



ARIZONA SENATOR and Republican presidential hopeful John McCain waves to the press after casting his ballot in the Arizona GOP primary at the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix on Tuesday.

Mike Fiala/Newsmakers

McCain takes two primaries

DETROIT (AP) — John McCain thumped George W. Bush in a two-state sweep Tuesday night, rallying a "new McCain majority" of independents and Democrats in Michigan and winning his home state of Arizona to seize momentum for a two-week blitz of Republican primaries.

"As I look more electable, we'll start drawing more Republicans," McCain said in an interview with The Associated Press. "What I believe we are assembling is the new McCain majority."

McCain received just one-fourth of the GOP vote in Michigan.

Humbled by defeat, the Texas governor said, "This is a marathon, and I'm going to be in it all the way to the end — and some primaries you win and sometimes you don't."

McCain's is the latest victory in a see-sawing Republican nomination race. The Arizonan won New Hampshire's leadoff primary in a landslide, lost the follow-up showdown in South Carolina and won Michigan by a narrow margin.

In each case, Bush and McCain forged mirror-image coalitions: Bush with an overwhelming majority of bedrock Republicans and McCain

reaching outside the party for a similar-sized force of Democrats and independents.

Open to all comers, Michigan's primary actually drew more non-Republicans than Republicans.

Bush supporters bitterly dismissed McCain's victory.

"John McCain isn't party-building, he's party-borrowing," said three-term Michigan Gov. John Engler, who accused the senator of "renting Democrats" for the night. Engler had promised to carry Michigan for Bush and took blame for the defeat.

—In Michigan, with 80 percent of the precincts reporting, McCain had 560,684 votes, or 50 percent, and Bush had 494,731 votes, or 44 percent.

Former ambassador Alan Keyes had 5 percent.

—In Arizona, with 69 percent of the precincts reporting, McCain had 161,770 votes, or 60 percent, and Bush had 96,473 votes, or 36 percent. Keyes had 4 percent.

McCain won all of Arizona's 30 delegates with his victory there.

His statewide victory in Michigan earned him 10 at-large delegates, increasing his overall total to 54.

Shuttle returns with planet maps

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour and its crew of six returned to Earth on Tuesday with more than a week's worth of radar images that will be transformed into the finest maps of the planet.

Commander Kevin Kregel guided the shuttle down through a clear sky moments after sunset. Gusty winds at the runway had forced him to make an extra swing around Earth, delaying the homecoming by an hour and a half.

During their 11-day voyage, Endeavour's astronauts worked in round-the-clock shifts to keep two large radar antennae running — one in the shuttle cargo bay and one on the end of a 197-foot mast.

The method is expected to produce 3-D maps of Earth's peaks and valleys.

The radar mapped 43.5 million square miles of Earth's terrain at least twice, just 2.5 million square

miles shy of NASA's original goal. The surveyed land stretched as far north as British Columbia and as far south as Cape Horn and represented three-quarters of the world's terrain.

A faulty thruster on the end of the radar mast forced the crew to use extra shuttle fuel to steady the mast, the longest rigid structure ever deployed in space. To save fuel, the astronauts had to cut short their mapping by 13 hours.

NASA's first order of business involved unloading the more than 300 digital tapes containing all the radar data. The tapes will be flown to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Scientists will keep the originals in humidity- and temperature-controlled chambers.

"We're really going to baby these things, obviously, because they're our crown jewels," said Michael Kobrick, a scientist in charge of the project.

Iran's parliament hears reformist liberal agenda

■ The plan, which expands press freedoms, will meet opposition by conservative council.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — With all indications that hard-liners will lose control of Iran's parliament, the triumphant reformists presented a legislative agenda Tuesday with a priority on expanding press freedoms and lifting a ban on foreign television broadcasts.

But it remained to be seen whether hard-liners will find a way to block those initiatives. The conservative Guardians Council can veto all legislation passed by parliament, and supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the main backer of the conservative camp, has final say in all matters.

Iranians expressed their desire for greater political and social freedoms in Friday's election for the Majlis, or parliament, by overwhelmingly choosing members of reformist groups like the Iran Islamic Participation Front, led by President Mohammad Khatami's brother.

The reformist coalition has won 141 seats, including 109 by the Participation Front, and appeared poised to have a majority in the 290-

member Majlis. Results for 30 seats were to be declared later Tuesday in Tehran, with reformists expected to win almost all of them. Hard-liners have won 44 seats, independents have won 10, and 65 will be decided in runoff elections.

Mohammadreza Khatami, the head of the Participation Front, said he is confident that hard-liners will not risk angering a majority of Iranians by using the powers they still have to block reforms.

"What is important is the rule of law and judgment of the people, and the election clarified the desires of people," he said.

Iran's remarkably free press and live broadcasts of parliamentary proceedings also could keep conservatives from resorting to heavy-handed methods.

Hard-liners have said little as election returns were counted, but at least one conservative lawmaker in the departing parliament indicated that they will accept defeat gracefully.

"We will not change our principles and positions, but it is natural that we should reconsider our policies and methods," Mohammadreza Bahonar was quoted as saying by the independent newspaper Iran Vij on Tuesday.

But hard-liners had been far from resigned as the public mood became increasingly clear in the months before the election. The hard-liners — who control the judiciary and other key institutions, such as radio and television stations and the armed forces — shut down outspoken newspapers and jailed reformists.

In July, police and vigilantes raided a Tehran University dormitory after students protested the closure of a moderate newspaper. The raid, which left one person dead and 20 injured, triggered the worst unrest in Iran in two decades.

Rogue Intelligence Ministry agents believed to be hard-line loyalists also have been arrested in the 1998 killings of dissident intellectuals.

World and Nation Datelines

■ Washington

Clinton's plan may cut

hospital medical mistakes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill Clinton wants to require fuller accounting of deadly mistakes occurring daily in America's hospitals, but skeptical senators said Tuesday his plan lacks details and the money to make it work.

"This is a worthy endeavor," Clinton said as he predicted bipartisan support for a national plan to cut medical mistakes.

At the same time, he tried to convince doctors and hospitals that reporting serious problems need not lead to more malpractice lawsuits.

Clinton wants a nationwide system to report and analyze medical mistakes, similar to the airlines' reporting program for aviation accidents and safety risks.

■ Washington

Sexual slavery considered

favored illegal trade activity

WASHINGTON (AP) — With as many as 2 million women worldwide forced into sexual slavery, the sex trade seems to have replaced narcotics as the favored illegal trade activity, White House officials said at a Senate hearing Tuesday.

Harold Koh, assistant Secretary of State for democracy, human rights and labor, said international criminals are moving away from "guns and drugs" to marketing women.

"There are weaker restraints and growing demand," Koh told the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Near Eastern and Southern Asian Affairs.

■ Missouri

Auto theft leads to death

of child dragged by seat belt

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — A child who became tangled in a seat belt outside his mother's car when the vehicle was stolen died Tuesday after being dragged for miles at speeds up to 80 mph.

The boy was dragged for five or six miles along the highway until the driver pulled onto another road, police said.

Three other vehicles followed behind.

When the suspect stopped at a red light, the three vehicles blocked him in. The man tried to flee but was wrestled to the ground by the motorists.

The boy, whose name was not released but whom police said was about 6 or 7 years old, had been left in the running vehicle while his mother ran into a store to get a sandwich.

■ Florida

Florida votes to ban college

race, gender preferences

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Jeb Bush and Florida's independently elected Cabinet voted Tuesday to ban race and gender preferences in college admissions, a major part of the governor's plan to end affirmative action.

The Republican governor and the Cabinet voted 4-2 to stop considering race and gender as factors in admission. Bush's new "One Florida" plan promises that students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class and complete a college preparatory curriculum will get into at least one of the 10 state universities.

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