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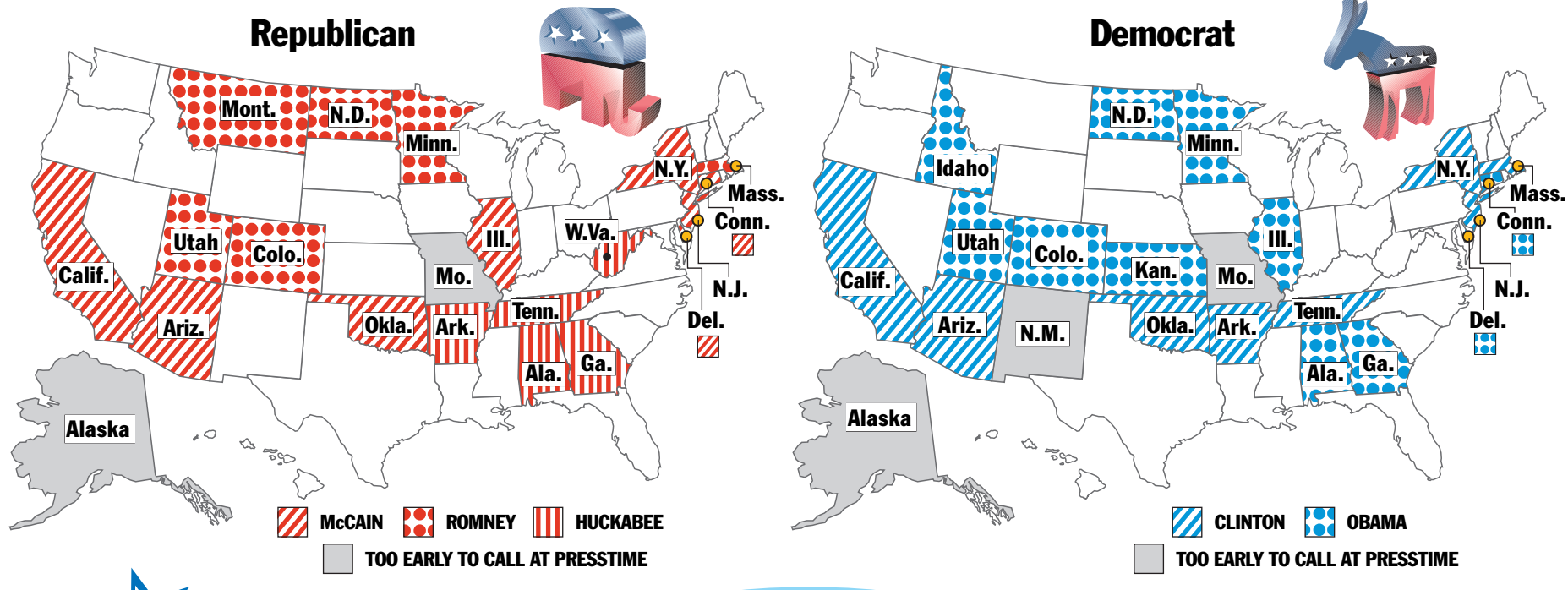
COLONIE — A man facing drug charges allegedly teamed with second person to torture a state witness — searing his face with a glowing hot fork — in an attempt to scare him into recanting his testimony.
 The two men — identified as Shawn K. Roberts, 28, and Ian A. Greene, 22, both of Watervliet — are charged with witness tampering, assault and robbery in the Jan. 24 incident that local officials say represents a brutal example of witness intimidation.
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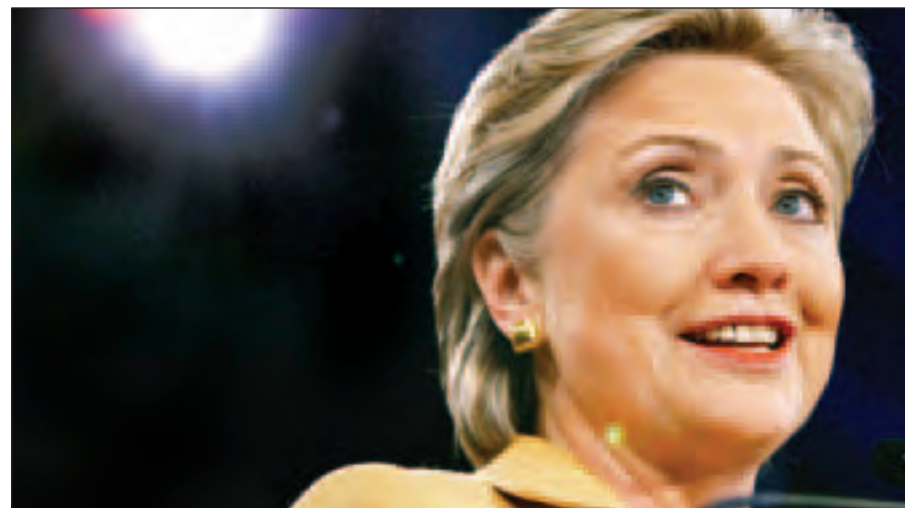
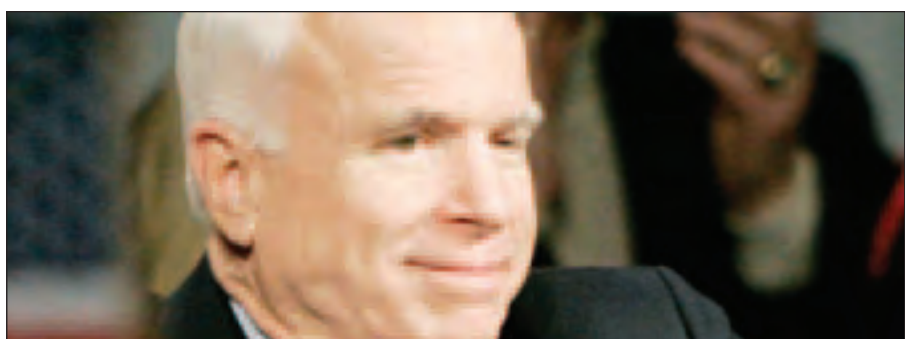
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Democrats in dogfight; McCain leads GOP race



NOTHING was settled Tuesday, with Sen. John McCain, Gov. Mitt Romney, Gov. Mike Huckabee, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama still in the fight.

New York state sides with party favorites

By **IRENE JAY LIU**
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Delegate count

■ **National, to date:**

REPUBLICANS	
John McCain	497
Mitt Romney	200
Michael Huckabee	141
Needed to win:	1,191
DEMOCRATS	
Hillary Rodham Clinton	615
Barack Obama	515
Needed to win:	2,025

■ **New York:**

REPUBLICANS	
John McCain	101
DEMOCRATS	
Hillary Rodham Clinton	138
Barack Obama	94

At presstime, some based on projections.

Contests still open after Super Tuesday

By **DAVID ESPO**
 AssociatedPress
WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain seized command of the race for the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night, winning delegate-tuesday primaries in all regions of the country. Democratic rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama traded victories in an epic coast-to-coast struggle with no end in sight.
 Clinton won the biggest state, California, for the Democrats, capitalizing on support from Hispanic voters.

McCain won the Republican race in California, hoping to inflict a crushing blow on his closest pursuer, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.
 "We've won some of the biggest states in the country," McCain told cheering supporters at a rally in Phoenix after pocketing victories in all regions. An underdog for months, he proclaimed himself the front-runner at last, and added, "I don't really mind it one bit."
 With 497 delegates, the Arizona senator was more than 40

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REPUBLICAN presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain appears Tuesday with Rudy Giuliani in Manhattan.

Once a foe, Giuliani now a friend

After Florida flop, former candidate returns to NYC on stump for McCain

By **MARK HARRINGTON**
Newsday

NEW YORK — Rudy Giuliani on Tuesday completed a transition from front-runner to footnote in the 2008 GOP race, stumping in Manhattan for Sen. John McCain after a spectacular campaign meltdown fanned by pockets of hometown dissent.

Giuliani appeared at a dawn rally for McCain in Rockefeller Center, a week after a decisive primary defeat in Florida led the former New York City mayor to call it quits.

Introducing McCain in New York brought a humbled Giuliani full circle — from the place that launched his iron-fisted political career as mayor and back to a state where his standing in the polls had plummeted in recent weeks, placing him tied at best with McCain.

According to the recently shredded

Giuliani campaign playbook, momentum from a Florida win was to have ignited a Super Tuesday sweep — topped by an expected victory in New York. But after a string of early primary defeats topped by Florida, some observers have begun to question whether his front-runner status in late 2007 polls ever amounted to anything more than name recognition. Giuliani campaign staffers did not respond to requests for comment, and Sunny Mindel, a spokeswoman for his consulting firm, Giuliani Partners, declined to comment.

“The tide was bound to change for Rudy Giuliani because he had an artificial lead to begin with,” said Peter Woolley, executive director of Fairleigh Dickinson University’s PublicMind Poll. When other Republican candidates increased in visibility, he said, Giuliani’s negatives — the Bernie Kerik indictment, strained family relations — didn’t stand comparison. “He had high name recognition, but it cut both ways,” Woolley said. “He had a lot of baggage.”

Worse, the hometown support that normally lifts a candidate campaigning away from home mutated into a resounding Bronx cheer from important constituencies. In Florida, former New York City fire chief Jim Riches hounded

Giuliani from Jacksonville to Miami, blasting his performance on Sept. 11 on the nightly news.

The night of a GOP debate in Boca Raton, a New York Times editorial eviscerated Giuliani as “narrow” and “vindictive,” while two dozen former New York prosecutors questioned his claims to having “turned around” their office when he was U.S. attorney.

“His political and personal issues were not going to wear well,” said Steve Cohen, a professor of public administration at Columbia University, who nevertheless argued that it wasn’t just the baggage.

“Giuliani likes being in charge, but I don’t think he likes being the supplicant asking for support,” he said.

Where does Giuliani go now? Certainly the consulting business bearing his name suffered from no lack of publicity from the presidential run, his cut-and-run early primary strategy notwithstanding.

Cohen of Columbia said even though the electability of Giuliani is in question nationally, his name recognition in New York still carries weight.

“It’s not hard to imagine him being talked about as governor of New York, running against (Gov. Eliot) Spitzer,” Cohen said.

Prolonged Democratic fight gives party more momentum

Efforts to woo voters seen as way to mobilize action against likely GOP candidate McCain

By **PETER S. CANELLOS**
Boston Globe

Get ready for weeks — if not months — of a tightly fought Democratic presidential race, while Republican John McCain is likely to be sitting on the sidelines, secure in victory, trying hard to raise money and pull

ANALYSIS
together a fractious Republican coalition.

So far, the Democrats have dramatically outdrawn the Republicans at the polls and generated greater enthusiasm among their core constituencies, especially among women, minorities and younger voters. A fierce, protracted contest between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama could sour the good feelings — or energize the party even more, depending on how the candidates conduct themselves.

“The pressure to stay nice and positive will be great, but the pressure to go negative will be even greater,” said Linda Fowler, a political science professor at Dartmouth College, noting that negative campaigning can be effective in a two-person race.” With the Republican nomination settled, reporters will focus on all the Democrats’ tit-for-tats and negative attacks, and that could turn off voters.”

But Fowler noted there still could be a hidden benefit for the Democrats: “The reciprocal effect is all the energy put into the get-out-the-vote efforts — the phone banks and volunteers — and that’s got to be helpful. For Mc-

Cain, there are very few places where he has people to knock on doors for him and to give up their Saturdays for him.”

Super Tuesday returns gave McCain an enormous lead in GOP delegates and victories over his main rival, Mitt Romney, in many of the largest states, but he did not necessarily win the hearts of conservatives. Exit polls suggested he still has a lot of work to do in winning over core Republican voters who are disaffected by his past votes on taxes, immigration and campaign finance reform.

Thus, McCain will wake up Wednesday morning a winner — but one with little money in the bank and a lot of skeptics among his would-be allies.

Right-wing pundits Rush Limbaugh and Ann Coulter are already grumbling about Clinton being the most conservative candidate left in the race. Their followers are unlikely to agree, and McCain will almost certainly end up carrying conservative voters in the general election. But they could force him to harden his positions on certain core Republican issues, perhaps jeopardizing his long-standing appeal to moderates and independents.

Meanwhile, various Democratic constituencies will be squaring off against one another at the ballot box, divided equally between Clinton and Obama.

“Given the nature of the coalitions each one has built, it seems they each have half the Democratic Party,” said William Carrick, an unaligned Democratic consultant based in California.

Obama, he said, wins among African-Americans, younger voters, independents and college-educated Democrats. Clinton, he said, wins Hispanics, women and senior citizens.

While the supporters of the two candidates were looking for different qualities — with 64 percent of Obama backers stressing the need for change, according to exit polls in the closely divided swing state of Missouri, and 93 percent of Clinton backers citing experience — most seemed likely to support the eventual Democratic nominee.

After all, Clinton and Obama agree on almost all the party’s leading issues, suggesting that Democrats have chosen a message before selecting a messenger.

In the horse race to come, Obama is likely to benefit the most from a lack of competition on the Republican side. He has been a more attractive candidate to independent voters, who in many states can choose between voting in the Democratic or Republican race.

With no contest on the GOP side, many more independents will choose to take Democratic ballots, probably giving a boost to Obama.

Still, Clinton has advantages of her own, including a more seasoned campaign team and the stamina honed during her husband’s two national campaigns.

In the end, some analysts believe, neither Clinton nor Obama may be able to win a majority of the delegates through the primary voting, which would throw the decision to the about 20 percent of delegates dubbed “superdelegates” — elected officials and state party representatives who are unaligned.

More superdelegates have endorsed Clinton than Obama, but many are expected to reconsider if the primaries are not conclusive.

If so, the contest would go on until the party’s convention this July in Denver, stirring up even more attention for the Democrats — for good or bad.

STATE: Politicians express hope

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