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Ill will may linger among Democrats

Supporters of Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama so far are reluctant to shift their allegiances.

BY KRISSAH WILLIAMS
THE WASHINGTON POST

Lifelong Democrat Kathleen Cowley watches with disdain as huge crowds hang on Sen. Barack Obama's every word. She dismisses Obama's "intolerable logic." She turns the channel on pundits who chalk up Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's primary victories to little more than racism. And she doesn't much care for the notion that while Obama is fresh and inspiring; Clinton is, by implication, old and mean.

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"There's just been an attitude that if you aren't voting for Barack Obama, then you're a racist," said Cowley, 49, a mother of four from Massachusetts who has vowed to never back the senator from Illinois.

"I just find that intolerable. I feel like when the members of the media talk about how [Obama's supporters] would react, they say, 'Well, we can't take the vote away from African-Americans.' Well, excuse me, there's a higher percentage of women."

A Democratic race that a couple of months ago was celebrated as a march toward history

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Formula may give tots first sweet tooth

Some pediatricians worry that the high level of sugar in a popular organic baby formula might lead to early childhood obesity.

BY JULIA MOSKIN
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Amy Chase started feeding Similac Organic infant formula to her second son, Amos, as soon as he was born in November 2006.

"When I saw the organic at Publix, I bought it, no questions asked," said Chase, a self-described "yoga mom" in Atlanta.

Like Chase, many American parents have rushed to embrace Similac Organic formula, even though it sells for as much as 30 percent more than regular Similac. In 2007, its first full year on sale, it captured 36 percent of the organic formula market, with sales of more than \$10 million, according to Kalorama Information, a phar-

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Doctors learning to admit mistakes

Some are finding that honesty and a sincere apology go a long way toward reducing malpractice suits.

BY KEVIN SACK
THE NEW YORK TIMES

CHICAGO — In 40 years as a highly regarded cancer surgeon, Dr. Tapas K. Das Gupta had never made a mistake like this.

As with any doctor, there had been occasional errors in diagnosis or judgment. But never, he said, had he opened up a patient and removed the wrong sliver of tissue, in this case a segment of the eighth rib instead of the ninth.

Once an x-ray provided proof in black and white, Das Gupta, the 74-year-old chairman of surgical oncology at the University of Illinois

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The world awaits



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Salve Regina University graduate Ian Kerr, who majored in anthropology and historic and cultural preservation, says attending the Catholic school deepened his faith and commitment to help others. He will pursue postgraduate study in archaeology at Western Michigan University.

PC, Salve Regina and URI hold commencements

BY JOHN HILL, MEAGHAN WIMS
and ARLINE A. FLEMING
JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

Faculties, families and friends gathered at three Rhode Island universities yesterday to see their graduates off, with calls for them not just to succeed in the world, but to change it.

From Providence College's commencement in the Dunkin' Donuts Center, Providence, to Salve Regina University's ceremony on the oceanfront campus in Newport, to the University of Rhode Island's graduation in Kingston, speakers spoke of the transforming power of education.

PC's commencement speaker, Army Maj. Michael P. Manning (Class of 1997), told the graduates that their diplomas were not merely a reward for a job well done, but an obligation to use the education they represented.

"I am not standing up here advocating



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service in the armed forces or a vocation as a member of the clergy," Manning said. "Rather, I commit to you that you have all been called to serve in some capacity in whatever role that you ultimately decide to assume in life. I translate service to mean giving back."

"Being aware of the differences and similarities between people in this world allows us to be better global citizens."

NANCY ANDRADE
PC graduate, left

At least one PC graduate was already following that call. Nancy Andrade, of Seekonk, a daughter of Portuguese immigrants, was one of the first class of Providence College graduates with a four-year degree in the school's new global studies major. She said the program fit into her view of the world as in increasingly interconnected place.

"It's just that everything is really integrated," Andrade said. "As consumers, as citizens. It's in the clothes we wear, the food we buy. The label may say made in Cambodia, but a person made this, and we don't know the conditions they were made under."

"Being aware of the differences and similarities between people in this world allows us to be better global citizens," she said of the academic major. "It is important to learn that the American way is not the only way to do things; other nations have their own ways, which we can learn and use to improve our own lives."

For her thesis, Andrade worked with a radio network in Guatemala, finding out what kinds of diseases and health conditions the stations' listeners suffered. She researched the problems, came up with a list of 35 health problems and ways to deal with them and then helped produce Spanish-language programming — she double-majored in Spanish — the stations could

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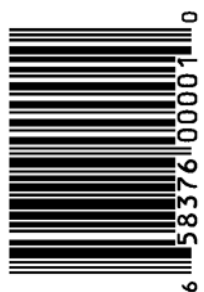


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Joanna and Dianna Southiseng, of Woonsocket, are among five sets of twins awarded diplomas by the University of Rhode Island yesterday.

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Your turn: College graduates, what's next for you? To respond, and for more on college graduations, go to projo.com



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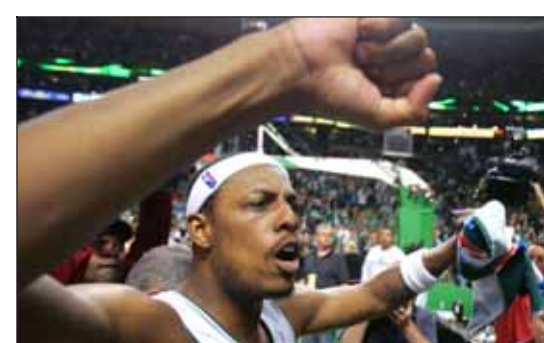
BEYOND ADVICE ON RELIGION

With many of their parishioners in danger of losing their homes because of the subprime mortgage crisis, pastors at some churches are doubling as financial shepherds for their mortgage-distressed flocks. **A8**

HOPE FADES FOR SURVIVORS OF EARTHQUAKE

While China still hopes to find earthquake survivors, the country is now scaling back its rescue efforts and focusing instead on locating and burying the dead. **A2**

PIERCE LEADS CELTS TO CONFERENCE FINALS



Paul Pierce scores 41 points to lead the Celtics to a 97-92 win in game seven of the Eastern Conference semifinals over LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers; Boston faces the Detroit Pistons tomorrow night in Boston. **B1**