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INDIANA AND NORTH CAROLINA PRIMARIES

Obama closes in on nomination



CLINTON HOLDS NARROW LEAD IN INDIANA

By **DAVID ESPO** and **LIZ SIDOT**
Associated Press

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McCain would appoint more conservative judges. **A3**

INDIANAPOLIS — Barack Obama swept to victory in the North Carolina primary late Tuesday and declared he was closing in on the Democratic presidential nomination. Hillary

Rodham Clinton clung to a narrow Indiana lead, struggling to halt her rival's march into history.

"Tonight we stand less than 200 delegates away from securing the Democratic nomination for president of the United States," Obama told a raucous rally in Raleigh, N.C. — and left no doubt he intended to claim the prize.

Clinton and Obama both said the former first lady would win Indiana. Yet thousands of votes were yet to be counted, principally in Lake County, not far from Obama's home city of

Chicago.

Clinton told cheering supporters in Indianapolis, "Thanks to you, it's full speed on to the White House," signaling her determination to fight on in a campaign already waged across more than 15 months and nearly 50 states.

Returns from 99 percent of North Carolina precincts showed Obama winning 56 percent of the vote to 42 percent for Clinton, a triumph that mirrored his earlier wins in Southern

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Priscilla Higuera sued Earthbound Farms for allegedly sneaking onto her property and taking clippings of a rare old apple tree.

ORVILLE MYERS/Herald file

C.V. woman prevails over Earthbound

COMPANY MUST PAY SIX FIGURES, TRANSPLANT ORCHARD

By **VIRGINIA HENNESSEY**
Herald Salinas Bureau

Earthbound Farms is not admitting wrongdoing, but come November workers will bare the roots of the company's notorious pink apple trees and truck them off the property.

The organic farm giant has settled a lawsuit brought by a Carmel Valley woman who accused Earthbound's research director of sneaking onto her Tassajara Road property and taking clippings from her rare apple tree to propagate a profitable orchard.

As part of the settlement, Priscilla Higuera will receive what her attorney described as a

six-figure cash settlement to compensate her for the profit Earthbound made from her apple-tree cuttings.

More important, said Carmel attorney Gerald Barron, the company and its parent, Natural Selection Foods, agreed to turn over its entire fall harvest to Higuera, then carefully uproot the 150 trees so they can be transplanted to a location of her choosing.

Michael Korda, attorney for Earthbound Farms and Natural Selection, did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

Higuera brought suit in

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Alisal High School's Ramiro Mata coaches students to compete in Mathletics

TEACHER STANDS AND DELIVERS

By **CLAUDIA MELÉNDEZ SALINAS**
Herald Salinas Bureau

Alisal High School teacher Ramiro Mata was an eighth-grader in Soledad when his math teacher showed the movie "Stand and Deliver" to the class.

The movie is based on the true story of Jaime Escalante, a tough and dedicated teacher who coached students with low grades in an East Los Angeles high school to take the advanced placement calculus test by the end of their senior year.

"Julia had the desire, she wanted to do it and went out and got it. I was happy because the work paid off."

Ramiro Mata
Alisal High teacher

Mata was so impressed by Escalante that he decided to become a math teacher. Last month, he had his own "Stand and Deliver" moment when Julia Martinez, a student he coached for two years, earned the \$1,000 Richard Morgantini Award for being

the top-scoring high school senior in calculus at the 40th annual Mathletics competition sponsored by the Monterey County Office of Education.

"Julia had the desire, she wanted to do it and went out and got it," Mata said. "I was happy because the work paid off."

Martinez's accomplishment is no small feat.

It is the first time since Mata began taking students to the Mathletics competition that one garnered top honors. This year, about



Alisal High School student Julia Martinez works on a calculus problem at McDonald's.



DAVID ROYAL/The Herald

Alisal High math teacher Ramiro Mata coaches Melissa Morales, left, and Natalie Mandujano through calculus problems in McDonald's on Williams Road in Salinas on Sunday.

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Prosecutor, defense, judge discuss details of evidence the jury will hear

Potential jurors sought in Kenney trial

By **VIRGINIA HENNESSEY**
Herald Salinas Bureau

The laborious job of seating a jury in the trial of the Carmel Valley man accused of killing his neighbors will continue today with a fresh group of 200 potential panelists.

As those people fill out questionnaires regarding their ability to serve in a trial that is expected to last two

months, the prosecutor, defense attorneys and judge will continue to hash out the details of what evidence the jury will hear.

Judge Stephen Sillman is scheduled this morning to view a combat-training video that detectives seized from John Kenney's house after the shootings of Mel and Elizabeth Grimes. Kenney and the Grimeses

had a long-running feud about a sliver of land adjacent to their shared driveway.

Investigators allegedly seized a number of DVDs and training manuals about hand-to-hand combat and military-style street fighting. According to testimony at Kenney's



John Kenney is accused of gunning down neighbors in long-running dispute.

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Supervisors vote 4-1 to allow rapper to play second annual Monterey Music Summit

Snoop Dogg gets OK to play Laguna Seca

By **JIM JOHNSON**
Herald Salinas Bureau

Snoop Dogg will be in the house at Laguna Seca after all.

After a burst of controversy spurred by the planned appearance of the aging but popular rapper at the three-day Monterey Music Summit, county supervisors Tuesday OK'd an agreement that will allow the show to go on.

They voted 4-1 in favor of the event, with new Supervisor Ila Mettee-McCutcheon dissenting, after a range of speakers made

emotional appeals for and against the rapper's upcoming appearance.

The second annual Monterey Music Summit is scheduled for the weekend of May 30-June 1 at Laguna Seca Recreation Area, with a mix of musical styles ranging from Snoop Dogg's rap to Ozomatli's Latin funk-rock to electronic, punk and country.

Most supervisors argued that avoiding censorship was more important than concerns that

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