

# Charlotte Sun



## GUSTAV BATTERS HAITI

Gustav barrels into Haiti toppling trees with 90 mph winds and soaking rain. **FRONT PAGE 9**

## US OPEN IVANOVIC, BOTH WILLIAMSES ADVANCE

Ana Ivanovic was a little shaky Tuesday, but managed a rally to win in three sets. **SPORTS PAGE 1**

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# Primary Winners



Latest primary results **FRONT | P7**

### SARASOTA

- Shannon Staub keeps her seat on the County Commission.
- Thomas Knight garners the most Republican primary votes, moves closer to being sheriff.
- Caroline Zucker picks up a big win in the School Board race.

### NORTH PORT

- Fred Tower III lost his City Commission Seat 3 to Michael Treubert.
- Voters will choose between Tom Jones and Len Wheat for the Seat 2 City Commission race in November.

### CHARLOTTE

- Former Sheriff Bill Cameron beats former Sheriff Richard Worch.
- Robert Skidmore defeats incumbent Tom Moore in commission District 5 race.
- Candidates Bob Starr and Tricia Duffy won their County Commission Republican primary races.

### DESOTO

- Sheriff Vernon Keen lost his job. Former Maj. William Wise won the Democratic primary.
- Judy Schaefer defeated incumbent Delma Allen in the Democrat primary for the District 3 County Commission seat.
- Buddy Mansfield got the most votes in the District 1 County Commission primary.

### HARDEE

- Roger Clark carried the most votes in the Republican primary race for sheriff.
- Dennis Jones won the most votes in the Democratic Superintendent of Schools race.
- Minor L. Bryant and Terry Atchley picked up victories in their Democratic commission races.

## Sales tax supporters seize the cent

By **STEVE REILLY**  
STAFF WRITER

Charlotte County voters decided Tuesday to continue the county's 1-percent sales tax until 2013.

But not by much. According to the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections preliminary results, 17,400 voters — 50.4 percent of the ballots cast wanted to see the sales tax extended six more years, while 16,760 voters —

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### Congratulating around Southwest Florida

Above: State Senate District 23 Republican candidate Nancy Detert, who won her primary race Tuesday night, laughs with longtime friend Joe Kowalczyk as supporter Alison Belsan explains how she held up her shirts when she ran out of signs. Supporter Jodi Fusco looks on.

Below Left: Les Partington, Amity Chandler, Bill Cameron, Charlotte County Sheriff John Davenport and his wife Kathy, and Mike Gandy look at the returns, showing an early lead against Richard Worch for Charlotte County Sheriff.

Below Right: As supporters crowd in to congratulate him, Buddy Mansfield makes a call on his cell phone after winning the Democratic primary Tuesday night for DeSoto County Commission District 3. Bottom: School Board member Lee Swift congratulates Tricia Duffy while Punta Gorda City Council member Marilyn Smith-Mooney hugs Tricia's husband Barney Duffy, principal at Charlotte High School.



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## Detert defeats Grant

By **NEIL HUGHES**  
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The race for the Republican nomination in Florida Senate District 23 came down to a battle of Charlotte versus Sarasota counties.

Sarasota — and former state Rep. Nancy Detert — won Tuesday night.

With all of the precincts reporting, Detert took an estimated 50.5 percent of the vote, or 18,205 ballots, edging out current state Rep. Michael Grant, who got 17,818 votes, for a shot at the Florida Senate.

"It was a nail-biter," Detert said Tuesday night. "It feels good. It was a good win." Grant, a Charlotte County representative, easily carried his home county by nearly a two-to-one margin, 64.93 percent to 35.07 percent. But Detert, 63, won by a similar spread in her old territory, Sarasota County, 62.57 percent to 37.43 percent.

And in a simple numbers game, Sarasota County — with a much larger population — took Detert to victory.

Detert noted that the turnout in Charlotte County (north of 30 percent) trounced the number of votes cast in Sarasota County (17 percent), making the race tight. In Manatee County, the tally was



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## Glitch mars Sarasota election

STAFF REPORT

SARASOTA — Another election, another problem with Sarasota County voting machines.

An otherwise swift and smooth evening of vote tabulation at the county Supervisor of Elections office got mired in a deep computer glitch Tuesday night.

The problem was caused by the election staff's inability to transfer the last votes to a computer server. By 7:30 p.m., more than 97 percent of the votes were tallied. The final vote totals, however, were held up by a strange computer malfunction

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## Democrats rip into McCain

By **DAVID ESPO**

AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

DENVER — Hillary Rodham Clinton summoned millions of voters who supported her in the primaries to send Barack Obama to the White House Tuesday night, declaring in a Democratic National Convention speech that the man who defeated her "is my candidate and he must be our president."

In a prime time address, the former first lady added, "we don't have a moment to lose or a vote to spare."

The packed convention floor became a sea of white "Hillary" signs as the New York senator strode to the podium, and thousands of Democrats cheered as she took a pre-speech sip of water.

While her prepared remarks included a

full-throated endorsement of Obama, she did not indicate whether she would have her name placed in nomination or seek a formal roll call of the states when the nomination is awarded by delegates on Wednesday night.

Calling herself a "proud supporter of Barack Obama, she dismissed Republican

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AP PHOTO  
Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., addresses the delegates at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Tuesday.

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Scattered afternoon storms.

### RIPKEN RAYS

Cal Ripken and the Tampa Bay Rays plan to formalize the partnership that will bring a Florida State League to Charlotte County in April.

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CHARLIE SAYS ...

Gustav will be a monster storm in a few days.

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