



# Sound Off

Tell us what you think about the election results. E-mail a letter to the editor to news@houmatoday.com.

## ELECTION COVERAGE

- Terrebonne Council race heads to runoff, 4A
- Terrebonne passes eight charter changes, 5A
- Democrats expand control of Congress, 10A

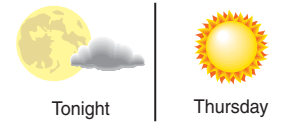


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# THE COURIER

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## Election 08

### THE VOTES

- ✓ signifies winner
- signifies runoff

#### Presidential Election

Electoral Votes  
 ✓ Obama (D) ..... 349  
 McCain (R) ..... 162

#### U.S. Senate

Fontanesi (L) ..... 18,559 (.98%)  
 Kennedy (R) ..... 866,624 (46%)  
 ✓ Landrieu (D) ..... 986,411 (52%)  
 Patel (N) ..... 13,705 (72%)  
 Stewart (O) ..... 8,773 (46%)

#### Constitutional Amendments

No. 1  
 ✓ Yes ..... 1,129,711 (69%)  
 No ..... 497,205 (31%)  
 No. 2  
 ✓ Yes ..... 951,980 (60%)  
 No ..... 641,262 (40%)  
 No. 3  
 ✓ Yes ..... 981,398 (62%)  
 No ..... 606,991 (38%)  
 No. 4  
 ✓ Yes ..... 704,004 (45%)  
 No ..... 875,138 (55%)  
 No. 5  
 ✓ Yes ..... 778,148 (50%)  
 No ..... 779,996 (50%)  
 No. 6  
 ✓ Yes ..... 770,987 (49%)  
 No ..... 786,884 (51%)  
 No. 7  
 ✓ Yes ..... 670,711 (44%)  
 No ..... 841,869 (56%)

#### TERREBONNE

##### Home Rule Charter changes

No. 1  
 ✓ Yes ..... 21,411 (67%)  
 No ..... 10,623 (33%)  
 No. 2  
 ✓ Yes ..... 18,663 (59%)  
 No ..... 12,961 (41%)  
 No. 3  
 ✓ Yes ..... 21,375 (68%)  
 No ..... 10,127 (32%)  
 No. 4  
 ✓ Yes ..... 19,731 (63%)  
 No ..... 11,769 (37%)  
 No. 5  
 ✓ Yes ..... 19,573 (62%)  
 No ..... 11,861 (38%)  
 No. 6  
 ✓ Yes ..... 19,822 (65%)  
 No ..... 10,537 (35%)  
 No. 7  
 ✓ Yes ..... 21,783 (69%)  
 No ..... 9,694 (31%)  
 No. 8  
 ✓ Yes ..... 21,788 (70%)  
 No ..... 9,404 (30%)

#### CITY MARSHAL

Callahan (D) ..... 15,586 (46%)  
 ✓ LeBlanc (D) ..... 17,990 (54%)

#### CONSTABLE

Ward 1 in Gray  
 ✓ LeBoeuf (R) ..... 4,026 (65%)  
 Redmond (D) ..... 2,131 (35%)  
 Ward 5 in Bourg  
 Aucoin (R) ..... 831 (37%)  
 ✓ Chauvin (R) ..... 1,395 (63%)

#### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Ward 5 in Bourg  
 Eschete (D) ..... 995 (45%)  
 ✓ Fabre (D) ..... 1,221 (55%)  
 Ward 8 in Gibson  
 ✓ Johnson (D) ..... 717 (67%)  
 Mosely (D) ..... 353 (33%)  
 Ward 9 in Bayou Black  
 ✓ Drew Breaux (N) ..... 1,265 (53%)  
 Paul Breaux (N) ..... 1,109 (47%)

#### District 6 Parish Council

Badeaux (D) ..... 2,006 (27%)  
 Robichaux (R) ..... 3,089 (41%)  
 Voisin (R) ..... 2,427 (32%)

#### Property taxes

Council on Aging  
 ✓ Yes ..... 24,065 (72%)  
 No ..... 9,212 (28%)  
 Mental Health  
 ✓ Yes ..... 24,005 (72%)  
 No ..... 9,111 (28%)  
 Parish Health Unit  
 ✓ Yes ..... 24,435 (74%)  
 No ..... 8,642 (26%)  
 Recreation Tax  
 ✓ Yes ..... 23,877 (72%)  
 No ..... 9,135 (28%)  
 Fire District No. 8  
 ✓ Yes ..... 590 (71%)  
 No ..... 236 (29%)  
 Road-lighting District No. 1  
 ✓ Yes ..... 3,800 (69%)  
 No ..... 1,669 (31%)  
 Road-lighting District No. 5  
 ✓ Yes ..... 1,481 (70%)  
 No ..... 640 (30%)  
 Bourg Fire District bond sale  
 ✓ Yes ..... 1,276 (67%)  
 No ..... 624 (33%)  
 Bayou Black Recreation tax increase  
 ✓ Yes ..... 1,195 (61%)  
 No ..... 763 (39%)

# OBAMA WINS



Supporters of President-elect Barack Obama cheer in the streets Tuesday in downtown Chicago.

## Challenges await:

- Six in 10 voters say economy top concern
- Wars, health care, energy await attention



President-elect Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, and Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, wave to the crowd after Obama's acceptance speech at his election-night rally at Grant Park in Chicago.

#### Terence Hunt and Jim Drinkard

WASHINGTON - His name etched in history as America's first black president-elect, Barack Obama turned today from the jubilation of victory to the sobering challenge of leading a nation worried about economic crisis, two unfinished wars and global uncertainty. "The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep," Obama cautioned. Young and charismatic but with little experience on the national level, the Democratic senator from Illinois smashed through racial barriers and

easily defeated Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona to become the first African-American destined to sit in the Oval Office, America's 44th president. He was the first Democrat to receive more than 50 percent of the popular vote since Jimmy Carter in 1976.

"It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this date in this election at this defining moment, change has come to America," Obama told a victory rally of 125,000

| See Obama, 8A |

## Locals react to historic win

#### Robert Zullo

Senior Staff Writer

HOUMA - Coffee was poured, gas tanks were filled and a working Wednesday got off to an early start in Houma following Tuesday's landmark presidential election.

"I feel the same today as I did yesterday. ... The world's still the same," said 43-year-old Lisa Jackson, who was work-

ing behind the counter about 5:45 a.m. at Mr. Ronnie's Famous Hot Donuts on Tunnel Boulevard.

On their way to work today, there was a mix of cautious optimism and resignation among locals after Democratic Sen. Barack Obama's compelling election night

| See Reaction, 8A |

## Landrieu trumps Kennedy to capture third Senate term

#### Jeremy Alford

Capitol Correspondent

U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., arrives to deliver her victory speech Tuesday night at her campaign headquarters in New Orleans.



The Associated Press

BATON ROUGE - Louisiana voters decided Tuesday to send Democratic U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu back to Capitol Hill despite a feisty, yearlong challenge by Republican state Treasurer John Kennedy. Landrieu bested Kennedy with 972,912 of the votes cast, or 52 percent, according to complete but unofficial results. Kennedy got 865,422 of the votes cast, or 46 percent.

In her election-night speech, Landrieu said Louisiana's voters ultimately chose to

side with experience. Moving forward, she said her focus will remain on hot-button issues like coastal restoration, health care and hurricane recovery.

Landrieu also said her victory is a clear indication that Louisiana did not suffer from the "Katrina factor" as badly as the pundits predicted. South Louisiana is recovering from the 2005 storm season, she said, and people are more willing than ever to invest and believe in Louisiana.

"The fact is that there was an opposite effect," Landrieu said. "People came back and we came together."

Locally, Landrieu's campaign message seemed to resonate most solidly in Lafourche Parish's 71 precincts, but only by the slimmest of margins. She carried Lafourche by 49 percent, or 17,778 votes, compared to Kennedy's 48 percent, or 17,513 votes, based on preliminary results. The difference was a mere 265 votes.

Terrebonne Parish's 88 precincts presented a different picture. Kennedy led the field with nearly 50 percent, or 19,540

| See Landrieu, 8A |

#### BON AMIS



Births give Houma woman two reasons to add something new to her title.

1D

#### BON APPETIT



Clare's Café opens its doors to eager students.

2C

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