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Clinton takes R.I., Ohio votes; McCain wins GOP nomination

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Rhode Island votes
179 of 179 polls reporting



CLINTON
59%



OBAMA
40%



HUCKABEE
22%



McCAIN
65%

The New York senator's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination gets a critical boost in her race against Sen. Barack Obama.

BY DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton scored comeback primary wins in Ohio and Rhode Island last night, denting Barack Obama's delegate lead in a riveting Democratic presidential race. Arizona Sen. John McCain, an unflinching supporter of the war in Iraq, clinched the Republican nomination.

Clinton's twin triumphs ended a month of defeats for the former first lady, who told jubilant supporters, "We're going on, we're going strong and we're going all the way."

Obama won the Vermont primary, and the two rivals were locked in a tight race in a primary in Texas. Same-day caucuses in Texas completed the day's contests. No matter how they turned out, he said, "We have nearly the same delegate lead as we did this morning and we are on our way to winning this nomination."

Both Democrats took time out from their own race to call McCain — a Senate colleague — to congratulate him on his triumph in the Republican race.

The 71-year-old Arizona senator

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AP / KIICHIRO SATO

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., acknowledges supporters during a rally last night in Columbus, Ohio.

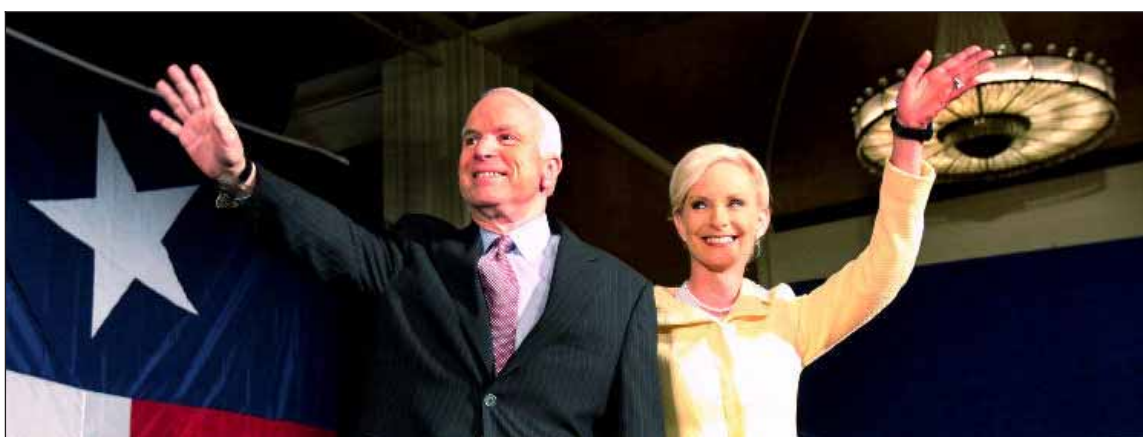


AP / ALEX BRANDON

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., appears before a crowd in San Antonio, Texas, as the ballot counting continued last night.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and his wife, Cindy, celebrate in Dallas yesterday after he wrapped up his party's nomination.

MCT / LOUIS DELUCA



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Extra: For more photos from the polls, the latest on results statewide and across the country, and to react to it all, go to **projo.com**

Primary Results

DEMOCRATS

Rhode Island

179 of 179 polls reporting

	Votes	Pct.
Clinton	108,750	59%
Obama	75,115	40%
Edwards	1,132	0%

Ohio

9,868 of 11,238 precincts reporting

	Votes	Pct.
Clinton	1,058,922	55%
Obama	825,939	42%

Texas

6,275 of 8,279 precincts reporting

	Votes	Pct.
Clinton	1,219,810	51%
Obama	1,138,695	47%

Vermont

223 of 260 precincts reporting

	Votes	Pct.
Obama	80,744	60%
Clinton	51,466	38%

REPUBLICANS

Rhode Island

179 of 179 polls reporting

	Votes	Pct.
McCain	17,468	65%
Huckabee	5,839	22%
Paul	1,775	7%
Romney*	1,180	4%
Keyes	117	0%
Cort	24	0%

Ohio

9,834 of 11,238 precincts reporting

	Votes	Pct.
McCain	582,487	60%
Huckabee	302,804	31%

Texas

6,751 of 8,279 precincts reporting

	Votes	Pct.
McCain	651,137	52%
Huckabee	470,582	37%

Vermont

223 of 260 precincts reporting

	Votes	Pct.
McCain	24,537	72%
Huckabee	4,774	14%

* Withdrew from race

An energized Clinton again defies talk of campaign's demise

BY DANA MILBANK
THE WASHINGTON POST

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign plane was flying through clear skies last evening en route to the candidate's primary-night celebration here when it unexpectedly hit severe turbulence.

Meal carts rolled, beer cans and debris flew across the galley, coffee and meals spilled in laps, and passengers in the aisle dived to the floor to secure themselves. "I need to get back to my seat before I hit the ceiling!" screamed one of the flight attendants.

SEE **CLINTON, A5**

Ocean State voters buoy Clinton

"When I visited Rhode Island, I said that this little state would have a big voice in this election," the New York senator said.

BY SCOTT MacKAY and MARK ARSENAULT
JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

PROVIDENCE — New York Sen. Hillary Clinton rode a record voter turnout to victory yesterday in Rhode Island's Democratic presidential primary, crushing Illinois Sen. Barack Obama and rolling up big margins in communities from the coast to the Blackstone Valley.

It was an election day that shattered all previous Democratic primary voter turnouts, as more than 175,000 Democratic voters cast ballots, eclipsing the record of 167,000 set in the 1990 gubernatorial primary won by Bruce Sundlun.

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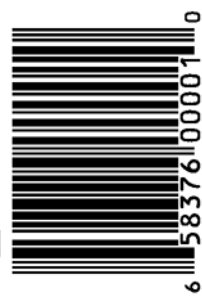
little state would have a big voice in this election," said Clinton in a statement last night. "I am so proud and honored to have such broad and decisive support from the great state of Rhode Island."

That Rhode Island's Democrats are still loyal Clinton fans was proven vividly again as she won convincingly in such traditional Democratic bastions as Pawtucket, Woonsocket, North Providence, Johnston, Central Falls and Warren.

Clinton handily took Warwick and Cranston, two West Bay communities that are crucial in Rhode Island elections. And she carried rural communities, including Burrillville, Glocester, Exeter, Foster, Hopkinton and Richmond.

Exit polls showed the New York senator forged her state victory on the strength of traditional

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PAUSE PROPOSED FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PLANS

The agency that regulates Rhode Island's coastline has proposed a one-year moratorium on wind farms and wave generators in the state's coastal waters so it can develop a special management plan that will determine where such projects will be allowed. **F1**

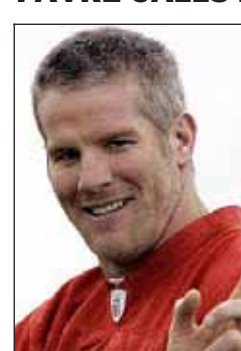
COLON CANCER CONCERN

Researchers report that an easily overlooked type of abnormality in the colon is the most likely type to turn cancerous, and is more common in this country than previously thought. **A3**

CALL FOR MORTGAGE RELIEF

Warning that government and industry efforts to cope with the mortgage crisis have not gone far enough, Ben S. Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve, urges lenders and investors to reduce the principal on loans for many people whose homes are no longer worth as much as the amount they still have to repay. **F2**

FAVRE CALLS IT QUILTS



After flirting with retirement for years, Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre is leaving the game after a stellar 17-season career, saying "I'm just tired." **C1**