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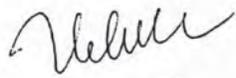
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Romney defends investments, readies tax returns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has criticized rival Newt Gingrich for earning more than \$1.6 million in consulting fees from Freddie Mac even though he has as much as \$500,000 invested in the U.S.-backed lender and its sister entity, Fannie Mae.

A day before Romney planned to release his income tax returns, his old investments in two controversial government-backed housing lenders stirred up new questions at the same time his campaign targeted Gingrich for his work for Freddie Mac.

The dimensions and sources of Romney's wealth, which he has estimated to be as much as \$250 million, have become pivotal issues in

the rolling GOP primary campaign. For months, Romney dismissed calls to release his personal income tax records. But after mounting criticism from his rivals and others, coupled with his stinging weekend loss to Gingrich in the South Carolina primary, Romney agreed to release his 2010 return and 2011 estimate.

Romney's most recent financial disclosure report listed several investments in U.S.-backed lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Romney, Gingrich and other GOP critics repeatedly have all singled out the two quasi-government entities as prime villains in the housing crisis that played a central role in the nation's long and deep recession.

While continuing to hammer Gingrich for his consulting work for

Freddie Mac, the Romney campaign sought to deflect questions about the former Massachusetts governor's investments. They include a mutual fund worth up to \$200,000 that includes assets from both lenders among other government income, and separate investments in each of the lenders in Romney's individual retirement account, each worth between \$100,000 and \$250,000.

Romney campaign officials said Monday that a trustee handles the investments and that Romney had no role in choosing or managing them.

The tax returns Romney planned to release Tuesday could provide new details about his investments and his annual take as founder of the Bain Capital private equity firm.

Gingrich released his own 2010 federal tax return last weekend, during a South Carolina GOP debate, and his campaign said he would disclose his full contracts with Freddie Mac on Monday night just before the debate in Tampa, Fla.

Romney's tax returns are likely to sketch out critical information about the tax strategies he employs. Tax experts said these likely include his use of a low 15 percent capital gains rate to reduce the taxes he pays on dozens of large investments that flow into his blind trust, charitable donation strategies that benefit philanthropies but also further reduce his tax burden and investments routed through offshore affiliates that could help him defer some tax payments.

Romney already has acknowl-

edged that his current tax rate is about 15 percent, a level far lower than standard rates for high-income earners and similar to the capital gains rate. But some tax law and policy experts suggest that Romney likely has paid similarly low rates throughout his Bain years, continuing through the 13 years since he left the firm.

Joseph Bankman, a Stanford University business and law professor who has testified before Congress on the taxes paid by private equity firms like Bain, said Romney's background as a financier, coupled with his growing wealth and ability to use sophisticated tax tactics, makes it highly likely that he has paid taxes at the capital gains rate for most of his career.

Eurozone, bondholders clash on Greek interest rate

BRUSSELS (AP) — Eurozone finance ministers early Tuesday set the stage for further tough negotiations with private bondholders over how to cut Greece's massive debt pile, by setting a low limit on the interest rate the country will pay on new lower-valued bonds.

The interest rate is the key remaining variable in a complicated debt swap designed to slice some €100 billion of Greece's massive debt pile and bring it down to 120 percent of gross domestic product by 2020.

The eurozone believes setting a debt level of 120 percent of GDP is the maximum that Greece can handle over the long-term. Without a restructuring, the country's debts would hit close to 200 percent of GDP by the end of this year.

After 10 hours of talks, Jean-Claude Juncker, the prime minister of Luxembourg who also chairs the meetings of eurozone finance ministers, said that the interest rate on the swapped Greek bonds will have to average "clearly below 4 percent" over the lifetime of the bonds. In the period before 2020, the average interest rate will be less than 3.2 percent, he added.

Those caps are far below interest rates demanded by Greece's private creditors, who already have to give up on 50 percent of the face

value of their investments and are expected to give the country between 20 or 30 years to repay them.

By setting the low interest-rate caps, the ministers made clear that they are not willing to increase their rescue loans to Athens beyond the €130 billion tentatively agreed in October. But their tough position will also test the willingness of private creditors to voluntarily agree to the Greek debt relief.

The alternative would be for the eurozone to force losses on the private bondholders — a move that it has been reluctant to make.

The eurozone's handling of Greece's troubles is being closely watched by investors around the world, even though the Mediterranean country is one of the currency union's smallest members. Analysts fear that forcing Greece into a default could spell more panic on financial markets and hurt big countries like Italy, Spain or even France.

Greece, the eurozone and the private bondholders don't have much time left to sort out their differences. On March 20 Athens has to repay €14.5 billion in expiring bonds — money it does not have. If the bond swap is successful, that amount would not only cut in half, but the repayment deadline would be pushed far into the future.

Congresswoman Giffords says farewell to Tucson constituents

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — On a bittersweet day for Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, the outgoing congresswoman spent her final hours in Tucson as the city's U.S. representative, finishing the meeting she started on the morning she was shot and bidding farewell to constituents who supported her through a long recovery.

It may not be the end, though. The woman whose improbable recovery captivated the nation promised, "I will return."

Giffords spent time Monday at her office with other sur-

vivors of the shooting rampage that killed six people and injured 13. She hugged and talked with survivors, including Suzi Hileman, who was shot three times while trying to save her young friend and neighbor, 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green. The little girl died from a gunshot wound to the chest.

"The last time I did this I had Christina's hand," Hileman said. "It was something that was hanging out there, and now it's not."

Others who met with Giffords included Pat Maisch, who was hailed as a hero for

wrestling a gun magazine from the shooter that day, and Daniel Hernandez, Giffords' intern at the time who helped save her life by trying to stop her bleeding until an ambulance arrived.

"It was very touching," said Maisch, who was not hurt in the attack. "I thanked her for her service, wished her well, and she just looked beautiful."

Giffords announced Sunday that she would resign from Congress this week to focus on her recovery. Maisch was sad to think that Giffords would no longer be her congresswoman.

Iran revives Persian Gulf threats after European Union's sanctions

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Senior Iranian lawmakers have stepped up threats that Islamic Republic warships could block the Persian Gulf's oil tanker traffic after the latest blow by Western leaders seeking to rein in Tehran's nuclear program: A punishing oil embargo by the European Union that sharply raises the economic stakes for Iran's defiance.

The EU decision taken Monday in Brussels — following the U.S. lead to target Iran's critical oil exports — opened a new front against Iran's leadership. Pressure is bearing down on the clerical

regime from many directions, including intense U.S. lobbying to urge Asian powers to shun Iranian crude, a nose-diving national currency and a recent slaying in what Iran calls a clandestine campaign against its nuclear establishment.

In response, Iranian officials have turned to one of their most powerful cards: The narrow Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf and the route for a fifth of the world's oil. Iran has rattled world markets with repeated warnings it could block the hawk-shaped waterway, which could spark a conflict in the Gulf.

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