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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Aquatic Olympians to swim in toxic waters

Experts advise them to keep mouths closed

By Andrew Jacobs  
NEW YORK TIMES

RIO DE JANEIRO – Health experts in Brazil have a word of advice for the Olympic marathon swimmers, sailors and windsurfers competing in Rio de Janeiro's picture-postcard waters next month: Keep your mouth closed.

Despite the government's promises seven years ago to stem the waste that fouls Rio's expansive Guanabara Bay and the city's fabled ocean beaches, officials acknowledge that their efforts to treat raw sewage and scoop up household garbage have fallen far short.

In fact, environmentalists and scientists say Rio's waters are much more contaminated than previously thought.

Recent tests by government and independent scientists revealed a veritable petri dish of pathogens in many of the city's waters, from rotaviruses that can cause diarrhea and vomiting to drug-resistant "super bacteria" that can be fatal to people with weakened immune systems.

Researchers at the Federal University of Rio also found serious contamination at the upscale beaches of Ipanema and Leblon, where many of the half-million Olympic spectators are expected to frolic between sporting events.

"Foreign athletes will literally be swimming in human (feces), and they risk getting sick from all those microorganisms," said Dr. Daniel Becker, a local pediatrician who works in poor neighborhoods. "It's sad, but also worrisome."

Government officials and the International Olympic Committee acknowledge that, in many places, the city's waters are filthy. But they say the areas where athletes will compete – like the waters off Copacabana Beach, where swimmers will race – meet World Health Organization safety standards.

Even some venues with higher lev-

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## Roadside birth adds to drama for parents

Baby girl enters world on Park Club Lane

By Harold McNeil  
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Of all the ways to bring a baby into the world, giving birth while crouching by the side of a suburban Buffalo road, with strangers looking on, has got to be among the most memorable and least discreet.

However, protecting her modesty was the least of Amanda Colebeck's concerns late Friday morning when her body yielded to the forces of an all-too-quick labor. In practically no time at all, she found herself delivering her precious bundle – 8½-pound Paige Gwendolyn – in front of a house at 583 Park Club Lane, and right on the hot pavement as motorists drove by.

"Part of me was like, 'Wow, I'm basically naked on the side of the road in Williamsville, on a residential street and there are people passing by,'" Colebeck recalled of the episode as she gently held her new daughter Tuesday.

"I had about a split-second thought

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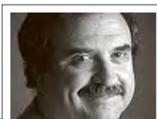
## Clinton makes history as nominee for president



Tribune New Service

Former President Bill Clinton delivers a 42-minute address to Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia after his wife, Hillary, is nominated for president. "Always making things better," he said. "She's the best darn change maker I've ever met."

## Cuomo reinforces theme of N.Y. as model for progressive politics



Robert J. McCarthy

AT THE CONVENTION

PHILADELPHIA – When Sen. Bernie Sanders addressed the New York delegation to the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday, the democratic socialist from Vermont noted that the Empire State already had embraced much of the progressive agenda he advocated with significant success during his presidential campaign.

"Make New York State one of the progressive leaders of this country and show that progressive politics can work," he urged the gathered Democrats.

Later in the day, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo sounded some of the same

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Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo checks notes as he and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders arrive at N.Y. delegation breakfast in Philadelphia.

First woman ever chosen by major party is called 'the best ... change maker'

By Philip Rucker and Karen Tumulty

WASHINGTON POST

PHILADELPHIA – The Democratic Party tackled its biggest challenge of the election year here Tuesday night: to transform the way people think about Hillary Clinton.

Although she has been a fixture in American political life for a quarter-century – the mere mention of her first name triggers immediate reactions – the candidate and her image-makers argue that the country doesn't know the real Hillary Clinton. So they devoted the second day of the Democratic National Convention, when Clinton made history as the first woman nominated for president by a major party, by trying to reveal just that.

A parade of supporters from all walks of life – led by husband Bill Clinton, whose long, folksy telling of their love story was the evening's capstone – tried to open a window into Clinton's character and mo-

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