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FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

McCain touts his experience in Pa.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (MCT) With polls showing him los-ing ground, Republican presi-dential candidate John McCain on Tuesday raised the specter of nuclear war to cast doubt on Democrat Barack Obama's readi-

ness to be president.
"America will not have a president who needs to be tested. I've been tested, my friends," he said.

The new line of attack on his opponent, a first-term senator who hasn't served in the military, came as McCain spent a full day in the battleground state.

Obama takes time to visit ill relative

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (MCT) - Sen. Barack Obama will suspend his presidential campaign for part of two days late this week to return to his native Hawaii to be at the side of his gravely ill grandmother, a cam-paign aide said late Monday.

Obama's decision to cancel campaign events "underscores the seriousness of the situa-tion," senior aide Robert Gibbs told reporters.

Congress, Federal Reserve take more steps to stymie global financial crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) - As federal regulators unveil new measures to reverse the global financial crisis, U.S. Congress on Tuesday began weighing what might be needed to restore confidence in the U.S. financial system and prevent future crises.

The House of Representatives Financial Services Committee, which will be instrumental in drafting any regulatory changes, heard testimony from experts who agreed on the need for new regulation, the merging of some

Cuba sees massive

housing shortages

HAVANA (MCT) — By the Cuban government's estimation,

some 440,000 homes were dam-

aged during hurricane Gustav in August and Ike eight days later in

September. An estimated 63,000

were destroyed.
Cuba, already reeling from

a serious housing shortage, has nearly doubled its deficit

in homes. Food shortages have

begun to plague the capital, and the government will prob-

ably be forced to spend money

first on groceries. The government estimates that it needs \$5 billion to rebuild.

regulatory agencies and writing rules to govern complex financial

On Tuesday, the Federal Reserve unveiled another effort to restore confidence — shoring up the \$1.7 trillion mutual fund industry by agreeing to backstop as much as \$540 billion worth of lending. The new institution will allow money market institutions to sell their holdings of certificates of deposit and commercial paper, the short-term promissory notes issued by U.S. corporations.

Pentagon clears five of war crimes

MIAMI (MCT) - The Bush administration's top official overseeing military commissions has dismissed war crimes charges against five men at Guantanamo, a spokesman said Tuesday.

The development followed the high-profile resignation of a case prosecutor, Army Lt. Col. Darrel Vandeveld, who had protested internally against going forward

in the case of a sixth man.
All five men had not been charged jointly as co-conspirators. No explanation was provided for why the charges were dismissed all at once.

Sustainability Days begin

BY LEAH HUGHES STAFF WRITER

Environmentally responsible coffee will tickle taste buds and acoustic music will serenade students during this week's Campus Sustainability Days.

Starting today, the Sustainability
Office will promote social, economic and environmental sustainability at UNC through information sessions and tours of sustainable campus facilities. In the past, Sustainability Day

ONLINE event. This year. View a the festivities schedule of will last until Sustainability Friday.

Days events. The office chose to expand the event into multiple days

because of the myriad of available activities, said Brian Cain, research and outreach manager. "I hope students gain apprecia-

tion for the diversity of opportuni-

ties," Cain said. "It goes from taking courses to learn about sustainability to getting involved with student organizations." The office partnered with sev-

eral sustainable organizations in the campus community and asked them what they wanted to offer, Cain said.

The N.C. Botanical Gardens, Global Cup Cafe and the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling all

A sustainability celebration, complete with local and organic

food and live music, will take place Thursday at Rams Head

In honor of the celebration, Rams Head Dining Hall will offer a local, seasonal menu.

Sustainability matters to Carolina Dining Services because it is important to students and the community, said Scott Myers,

director of food and vending.
Students can enjoy a dinner filled with local fare while gaining insight about Dining Services' sustainable practices, he said.

Jennifer Nwachukwu, a firstyear political science major, said she feels the celebration will reach many students because they regularly frequent the Rams Head

"There is so much talk about global warming and not having enough natural resources," she said. "It is important for people to know

how to adjust so we're prepared."
She said UNC students seem globally minded.

munication studies major, said she and her roommate strive to be

environmentally conscious.
"We try to buy things that are organic and definitely recycle

everything," she said. Sustainability Days is one step in UNC's ongoing attempt to further sustainability efforts. UNC is widely recognized as a national leader in sustainability.

The 2009 College Sustainability Report Card designated UNC as a Campus Sustainability Leader, and the Princeton Review labeled UNC as a College with a Conscience for its sustainable community involve-

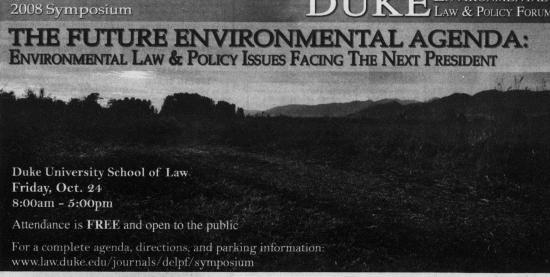
Cain encouraged students to use Sustainability Days to pick their own paths.

Sustainability doesn't stop with Sustainability Days," he said. "It's a yearlong, lifelong process."

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