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Callers using a touch-tone phone may dial 332-5600 in Lee County or (800) 848-0515. Once you hear the greeting, enter 8683 (VOTE), then follow the instructions.

Callers using a rotary dial phone may dial 335-0225, or (800) 468-0350, Ext. 225. These phones will be answered between 7:30 and 11:30 p.m.

It's primary day

Collier County Republicans to decide key races and others — will vote today.

By DENES HUSTY and BETTY PARKER
News-Press Staff Writers

Less than half of Collier County's voters are predicted to cast ballots in an election that could decide who will be the next sheriff, clerk of courts, county judge and county commissioner.

Elections Supervisor Mary Morgan says she thinks between 40 and 45 percent of the county's 69,347 registered voters — including 45,687 Republicans, 18,253 Democrats and 3,107 indepen-

dent and others — will vote today.

The election could decide four body contested local races.

In the sheriff's race, Republican incumbent Sheriff Don Hunter, 48, is running for re-election against Republican challengers Mike Koors, 43, and Donald Price, 49.

In Commission District 1, incumbent Richard Shanahan, 65, a Republican, is being challenged by Republicans John Norris, 51, and John L. Brennan Jr., 45.

Incumbent Clerk of Courts Jim

Giles, 47, a Republican, is battling for re-election against Republicans Dwight Brock, 36, and Herb Luntz, 56.

Because only Republicans are running in these races, the contests could be decided today, unless no candidate in a particular race gets more than 50 percent of the vote. In that case, the two candidates getting the most votes would face off in an

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Collier shelters special family

Home takes in kids displaced by storm

By ANDREA PEARL News-Press Staff Writer

A family with 22 adopted Down syndrome babies and young children lived among rubble in their demolished Kendall home, rationing what little food they had and trying to keep the medically needy youngsters alive, until Collier County volunteers came to the rescue and found them shelter in Immokalee.

Many of the babies need special breathing machines and cannot survive in the intense heat. Two were forced to go to the hospital.

"I'll go to the point where we couldn't live at home anymore," said Penny Breznick, one of the children's caretakers.

Michael and Camille Gerald, who have been featured on "60 Minutes" and "48 Hours," began adopting children with Down syndrome seven years ago. Now they have 22 children with special needs. The oldest is 9. They also care for seven adults who have special medical needs. Until Hurricane Andrew tore through their neighborhood, the Geraldis cared for the group in their three homes in Kendall. The winds from Andrew ripped drawers of clothing from dressers, smashed medical equipment, wheelchairs, cribs and toys. One home was destroyed. The other two are unlivable.

The Geraldis said it will take four to six months before the homes can be rebuilt enough for the family to return.

Last Wednesday, Collier County resident P.W. Qualls saw a story about the family on CBS's



Karley Gerald, 4, gets a kiss Monday from her sister Jo-Layne Gerald, 4, at their new temporary home at Hopewood in Immokalee. Adopted daughters of Mike and Camille Gerald of Miami, Karley and Jo-Layne and 18 brothers and sisters — all with Down syndrome or other disorders — were forced to find shelter after Hurricane Andrew destroyed their home in Miami. Holding the sisters are Evelyn Valdes, left, and Teresa Balestra, both of Miami.

children need to get out of there," Qualls said. By Friday she had arranged for a temporary home at Hopewood, a home for retired farm workers, along with transportation, bedding, clothing and diapers.

Hopewood opened in Immokalee last year, but has remained empty since the ribbon was cut. Hopewood administrator Tom Ryan said when he heard about the Geraldis' plight he felt the empty 12-bedroom build-

A VISIT WITH BARBARA BUSH



First lady Barbara Bush will take a swing through Southwest Florida, and you can see her. In Lee County on Wednesday, she'll be at a benefit at Lee Memorial Hospital's HealthPark for

relief efforts. In Charlotte County, she'll appear Thursday at the Murdoch Carousel Shopping Center to give a speech and to be on hand to open the Republican campaign headquarters.

Bush in to check relief efforts

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush visited Florida and Louisiana today to inspect Andrew relief efforts and to assure storm that "We're with them for the long haul."

After meetings with top officials and humanitarian leaders in the White House, the president would be taking his visit to Louisiana and Louisiana's recovery.

Bush stressed that he was focusing on recovery needs for South Florida. "This has got to be a long-term effort," he said. "In many ways the hardest work is still ahead. He said he wanted the victims and officials in Florida and Louisiana to work with them for the long haul."

Speaking at the outset of a late-afternoon visit to the insurance industry in Room, Bush said all Americans share in the relief effort.

"I want to make one special plea to you," he said. "And that is an appeal to give generously to these volunteers who serve so valiantly."

In other developments Monday: The first tent city was erected at Harris Field by Marines. Fourteen tent cities in some tents were to be set up in neighborhoods, where residents were reluctant to leave the ruins of their homes.

The Navy's USS Sierra, a 15,000-ton ship, arrived with 15 tons of relief supplies, followed by the USNS Salvage ship from Little Creek, Va., expected today.

The Defense Department said today, South Florida would have 4,600 portable toilets, 15,500 cans of food, 638,600 ready-to-eat meals of insecticide and enough tent people.

The number of deaths blamed on Hurricane Andrew in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas is the death Monday of a child injured in the hurricane's path.