

National and World News

FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Dems trade barbs on racial comment

NEW YORK (AP) — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton suggested Sunday that Barack Obama's campaign had injected racial tension into the presidential contest, saying her comments about Martin Luther King's role in the civil rights movement had been "distorted" by Obama's supporters.

Sen. Hillary Clinton recently was quoted as saying King's dream of racial equality was realized only when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

GOP candidates storm Michigan

YPSILANTI, Mich. (AP) — Mitt Romney and John McCain argued about their concern for the auto industry while Mike Huckabee spotlighted his opposition to abortion as the Republican presidential contenders campaigned Saturday before Michigan's potentially make-or-break primary.

Economics were a focal point because Michigan's unemployment rate, at 7.4 percent in November, is a full percentage point higher than any other state. It also is about 50 percent higher than the national average.

Bush delivers harsh criticism of Iran during speech in Middle East

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — President Bush gently nudged authoritarian Arab allies Sunday to satisfy frustrated desires for democracy in the Mideast and saved his harshest criticism for Iran, branding it "the world's leading state-sponsor of terror."

The warning about Iran was much tougher than Bush's admonition about spreading democracy in the Middle East, which had been billed as the central theme of his speech.

Bush did not single out any country for criticism. He praised

some democratic reforms in Arab countries. He urged leaders to show support for the fragile Iraqi government, open their societies and provide backing, and possible money, to help make an Israeli-Palestinian agreement stick.

Bush's blistering words about Iran appeared intended to reassure Arab allies about U.S. readiness to confront Tehran. There have been doubts about Washington's intentions because of a new U.S. intelligence report that said Iran had stopped pursuing nuclear weapons in 2003.

Some Baathists can reclaim jobs

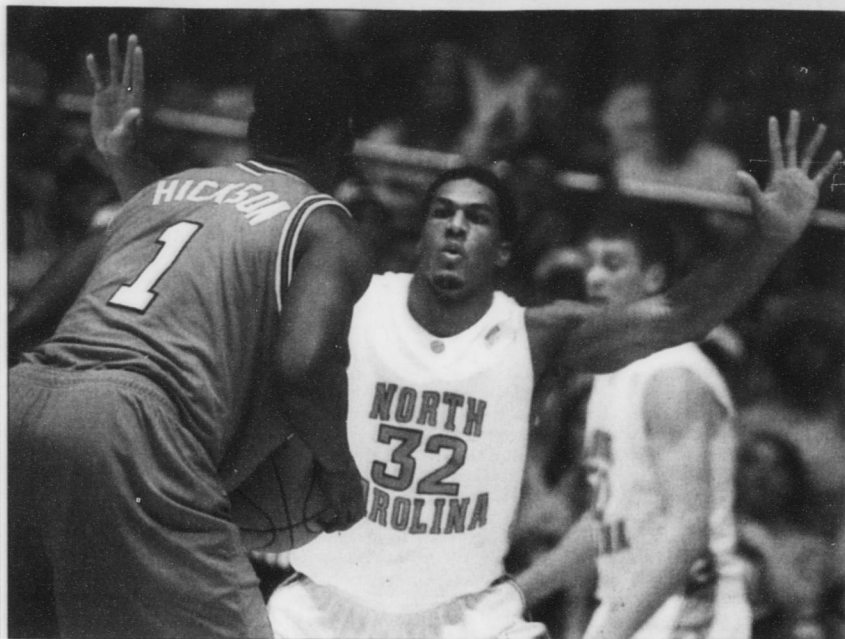
BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's parliament passed a benchmark law Saturday allowing lower-ranking former members of Saddam Hussein's Baath party to reclaim government jobs, the first major piece of U.S.-backed legislation it has adopted.

The seismic piece of legislation had been demanded by the United States since November 2006 and represented the first legislative payoff for Bush's decision to deploy 30,000 additional troops to the country to quell violence. The move was seen as a key step in the reconciliation process.

Iran will discuss nuclear activity

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran's leaders agreed to answer all remaining questions about their country's past nuclear activities within four weeks in talks with the U.N.'s chief nuclear inspector, his spokeswoman said Sunday.

The spokeswoman also said International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei received new information on Iran's "new generation of centrifuges" — a priority as the agency tries to establish how far advanced Iran is in developing the technology, which could be used in a weapons program.



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UNC sophomore forward Alex Stepheson fronts N.C. State freshman J.J. Hickson. Stepheson combined with Deon Thompson and Danny Green to block nine shots in a stellar defensive performance for the Tar Heels.

DEFENSE

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"We know what we've got to do to get better, and that's getting better on the defensive end. That's little things, boxing out and just playing our principles the right way coach asks us to. So we did that tonight, and it worked out for us."

Williams said he wasn't pleased with the defense in the second half

— the Wolfpack shot 58 percent from the field — but the first-half effort was finally some of what he was asking for.

"When we play defense, are really swarming, doing what we are supposed to do and listening to the scouting report, then I think we are pretty doggone good," he said.

And with the defense clicking on all cylinders to match the offense,

the Tar Heels are a pretty tough team to crack, as was apparent against the Wolfpack.

"We're the No. 1 team in the nation and, I guess, for a reason," Thompson said.

"If we just play how we're supposed to play, then that's the way it should be."

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ROAD WIN

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and Rashanda McCants joined Larkins in the double-digits category.

"All the people in the post area, they used their pivot foot extremely well to create shot attempts," N.C. State coach Kay Yow said of North Carolina. "They go to the boards really strong, as strong as any team that I think we'll play all year."

The Tar Heels recorded only five rebounds more than the Wolfpack (12-5, 0-2), but they made those rebounds count, as UNC notched 31 second-chance points compared to N.C. State's eight.

"It was real physical — both teams have great post players," Pringle said. "I think each team was just trying to limit the touches that the big girls had."

While the Tar Heels made a conscious effort to work the ball into the paint, N.C. State seemed content to take jumpers and shoot from long range as Shayla Fields hit three 3-pointers to lead the Wolfpack with 17 points. N.C. State continued to threaten throughout the game, coming within two points with almost five minutes remaining.

But whenever the home team pulled within reach or hit a trey to fire up the red-clad crowd, the Tar Heels continued to exercise what had been effective for them all game.

"I just think we reverted back to

UNC 79, N.C. State 70

North Carolina	36	43	79				
N.C. State	30	40	70				
North Carolina (79)							
	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	pts	
Larkins	31	9-19	4-12	4-8	0	1	22
Clayton	22	0-3	0-1	0-5	2	2	0
DeGraffenreid	36	3-6	0-0	0-1	1	3	7
Pringle	26	4-12	8-10	5-7	0	3	16
McCants	29	4-13	2-4	3-6	0	3	10
McFarland	17	3-6	3-4	6-6	1	0	9
Lucas	16	2-5	1-1	1-4	1	1	5
Breland	24	5-11	0-0	3-4	0	3	10
Total	200	30-75	18-32	28-51	6	20	79

Percentages — FG 40.0, FT 56.3, 3-point goals — 1-13 (0-7) (DeGraffenreid 1-3, Clayton 0-3, McCants 0-3, Lucas 0-2, Breland 0-2). Team rebounds — 8. Blocked shots — 6 (Breland 4, Pringle 2). Turnovers — 12 (McCants 4, Larkins 3, Pringle 2, Clayton 2, DeGraffenreid 1, McFarland 2, Fields 0).

N.C. State (70)							
		fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
	min	m-a	m-a	o-t			
Whittington	31	7-14	1-4	3-9	2	5	15
Gartrell	33	5-16	3-3	2-7	2	2	13
Fields	40	5-12	4-5	1-6	6	1	17
Beal	33	3-9	2-2	1-4	0	3	9
Jordan	16	2-3	4-5	3-4	0	5	8
Self	17	1-7	4-4	5-7	1	4	6
Brown	14	1-1	0-0	0-2	0	4	2
Strachan	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Zullo	11	0-3	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Total	200	24-65	18-32	31-46	11	24	70

Percentages — FG 36.9, FT 76.3, 3-point goals — 4-13 (3-8) (Fields 3-7, Beal 1-3, Zullo 0-3). Team rebounds — 6. Blocked shots — 5 (Whittington 2, Beal, Self, Brown). Turnovers — 18 (Whittington 6, Beal 3, Fields 2, Zullo 2, Gartrell 2, Jordan, Self, Brown). Steals — 8 (Whittington 2, Fields 2, Beal 2, Gartrell, Brown). Technical fouls — None. Attendance — 7091.

what got us the initial lead, which was getting the ball inside," Larkins said.

When UNC visited Reynolds Coliseum last year, the Wolfpack turned out a 72-65 upset win against then-No. 2 North Carolina, but this time UNC kept up their intensity throughout and never trailed.

UNC had a response for all of the Wolfpack's runs, and Hatchell summed up the reason for her team's victory after the game.

"I was proud of my whole team,"

she said. "Every time State would make a run we seemed to step it up a notch and answer."

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ROUT

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and UNC showed what can happen when it combines stingy defense with its high-octane offense.

"We're really tough to beat," UNC's Wayne Ellington said. "When we play our style of defense, and as talented as we are offensively, there's not that many teams that can hang with us."

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UNC 93, N.C. State 62

N.C. State	13	49	62				
UNC	43	50	93				
N.C. State (62)							
	fg	ft	rb	a	p	tp	
Grant	28	3-13	2-5	1-4	6	1	9
Cottrill	27	1-4	2-2	0-3	3	3	4
Hickson	26	5-10	4-4	4-8	0	1	14
Fells	34	7-14	0-0	1-2	3	1	16
Gonzalez	17	0-2	0-0	0-2	3	1	0
Johnson	23	1-1	0-1	0-2	0	2	2
Homer	17	2-3	0-0	2-2	0	0	5
McCauley	21	3-9	2-4	1-4	1	4	8
Smith	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Harris	1	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	2
Total	200	24-65	10-18	13-34	18	13	62

Percentages — FG 36.9, FT 52.5, 3-point goals — 4-15 (2-7) (Fells 2-7, Homer 1-2, Grant 1-4, Cottrill 0-1, Gonzalez 0-1). Team rebounds — 6. Blocked shots — 3 (Cottrill, Hickson, Fells). Turnovers — 17 (Fells 3, Gonzalez 3, Homer 3, McCauley 3, Grant 2, Hickson). Steals — 6 (Hickson 2, Fells 2, Grant, Gonzalez, McCauley, Smith).

North Carolina (93)							
	min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
Thompson	25	7-15	2-2	2-5	3	3	16
Hansbrough	30	3-11	7-8	15-13	3	2	13
Ginyard	24	2-6	1-2	1-4	5	2	5
Ellington	30	4-9	4-4	0-2	2	1	13
Lawson	27	6-11	0-0	1-1	5	0	16
Thomas	13	2-2	0-0	0-3	4	2	4
Stephenson	20	4-4	0-0	2-6	1	4	8
Green	23	6-12	1-2	6-14	6	2	13
Copeland	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Campbell	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Tanner	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3
Wood	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wooten	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Little	1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Moody	1	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	2
Total	200	36-74	15-18	18-50	27	15	93

Percentages — FG 48.9, FT 83.3, 3-point goals — 6-11 (5-8) (Lawson 4-8, Tanner 1-1, Ellington 1-2, Green 0-2). Team rebounds — 0. Blocked shots — 9 (Green 4, Thompson 3, Stephenson 2). Turnovers — 12 (Ginyard 4, Green 2, Hansbrough 2, Thompson, Ellington, Moody). Steals — 6 (Ellington 3, Lawson 2, Thompson, Green, Campbell). Technical fouls — None. Attendance — 21,750.

WRESTLING

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they're tough on top."

Maryland (9-3, 1-0) proved to be just that.

Going up against two North Carolina freshmen, UM's combination of seventh-ranked 174-pounder Mike Letts and No. 18 184-pounder Josh Haines earned two straight wins, including a major decision from Letts, to pull within one point of the Tar Heels at 14-13 with two matches remaining.

And the Maryland onslaught didn't stop there. The Terrapins got a pin from eighth-ranked 197-pounder Hudson Taylor with 0:29 remaining against a familiar opponent, UNC's Dennis Drury.

"They've been going back and forth for years," Grant said. "They

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A.J. GRANT, ASSISTANT COACH

wrestled each other in high school and everything else."

The pin gave Maryland a 19-14 lead it would not relinquish as Tar Heel junior heavyweight Justin Dobies could not score either a technical fall or a pin in his match against Patrick Gilmore.

Early in the first round, Dobies took Gilmore down and nearly earned the pin, sending the UNC crowd into a frenzy. But the Tar Heels' heavyweight managed to escape Dobies' grasp.

"I got the highcrotch and took him down," Dobies said. "But

unfortunately he rolled a little too far."

For the rest of the match, Dobies couldn't get another opportunity as good as the initial takedown and did not win by a large enough margin to give UNC the win.

With less than half an hour between the match with Maryland and a showdown with Division-II opponent Belmont Abbey (2-1), the Tar Heels had little time to get the tough loss out of their minds — which provided ample motivation for the next bout.

"Coming off of a loss to an ACC team and wrestling somebody that you know in your heart you can beat, you try to put a little smackdown on 'em," Grant said.

And that is just what the Tar Heels did, picking up three pins and two technical falls en route to a 48-0 thrashing of the Crusaders, UNC's largest team victory since 1998.

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