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It's a record-setting night for Troy Brown, who becomes the leading receiver in Patriots' history, but a disappointing evening for New England fans at the Patriots fall to the Indianapolis Colts at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro. Complete coverage in Sports, B1.

# R.I. voters by the numbers

A Journal analysis finds that many pre-conceived notions about who votes in the state are inaccurate.

**BY PAUL EDWARD PARKER**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Meet Mary Engle, Rhode Island's most average voter.

She is, by her own description, a housewife and volunteer. She is married to a business owner. She has two teenage daughters. When she votes tomorrow, she plans to cast ballots for some Republicans and some Democrats, though she won't say who. "I'd have a lot of people mad at me."

She qualifies as Rhode Island's most average voter based on a Providence Journal analysis of the state's central voter registration list. While political pundits have been using opinion polls to predict how people

will vote tomorrow, The Journal wanted to take a look at who is eligible to vote in the Ocean State. The paper calculated the most common or average in the following six categories:

**Age:** 49  
**Gender:** Female  
**First name:** Mary  
**Party:** Unaffiliated  
**City:** Providence  
**Zodiac sign:** Virgo  
Engle matched all six.  
A graduate of Wheaton College, where she caught the political bug, she hopes to instill the importance of voting in her daughters.

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AP / PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS

President Bush spends yesterday in Topeka, Kan., in a final effort to drum up support for GOP candidates. Story, A10.

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Saddam Hussein berates the court yesterday after being sentenced to death.

# Iraq court sentences Saddam to death

Reaction to the verdict divides along sectarian lines.

**BY JOHN F. BURNS AND KIRK SEMPLE**  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Three and a half years after American troops captured Baghdad and ended the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi court set up to judge the brutalities of his 24 years in power sentenced him to death by hanging yesterday after finding him guilty of crimes against humanity.

An automatic appeal of the death sentence will delay it, but some Iraqi judicial officials privately held out the possibility that Saddam could go to the gallows in a matter of months, perhaps before next spring.

For Iraq's embattled Shiite prime minister, Nouri Kamal al-Maliki, the death sentence was a welcome relief from bad news and appeared to be an opportunity to score gains with his own fractured constituency. Al-Maliki appeared on television himself after the verdict to proclaim that Saddam got what he deserved. The case that brought death sentences for Saddam and two other defendants, including one of his half-brothers, focused on the repression of a small Shiite town north of Baghdad after an alleged assassination attempt against Saddam in 1982. Against the sweep of war and terror that were the hallmarks of Saddam's rule, the case was a narrow one, involving the execution of 148 men and youths from the town of Dujail, and what the court found to have been a "widespread and systematic" persecution of the town's inhabitants in the years that fol-

SEE **SADDAM, A4**

# Grocer finds few foods are truly healthy

One New England supermarket chain establishes its own controversial rating system for the foods on its shelves.

**BY ANDREW MARTIN**  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

For many grocery shoppers, the feeling is familiar: that slight swell of virtue that comes from dropping a seemingly healthful product into a shopping cart. But at one New England grocery chain, choosing some of those products may induce guilt instead.

The chain, Hannaford Brothers, developed a system called Guiding Stars that rated the nutritional value of nearly all the food and drinks at its stores from zero to three stars. Of the 27,000 products that were plugged into Hannaford's formula, 77 percent received no stars, including many, if not most, of the processed foods that advertise themselves as good for you.

These included V8 vegetable juice (too much sodium), Campbell's Healthy Request Tomato soup (ditto), most Lean Cuisine and Healthy Choice frozen

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## Election 2006: What's at stake and how to watch your vote count

Voters at tomorrow's midterm general elections in Rhode Island will choose candidates for state, local and federal offices.

### WHO MAY VOTE:

All residents who have been registered to vote in their current city or town for at least the past 30 days. According to the secretary of state's office, 687,335 Rhode Islanders are eligible to vote tomorrow.

Unlike presidential campaign years, there will be no same-day registration and voting allowed tomorrow. If you are not already registered you will NOT be eligible to vote tomorrow.

U.S. Attorney Robert C. Corrente says his office will be watching for evidence of voter fraud. The number to call to report voter fraud is (401) 709-5000.

### POLLING PLACES:

More than 570 polling places will be open tomorrow. Most open at 7 or 8 a.m. and all close at 9 p.m.

Any voter who is in line at a polling booth by 9 p.m. is eligible to cast a ballot.

Local canvassing boards will be open tomorrow to aid voters seeking

information. The secretary of state's office will also provide voter information at [www.sec.state RI.us/vic](http://www.sec.state RI.us/vic).

Voters who do not know where they are supposed to vote can locate their polling place by logging in and providing their street address or zip code. The office can also be reached at 401-222-2340. The same Web site also contains sample ballots and opening times for polls in all of Rhode Island's 39 communities.

### ELECTION RESULTS:

The Journal's Web site, [projo.com](http://projo.com), will provide continuous updates of election returns after the polls close at 9 p.m.

Rhode Island's network-affiliated television stations will also provide analysis and updates throughout the evening. Channel 12 plans local cut-ins starting at 8 p.m. on the hour. Live local coverage will begin at 10 p.m. The election coverage will be simulcast on Fox Channel 64, which shares management with Channel 12. Analysis will come from Cranston Mayor Stephen Laffey, talk-show host Arlene Violet and

pollster Joseph Fleming. Channel 6 plans local cut-ins at 8 p.m., 8:25 and 9:25; the latter leading into continuous local coverage beginning at 9:30. Analysis will be provided by John Holmes Jr., former Republican state chairman, and Joseph Paolino Jr., former Providence mayor.

Channel 10 plans local cut-ins beginning at 8 p.m., with continuous local coverage starting at 9 p.m. Darrell West, Brown University political science professor and pollster, Robert Weygand, former U.S. Representative, and Susan Farmer, former secretary of state, will provide analysis.

### STATEWIDE AND FEDERAL CANDIDATES:

Senate: Republican Lincoln D. Chafee, Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse Representative, District 1: Independent Kenneth A. Capalbo, Democrat Patrick J. Kennedy, Republican Jonathan F. Scott, Representative, District 2: Democrat James R. Langevin, Independent Rod Drivey, Governor: Republican Donald J. Carcieri, Democrat Charles J.

Fogarty, Lieutenant Governor: Republican Ragnald A. Centracchio, Cool Moose Party Robert J. Healey Jr., and Democrat Elizabeth H. Roberts. Secretary of State: Democrat A. Ralph Molis, Republican Sue A. Stenhouse. Attorney General: Republican J. William W. Harsch, Democrat Patrick C. Lynch.

General Treasurer: Democrat Frank T. Caprio, Republican Andrew M. Lyon III. In addition to candidates, voters will face 9 ballot questions.

- Casino Amendment
- Felon Voting Rights
- Budget Reserve Account Funding
- Higher Education Bonds (\$72.79 million)
- Transportation Bonds (\$88.5 million)
- Roger William Park Zoo Bonds (\$11 million)
- Fort Adams State Park Improvements (\$4 million)
- Local Recreation Development (\$3 million)
- Affordable Housing Bonds (\$50 million)



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## POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

With the nation increasingly divided over a wide range of issues, more and more people are deciding that it's safer to bite their tongues than to engage in a political discussion. **D1**

## MORE FOR MEDICARE

If you're on Medicare and you have what the government calls "higher income," you'll pay a lot more for coverage under a section of Medicare known as Part B next year. **A12**

## A GREENER RHODE ISLAND

The Department of Environmental Management awards more than \$150,000 in matching grants to plant trees and shrubs in six communities. **C2**



## MINISTER ISSUES A CONFESSION

Saying that he was a "deceiver and liar," the Rev. Ted Haggard confesses to sexual immorality in a letter read from the pulpit of the evangelical church he founded. **A2**