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A new easy-to-use home page debuts at noon today. **Details, A2**



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**Lee wins 19th in 10-4 victory**  
The Indians' premier pitcher boosts his record to 19-2 with the help of Ben Francisco's two home runs in the Tribe's ninth-straight victory. **Details, D1**

**WORLD**  
**Defiant Russia 'recognizes' regions**  
Russia formally recognizes the independence of the Georgian regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, further inflaming relations with the U.S. **Details, A5**

**TASTE**  
**What politicians elect to eat**  
Chefs whip up their own versions of foods favored by presidential hopefuls and our other public officials. **Details, E7**

**BUSINESS**  
**American Greetings stumps for fun**  
The Brooklyn-based company has a line of 30 red-white-and-blue cards to capitalize on interest in the presidential election campaign. **Details, C1**

**Giant Eagle's new fuel saving plan**  
The Pittsburgh-based grocer is introducing its Giant Eagle Fuelperks credit card to customers at stores on Cleveland's West Side and in its western suburbs. **Details, C1**

**STYLE**  
**Golden fleece?**  
Ohio's slew of alpaca farms raises hopes for a mill industry in the state. **Details E1**



**FORECAST, B8:**  
A touch of afternoon rain.  
High 79, low 60.



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# 'Obama is my candidate... he must be our president'



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Sen. Hillary Clinton acknowledges the cheers of her audience Tuesday after addressing the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

## FOCUS ON OHIO Clinton delegates still trying to come to terms with Obama

STEPHEN KOFF AND MARK NAYMIK  
*Plain Dealer Reporters*

DENVER — A semblance of unity could come today for Ohio Democratic delegates who support Sen. Barack Obama and those who had preferred to put Sen. Hillary Clinton in the White House.

But first, Clinton backers such as Sandra Cleary of Wooster and Erin Sullivan Lally of Cleveland hope they will have a chance to cast at least one, symbolic ballot for the candidate who would have been the first woman to head a major party ticket.

"I'd still like to go for Hillary," said Cleary, a retired library secretary.

"She's my candidate," said Lally, a homemaker and graphic artist who has long been involved in Cleveland-area politics. "I'm



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"If John McCain doesn't know the economic policies he's been supporting for eight years have failed the heartland — and failed this country — he's destined to repeat those mistakes," Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland said in his speech to the delegates Tuesday night.

here for her. I feel strongly about her candidacy.

"But," she added, "her candidacy doesn't exist anymore."

That is the conundrum for delegates, many of them women, who became active in this year's presidential election because of the U.S. senator from New York.

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### THE SPEECHES | A9 STRICKLAND GETS PRIME TIME

The Ohio governor's speech was moved later into the evening Tuesday night and he used his time to attack Sen. John McCain. Dennis Kucinich talked earlier in the day, giving a rousing attack of President Bush's policies.

### THE HIGHLIGHT | A9 TONIGHT IT'S BILL'S TURN

On Tuesday night it was Hillary Clinton in the spotlight. Tonight it is her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

### THE MEANING | A10 OBAMA BACKERS RECALL JOURNEY

Northeast Ohioans share their thoughts about what it means to watch Obama achieve a memorable first in the ever-unfolding story of the United States.

## HILLARY CLINTON Senator adopts role of loyal supporter

PATRICK HEALY  
*New York Times*

DENVER — Sen. Hillary Clinton deferred her own dreams on Tuesday night and delivered an emphatic plea at the Democratic National Convention to unite behind her rival, Sen. Barack Obama, no matter what ill will lingered.

Clinton, who was once certain that she would win the Democratic nomination this year, also took steps on Tuesday — deliberate steps, aides said — to keep the door open to a future bid for the presidency.

She rallied supporters in her speech and, at an earlier event with 3,000 women, described her passion about her own campaign.

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## Novel's Superman lore a bit weak on the facts

PATRICK O'DONNELL AND MICHAEL SANGIACOMO  
*Plain Dealer Reporters*

It's a tale worthy of ... well, a comic book.

A shopkeeper is gunned down in a robbery of his store. His son, while not going on a vigilante rampage himself, seeks justice in a more symbolic way: He invents the ultimate crime-fighting superhero ever, Superman, to be his instrument of vengeance.

If true, it would be a blockbuster. But is it?

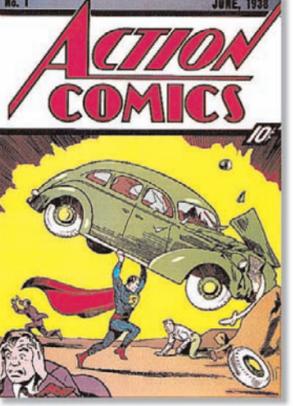
The buzz circulating in the comic world this week, and high-

lighted Tuesday in USA Today, is that Superman was inspired by the death of Superman co-creator Jerry Siegel's father during a 1932 robbery of his store.

Novelist Brad Meltzer found some details around that robbery too eerie to be coincidence. And he's milking them for all they're worth as he promotes his upcoming book, which uses the Siegel family and its home on Kimberly Avenue here in Cleveland for a conspiracy tale.

"I still believe the world got Superman because this kid lost his father," Meltzer said.

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The first issue of "Action Comics" saw the 1938 debut of Superman, who was co-created by Cleveland Jerry Siegel.

## Despite higher poverty, Cleveland incomes rise

ROBERT L. SMITH AND OLIVERA PERKINS  
*Plain Dealer Reporters*

Like many Americans, you likely made a little more money last year but sacrificed more to do it, maybe leaving the kids alone at home so that you could work.

A new report from the U.S. Census Bureau hints at strong new currents shaping the American economy and the American family.

Household incomes rose slightly for the third straight year, thanks partly to a historic deployment of family resources. More women entered the work force in

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2007 than at any time in the last 40 years.

There were slightly more children covered by health insurance, but largely because the government picked up coverage for many of them whose parents lost their insurance, never had it or let it lapse.

Meanwhile, black family incomes rose for the first time in nearly a decade.

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