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# Obama earns resounding wins

## Huckabee easily defeats McCain in Kansas caucus

By David Espo  
 AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Sen. Barack Obama swept the Louisiana primary and caucuses in Nebraska and Washington state Saturday night, slicing into Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's slender delegate lead in their historic

race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The Illinois senator also won caucuses in the Virgin Islands, completing his best night of the campaign.

His winning margins were substantial, ranging from roughly two-thirds of the vote in Washington state and Nebraska to nearly 90 percent in the Virgin Islands. With returns counted from more than one-third of the Louisiana precincts, he was gaining 53 percent of the vote, to 39 percent for the former first lady.

As in his earlier Southern triumphs in Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina, Obama, a black man, rode a wave of African-American support to victory in Louisiana.

Clinton made no mention of the night's contests as she appeared at a Democratic Party dinner in Virginia, site of one of three primaries this Tuesday.

Instead, she criticized Arizona Sen. John McCain, the Republican nominee in all but name. "We have tried it President Bush's

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## A MOVING TRIBUTE



Photos by KARLA HELD/Herald-Zeitung

**Above:** Hundreds of motorcyclists and others in mourning turn out Saturday to offer a prayer for Humbert "Bear" Salais of Canyon Lake. Salais, a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association, passed away Feb. 1 at the age of 55. **Below left:** Motorcyclists gear up for a tribute ride to Salais down Interstate 35 South. **Below right:** Jes Salais, Humbert's widow, and Mike Noyes address the large crowd. "I know my husband had an impact in the community through his motorcycle ministry," Salais said, "but I am in awe of the turnout today."



## DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL



KARLA HELD/Herald-Zeitung

This young lady shows her dad how to find the rhythm on Saturday night at the Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance at Wursthalle. The theme of this year's ball was "Winter Wonderland."

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## Doll Show draws record crowds to Civic Center

### One woman opens her purse to buy \$700 worth of merchandise

By Mitzie Stelte  
 The Herald-Zeitung

The state's largest doll show drew record numbers Saturday at the New Braunfels Civic Center. Between 700 and 800 people came to the 16th annual Hill Country Doll Show and Sale, according to show sponsor Dorothy Meredith, who said attendance far exceeded her expectations.

"It's the biggest show and the best attendance we've ever had," said Meredith. "People came from all over — there was even a couple from Ohio."

The show featured between 50 and 60 doll dealers from several states who showcased a mixture of antique and modern collectible dolls.

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## State's top dance teams vie for championship in New Braunfels

By Georgia Fisher  
 The Herald-Zeitung

For members of the New Braunfels and Canyon high school dance teams, solo work — performing a chosen dance routine all alone in front of packed bleachers — is a snap.

Waiting on deck, however, is a different story.

"Ooh, being over there's the hardest part," said Monoceras officer Taylor Clark, gesturing toward a sequin-laden girl who listened for her cue Friday in the sidelines of New Braunfels Middle School's main gym. "That's when you're

really nervous," Clark said.

But the dancer bounded onto the floor moments later with a comfortable grin, and Clark herself betrayed no anxiety during a sultry routine to Dusty Springfield's "Son of Preacher Man" in the first round of an event that drew about 600 competitors to New Braunfels High School.

The annual HTEDance Texas Dance Team Championship Series, held for the fifth year Saturday in New Braunfels, brought local dancers — including the Smithson Valley Silver Spurs, the Canyon Aristocats and the New Braunfels Monoceras and Mystics — together with more

than 20 other teams for judged competition from sunup until about 9 p.m.

Trophies were awarded in genres including jazz, lyrical, pom, military, novelty and hip-hop, and a high-kick category with six preliminary rounds.

The dancers put in "many, many hours" of work prior to competition, said Kellie Jackson-Jandt, Monoceras and Mystics director, and emotions run high at events like the championship series.

"Oh yes," Jackson-Jandt said. "We see everything from tears of total panic and fright to (tears from) being really happy, really relieved the event went well."



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Canyon dancers take flight at New Braunfels High School.

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