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Obama first black elected U.S. president



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President-elect Barack Obama, his wife, Michelle, and their children appear on stage in Chicago for his victory speech at his election party Tuesday night.

Illinois senator makes history

Barack Obama, the Democratic Illinois senator who came out of obscurity to capture the attention of the country, made history Tuesday night as the first black president of the United States.

Obama, 47, watched returns at a downtown Chicago hotel, then went home to a family dinner after a marathon campaign across 49 states and 21 months. John McCain returned to Phoenix to watch election returns with his wife, Cindy.

In Shreveport, Obama supporters

gathered at the Clarion Hotel where they expressed cautious optimism as Obama's electoral college total crept upward during the evening.

"I'm feeling like this was all worth it," said J.T. Thomas, a core volunteer with the local Obama campaign office. He was running on no sleep and had been volunteering since early summer. "The ups, the downs, the headaches, the sleepless nights. It was all worth it."

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Mary Landrieu wins Senate

Democratic U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu won re-election to a third term Tuesday in a close contest against Republican opponent John Kennedy.

Landrieu picked up 51 percent of the vote, compared to 47 percent for Kennedy, the Louisiana state treasurer, with nearly all precincts reporting.

"This was a hard-fought victory," Landrieu said at her victory party.

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Landrieu

Paul Carmouche and John Fleming in 4th Congressional District finale

The 4th Congressional District race is down to four. The Democratic runoff showed Paul Carmouche, of Shreveport, defeating Willie Banks, who lives in the Leesville area.

In the GOP runoff, Dr. John Fleming, of Minden, defeated Shreveport businessman Chris Gorman.

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Carmouche



Fleming



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