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Troopers Tell Of Retaliation

Legislators Urged To Revamp State Police

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Their voices cracking at times, trooper after trooper stepped forward at a legislative hearing Tuesday to testify that they had been victims of blatant retaliation by state police managers against whom they had filed complaints alleging severe misconduct.

The troopers, many of them whistleblowers in some of the most egregious cases of wrongdoing outlined in a 2006 internal affairs report, asked legislators to help stop the harassment and revamp the state police department.

As a show of support, about 200 troopers — dressed in suits and ties — attended the hearing before the public safety committee in the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. It lasted five hours.

Union President Steven Rief harshly criticized the agency for severely punishing road troopers for misdeeds while being lenient with managers.

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Court Looks At Internet Limits

By ARIELLE LEVIN BECKER
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NEW YORK — The dispute over a Burlington, Conn., teenager's Internet journal gave rise on Tuesday to a wide-ranging and contentious federal court hearing about free speech, whether schools can regulate students' language off campus and how the Internet blurs the boundaries of a school campus.

Avery Doninger, the 17-year-old high school senior at the center of the case, sat in the front row as a three-judge panel of the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals lobbed questions at the attorneys. Lawyers for both sides described the hearing as uncharacteristically lengthy and suggested that the duration underscored the case's position in new legal territory.

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STAN SIMPSON Special Magnets

To work in fighting segregation, magnet schools in the suburbs must be special. Column, Page B1

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BACK IN HUNT

Clinton Wins In Texas, Ohio, Rhode Island

Obama Still Leads In Delegates, But Loses Momentum

McCain Clinches GOP Nomination; Huckabee Is Out



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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Hillary Clinton, basking in the aftermath of a much needed win Tuesday in Ohio's Democratic primary, addresses supporters at The Columbus Athenaeum. "We're going strong and we're going all the way," Clinton said. She also won the Texas and Rhode Island primaries.

BY TIM JONES | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

COLUMBUS, Ohio — With victories in the Texas, Ohio and Rhode Island primaries Tuesday, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton all but guaranteed that her tense duel with Sen. Barack Obama will continue through Pennsylvania's April 22 primary.

Clinton's wins — especially Ohio — stop the Illinois senator's momentum from 11 straight victories in February and give her a key industrial state, where Democrats' failure to win in 2000 and 2004 cost them the White House.

Still, the outcome of Tuesday's primaries is not expected to significantly shrink the delegate lead for Obama, who picked up Vermont early in the night.

The outcome in the Texas primary is crucial because by her own supporters' assessments including that of her husband, former President Bill Clinton — she needed to win both contests. And while she was winning the popular vote in Texas, it was not clear which candidate won the most delegates because of the state's complicated primary-caucus system.

Clinton earns another few weeks to make her case, still faces delegate shortfall. **Page A7**

Obama faces a costly two-front battle — against Hillary Clinton and John McCain. **Page A8**

On the Republican side, Sen. John McCain of Arizona clinched his party's presidential nomination Tuesday night and his last rival, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, conceded. McCain was scheduled to visit the White House on Wednesday to gain President Bush's endorsement.

For the Democrats, the chaotic and increasingly rancorous nominating process will drag on, and they worry that damage

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Democrats				
	Ohio	Texas	Vt.	R.I.
Reported	75%	55%	84%	98%
Hillary Clinton	56%	50%	38%	58%
Barack Obama	42%	48%	60%	40%
Other	2%	1%	2%	2%
Republican				
	Ohio	Texas	Vt.	R.I.
Reported	73%	63%	84%	98%
Mike Huckabee	31%	37%	14%	22%
John McCain	59%	52%	72%	65%
Other	10%	11%	13%	13%



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BARACK OBAMA hugs his wife, Michelle, at a rally in San Antonio, Texas, Tuesday night. Obama won the Vermont primary for his 12th straight victory in a month, but lost three other primaries.

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