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San Clemente, Orange county

Former President Nixon emerged from his seaside retreat yesterday morning to vote in California's Republican primary election, but he wasn't telling which candidates he supported.

Mr. Nixon was joined by his wife, Pat, at the polls, where he joked with officials but refused to talk with reporters.

Observers said Mr. Nixon appeared healthy with no sign of a limp from the phlebitis that afflicted his left leg.

A poll official started to hand the former president a ballot, then remembered to ask the required question: "Are you a Democrat or Republican?"

Seeing the Republican ballot the official was about to hand him, Mr. Nixon said, "You guessed right," and laughed.

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