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Campaign polls make Texas the deciding factor

Voters decide who represents both parties in election

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On Mar.4 Texans will be the determining factor of who represents the political parties. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are neck and neck at the polls. Obama has won over three states more than Clinton. Two democrats Kucinich

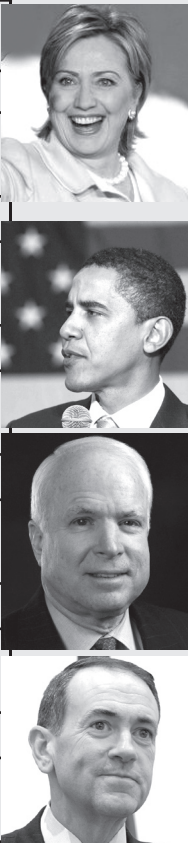
and Richardson dropped out leaving Clinton and Obama to battle it out. Obama wants to improve our schools and our environment. Clinton's political stances are economic fairness and health insurance. They both are fighting for important changes; Texan's votes will change the tides.

The Texas vote will drastically change who will represent the Democrats. It's been over ten years since Texas had an impact on the polls. For the Republicans of Texas, it is a matter of standing behind who they believe to be the best candidate. Although the democrats are the main

focus, the republicans can be affected just as well. There is a lot riding on the voters of texas.



State	Democrats	Republicans	State	Democrats	Republicans
Iowa	Obama 38% Clinton 29%	McCain 13% Huckabee 34%	Nevada	Obama 45% Clinton 51%	McCain 13% Huckabee 8%
Missouri	Obama 49% Clinton 48%	McCain 33% Huckabee 32%	New York	Obama 40% Clinton 57%	McCain 51% Huckabee 11%
New Hampshire	Obama 36% Clinton 39%	McCain 37% Huckabee 11%	Florida	Obama 33% Clinton 50%	McCain 36% Huckabee 13%
Maine	Obama 40% Clinton 59%	McCain 21% Huckabee 6%	Arkansas	Obama 27% Clinton 70%	McCain 20% Huckabee 60%
Colorado	Obama 67% Clinton 32%	McCain 19% Huckabee 13%	Arizona	Obama 42% Clinton 51%	McCain 47% Huckabee 9%
California	Obama 42% Clinton 52%	McCain 42% Huckabee 12%	Okla-homa	Obama 31% Clinton 55%	McCain 37% Huckabee 33%



State upsets district lines with realignment

Highland Park Scots rivals no longer in same district

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The state recently announced the new districts for the 2008-2010 school year. Every two years, districts are realigned. For the next two years, Poteet will not face

longtime competitor and rival Highland Park. Standards for whether a school is 4A or 5A have also changed. To be considered 4A, a school must have between 960 and 2084 students. Any school with more than 2084 students will be considered a 5A. Poteet has approximately 1700 students. For both 4A and 5A classifications,

four teams will advance to playoffs. Poteet will be competing against West Mesquite, Lancaster, Forney, Mabank, Red Oak and Terrell. "Hopefully, we'll have a better chance next year without Highland Park," senior Paul Kanu said. All districts for the 2008-2010 school years can be found at www.uil.utexas.edu.

Questions raised for variation of crash testing

One size fits all dummies gives false data

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Questions are raised on the subject of crash test dummies wondering if the five star crash test ratings on most modern cars apply to people of thicker build. Statistics on survival percentage in an abundant amount of crash

experiments are primarily based on if the people in the car are all of shapely structure. Few or no tests have been conducted with a dummy that weighs a few extra pounds than the previous dummy. "Most crash test dummies should be big due to the fact that the obesity rate in the nation is relatively higher

than it should be," junior Lauren Schwartz said. One is left only to wonder the true meaning of five stars. Five stars could only be three for some people. "I think they should conduct test for heavysset people too. Lean structured people are not the only ones susceptible to a wreck," Officer David Wells said.

Many people are left to ponder if the fatality rate of a heavier person is substantially differs from the fatality rate of a star athlete. "Modern vehicles should be tested upon various types of passengers in order for consumers to be able to make safer decisions



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when purchasing a new car," Officer Wells said.