

National and World News

FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Romney eyeing vice presidency

BOSTON (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney is still running — perhaps for vice president this fall or the White House in 2012 or 2016.

Two months after bowing out of the race, the former Massachusetts governor has become one of Sen. John McCain's biggest boosters, pledging to raise \$15 million and stumping for him on talk shows and the campaign trail.

Romney was even traveling to Pennsylvania on Thursday to campaign for McCain, who has wrapped up the nomination.

McCain even with Clinton, Obama

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Republican Sen. John McCain has erased Sen. Barack Obama's 10-point advantage in a head-to-head matchup, leaving him essentially tied with both Democrats in an Associated Press-Ipsos national poll released Thursday.

The survey showed the extended Democratic primary campaign creating divisions among supporters of Obama and rival Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and suggests a tight race for the presidency in November no matter which Democrat becomes the nominee.

Suspect in slaying of pregnant Marine caught in Mexico; will be extradited

RALEIGH (AP) — A Marine wanted in the brutal slaying of a pregnant colleague who had accused him of rape was arrested Thursday night in Mexico after a three-month international manhunt, authorities said.

FBI agents and Mexican authorities arrested Marine Cpl. Cesar Laurean around 7 p.m. EDT. He is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Marine Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach, whose burned remains were found in January in the back yard of his home near Camp Lejeune.

Magdalena Guzman, a spokeswoman for Michoacan, Mexico, state prosecutors office, said police carrying out an anti-kidnapping operation stopped Laurean as he wandered on a street in the rural township of Tacambaro, Michoacan, because they thought he looked suspicious.

After running his name through a computer, they realized Laurean was wanted in the U.S. to face charges in the Lauterbach's death.

The FBI said Laurean, 21, is awaiting extradition to the U.S.

Civil rights leader could do 20 years

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — A jury convicted an iconic civil-rights figure of incest Thursday after concluding that he had sex with his teenage daughter 15 years ago.

The Rev. James L. Bevel, 71, a top lieutenant to Martin Luther King Jr. who also helped organize the Million Man March, faces up to 20 years in prison.

The four-day trial included testimony about Bevel's philosophies for eradicating lust and parents' duty to "sexually orient" their children.

Bevel's daughter said that she was repeatedly molested by Bevel beginning at the age of 6.

Torch relay called 'crisis' by leaders

BEIJING (AP) — The protest-marred Olympic torch relay and international criticism of China's policies on Tibet, Darfur and human rights have turned the Beijing Games into one of the most politically charged in recent history, presenting the IOC with one of its toughest tests since the boycott era of the 1970s and '80s.

"It is a crisis, there is no doubt about that," IOC President Jacques Rogge said. "But the IOC has weathered many bigger storms."

Earlier in the week, IOC officials contemplated possibly shortening the relay, but Rogge said Thursday that was not an option.

FLACK

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Heels aim to pick up three more of those wins as North Carolina travels for an ACC series against the Tigers.

Just win, baby

It might be hard to believe someone just 39 hits shy of a major record would be clueless of the situation.

But that's how it's always been for Flack. Individual accolades were never really important, even going back to his T-ball days, not necessarily his favorite baseball moments.

Flack will tell you he didn't like the sport because hitting off the tee wasn't any fun.

"I hated when I had to hit off the tee. I couldn't stand it," Flack said. "I had to make my dad pitch to me."

But there was a more important reason why the 5-year-old Flack wasn't a fan of tee-ball.

"No. 1, he wanted to keep score," Flack's father, Tripp, recalled. "He's always been very competitive."

Even today, Flack has the same attitude, caring far more about what is on the scoreboard than what is by his name in the boxscore. After passing the record in a UNC loss, he said that he was "glad to get it" but that he would have willingly

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CHAD FLACK, UNC THIRD BASEMAN traded the record for the win.

Chicks dig the long ball

In high school his competitive nature, and perhaps those early pitches from his father, helped Flack become one of the best power hitters in North Carolina history.

As a senior at East Rutherford High School, Flack belted 19 home runs, earning a spot on the Louisville Slugger All-America Team and bringing his career total to an all-time NCHSAA best, 44 home runs.

At UNC Flack's power hasn't dissipated.

He was an integral part of the team the past two seasons, with UNC reaching back-to-back Men's College World Series Finals.

That's one of the reasons he came to Carolina. He thought he had an opportunity to go to the College World Series," Tripp said. "And he thought he might be able to make a difference and make that happen."

He surely has made a difference.

someone who was out of the loop," said Katherine Wolfenden, an intern with Students for Obama.

To ramp up voter registration, the Obama campaign organized the Carolina Change Challenge this week, a competition that will reward the top five high school and top 10 college registration volunteers with a face-to-face meeting with Obama himself.

The group will be holding a rally next Thursday — the first day of one-stop voting — on the lawn of the Morehead Planetarium. They will provide a breakfast and a capella entertainment.

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Chad Flack in the UNC record books

HITS

1. Chad Flack — 293
2. Chad Prosser — 291
3. Sean Farrell — 288

HOME RUNS

1. Devy Bell — 57
2. Chris Cox — 49
3. Chad Flack — 40

RUNS BATTED IN

1. Jarrett Shearin — 214
1. Sean Farrell — 214
3. Chad Flack — 193

*Tie

With five home runs this season, Flack has brought his career total to 40, good for a tie for third in the UNC record books. His 193 career RBIs and 479 career total bases also sit third in Tar Heel history.

Singles, homers, who cares?

While the power numbers separate Flack from Prosser — the 5-foot-8, 155-pound Prosser was pegged by UNC coach Mike Fox as a "singles machine" — Flack said that doesn't matter.

"To tell you the truth, it's just hitting a baseball."

And while extra-base hits have highlighted Flack's career — the same way singles made their mark on Prosser's — the two share a couple of important qualities that allowed them to reach the hits record.

"Both of them were extremely durable and know how to play through pain and aches," Fox said. "You have to get in the batter's box a lot ... to get 291-plus hits."

Not only did they play almost every day. Neither went through prolonged slumps, something Fox attributed to a great work ethic and the ability to handle failure effectively.

"That takes mental toughness," he said. "And you can't let the lack of hitting get to you."

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OWASA

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year for athletic fields, which is about one day's demand, but we will stick to that whether we go to Stage 1 or not," Elland told the board.

OWASA will reconsider the water restriction at upcoming meetings. They are likely to return to Stage 2 restrictions if water levels are still below 70 percent May 1.

"We recognize that we're in a new paradigm, and we may see ourselves bouncing in and out of stages until the drought passes us by," Vice Chairman Gordon Merklein said.

"But right now it looks like we can afford to go to Stage 1."

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CLINIC

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are present every Wednesday night at the clinic. "SHAC is about building and providing basic human rights for people who can't otherwise get health care," SHAC Co-Director Lindsey Bach said.

And in recent years, SHAC has received heightened interest for its free HIV testing.

"We have the highest positive HIV rate of anywhere else in the state," Co-Director Brian Zeithaml said. "This means that we are reaching the population that needs to be tested and the population that otherwise may not get tested because they trust us."

And SHAC is more than just a free clinic. It has five other branches that work with community groups.

"The beautiful thing about working with SHAC is that everybody who works here are just pieces of the puzzle," Zeithaml said. "Everybody who works here believes in SHAC."

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REGISTRATION

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campaign season seems to have a special feel to it.

"I've seen people take their own special initiative."

Students for Obama organizer Kate Thompson said the group's voter registration efforts are in the best interest of the campaign.

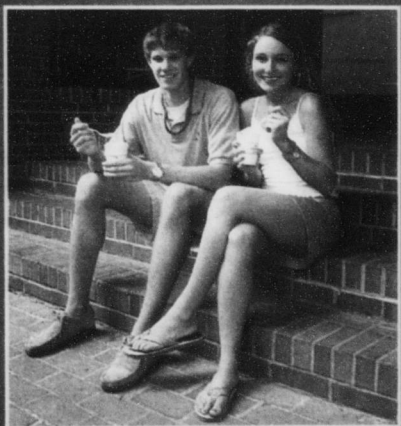
"Young people go overwhelmingly for Obama," she said. "It's statistical."

Stover admitted what success the group has seen in voter registration likely has been because of its persistence and ubiquity.

"For every person who's said, 'You've asked me 10 times,' there's

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