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2006 ELECTION RESULTS

As of 11:30 p.m.

U.S. Senate

100% of polls reporting
D-Sheldon Whitehouse 54%
R-Lincoln D. Chafee 46%

U.S. House 1st District

100% of polls reporting
D-Patrick J. Kennedy 69%
R-Jonathan P. Scott 23%
I-Kenneth A. Capalbo 8%

U.S. House 2nd District

100% of polls reporting
D-James R. Langevin 73%
R-Rod Driver 27%

Governor

100% of polls reporting
R-Donald L. Carcieri 51%
D-Charles J. Fogarty 49%

Lieutenant Governor

100% of polls reporting
D-Elizabeth H. Roberts 53%
R-Reginald A. Centracchio 34%
CM-Robert J. Healey Jr 13%

Secretary of State

100% of polls reporting
D-A. Ralph Mollis 53%
R-Sue A. Stenhouse 47%

Attorney General

100% of polls reporting
D-Patrick C. Lynch 59%
R-J. William W. Harsch 41%

General Treasurer

100% of polls reporting
D-Frank T. Caprio 73%
R-Andrew M. Lyon III 27%

Cranston Mayor

100% of polls reporting
D-Michael Napolitano 51%
R-Allan Fung 49.9%

Providence Mayor

100% of polls reporting
D-David Cicilline 84%
R-Dr. Daniel Harrop 16%

Warwick Mayor

100% of polls reporting
R-Scott Avedisian 68%
D-Donald Torres 32%

Referendums

97% of polls reporting
NO 1. Casino amendment
YES 2. Felon voting rights

YES 3. Budget reserve account funding

YES 4. Higher education bonds

YES 5. Transportation bonds

YES 6. Roger Williams Park Zoo bonds

NO 7. Fort Adams State Park improvements

YES 8. Local recreation development

YES 9. Affordable housing bonds

Rhode Island turnout: 49.4% of registered voters.

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Whitehouse ousts Chafee; voters reject casino plan

Democrats gain in bid to control Congress

BY JOHN E. MULLIGAN
JOURNAL WASHINGTON BUREAU
WASHINGTON — Borne on a wave of dissatisfaction with President Bush that swept away even such antiwar Republicans as Sen. Lincoln D. Chafee, the Democrats were poised late last night to reclaim control of the House of Representatives.

The Republican majority in the Senate hung in the balance as well, with GOP losses in Rhode Island, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and pitched battles still under way for three more GOP-held seats.

A Democratic House majority would challenge Mr. Bush on several fronts for the rest of his presidency, with investigations of the handling of the war in Iraq, a push for such priorities as a higher minimum wage, and tough opposition to his tax-cutting and free-trade policies.

While falling support for the war was a key to yesterday's Republican gains, the potential influence of a Democratic House on war policy was less clear. Mr. Bush is still the commander in chief and Democrats are divided on whether and how quickly to insist on the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the war zone.

But yesterday's results seem likely at a minimum to hasten a reevaluation of the Bush administration's conduct of the war in Iraq. Exit polls in Rhode Island and other key states showed that dissatisfaction with the war was a major factor motivating voters to choose Democrats.

Six out of 10 voters surveyed in a national exit poll as they left the polls yesterday declared themselves strongly opposed to the war. Exit polls also showed that corruption was a major issue behind yesterday's results.

By late last night, the Democrats were almost halfway to



Surrounded by his family, Sheldon Whitehouse celebrates his victory over U.S. Sen. Lincoln D. Chafee last night at the Providence Biltmore. "I want to thank the people of Rhode Island for putting their trust in me," Whitehouse says.

Anti-Bush mood dooms Chafee, ends family's 30-year run

BY SCOTT MACKAY, MARK ARSENAULT AND KATHERINE GREGG
JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

PROVIDENCE — Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse defeated incumbent Republican Lincoln D. Chafee yesterday to win Rhode Island's U.S. Senate race, ending the Chafee family's 30-year lock on the seat on a day when voters across the Northeast rose up against President Bush and the Republican leadership that has run Washington for six years.

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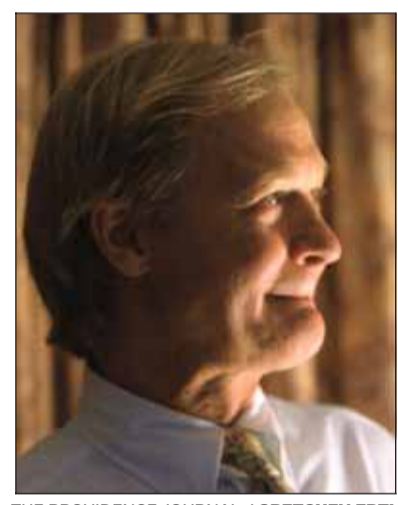
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A citizen-senator to the end



Sen. Lincoln Chafee appears at ease last night as he watches the results that spelled his defeat at The Crowne Plaza hotel in Warwick.

BY JOHN E. MULLIGAN
JOURNAL WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — He was appointed to take the place of his celebrated father. He went on to win a six-year term that spanned times of high national drama and difficult personal choices. But in the end, Lincoln D. Chafee never made the U.S. Senate seat his own.

He never seized control of a floor debate, never showed the horse trader's sense of an adversary's hopes and fears, never took easily to the campaign routines of glad hand, stump speech and money chase.

What Linc Chafee offered instead was a version of the citizen-senator that the Founding Fathers might have recognized. By the standard of the modern Congress, he always seemed wary of popular passions, free of partisan drive, content to weigh the arguments and cast a conscientious vote on the issue of the day.

More often than any Senate Republican, Chafee cast his vote in dissent from the party of his president — and did so on some of the great issues of his brief Senate tenure: the war in Iraq, the tax-cutting

Carcieri beats Fogarty by narrowest of margins



Governor Carcieri greets Christopher McAuliffe at the Crowne Plaza hotel.

BY ELIZABETH GUDRAIS
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU
Governor Carcieri fended off a challenge from Lt. Gov. Charles J. Fogarty yesterday to win a second term in office by a razor-thin margin.

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No question, casino rejected

The item was defeated in almost every community statewide; Harrah's says it won't mount another referendum attempt.

BY SCOTT MAYEROWITZ
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU
Harrah's Entertainment spent \$12 million — a Rhode Island campaign record — but it still wasn't enough. Voters yesterday rejected, by a wide margin, the casino that Harrah's and the Narragansett Indian tribe had proposed for West Warwick.

About 63 percent of voters rejected amending the state Constitution to give Harrah's



Chief Sachem Matthew Thomas hugs Rep. Timothy Williamson after the casino question was rejected by voters.

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4 CHARGED WITH WEAPONS VIOLATIONS
Four Guatemalan immigrants in R.I., who the authorities allege entered the United States illegally, are arrested on federal weapons charges for buying three pistols and two rifles. **B1**

BRITISH SENTENCE TERRORIST
A British convert to Islam is sentenced to a minimum 40 years in prison for planning terror attacks in the United States and Britain. **A3**

JOBS MOVING TO MASS.
Parlex USA, which makes technology used in medical products, will shut down its Cranston plant by next spring and move the manufacturing operation to Methuen, Mass., eliminating 250 jobs in Rhode Island. **G1**



PLANNING FOR THE PERFECT THANKSGIVING
With the holiday just weeks away, it's already time to start thinking about the side dishes, appetizers and drinks you'll be serving for Thanksgiving. **E1**

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