

Ex-Cal QB Reed finds his stride at San Jose State



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East Bay schools see hits, misses

State releases report showing some making gains, others struggling to meet standards

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Although many California schools meet or exceed state achievement hurdles, some continue to stumble over standards set by the federal No Child Left Behind Act and could find themselves on probation in the next couple of years, according to data released Thursday by the State Department of Education.

In fact, six East Bay school districts are on probation for the first time this year.

About 53 percent of California schools met state growth targets, which are measured by the academic performance index score — a number between 200 and 1,000 assigned to schools and districts, ac-

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ANTIOCH MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Stephanie Anello chats with students Thursday. The state reported that the school made adequate progress for the first time.

ID cards on hold in Richmond

Advocates waiting for bigger city to be 'guinea pigs,' but concerns about cost, immigration law have stalled it in S.F.

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RICHMOND — After months of drumming up support for a plan to provide city ID cards to Richmond residents, regardless of their immigration status, advocates are taking a more cautious approach: Let a bigger city try it first.

"We're letting San Francisco take the first step," said retired teacher Antonio Medrano, a member of the Contra Costa County Municipal ID Task Force. "We're sort of waiting for them to be the guinea pigs."

But the wait keeps getting

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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

"I've been called a maverick. Sometimes it's meant as a compliment and sometimes it's not. ... I don't work for a party. I don't work for a special interest. I don't work for myself. I work for you." — **JOHN MCCAIN**



REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE John McCain and his wife, Cindy, greet delegates after his speech Thursday. McCain said, "After we've won, we're going to reach out our hand to any willing patriot, make this government start working for you again."



SARAH PALIN meets with Henry Kissinger, former U.S. secretary of state.

Spotlight holds steady on Palin

By Steven Thomma
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Republicans emerge from their national convention with a new star — and it isn't their presidential nominee.

It's vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin. Even with John McCain's speech Thursday evening, it was clear that he will share the spotlight through the fall with his charismatic No. 2 rather than watch her slip back into the shadows, as running mates normally do.

It's even possible that he may slip into her shadow.

Either way, McCain appeared confident sharing the starring role as he claimed the nomination Thursday.

"I'm very proud to have introduced our next vice presi-

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Calling on nation to 'stand up, fight'

East Bay delegates generally praise McCain after speech that targeted independent voters worried about economy

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MEDIANEWS

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John McCain, a man who made his name in politics as a party-bucking maverick, accepted the Republican party's presidential nomination Thursday night declaring he would reject partisan politics and urging Americans to "stand up and fight."

After making a dramatic en-

trance, with a spotlight trained on him in a darkened convention center, McCain emphasized his experience on foreign and domestic initiatives and sought to present himself as the only candidate with enough experience to make change happen.

"I will reach out my hand to anyone to help me get this country moving again. I have that record and the scars to prove it. Senator Obama does not," said McCain, who only last fall was considered a long shot for the GOP nomination.

East Bay delegates applauded the senator's speech.

"I am so inspired," said Jill Buck of Pleasanton, who is a retired Naval officer like McCain. "That was a

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MCCAIN SPEECH EXCERPTS

"We were elected to change Washington, and we let Washington change us."

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"I will keep taxes low and cut them where I can. My opponent will raise them. I will cut government spending. He will increase it."

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"And let me offer an advance warning to the old, big-spending, do-nothing, me-first, country-second Washington crowd: Change is coming."

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"After we've won, we're going to reach out our hand to any willing patriot, make this government start working for you again."

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ELIZABETH BRIGHTON, 9, of Washington, D.C., pops balloons after the conclusion of the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn.

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