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OBAMA WINS LEXINGTON AND LOUISVILLE, CLINTON TAKES THE REST OF KY

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The night before the May 20th Kentucky primary election, Michelle Obama stopped in Lexington, not for a rally, but to show appreciation for about 400 campaign workers and volunteers for their hard work. "My job is to say thank you. Your help has made the difference," she told the enthusiastic crowd.

Senator Barack Obama spent little time in Kentucky before the May 20th primary. The campaign stops that he did make were in Louisville and Lexington, which may have attributed to his win of those two cities.

Hillary Clinton, as well as her husband and daughter, spent months courting Kentucky voters and it paid off for her with a 65% win of all Democratic votes cast in a particularly busy primary election in Kentucky.

Speaking from Iowa on election night Obama said, "From the very beginning, you knew that this journey wasn't about me or any of the other candidates in this race." He celebrated in Iowa because it was the first state to give him the nod. "It was about whether this country, at this defining moment, will continue down the same road



Photo by Amanda Gerton

Michelle Obama made a brief visit to Lexington on the eve of the May 20 Kentucky primary to thank about 400 campaign volunteers for their hard work in the city.

that has failed us for so long or whether we will seize this opportunity to take a different path, to forge a different future for this country that we love."

Obama made an appearance at a rally in Louisville a week before the election while surrogates such as former NAACP CEO, Kweisi Mfume, Sen. Eddie Bernice Johnson and gospel star Yolanda Adams made appearances on his

behalf in Kentucky as he traveled to states like Michigan to court potential delegates.

According to Secretary of State data Clinton won more precincts in Fayette County but Obama pulled the largest number of votes. He did especially well in precincts with large numbers of Black voters. In Collavin he won 159-56; Green Acres 344-19; Douglas-Washington 362-12; St. Martins

216-84 and Ohio-Walnut 313-42.

In Hollow Creek voters favored Obama 160-17. Poll works said that the turnout was greater than normal and steady throughout the day. Some voters went to great lengths to cast a vote for Sen. Obama. Virginia Watkins was recently hospitalized for pneumonia. She has been home recuperating, but wanted to come out to vote for **Continued on page 13**

Black Children's High Drowning Rate Linked to Swimming Abilities

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(NNPA) - Nearly 60 percent of African-American children can't swim, almost twice the figure for White children, according to a first-of-its-kind survey which USA Swimming hopes will strengthen its efforts to lower minority drowning rates and draw more Blacks into the sport.

Stark statistics underlie the initiative by the national governing body for swimming. Black children drown at a rate almost three times the overall rate. And less than 2 percent of USA Swimming's nearly 252,000 members who swim competitively year-round are Black. To alter the numbers, USA Swimming is teaming with an array of partners — local governments, corporations, youth and ethnic organizations — to expand learn-to-swim programs nationwide, many of them targeted at inner-city minorities. One of the key partic- **Continued on page 2**