be the Class of 2016 Valedictorian for Griswold High School. Tucker plans on going to either Whitworth University or Gonzaga University to get his Bachelor's in Biology, and then continuing on to pursue a doctorate in zoology to become an animal researcher.

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