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Obama sweeps 3 more states, takes lead in delegates



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Sen. Barack Obama greets supporters yesterday in Washington, D.C.

BY DAVID ESPO
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WASHINGTON — Barack Obama powered past Hillary Rodham Clinton in the race for Democratic convention delegates yesterday on a night of triumph sweetened by outsized primary victories in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

"Tonight we're on our way," Obama told cheering supporters in Madison, Wis. "But we know how much further we have to go on," he added, celebrating eight straight victories over Clinton, the former first lady now struggling in a race she once commanded.

The Associated Press count of delegates showed Obama with 1,210. Clinton had 1,188, falling behind for the first time since the campaign began. Neither was close to the 2,025 needed to win the nomination.

His victories were by large margins — he had garnered about 75 percent of the vote in the nation's capital and nearly two-thirds in

ADDING UP THE DELEGATES

	Clinton	Obama	McCain	Huckabee
District of Columbia		3		
Maryland		2		
Virginia	24	46	60	0
Previously won	1,167	1,161	791	241
Latest count	1,191	1,212	851	241

Results as of 11:30 p.m. SOURCE: Associated Press
DEMOCRATS: Delegates yet to be chosen: 1,687. Needed to nominate: 2,025.
REPUBLICANS: Delegates yet to be chosen: 1,086. Needed to nominate: 1,191.

Virginia. He had 62 percent of the vote in early Maryland returns.

By contrast, Clinton was attempting to re-tool her campaign in the midst of a losing streak. Her deputy campaign manager resigned, the second high-level departure in as

many days.

Campaigning in Texas, where she hopes to triumph on March 4, she said she was looking ahead, not back.

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AP / LM OTERO

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is applauded during a rally yesterday in El Paso, Texas.

"I am confident that if judges and lawyers follow [Lincoln's] example, those who stand on the steps of this courthouse 100 years from now will also have much to celebrate."

JOHN G. ROBERTS JR., chief justice of the United States

A SUPREME HONOR



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Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts, left, acknowledges a standing ovation during his visit yesterday to the federal court in Providence. At right is Mary M. Lisi, chief judge of the U.S. District Court of Rhode Island.

John G. Roberts Jr., chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, speaks at the federal courthouse in Providence.

BY EDWARD FITZPATRICK
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Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts Jr. yesterday launched the centennial celebration of the federal courthouse in downtown Providence, marking the first time a sitting Supreme Court chief justice has been in Rhode Island on official business in more than two centuries.

Roberts noted that yesterday marked the 199th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth, and during a 16-minute speech before a packed courtroom, he traced Lincoln's career as a lawyer in a frontier courthouse to the single case Lincoln argued before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Now as we look back on Lincoln on the anniversary of his birth, we ought not to

forget that he developed an interest in the law at a small local courthouse in Booneville, Indiana," Roberts said, standing beneath the stained-glass ceiling and towering pillars of Courtroom 1. "This much grander courthouse — and it truly is a grand building, now 100 years old — has provided the same type of forum for gener-

ations of Rhode Island lawyers and judges likewise committed to the cause of justice."

After being introduced by Senior Circuit Judge Bruce M. Selya — a Rhode Islander noted for using long and little-known words in his decisions — Roberts

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A coalition protesting the torture of prisoners and other issues demonstrates in front of the federal courthouse in Providence during John Roberts' visit yesterday. **Story, Page A7**

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Pawtucket police fatally shoot man

The police say Jason M. Swift was brandishing a sword when officers arrived yesterday morning, but it's unclear whether he was armed when he was shot.

BY PHILIP MARCELO
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PAWTUCKET — A police officer shot and killed a 30-year-old man yesterday morning after he apparently brandished a "Samurai-style" sword and later struggled naked with the officer inside an apartment building, according to Police Chief George L. Kelley III.

The police say Jason M. Swift, of 71 Lupine St., was shot two times by an officer and was pro-

nounced dead at the scene. Some of the circumstances surrounding the shooting remained unclear late yesterday, such as whether Swift was armed at the time.

Kelley withheld the names of the three officers involved in the incident pending further investigation from the department, the state attorney general's office and state police. The officers

SEE **SHOOTING, A6**

State police probe finds no criminal wrongdoing at DOT

The news that the investigation has concluded seems to surprise both the governor's office and the DOT.

BY KATHERINE GREGG
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PROVIDENCE — The state police have concluded their 7½-month probe of the state's \$350-million-a-year Department of Transportation with "no findings of criminal activity," according to state police Maj. Steven O'Donnell.

O'Donnell would not disclose the scope of the inquiry, initiated by Governor Carcieri last June af-

ter state auditors — and a series of newspaper articles — drew attention to problems within the road-building agency, including: the extension in time, scope and money of relatively small contracts that morphed into huge ones without ever being rebid; altered payroll records; alleged abuses within a federally mandated minority-hiring program; and

SEE **DOT, A7**

Lawsuit over recorded calls comes to trial today

Providence employees, including firefighters, police officers and clerks, say the Total Recall system at the Public Safety Complex violated their privacy rights.

BY GREGORY SMITH
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PROVIDENCE — It was "despicable," an indignant mayor said. A hue and cry was raised. And criminal investigators were summoned.

As the years have passed, however, the public may have forgotten about the brief controversy that erupted at the Provi-

dence Public Safety Complex. After all, a state criminal probe petered out. A follow-up review by the U.S. Attorney's office produced nothing.

It was all about an allegedly secret telephone monitoring system — ambitiously brand-named Total Recall — that

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While love is historically tied to the heart, researchers are looking for answers in the brain, using magnetic imaging and other modern tools to try to map love's pathways. **E6**

BUFFETT-BACKED BONDS?

Billionaire investor Warren Buffett offers to shore up \$800 billion of municipal bonds guaranteed by three troubled debt insurers. Two of the three decline, but Wall Street rallies on eased concerns about further deterioration in the credit markets. **F1**



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It's rare that World Series champions start the next season with their entire team intact, but the Red Sox who open spring training in Fort Myers this week look almost exactly like the Red Sox who celebrated in October. **C1**

