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Highs in the upper 50s today with occasional showers; clear tonight.
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Carcieri calls for audit of landfill

Among the items that the governor wants investigated is how the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation spends money, invests it and gives it away.

BY MIKE STANTON
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

There's trouble at the state landfill.

Swirling about Rhode Island's mountain of trash in Johnston like seagulls are allegations of wasteful spending, conflicts of interest and inflated land deals. As a result, board members of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation haven't met in months, one has resigned after being accused of a conflict of interest and the governor is calling for an audit of the \$70-million agency that oversees the state's Central Landfill and recycling programs.

In November, Resource Recovery's new executive director,

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Assault aimed at al-Qaida

The latest drive against insurgents in Iraq appears to have been triggered by attacks against Sunnis working with U.S. forces.

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SINSIL, Iraq — Under cover of darkness yesterday, American soldiers crept across a bridge where just days before insurgents had left a chilling warning: a severed head with a message identifying the Iraqi victim as a U.S. collaborator scrawled across the forehead with a black marker.

Through the biting cold, the troops crunched down a winding

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Panel wades into water park plan

BY CYNTHIA NEEDHAM
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

PROVIDENCE — As state lawmakers cast about for ways to revive Rhode Island's sinking budget, West Warwick politicians have a plan to help keep their town's finances afloat: an indoor water park resort.

The \$140-million deal, making its way from a Nebraska developer to West Warwick and now to the General Assembly, has come full of promises — new taxes, a

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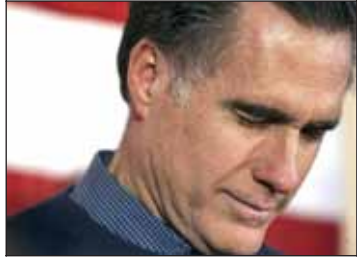
Extra: To read the full proposals for both projects, and for the latest news from the General Assembly, go to projo.com

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THE REPUBLICANS



37% Sen. John McCain



32% Mitt Romney

THE DEMOCRATS



39% Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton



36% Sen. Barack Obama

IT'S CLINTON, MCCAIN



AP / ELISE AMENDOLA

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton acknowledges supporters at a rally in Manchester, N.H., last night after her victory over Sen. Barack Obama in the state's primary. Obama had defeated Clinton in last week's Iowa caucus, raising questions about Clinton's candidacy.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's victory over Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain's strong showing scramble the presidential races.

BY DAVID ESPO and PHILIP ELLIOTT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.H. — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton powered to victory in New Hampshire's Democratic primary last night in a startling upset, defeating Sen. Barack Obama and resurrecting her bid for the White House. Sen. John McCain defeated his Republican rivals to move back into contention for the GOP nomination.

"I felt like we all spoke from our hearts and I am so gratified that you responded," Clinton said

in victory remarks before cheering supporters. "Now together, let's give America the kind of comeback that New Hampshire has just given me."

Her victory, after Obama won last week's Iowa caucuses, raised the possibility of a prolonged battle for the party nomination between the most viable black candidate in history and the former first lady, seeking to become the first woman to occupy the Oval Office.

"I am still fired up and ready to go," a defeated

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Voters here don't pick their president lightly

BY SCOTT MacKAY and MARK ARSENAULT
JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

NASHUA, N.H. — The deluge of support for John McCain started early yesterday at the sun-splashed Broad Street Elementary School polling station, where voters who chose Republican ballots wanted to give the 71-year-old Arizona senator another shot at the White House.

Independent voter Paul Connerty, 68, marched through a gauntlet of political signs jammed into melting snowbanks, TV satellite trucks and campaign workers trying to ply him with political stickers, to cast his vote for the former Navy flier who won the New Hampshire primary in 2000. Connerty, an Air Force

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Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards leaves his Manchester, N.H., headquarters after thanking volunteers yesterday.

A chance to fight another day

BY ADAM NAGOURNEY
THE NEW YORK TIMES

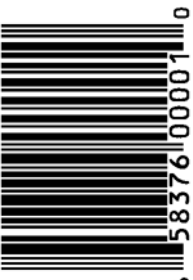
MANCHESTER, N.H. — Hillary Rodham Clinton is back. With solid support from registered Democrats and the backing of women who deserted her in Iowa, Clinton beat Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois with a margin which — if not particularly wide —

ANALYSIS | was enough for her campaign to claim a resounding victory.

The political intensity of her victory was magnified by a weekend of polls and rapturous packed rallies for Obama that suggested Clinton was in dire shape, particularly after Obama's drubbing of her in Iowa.

Clinton won in a state that has always had a warm spot for the Clinton family. There was no end to the comparisons to how this state saved Bill Clinton's campaign in 1992, when he too seemed on the verge of defeat. (Though in that case, Bill Clinton, in a bit of political

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HOUSING FREE FALL

The latest figures show sales and prices of single-family houses in Rhode Island are continuing to plunge. F1

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With President Bush set to arrive in Tel Aviv today, Israeli and Palestinian leaders agree to begin tackling core issues in an effort to revive long-stalled peace negotiations. A2

WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR



Former Red Sox slugger Jim Rice once again falls short of winning election into baseball's Hall of Fame, but Sean McAdam says 2009 may be his year. C1