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FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Romney: Senate experience moot

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney, a former one-term governor with a thin foreign-policy resume, argued Wednesday that the Senate tenures of his top Democratic presidential rivals don't automatically make them qualified to address world affairs.

"Sitting on committees in Washington does not guarantee that someone has the skills to solve the problems on the international stage," Romney told The Associated Press.

Former candidate to run for Senate

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Mark R. Warner, former Virginia governor and former Democratic presidential candidate, will announce today that he is running for a U.S. Senate seat next year, sources close to Warner said Wednesday.

Warner, 52, will announce in a letter and in an online video his intention to run for retiring Republican John Warner's seat.

Warner launched a brief exploratory campaign for president and his political action committee raised more than \$9 million before he abruptly dropped out.

Prosecutors forgo hate crime charges, opting for those with stiffer penalties

BIG CREEK, W.Va. (AP) — Authorities decided Wednesday not to pursue hate crime charges in the kidnapping and weeklong torture of a black woman, instead going after the suspects, who are white, on state charges that carry stiffer penalties.

While federal civil rights or state hate-crime charges remain an option, a state kidnapping count that carries a sentence of up to life in prison will provide the best chance for successful prosecution, officials said.

"As a practical matter, sentenced to life, what else can be done?" U.S. Attorney Charles T. Miller told The Associated Press.

Six people face charges, including kidnapping, sexual assault and lying to police in the torture of Megan Williams, 20, at a remote hillside home in Big Creek.

The woman's captors forced her to eat rat droppings, choked her with a cable cord and stabbed her in the leg while calling her a racial slur, according to criminal complaints. They also poured hot water over her, made her drink from a toilet and beat and sexually assaulted her during a span of about a week, the documents say.

Putin selects new prime minister

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin chose a little-known government official to become Russia's new prime minister Wednesday, a surprise move that set off fevered speculation over whether loyal technocrat Viktor Zubkov was being groomed to replace Putin next spring.

The move came a few hours after Putin dissolved the Cabinet of his long-serving prime minister, Mikhail Fradkov, saying he needed to appoint a government better suited to the election campaign and to "prepare the country" for life after the elections.

Democrats try for new Iraq policy

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — A day before President Bush's war address, Senate Democrats rejected a four-star general's recommendation to keep some 130,000 troops in Iraq through next summer and sought legislation that would limit the mission of U.S. forces.

Their proposal was not expected to set a deadline to end the war, as many Democrats want.

The goal is to attract enough Republicans to break the 60-vote threshold in the Senate needed to end the filibuster, which Democrats have proved unable to break for eight months.

PEACE

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post office from the late 1960s to 1973, about the time the Vietnam War ended.

"We're honoring Adams and the Straleys, but there have been many protests that have happened there," Greene said.

In 1963 and 1964, UNC students and Chapel Hill High School students demonstrated in front of the post office for the town to be integrated. During Easter week of 1964, students sat outside of the post office night and day for a week.

Chapel Hill residents have had mixed responses to the news of the monument.

"It's unfair to a lot of struggles that are going on now and that have gone on," said Laura Bickford,

"This is a simple, elegant, powerful reminder to future generations of Chapel Hill's historical ... spirit of social justice."

SALLY GREENE, CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER

a UNC student who was arrested last February for her involvement in a sit-in at the Chapel Hill office of Rep. David Price, D-Orange.

"It's unfair for this one moment 40 years ago to be memorialized when there are a lot of other struggles that are going on," she said.

The monument initially will only bear the names of the three activists, but there is room to add more.

Bickford said that the quotation on the monument is fitting for the marker itself but that it simplifies

the issues Adams and the Straleys protested.

ROTC Lt. Col. Monte Yoder, who is a professor in military science at UNC, said that war is a last-resort option and that the monument is a reflection of people's opinions on war and peace.

"I don't believe anyone goes out looking for a war," he said.

"Peace is a wonderful thing, especially from a soldier's perspective."

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JARVIES

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structural differences between the two agencies, Jarvies said.

In Chapel Hill, police work on a local level, even though the funding, recruiting and training is done at a national level.

In South Africa there are two levels of law enforcement — the South African Police Service and scattered local law enforcement agencies.

The national center of law enforcement creates a lack of accountability and window for corruption that is not present in Chapel Hill, Jarvies said.

But at the local level of law enforcement, both police forces interact and work with residents.

Jarvies said he learned a general rule for law enforcement — "the more local, the more effective."

Q: What did you learn from the trip?

A: Jarvies said his trip reinforced his belief that good law enforcement is a "police and public partnership" and that answers are not always in the statute books.

Q: Do you have any more plans for other overseas trips?

A: Jarvies said he hopes to go back to implement some projects he has thought of to increase police efficiency and quality in South Africa.

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STONE

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should hear from more loudly and more often have had a voice because of him," she said.

"He was born with a gift of laughter and a sense that the world was mad," said journalism professor Philip Meyer, quoting Rafael Sabatini's "Scaramouche."

Meyer, who's known Stone for more than 40 years, said this quote reminds him of Stone's pivotal

involvement as a columnist during the civil rights movement.

It was David Bulla, a journalism professor and adviser to the Iowa State University chapter of the SPJ, that nominated Stone for the award because of the impression Stone's teaching left upon him.

"Every time he spoke, the students were absolutely spellbound," Bulla said. "His class was legendary."

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"The University has safeguards in dealing with industry to make sure that whatever we do is protected from them," she said.

Adair met with students who objected to the partnership and said she hopes to open a dialogue to discuss sponsorship.

At the lecture, protesters hand-

ed out fliers about the issue — an act some students worried would offend speakers, causing them not to return.

"If you have something you feel strongly about it should be addressed to the school, not to the speaker," said Sarah Jones, an August graduate who attended the lecture.

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