Ron Paul takes bulk of Nevada delegate

Support for longshot candidate will only parlay into votes if Mitt Romney does not win party nomination in 1st round at national convention

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SPARKS (AP) — Republican presidential hopeful Ron Paul trumped presumptive nominee Mitt Romney in Nevada's national delegate count Sunday, but he will only be able to parlay those supporters into votes for his longshot bid at the national GOP convention if Romney fails to win the nomination in the first round.

Of Nevada's 25 delegates elected Sunday to go to the national convention, 23 openly support Paul and three back Romney.

The state's three other delegates are state party officials.

The results were certified as the state Republican Convention that was supposed to wrap up by 7 p.m. Saturday bogged into a second day. Paul supporters were successful not only in winning the lion's share of national delegates but in cutting the state's national committeewoman and committee members and replacing them with supporters of the Texas congressman.

Romney won Nevada's caucus in February with half of the vote. Under party rules adopted last fall, Romney was to get 20 of Nevada's 28 delegates for the national convention, and Paul was to get eight. Besides the 25 elected at the state convention, the other three Nevada delegates are state GOP Chairman Michael McDonald; National Committeewoman Bobbi List; and National Committeeman Heidi Smith.

List and Smith are Romney backers and their terms will end national convention.

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Actor known for roles in 'The Andy Griffith Show' and 'Hee Haw' dead at age 83

BY TRAVIS LOLLER

George Lindsey, known as TV's Goober Pyle, dies

Actor known for roles on 'The Andy Griffith Show' and 'Hee Haw' has died. He was 83. The Marshall-Donnelly-Combs Funeral Home in Nashville said Monday that Lindsey was the bear-wearing Goober on "The Andy Griffith Show" from 1964 to 1968 and its successor, "Mayberry RFD," from 1968 to 1971.

Elko County appeals to Forest Service road plan

Elko County commissioners have long opposed the U.S. Forest Service's travel management plan for forest roads in the county.

In a letter to the Forest Service, County Commissioners Chairwoman Carol Bundy said the county wants the U.S. Department of Agriculture to return the roads to status quo ante and remove access to county roads.

The county has filed an appeal of the travel management plan.

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The winners in this weekend's Miss Cinco de Mayo contest were (left to right) Ana Sanchez, 22, of Reno, in third place; Jessica Jimenez, 20, in first place; and Mariela Salazar, 22, of Reno, in second place. The young women participated in a variety of promotional events, include shoots, interviews, public service announcements for radio and more. Jimenez said she was very excited at the honor but doesn't plan to have her own work as a full-time criminal justice student at the University of Nevada, Reno, and a part-time job, her community work in the multi-cultural sorority Lambda Phi Xi and playing on an adult softball team. The winner was named Sunday afternoon during the Cinco de Mayo festivities at the Grand Sierra Resort, which drew thousands of people for food and games over the weekend.

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Paul also wins majority of delegates from Maine GOP

In the same weekend they take over Nevada, supporters of Texas congressman take 21 of 24 delegate spots

BY GLENN ADAMS
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AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — With Mitt Romney’s GOP presidential nomination all but decided, Ron Paul supporters took control of the Maine Republican Convention and elected a majority state slate supporting the Texas congressman to the GOP national convention, party officials said. The results gave the Texas congressman a late state victory.

In votes leading to the close of the two-day Maine convention, Paul supporters were elected to 21 of the 24 delegate spots from Maine to the GOP national convention in Tampa, Fla. The 24th delegate’s seat goes to party Chairman Charlie Webster, who has remained uncommitted throughout the process.

Making the Paul take-over complete was the election of Paul supporters to a majority of the state committee seats.

“It’s certainly a significant victory,” said Jim Azoulay of South Portland, Cumberland County coordinator for Paul.

Paul, the last challenger to remain in the contest, finished a close second behind Romney in Maine’s GOP caucuses in February, but those results were non-binding. Not everyone had a chance to cast a ballot before the results were announced, and a snowstorm forced the cancellation of some caucuses, including one in a Paul stronghold. Romney won by 39 votes in the February straw poll with 59 percent of the vote to Paul’s 36 percent. Rick Santorum trailed with 18 percent and Newt Gingrich got 11 percent.

Romney’s aides say they do not view Paul as a threat to winning the nomination. But Romney and his team have also been careful not to do or say anything that might anger Paul’s loyal supporters.

“I think he’s being very careful because he knows how important the Ron Paul voters are — they obviously represent a very different dynamic,” said Mike Benenfield, a former aide to Republican John McCain’s 2008 campaign.

They are the most passionate and the most committed of any voters heading to the polls. And many of them are independent.

The weekend’s turn of events — in a state neighboring one where Romney served as governor — would indicate the GOP has not yet united behind the presumptive nominee, and there are indications the infighting may last all the way to the national convention.

Paul supporters accused the Romney crowd Saturday of dirty tricks to garner more delegates. “We came here to see democracy in action. We saw dirty tricks and a complete lack of democracy,” said Elizabeth Sharlow of Auburn, a Paul activist.

Charles Cragin, a Romney supporter who lost Saturday’s ball to chair the convention, called the turn of events at the Maine convention “bizarre.” Cragin said the Paul-led delegation may not be recognized at the national convention because of violations of party rules.

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he’s awfully good.

In a statement released through the funeral home, Griffith said, "George Lindsey was my friend. I had great respect for his talent."

Upon receiving the news, Hour, "The Real McCoy," "Rififi," "The Alfred Hitchcock Hour," "Twilight Zone" and "Love American Style." Reflecting on his career.