

N.M. Democratic winner still unknown

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ALBUQUERQUE -- New Mexico Democratic officials still don't know who won the Super Tuesday presidential caucuses -- and may not for days. New Mexico is the only state of the 22 in Tuesday's primaries and caucuses without a declared winner. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., led Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois by 1,123 votes statewide Thursday, the Albuquerque Journal said, with results hinging on nearly 17,000 provisional ballots. The Democrats may start counting those Thursday. Provisional ballots are issued to voters who show up at the wrong site or have problems confirming their registration and vote by affidavit. There were problems at the caucusing places, largely because an estimated 100,000 people showed up, three times more than forecast. At times the lines were incredibly long, observers said. At one point, the polling place at Rio Rancho High School had 1,900 people in line. One report said thousands walked away without voting in Albuquerque, many of them opting for the yet-to-be-counted provisional ballots.

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