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N.H. ready to have its say

With polls pointing to victories by Senators Barack Obama and John McCain in today's primary, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and former Gov. Mitt Romney consider their next moves.

BY ANNE E. KORNBLUT and MICHAEL D. SHEAR THE WASHINGTON POST

LEBANON, N.H. — A buoyant Sen. Barack Obama, anticipating a victory in today's New Hampshire primary, told voters yesterday that he is "riding a wave, and you're the wave," as presidential candidates in both parties started to look beyond the campaign here to extended nomination fights through at least the beginning of next month.

New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton braced for a second jarring defeat to Obama, her voice breaking as she told a questioner in Portsmouth of her experience here, "It's not easy." Her campaign, its air of inevitability gone, is now setting its sights on the large block of Feb. 5 primary contests to salvage her hopes of winning the Democratic nomination.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who has seen his front-runner status in the Republican race left in tatters after a second-place finish in Iowa, is making similar calculations in the face of Arizona Sen. John McCain's revival here.

In the closing hours of the New Hampshire campaign, McCain sought to win over independents, who under the New Hampshire rules can vote in either the Republican or the Democratic primary. That cross-party campaigning only added to the sense of urgency across the state, where political ads dominated the airwaves, campaign signs cluttered snowbanks and buses ferrying the candidates rolled down the highways.

Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, looking to build on a second-place showing among Democrats in Iowa, held a 36-hour campaign marathon, and frenzied supporters of the long-shot Republican Ron Paul stood on street corners waving signs and urging motorists to back the congressman from Texas. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, the

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Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton campaigns in Portsmouth, N.H., yesterday. She let her emotions show when asked how she has held up so well on the campaign trail. Her voice breaking, Clinton replied: "It's not easy."

3 dead in Providence house



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Three bodies were found yesterday in this house at 345 Blackstone St. in South Providence. Dr. Thomas Gilson, center, the state's chief medical examiner, watches as one of the bodies is removed from the house.

Initially treated as homicide, police say deaths may be accidental

Police find the bodies of a couple and a teenage boy; the faulty installation of a boiler may be to blame.

BY GREGORY SMITH, TRACY BRETON and AMANDA MILKOVITS JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

PROVIDENCE — The police yesterday discovered the bodies of three people, an adult couple and the woman's teenage son, who died under unexplained circumstances in a house in South Providence.

Although the police initially treated the case as a homicide, Deputy Police Chief Paul J. Kennedy said last night that a preliminary autopsy found no evidence of trauma to the victims and that the deaths may have been accidental.

Kennedy disclosed at a community meeting that a boiler recently had been

installed in the single-family house, at 345 Blackstone St. A preliminary investigation, the police added later, showed that its installation was faulty and that there was an elevated level of carbon monoxide present.

The police withheld the identities of the victims but said the bodies were those of a man, a woman and a young male.

However, a neighbor and a friend identified two of the occupants of the house as Sonia Maritza Flores, 46, also known as Sonia Maritza Aleman, and her son Ryan, 16, a student at the Met School. The neighbor, Jasmin Osorio, 25, said Flores' longtime boyfriend lived with them.



Neighbors watch as police investigate the Blackstone Street house where three bodies were found.

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Allies of U.S. targeted in Iraq

Al-Qaida in Iraq is seen as behind attacks on a Sunni organization credited with reducing violence in the country.

BY RICHARD A. OPPEL JR. and MUDHAFER AL-HUSAINI THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD — Militants assassinated two key leaders of U.S.-backed neighborhood militias in northern Baghdad over the past two days, highlighting the militants' strategy of eliminating militia commanders who have embraced partnerships with U.S. forces but who themselves remain vulnerable to attack.

Yesterday morning, a suicide bomber on foot killed Col. Riyadh al-Samarrai, a founder of the Sunni Awakening Council in Adhamiya, a Sunni stronghold that until recently was a haven for insurgents.

The Awakening Councils are groups of Sunni — and in some cases Shiite — fight-

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Central Falls students to get TB tests

A high school student with an active case of tuberculosis had been in school for several weeks.

BY FELICE J. FREYER JOURNAL MEDICAL WRITER

The Department of Health will conduct tuberculosis tests on some 300 to 400 students and staff at Central Falls High School, after the state learned that a student with an active case of TB had been attending school with the illness for several weeks.

The risk that anyone caught TB from the student is "low, but real," said Health Director David R. Gifford.

The tests, which involve pricking the skin, will be conducted by Health Department nurses and school nurses at the high

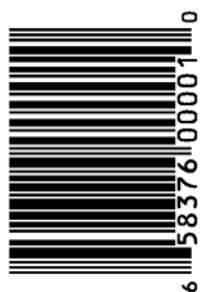
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