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## Giuliani, Edwards quit race

Their announcements effectively narrow the presidential contest to two-person fights for each party's nomination.

BY ELISABETH BUMILLER  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Rudy Giuliani, the combative former Republican mayor of New York City, and

**CAMPAIGN 2008** John Edwards, the Democrat who ran for the White House as an

antipoverty populist, both dropped out of the presidential race yesterday, leaving a

narrowed field hurtling toward what amounts to a national primary next week.

Giuliani, who led the Republican pack in national polls for a time last year only to see his campaign lose steam and then collapse in Florida's primary on Tuesday, flew here to endorse Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

As McCain stood by his beaming wife,

Cindy, Giuliani, who built his candidacy on his handling of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, praised McCain as "an American hero" and "the most qualified candidate to be the next commander in chief of the United States."

Hours before McCain used the symbolism of the Reagan library to help reassure wary conservatives as he faces off against Mitt Romney for the Republican nomination, Edwards chose another symbolic

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Democrat John Edwards greets a supporter after announcing his withdrawal from the presidential race yesterday in New Orleans.

AP / ALEX BRANDON

## Official mum on issue of torture

Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey's refusal to characterize the use of waterboarding frustrates Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse and other Democrats.

BY DAN EGGEN  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey told skeptical senators yesterday that it is "not an easy question" to determine whether waterboarding constitutes illegal torture under U.S. law, but he said there is no need to provide a clear answer because the tactic is no longer employed by the CIA.

During his first appearance at the Senate Judiciary Committee since becoming head of the Justice Department, Mukasey also refused to say whether it would be illegal for another country to subject a U.S. citizen to waterboarding overseas.

Some of Mukasey's responses provoked Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island, a Democrat and member of the committee, to raise the specter of the Nuremberg defense — the infamous plea of some implicated in Nazi Germany's genocide against Jews that they were "only following orders."

"If this were an easy question, I would not be reluctant to offer my views on the subject," Mukasey said, referring to the

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## Sharp rise in suicides by soldiers

Army officials admit they are ill-equipped to deal with the stresses caused by the current pace of deployments.

BY DANA PRIEST  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Lt. Elizabeth Whiteside, a psychiatric outpatient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center who was waiting for the Army to decide whether to court-martial her for endangering another soldier and turning a gun on herself last year in Iraq, attempted to kill herself Monday evening.

In so doing, the 25-year-old Army reservist joined a record number of soldiers who have committed or tried to commit suicide after serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"I'm very disappointed with the Army," Whiteside wrote in a note before

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### FACING THE DEFICIT



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Governor Carcieri presents his plan for Medicaid reduction at a State House news conference where all directors of the various departments for health and human services were present.

## Cut Medicaid \$67 million

Nearly half of Governor Carcieri's proposed savings would come from diverting elderly and disabled Rhode Islanders away from nursing homes.

BY STEVE PEOPLES  
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

PROVIDENCE — Governor Carcieri rolled out plans yesterday to transform care for the elderly in Rhode Island, a move he says could save state taxpayers tens of millions of dollars, but may force some nursing homes to close their doors.

The plan would begin diverting hundreds of seniors and disabled Rhode Islanders on Medicaid away from expensive institutional care as

soon as July, pushing them to depend on visiting nurses, assisted-living situations, or even their families.

The Republican governor, speaking at a State House news conference just two days before the release of his 2008-09 budget plan, also highlighted proposals that would cut thousands from state welfare rolls, while discouraging "out-of-wedlock pregnancies" and encouraging two-parent families.

"We can disagree, but a family is a father and

Potential federal penalties come to light at a hearing on welfare cuts. **B1**

a mother nurturing their children and building a future for themselves," Carcieri said, acknowledging that he couldn't force parents to stay together. "I think we can encourage them... You can set a tone and you try to teach people as to what's best."

The governor's administration plans to work with faith-based institutions in the coming

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### COUNTDOWN TO SUPER BOWL XLII

## WINGS AND A PRAYER ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Chicken wings have become a Super Bowl tradition, consumed by the millions, especially in New England.



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BY TOM MOONEY  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Behold... the chicken wing. Ineffectual in life, revered in sauce. The transformation of appendage to appetizer has been like no other in culinary history. And it just might have football to thank.

The single-wing offense is one of football's more recognized formations but there is nothing singular about eating wings during pigskin's high holiday, which arrives Sunday. Apparently no one eats just one

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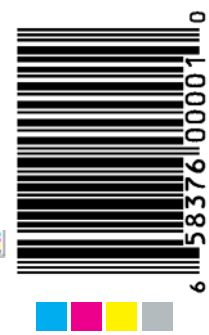
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### FED AGAIN CUTS RATES

For the second time in just over a week, the Federal Reserve sharply cuts a key interest rate in an effort to stave off a recession. **F1**

### CARING FOR OPEN SPACES

A prominent Rhode Island family makes a \$1-million donation toward creating an endowment to pay for the maintenance of the 100,000 acres of open lands protected from development around the state. **B1**

### RAMS ROUT RICHMOND

A late-game surge by Lamonte Ulmer, Jimmy Baron, Kahiem Seawright and Joe Mbang gives URI a 78-64 win over Richmond. **D1**

### A WEEK'S WORTH OF KNIGHTS

You don't have to be a Monty Python aficionado to enjoy *Spamalot*, the Tony Award winner that's spending the week at the Providence Performing Arts Center. **E5**

