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FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Republicans show unity in campaign

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In a show of Republican unity, one-time bitter foes John McCain and Mitt Romney raised money and campaigned together Thursday for a single goal — getting McCain elected president.

"We are united. Now our job is to energize our party," McCain said in an airport hanger, flanked by Romney and Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr., an early McCain supporter.

Both men have been mentioned as potential vice presidential picks.

Democrats attack economic policy

NEW YORK (AP) — Democrat Barack Obama said Thursday a firmer government hand is needed on Wall Street, and a \$30 billion stimulus is needed to rescue homeowners and the jobless. Rival Hillary Clinton called for a new job retraining program to remedy what both candidates derided as Republican indifference to a spurring economy.

Both Obama and Clinton argued that Republican nominee-in-waiting John McCain isn't ready or willing to handle an economic emergency.

Full inventory of nuclear weapons ordered following mistaken delivery

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates has ordered a full inventory of all nuclear weapons and related materials after the mistaken delivery of ballistic missile fuses to Taiwan, the Pentagon said Thursday.

Gates told officials with the Air Force, Navy and Defense Logistics Agency to assess inventory control procedures for the materials and to submit a report within 60 days.

Earlier this week, Gates directed Navy Adm. Kirkland H. Donald to take charge of a

full investigation of the delivery mistake in which four cone-shaped electrical fuses used in intercontinental ballistic missile warheads were shipped to the Taiwanese instead of the helicopter batteries they had ordered.

The fuses were delivered in fall 2006 but the military did not fully realize the gravity of the blunder until last week, triggering sharp protests from China and forcing President Bush to acknowledge the error in a phone call Wednesday with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Militias in Basra heighten tensions

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's prime minister vowed Thursday to fight "until the end" against Shiite militias in Basra despite protests by tens of thousands of followers of a radical cleric in Baghdad and deadly clashes in the capital and the oil-rich south.

Late Thursday, a senior aide said the cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr, has called for a political solution to the standoff.

In another bid to stem the fighting, the Iraqi military command clamped a curfew on Baghdad from 11 p.m. Thursday to 5 a.m. Sunday.

Puerto Rican governor charged

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Gov. Anibal Acevedo Vila was charged Thursday with 19 counts in a campaign finance probe, including conspiracy to violate U.S. federal campaign laws and giving false testimony to the FBI.

The indictment also charged 12 others associated with Acevedo's Popular Democratic Party as a result of a two-year grand jury investigation. Acevedo, a superdelegate for the Democratic Party who has pledged to support Sen. Barack Obama, served in Washington as the island's nonvoting delegate to Congress.

PROBATION

FROM PAGE 1 diately relieved Thomas of her case duties had supervisors been aware.

Acree said the department has not yet determined why it had not placed Thomas on administrative duty until March 7.

But the reason could be an overloaded system with many supervisor positions left vacant, Acree said.

Orange County currently has 745 residents on probation. Durham County has 4,000.

Between the two counties, 867 of the offenders on probation have committed violent crimes.

But mandated regular checkups don't always happen.

Statewide there are 1,790 probation officers who handle offenders' cases, according to data from the Department of Correction.

This group is responsible for monitoring the 114,340 people on probation in North Carolina, as of early March 2008.

Breakdowns in communication among probation officers, district court systems and local law enforcement make each job more difficult.

For example, Demario James Atwater, the other man charged in Carson's death, was arrested in June 2006 for possessing a handgun in Granville County.

The 21-year-old's probation was not set to be reviewed by Wake County District Court until March 3, 2008.

It has not been identified where the breakdown was in that case.

It's likely that part of the problem is that many probation officers rely on the offenders to self-report new crimes.

"We're uncovering questions about management and hiring practices."

KEITH ACREE, N.C. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION SPOKESMAN

Likewise, Chapel Hill police have a difficult time knowing if people they arrest are on probation.

Sometimes local probation officers will send a letter to police listing subjects under their supervision, which are entered into a database, Capt. Chris Blue said.

Otherwise, people arrested are on their own to tell officers if they are on probation.

"It's not a perfect system," Blue said.

Most times a physical arrest is made, officers will conduct a background check on the person.

These checks turn up whether the person has been convicted of any felonies or if there are any warrants for his or her arrest but usually do not list whether the subject is on probation at the time.

If police find out the offender is on probation, his or her supervisor is contacted.

Between Jan. 1, 2006, and March

By the numbers

- > 114,340 North Carolinians under Department of Corrections supervision.
> 1,790 corrections department supervisors.
> 4,745 people on probation in Durham and Orange counties.
> 867 violent criminals on probation in Durham and Orange counties.
> 79 certified Department of Corrections case supervision positions in Durham and Orange counties.
> 13 supervision position vacancies in Durham and Orange counties.
> 41 arrests by Chapel Hill police for probation violations from 2006 to March 2008.

18, 2008, Chapel Hill police made 41 arrests for probation violations. About 60 percent of the offenders were from Chapel Hill or Carrboro. Twelve — or 29 percent — of the offenders were from Durham.

Nearly 50 percent of North Carolinians on probation are re-arrested within the first year of probation.

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TOWN CRIME

FROM PAGE 1 Long-time Chapel Hill resident Matt Johnson, 20, said he started walking his ex-girlfriend home from classes or calling to make sure she was safe.

Sophomore Lacey Campbell said she stopped going places alone late at night.

And because sophomore Fallon Speaker will live off campus next year, she and her roommate plan to take only daytime classes.

"The fact that Eve's a public figure, that she's such an accomplished person that touched so many people's lives, makes it different," Chapel Hill Town Council member Bill Strom said. "It forces people to confront the broad issues surrounding these circumstances."

He said town officials are talking about how to improve safety. Because police haven't released details about the circumstances leading up to the shooting death, town officials are pausing before reacting specifically to the event, Strom said.

The lack of information on Carson's death bothers Chapel Hill resident Craig Jackson.

"They want to keep this village atmosphere for the town, and it's putting the public at risk," Jackson said. "If people knew what was going on, they'd know how to protect themselves."

But Police Capt. Chris Blue said police are offering the same services they always have in the wake of Carson's death. They are available to answer questions or make safety presentations to organizations.

"She was horribly victimized," he said. "We can do the things we all grow up hearing — telling people

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CAPT. CHRIS BLUE, CHAPEL HILL POLICE

where we're going, not being alone in dark places. But it doesn't completely protect us from crime."

And some areas are more prone to crime than others.

According to police reports, 20 percent of all robberies in Chapel Hill since 2006 occurred on Franklin Street. Rosemary Street is the next most common, accounting for 10.3 percent of the robberies.

Sophomore Laura Thompson, a UNC admissions ambassador, said she recently has been answering more questions from parents about Chapel Hill's safety.

"Students sometimes think they're in this bubble of safety and that campus extends to Franklin and beyond," she said. "The town of Chapel Hill just seems like a community and so safe most of the time, but when people step off campus they need to be more aware."

Thomas Buchanan, 32, has lived in Chapel Hill for most of his life. He said he's always felt safe, but he wishes more people used precautions.

"Even after what happened, I'm still seeing girls walk home alone from the bars," he said.

"They should have safety in numbers. ... Because now I realize the importance of the precautions people are taking."

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basket."

Something else the Tar Heels surely can be pleased with is a new addition to the record books. The Sweet 16 victory was UNC's 35th win of the year — the most games ever won in a single season in school history.

No. 4 seed WSU (26-9) was able to stick with the Tar Heels early in the opening half by slowing the tempo of the game.

UNC (35-2) scored more than 100 points in its first- and second-round games in Raleigh last weekend, so the Cougars were well aware of how damaging North Carolina's transition game could be.

"It was a grind-it-out game," said sophomore point guard Ty Lawson, who was held to zero assists and committed two turnovers. "We had to make tough shots ... and it was kind of hard for us to score in the beginning of the game."

But Washington State was going to need to piece together one of its best performances to pull off the upset against the NCAA Tournament's No. 1 overall seed, and shooting 31.6 percent from the field was not the way to do it, especially since North Carolina connected on 43.1 percent of its shots.

Nor was getting out-rebounded by 14.

"It was a huge emphasis for us to keep them off the backboards and not let them get second-shot opportunities," Williams said. "Defensively we wanted to really try to challenge everything."

A consistent offensive attack saw four different Tar Heels finish the game scoring in double figures. Along with 15 points from Green and 18 from Hansbrough, guards Lawson and Wayne Ellington also added 12 and 13 points, respectively.

"I think just making one basket really kind of gets me going," Green said. "That shot gives me the confidence to knock down the next one ... and once I got going, things started working toward my way."

But on a night when nothing seemed to be going right for the Cougars, Washington State had two players foul out with less than

six minutes to play. Junior Aron Baynes left the game with 14 points while senior Robbie Cowgill's Cougar basketball career culminated in a disappointing 2-point performance.

While Washington State makes the cross-country trek back to the West Coast, the Tar Heels live to see another game.

Last year's season ended in the Elite Eight against a resilient Georgetown squad, so UNC is hoping things will go a little bit differently this year.

For right now, though, Williams is just happy to have gotten Washington State out of the way.

"I'd rather win in the 80s, 90s and 100s, but sometimes you have to win in the 50s and 60s," he said. "We're ecstatic about still playing."

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UNC 68, WSU 47. Box score table with columns for Washington State (21, 26, 47) and North Carolina (35, 33, 68). Includes player stats for Cowgill, Baynes, Low, Rochette, Weaver, Koprivica, Cross, Harmeling, Henry, Forrest, and Total.

Percentages — FG 31.6, FT 60.0, 3-point goals — 2-15 (12) (Low 2-8, Forrest 0-1, Rochette 0-1, Harmeling 0-2, Weaver 0-3). Team rebounds — 4. Blocks — 5 (Weaver 3, Forrest 2). Turnovers — 10 (Weaver 4, Low 2, Baynes, Rochette, Koprivica, Harmeling). Steals — 6 (Baynes 2, Rochette 2, Cowgill, Weaver).

North Carolina (88) box score table with columns for Ginyard, Thompson, Hansbrough, Lawson, Ellington, Campbell, Thomas, Graves, Green, Tanner, Wood, Wooden, Stephenson, Moody, Copeland, and Total.

Percentages — FG 43.1, FT 69.4, 3-point goals — 5-15 (3) (Green 3-5, Lawson 1-3, Ellington 1-4, Hansbrough 0-1, Campbell 0-1, Thomas 0-1). Team rebounds — 4. Blocked shots — 5 (Stephenson 3, Hansbrough 3, Ellington 3, Lawson 2, Green 2). Steals — 5 (Green 3, Hansbrough, Ellington).

Technical fouls — None. Attendance — 13,052.

RHYTHM

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That pressure got to Washington State scorers Kyle Weaver and Derrick Low, who felt the burden of carrying their team.

But early on, it slowed some Tar Heels, too.

Tyler Hansbrough faced one of the stiffest challenges he'd seen all season in Washington State's 6-foot-10-inch, 270-pound Australian Aron Baynes.

Up against such an imposing figure, Hansbrough was not the attacking forward fans have grown accustomed to this season, and he traded thunderous dunks for fallawaves and jumpers.

"I told him, 'Don't press yourself; just relax and play the way you've played all year long,'" Williams said.

Hansbrough eventually started to hit his groove, and from then on he was in vintage form — snagging rebounds, going to the hoop aggressively and getting to the foul line.

And the rest of the Tar Heels followed the example he set, settling into their usual roles as the game developed.

On three straight possessions in the second half, Ty Lawson zipped right through the Cougars as they ran back on defense — and he dropped in a layup every time.

It was the Lawson whom UNC remembers from before his injury and the one whom Washington State tried to stop.

"You know, you try to get out there and pick him up and get the ball off him, but he gets so deep," Washington State coach Tony Bennett said after the game. "That was impressive; it certainly was."

And despite an unusual beginning to the first half, the final stat sheet seemed to fall in line with what North Carolina had done all

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ROY WILLIAMS, OF TYLER HANSBROUGH

year.

Hansbrough, Lawson and Wayne Ellington all reached double figures, as did Danny Green, who added key baskets off the bench. Quentin Thomas dished out four assists, and the Tar Heels out-rebounded Washington State 46-32.

"I do feel good about our offense; there is no question there," Williams said. "But I do think in the NCAA Tournament we have to relax a little more."

Even for Green, who had been hot-and-cold for the second half of the season — and cold lately — it took hitting a shot or two for him to hit his stride.

"I think just making one basket really kind of gets me going," Green said. "(Then just) playing good defense, diving on the floor, doing the little things to get the butterflies out."

North Carolina's butterflies were completely gone by the time Green's jumper put UNC up by 11 points late in the first half.

The Tar Heels led by at least that for the rest of the game.

In the end it was UNC's relentless persistence to play its style that paved the way for the 21-point win.

"We made them shoot 43 percent as a team," Bennett said. "But they do; they keep coming at you."

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