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Hillary Clinton wins Pennsylvania, cuts Obama's lead

Hillary Clinton won a clear majority in the Pennsylvania primary. She has reduced the lead of fellow Democrat, Barack Obama. She now trails by an estimated 128 delegates and the "superdelegates" may play a large role in the nomination.



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China, France attempt to repair relations in wake of protests

After anti-France protests were held in major Chinese cities over the weekend, China and France are now attempting to smoothen relations. China has discouraged

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the actions of the "radical" protesters, and French President Nicolas Sarkozy sent a letter to a Chinese Olympic athlete who has gained national fame in China following a controversial incident in the Paris Olympic torch relay.

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Wikipedia Current Events

More than 100 Sri Lankan troops are killed and over 400 injured when an attack on a Tamil Tigers stronghold is repulsed.

- Former President of the United States Jimmy Carter reiterates that no person from the United States Department of State ever asked him not to meet with representatives from Hamas or Syria.

2008 Stanley Cup playoffs enter second round

Eight teams will enter the next round of the National Hockey League Stanley Cup playoffs as two games on Tuesday completed the first set of playoff games.

The Philadelphia Flyers' Joffrey Lupul scored against the Washington Capitals shortly into overtime on Tuesday winning with a 3-2 final score in the seventh

game of their first round series. The Flyers will face the Montreal Canadiens in the next round of the playoffs on Thursday.

In the Western Conference, the San Jose Sharks were victorious in their first round series against the Calgary Flames after a 5-3 win. These teams also required the full set of seven playoff round games. The Sharks will meet the Dallas Stars when their next playoff round begins on Friday.

Second-round playoff games for the remaining eight teams begin late this week. The rounds for Montreal-Philadelphia and Colorado-Detroit begin on Thursday while the New York-Pittsburgh and Dallas-San Jose rounds begin on Friday. Teams must win four games out of a maximum seven per round.

First round summary

Here are the results of the other first round contests:

Eastern Conference

The Montreal Canadiens advance to the semifinals after their win over the Boston Bruins on Monday. The seventh series game ended with Montreal scoring a 5-0 shutout.

Despite an initially successful start to the hockey season, the Ottawa Senators were sent on summer vacation with a four-game sweep by the Pittsburgh Penguins. The New York Rangers won their series as the New Jersey Devils could only manage one game win.

Western Conference

The Detroit Red Wings won their series over the Nashville Predators 4 games to 2.

Colorado Avalanche won over Minnesota Wild in a 4-2 series.

Dallas Stars won against Anaheim Ducks 4-2.

Postal worker saves baby's life

A postal worker saved a baby's life after the baby fell from a two-story apartment window in Albany, New York. Lisa Harrell was delivering a package when she saw the 1-year-old fall. She caught the baby.

The baby was sitting on a bed when her mother walked out of the room for a moment; the baby then crawled out the open window. The mother will not be charged.

According to paramedics, the baby was not injured when falling from the second story of the building.

"I just feel like, you know thank God I was at the right place, at the right time," said Lisa. "I started crying. I just said thank God I caught this baby. I was delivering an express piece of mail. I had deviated from my route," she said.

Some results released in recount of Zimbabwe election results

Some results from the recount of the Zimbabwe election have been released. Both the Movement for Democratic Change and the ruling Zanu-PF party have retained one seat. A representative Zanu-PF commented on the seat they retained. "We are happy to retain the seat and we believe the same will happen in all the constituencies where recounting is taking place," they said.

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happen in all the constituencies where recounting is taking place" —Representative, Zanu-PF party

Zimbabwe election officials begun to recount 23 out of 210 constituencies' ballots after president Mugabe's Zanu-PF party accused the opposition party, the MDC, of bribing election officials. Several arrests have since been made in relation to the recount.

The ballots are from the parliamentary elections held on March 29. The opposing MDC previously made an appeal to Harare's High Court for the recount to be stopped. However it was rejected, Justice Antonia Guvava said "I find no merit in the application... Accordingly, the application is dismissed with costs." Despite this MDC leader Morgan Tsvangirai, who is currently staying in South Africa for his own safety, claims to have won both parliamentary and presidential elections outright.

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As of Skype Limited, this "Unlimited" monthly service with no long-term contract is designed for different kind users from 34 countries. There are three main services, "Unlimited Country" for local landline call by user's choice, "Unlimited World" to communicate with 34 countries globally, and exclusivity services for different continents in Europe, Asia, and North America.

In a launch press conference in Taiwan yesterday, Robert Lo, Vice President of PChome Online, commented this new service to media in Taiwan and said: "After the WiMAX technology was progressively accepted in public world-wide, the population of Skype will be more improved."

McCain launches tour of US states

John McCain, the leading Republican presidential candidate, today launched a campaign tour across parts of the United States. One of the first places he visited was Arlington County, Virginia, where he made a speech on a variety of issues.

"I've been left recently in the unfamiliar position of facing no opposition within my own party," said McCain at the beginning of the speech. "As you might recall, it was a different story last year, when I could claim the unqualified support of Cindy and my mother -- and Mom was starting to keep her options open," he continued. "As I recall, a few pollsters even declared my campaign a hopeless cause, and there was no margin of error to soften the blow."

McCain also visited Edmund Pettus Bridge, which is located in Selma, Alabama. "I've seen courage in action on many occasions in my life, but none any greater or used for any better purpose than the courage shown by John Lewis and the good people who marched for justice with him," he said there. John Lewis is a Democrat who is also known as a civil rights activist.

In Virginia, McCain also said that "the struggles of this community and others like it matter when we talk about our nation's economy -- they are not just a problem, they're a priority."

McCain also criticized Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. "Raising taxes on businesses in Ohio and elsewhere, as both my opponents propose to do, will not bring the old jobs back, and it sure won't create new ones," he said.

Hillary Clinton wins Pennsylvania, cuts Obama's lead

Hillary Clinton, one of the two remaining contenders for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States has won the Pennsylvania Democratic primary.

With 99.51% of districts reporting, Clinton received 1,238,232 votes (54.6%) and Obama got 1,030,703 (45.4%). This translates to an estimated 84 delegates for Clinton and 74 for Obama. Additionally, Pennsylvania has 29 unpledged "superdelegates".

Despite her win, she still lags behind frontrunner Barack Obama in the number of delegates. Neither candidate has the needed number of delegates to clinch and secure the Democratic Party's presumptive nomination spot.

Clinton now has an estimated 1,593½ committed delegates, while Obama has 1,721½. 2,024 delegates are needed for an outright win. 306 delegates are still up for grabs at the remaining primaries, caucuses and conventions.

Among the 794 "superdelegates", Clinton holds the edge. 488 of them have publicly endorsed candidates. 256 say they will vote for Clinton, while 232 say they will choose Obama. 306 have not committed their votes.

"Some people counted me out and

said to drop out. But the American people don't quit, and they deserve a president who doesn't quit either," Clinton told supporters at a rally last night in Philadelphia.

"I've won the states that we have to win, Ohio, now Pennsylvania," Clinton said in an interview on CNN. "If you can't win the states we have to win in the fall, maybe that says something about your general-election appeal."

This morning on ABC's Good Morning America program, Clinton said the result is "fresh information" for uncommitted "superdelegates" that shows "the broad base of coalition that I put together is exactly what we are going to need to have in the fall."

"Now it's up to you, Indiana," said Barack Obama at a rally in Evansville, Indiana, where he spent election night. "You can decide whether we're going to travel the same worn path, or whether we will chart a new course."

The Indiana Democratic primary is on May 6, 2008.

In the Pennsylvania Republican primary, John McCain, who is already the presumptive nominee for the Republican Party, received 72.7% of the vote, while Ron Paul got 15.9% and Mike Huckabee rounded out the field with 11.4%.

Semi truck crashes into viaduct in Buffalo, New York

Buffalo, New York – According to police in Buffalo, New York, no one was injured after a semi-trailer truck carrying paper from Ontario, Canada hit a railroad viaduct, tearing the truck in half.

At approximately 11:00 p.m. EDT

(UTC-4) on April 21, an unidentified man driving the truck westbound on Walden Avenue between Wasmuth and Roetzer streets hit the viaduct which tore his truck in half sending debris and cargo over most of the road.

Police describe the truck's cabin as a "can of sardines."

"He made it all the way through, but his truck looks like a can of sardines," said officers on police radio communications who were on scene.

The driver was given a traffic citation and admits he did not notice signs posted along Walden which state the bridge's clearance.

The street and the viaduct remained closed into the early morning hours of Tuesday April 22. According to Don Poletto of the city's Public Works office, the bridge was not damaged.

Two U.S Marines die in Iraq bombing

Two U.S marines have died due to a car bombing in Ramadi, Iraq. Ramadi is located in the west of Iraq.

Underground explosion at Fort Lee, New Jersey

There has been an underground explosion in Fort Lee, New Jersey. The explosion, which occurred at 15:30 yesterday (local time), resulted in an evacuation of several properties.

Gang Chases car in San Antonio

A gang in San Antonio chased a car on a busy street. The incident, which occurred on Monday, involved a gang which were carrying machine guns. San Antonio is a city located in the American state of Texas.

Sperm allegedly stolen from India sperm bank

Sperm has allegedly been stolen from a sperm bank in Aurangabad, India. Two people have been arrested as a result. A local official said that "We are caught in a very difficult situation, as we do not know how many samples have been smuggled out of the laboratory."

Iraq commander calls for end to violence in Iraq

A US commander in Iraq today called for an end to violence in Iraq. He also asked Muqtada al-Sadr to use his influence to help end the violence in the country.

One dead after Chicago shooting

One person is dead and one person is wounded after a shooting in Chicago. This incident comes after 36 people were shot in the city at various points in the weekend.

Bottles with cat body parts found

Bottle's containing cat body parts have been found. Authorities are investigating the incident, which occurred in the US state of Arkansas. All the body parts were from kittens.

Today in History

1800 – The Library of Congress, today the de facto national library of the United States, was established as part of an act of Congress providing for the transfer of the nation's capital from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C.
 1877 – Russia declared war on the Ottoman Empire, starting the Russo-Turkish War.
 1915 – The Armenian Genocide in the Ottoman Empire began with the arrest and deportation of hundreds of prominent Armenians in Constantinople.

1916 – Irish republicans led by teacher and political activist Patrick Pearse began the Easter Rising, a rebellion against British rule in Ireland, and proclaimed the Irish Republic an independent state.

1967 – The Soviet spacecraft Soyuz 1 crashed in Siberia during its return to Earth, killing cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov, the first in-flight fatality in the history of spaceflight.

1990 – The Hubble Space Telescope was launched by the Space Shuttle Discovery in mission STS-31.

April 24 is Great Thursday in Eastern Christianity (2008); Republic Day in the Gambia; Genocide Remembrance Day in Armenia.

Quote of the Day

The poem... is a little myth of man's capacity of making life meaningful. And in the end, the poem is not a thing we see — it is, rather, a light by which we may see — and what we see is life.
 ~ Robert Penn Warren

Word of the Day

inclement adj

1. Stormy, of rough weather.
2. Merciless, unrelenting.

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