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Ruling could expand Sunni presence

FROM THE **CAMPAIGN TRAIL** Obama vows to

end war in Iraq

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) Barack Obama suggested Wednesday that Hillary Clinton could not be trusted to end the Iraq War because she only started opposing it when she began her

bid for president. The Democratic presidential hopeful told military families and local officials that the war has emboldened al-Qaida, the Taliban, Iran and North Korea.

Obama used the five-year anniversary of the Iraq invasion to again cast himself as the only true anti-war candidate.

Obama urged to accept primaries

DETROIT (AP) - Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton bluntly challenged Barack Obama to agree to new primaries in Michigan and Florida on Wednesday and said it was "wrong, and frankly un-American" not to have the two delegations seated at the Democratic National Convention.

Obama has yet to declare his support or opposition, although his campaign has raised a number of procedural and legal questions about the most recent proposal for an early June primary in Michigan.

in Iraqi provincial administrations BAGHDAD (AP) - Under tions strong U.S. pressure, Iraq's presidential council signed off last election for provincial offi-Wednesday on a measure paving cials in January 2005, enabling Shiites and Kurds to win a disthe way for provincial elections by the fall, a major step toward proportionate share of power at the expense of the Sunnis – even easing sectarian rifts as the nation marks the fifth anniver-

sary of the war. The decision by the council, made up of the country's presi-dent and two vice presidents, lays the groundwork for voters to choose new leaders of Iraq's 18 provinces. The elections open the door to greater Sunni representation in regional administra-

Activists criticize Olympic sponsors

BEIJING (AP) - McDonald's, Coca-Cola and other sponsors paid tens of millions of dollars to link their names with the Beijing Olympics. Now they're trying to mollify activists pressing for change on Tibet, Darfur and other

issues, without angering China. The Olympics almost always attract activists interested in leveraging the popular event to publicize their causes. The Beijing Games have generated more heat, in part because of an array of activist groups long critical of China's policies – and newer ones focused on its economic and diplomatic clout.

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Iraq last year. Swath of country suffers flooding

Many Sunnis boycotted the

in areas with substantial Sunni populations.

Sunni-led insurgency and the wave of sectarian bloodlet-

ting which drove the country

to the brink of civil war before

President Bush rushed nearly

30,000 U.S. reinforcements to

That in turn helped fuel the

PIEDMONT, Mo. (AP) Residents of low-lying towns evacuated Wednesday after a foot of rain pushed rivers and creeks out of their banks in the nation's midsection. At least 13 deaths had been linked to the weather, and three people were missing.

Record or near-record flood crests were forecast at several towns in Missouri. Flooding was reported in large areas of Arkansas and parts of southern Illinois, southern Indiana and southwestern Ohio, and schools were closed in parts of western Kentucky because of flooded roads.

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crux of the problem because it allows for multiple interpretations of the law. Easley claims that the e-mails he deleted no longer held any value.

N.C. Press Association General Counsel Amanda Martin said documents such as fax cover sheets and hotel reservations are the type eligible for immediate disposal.

"There's nothing in the regulations set out by cultural resources that would suggest that it's just at the whim of the public official," she said

Easley has also denied telling

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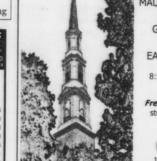
of government function.

"The law doesn't give you a right to demand answers to your questions. ... It gives you a right to look at documents that might answer your questions," Martin said

"If those documents are destroyed, then you lose one of the key tools you have to understand the operation of public business," she said.

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other offices to delete their own e-

mails. Agencies' public information officers have corroborated his deni-

cultural resources instruction is

accurate in regards to his records, I still don't think it gives him the

authority to tell someone else when they have to get rid of their records,"

Public records laws are designed

to ensure ethical government

behavior and public understanding

"Even if his interpretation of the

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she said.



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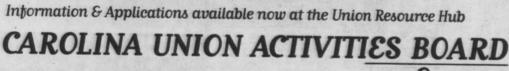
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