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**POST ON POLITICS** *GOP presidential race*

## Romney's big win in Fla. still only a step **LONG FIGHT AHEAD**



GERALD HERBERT/The Associated Press

**Happy flight from Florida:** GOP presidential front-runner Mitt Romney is enjoying his lead, but only 6 percent of the 2,286 delegates to the Republican National Convention in August have been won.

By THOMAS BEAUMONT and LAURIE KELLMAN  
*The Associated Press*

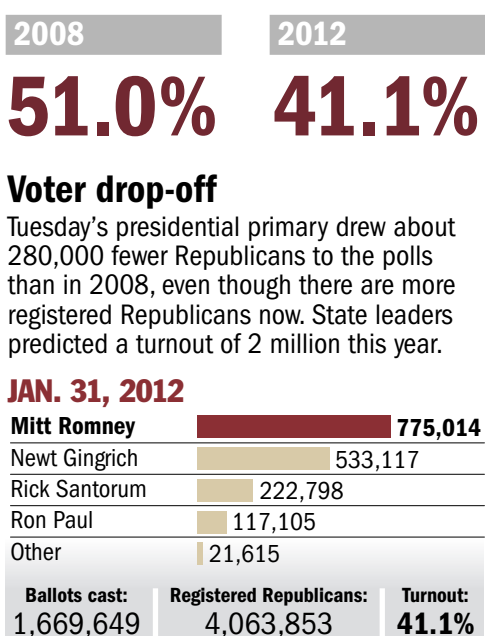
The race for the GOP presidential nomination is far from over. Front-runner Mitt Romney's rivals — notably, Newt Gingrich — are refusing to bow out despite Romney's resounding Florida victory Tuesday night. New rules for awarding delegates to this summer's Republican National Convention in Tampa give even losing candidates little incentive to drop out. Also, so-called "super" political action

committees have proven they can keep even the most cash-strapped campaigns alive by accepting unlimited donations from individuals to run ads on their behalf. "All of them have earned the opportunity to keep going," said David Azbell, a Republican consultant in Alabama. "We're only four primaries in, for goodness sake."

With 46 states yet to vote, only 6 per-

See GOP, 8A ▶

**GOP PRIMARY TURNOUT**



**Voter drop-off**  
Tuesday's presidential primary drew about 280,000 fewer Republicans to the polls than in 2008, even though there are more registered Republicans now. State leaders predicted a turnout of 2 million this year.

Sources: Chicago Tribune; McClatchy/Tribune Information Services; Florida Division of Elections

CHRISTOPHER SMITH/Staff Artist

## Voter turnout drops from '08

Experts debate whether the GOP will see a similar shortfall in November.

By JOHN LANTIGUA  
*Palm Beach Post Staff Writer*

The day after the contentious GOP presidential primary was decided, it wasn't the number of votes won by each candidate that was being debated heatedly, it was the unexpectedly light turnout and what it might mean in November.

Nearly 280,000 fewer Republicans cast ballots in this year's contest than in the 2008 GOP primary. The number dropped from 1.95 million to 1.67 million.

In those four years, the number of registered Republicans in Florida has risen by more than 200,000 to about 4.1 million. But in 2008, 51 percent of Republicans voted in the primary; this year's participation fell to 41.1 percent.

In Palm Beach County, the number of votes cast dropped from 105,977 to 83,190, as only 35 percent of registered Republicans voted. But the drop-off was spread all over the state, with large counties such as Miami-

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**More election coverage**

**Provisional ballots:** Officials find no signs of fraud targeted by Florida's new elections law. **2B**

**POST IN TALLAHASSEE**

**SCHOOL PRAYER**

## Senate OKs prayers led by students

The bill bans adult participation; critics say it's unconstitutional.

By DARA KAM  
*Palm Beach Post Capital Bureau*

TALLAHASSEE — After a heartfelt debate from both sides, the Florida Senate on Wednesday approved a measure authorizing student-led prayers at public schools as long as adults are not involved.

The "inspirational messages" bill (SB 98), filed by Sen. Gary Siplin, D-Orlando, and approved by a 31-8 vote, would allow school boards to adopt policies granting students the right to conduct prayers at any assembly.

Administrators, teachers, coaches and other personnel would be prohibited from scrutinizing or participating in the prayers.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the Anti-Defamation League criticized the bill, saying it is unconstitutional and will end up in court if passed by the House and signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott.

"Attempting to pass off the decision-making about praying at school functions does not solve the problem," said Howard Simon, executive director of the ACLU of Florida. "It simply invites

See PRAYER, 4A ▶

**PRISON PRIVATIZATION**

## Privatizing prisons hits resistance

The Senate chief ousts a committee chairman who opposes the plan.

By DARA KAM  
*Palm Beach Post Capital Bureau*

TALLAHASSEE — Angry over his inability to win votes to privatize Florida prisons, Senate President Mike Haridopolos on Wednesday ousted a budget committee chairman leading the charge against the bill.

Haridopolos stripped Sen. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey, of his chairmanship of the Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee, saying he had "lost confidence" in Fasano's ability to cut costs. The committee oversees state spending on prisons and courts.

"It was a very difficult decision, but I just felt he was not rowing in the same direction," Haridopolos said. "He was not ready to make the tough choices. He couldn't handle the responsibility."

Haridopolos also ousted Fasano from the larger budget committee after it became clear that Fasano had garnered support for an amendment to a prison privatization bill. The amendment would

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**POST COVERAGE** *Birth control pill recall*

## Pfizer recalls 1 million packets of birth control pills

They aren't widely prescribed, but women are urged to check.

By SONJA ISGER  
*Palm Beach Post Staff Writer*

For the second time in six months, a manufacturer has recalled a batch of birth control pills because a packaging foul-up has put women at risk for unwanted pregnancies.

This time, the recall involves two types of birth control pills made by the

drug manufacturer Pfizer. The company is recalling 1 million packets, some of which have too many active tablets while others have too few.

But the recall centers on a pill that was in its prime a decade or two ago and is no longer among the top five sellers nationally, which may be why Dr. Maureen Whelihan's West Palm Beach practice hasn't been fielding

See PILLS, 12A ▶

An example of the Lo/Ovral-28 tablet birth control pills.  
Photo/FDA

**Lo/Ovral-28 recall**

- The packets subject to recall have expiration dates from July 31, 2013, to March 31, 2014.
- Affected lot numbers should be returned to the pharmacy.
- The list of the recalled pill lots can be found at: [www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm289770.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm289770.htm)