

Quake emergency

Declaration issued after temblor's damage in Oklahoma county. — National, 3A



Roll, fold, rest ... repeat

Secret to flaky homemade croissants starts with the butter. — Style, 1E

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Election results

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PRESIDENTIAL	
Arkansas votes	
2,488 of 2,534 precincts	
Donald Trump, R	671,982
Hillary Clinton, D	373,036
Gary Johnson, L	29,469
Evan McMullin, B	13,034
Jill Stein, G	9,828
Jim Hedges, I	4,615
Darrell Castle, C	4,529
Lynn Kahn, I	3,373
BALLOT ISSUE 1	
COUNTY OFFICE TERMS	
2,488 of 2,534 precincts	
For	734,379
Against	311,240
BALLOT ISSUE 2	
GOVERNOR'S POWERS	
2,488 of 2,534 precincts	
For	768,174
Against	291,156
BALLOT ISSUE 3	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
2,488 of 2,534 precincts	
For	677,653
Against	360,340
BALLOT ISSUE 6	
MEDICAL MARIJUANA	
2,488 of 2,534 precincts	
For	575,144
Against	506,490

U.S. SENATE	
2,488 of 2,534 precincts	
John Boozman*, R	652,226
Conner Eldridge, D	392,748
Frank Gilbert, L	43,308

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 1	
733 of 750 precincts	
Rick Crawford*, R	180,044
Mark West, L	53,420

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2	
390 of 390 precincts	
French Hill*, R	176,100
Dianne Curry, D	111,049
Chris Hayes, L	14,287

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 3	
500 of 500 precincts	
Steve Womack*, R	214,268
Steve Isaacson, L	62,793

U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 4	
866 of 895 precincts	
Bruce Westerman*, R	176,326
Kerry Hicks, L	61,897

KEY:
 Democrats are denoted by D, Republicans by R, Libertarians by L, Better for America by B, Constitution by C, Green Party by G, and independents by I.
 Incumbents are denoted by asterisks (*).

WEATHER
LITTLE ROCK
 Today Mostly sunny.
 High 68, light northeast winds.
 Tonight Mostly clear.
 Low 43.

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TRUMP CLAIMS VICTORY

Clinton concedes as vote count drags into morning

In a rout, Arkansas goes for Trump

FRANK E. LOCKWOOD
 ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Arkansas voters backed Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, handing the New York businessman and reality-TV star a landslide victory Tuesday.

In early returns, Trump led in nearly all of the state's 75 counties, faring well in all four congressional districts.

Democrat Hillary Clinton, the former secretary of state and longtime Arkansas first lady, was ahead in Pulaski and Jefferson counties and a handful of counties in the Delta.

Libertarian Gary Johnson was third early on with Evan McMullin of the Better for America Party and Jill Stein of the Green Party vying for fourth place. Three other candidates — Darrell Lane Castle (Constitution Party) and two independents, Lynn Kahn and Jim Hedges — were also on the ballot.

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Kahn	3,373

Clinton led in early returns thanks to a sizable advantage in Pulaski County.

But Trump pulled ahead after roughly 125,000 votes had been counted, and never relinquished the lead.

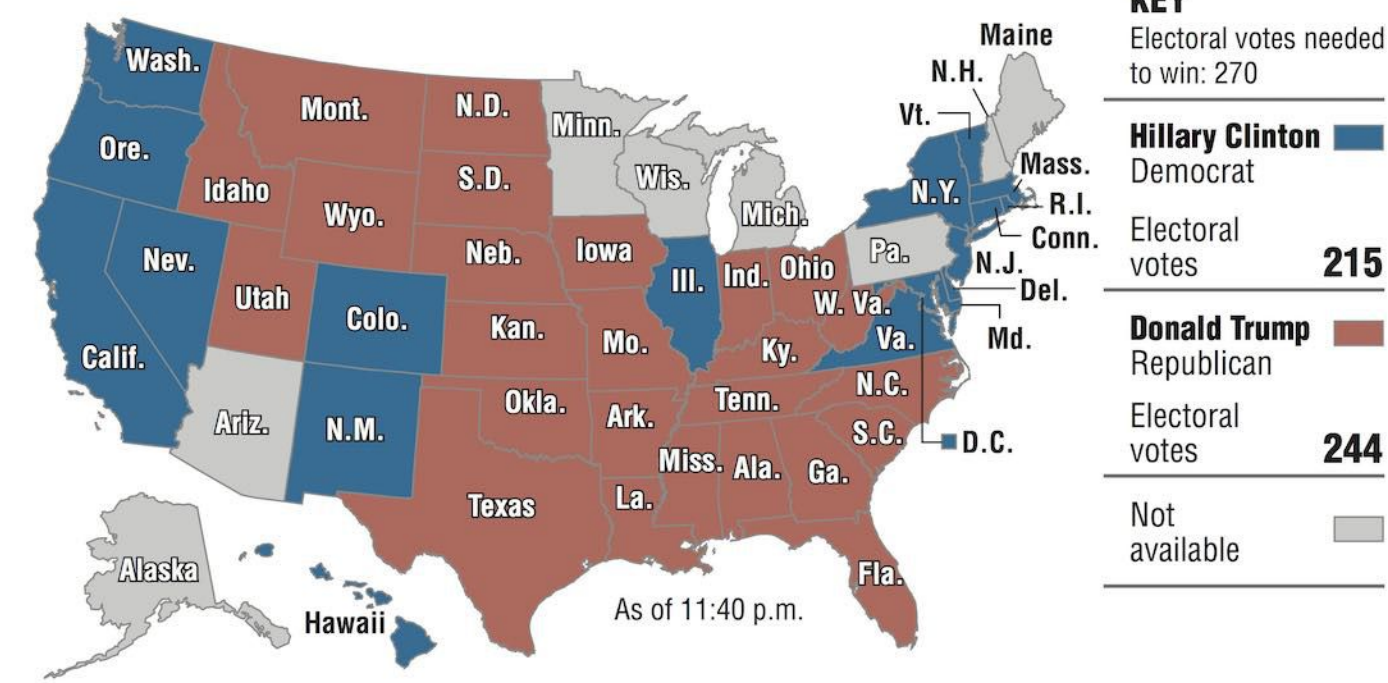
In Little Rock, members of the Republican Party of Arkansas gathered at the

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Ken Kozak celebrates Tuesday night at a Republican watch party in Oklahoma City as Donald Trump takes another state to add to his electoral total.

U.S. presidential race



State on verge of approving medical 'pot'

BRIAN FANNEY
 ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Arkansas likely became one of the latest states — and one of the first in the South — to allow medical marijuana after a proposed constitutional amendment received what appeared to be a majority of favorable votes in Tuesday's election.

Supporters and opponents agreed that the Arkansas

Medical Marijuana Amendment, also known as Issue 6, looked like a winner.

In 2012, voters narrowly rejected an initiated act that would have allowed patients to use marijuana for medical conditions. That ballot measure received 49 percent of the vote.

With 2,488 of 2,534 precincts reporting, unofficial returns on Issue 6 showed:

For	575,144
Against	506,490

"We legalized marijuana in a state where Trump got 61 percent of the vote," said David Couch, the Little Rock-based lawyer who sponsored the amendment. "When you have a red state doing a progressive issue, it gives people in the U.S. Congress the color — for lack of a better word — to allow reform at the national level."

Marijuana is illegal under federal law, but more than half of the states allow recreational or medical use of the drug.

Couch continued: "They're going to look back at Arkansas doing this at the watershed moment with respect to when medical marijuana changed everything."

Arkansas was one of four

states with ballot issues related to the use of marijuana for medical treatment. Voters in Florida and North Dakota decisively approved ballot measures to legalize marijuana for medical purposes. In early returns, Montana voters were leaning toward easing restrictions on an existing medical-marijuana law.

Also, five states voted on

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For county schools, 7 win at polls

CYNTHIA HOWELL
 ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Voters in the Pulaski County Special School District elected seven board members from among 14 candidates Tuesday in the district's first election since September 2010.

Shannon Hills Mayor Mike Kemp from the district's Zone 1 and Alicia Gillen from the district's Zone 5 in the Maumelle area won their seats in uncontested elections. Renee Ward, Linda Remele, Shelby Thomas, Eli Keller and Brian Maune won their contested races for the School Board in the 12,200-student district that is exiting state control. It was initially taken over for being in fiscal distress.

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Boozman easily retains Senate seat

Ex-U.S. attorney, Libertarian no barrier to second term

MICHAEL R. WICKLINE
 ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Republican John Boozman handily won re-election Tuesday to a second six-year term in the U.S. Senate.

Boozman of Rogers turned back challenges from Democrat Conner Eldridge of Fayetteville and Libertarian Frank Gilbert of Tull.

With 2,488 out of 2,534 precincts reporting, unofficial returns were:

Boozman	652,226
Eldridge	392,748
Gilbert	43,308

Boozman, 65, has served in the U.S. Senate since 2011, after he ousted Democrat Blanche Lincoln in November 2010, and was the state's 3rd District U.S. representative from 2001-11.

In the March 1 primary, he defeated Republican businessman Curtis Coleman of Little Rock.



Sen. John Boozman celebrates his re-election Tuesday night at a Republican watch party in Little Rock.

Eldridge, 39, was the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Arkansas from 2010-15 and is former chief executive officer of Summit Bank.

Gilbert, 66, is an in-school suspension manager at Bauxite Middle School and a former mayor of Tull.

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