

## Convention Provides Look At Romney's Faith

After years of avoiding direct mention of his religion, Mitt Romney will open up about his Mormon faith as he accepts the Republican nomination for president.

It's unclear just how much detail he will provide on Thursday night, the pinnacle of the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla. The former Massachusetts governor has spoken broadly in the past about the importance of prayer and belief in God, but has not discussed the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

However, the roster of speakers promises at least a glimpse into his nearly 14 years of service as a lay Mormon pastor around Boston. The invocation will be given by Ken Hutchins, a retired Northborough, Mass., police chief, who was also a Mormon leader in the state, and Grant Bennett, who served as a church counselor to Romney, is scheduled to offer remarks.

"I think this is a speech where he's going to talk a lot about what's informed his values, what's informed his outlook. Of course his faith is an important part of that," Romney aide Kevin Madden said in Tampa this week. "It's an important part of who he is as a husband and a father. And so I think you can expect some of that."

Starting in the 1980s, Romney was a bishop in the Boston suburb of Belmont, a job akin to the pastor of a congregation. He then served as a stake president, the top Mormon authority in his region, which meant he presided over several congregations in a district similar to a diocese.

## Justice Department Won't Bring Charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department announced Thursday it has ended its investigation into CIA interrogations of terrorist detainees without bringing criminal charges.

Thursday's decision in the probes of the deaths of two terrorist suspects marks the end of a wide-ranging criminal investigation by federal prosecutor John Durham into interrogation practices during the presidency of George W. Bush.

In the past three years, Durham has looked into the treatment of 101 detainees in U.S. custody since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Durham's probe into another episode involving the CIA began in January 2008 when the Justice Department chose him to conduct a criminal investigation into the agency's destruction of videotapes it had made of its interrogations of terrorist suspects.

In August 2009, Attorney General Eric Holder expanded Durham's mandate to include a preliminary review of the CIA's interrogation of specific detainees overseas. In June 2011, Holder approved Durham's request to move into a full criminal investigation of the two deaths.

## Man Gets 99 Years For Repeated Sexual Assault

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) — Jurors on Thursday convicted a man of taking part in the repeated sexual assaulting a Texas middle school student and sentenced him to 99 years in prison.

Eric McGowen wasn't in court when jurors found him guilty of aggravated sexual assault of a child or later when they returned with the sentence, which also included a \$10,000 fine. The 20-year-old had been free on bail and he skipped out during a break in proceedings Wednesday, the first day of testimony.

The judge issued an arrest warrant for McGowen Wednesday and allowed testimony to resume Thursday. Jurors returned with the guilty verdict after deliberating for about 20 minutes. Then, after brief court proceedings on his punishment, they decided his sentence in less than 30 minutes.

Prosecutors say the girl, who was 11 years old at the time, was sexually assaulted on at least five occasions from mid-September through early December of 2010 by 20 men and boys from her town, Cleveland, which is about 45 miles northeast of Houston. Police began investigating after one of the girl's classmates told a teacher he saw video of her being sexually assaulted in an abandoned trailer.

All six of the juveniles and two of the 14 adults charged in the case pleaded guilty. McGowen was the first defendant to stand trial. He faced a minimum sentence of 25 years prison and a maximum of life.

## Harvard Investigating Dozens For Cheating

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Dozens of Harvard University students are being investigated for cheating after school officials discovered they may have shared answers or plagiarized on a final exam.

Harvard officials aren't releasing the name of the class, the students' names or the exact number being investigated.

The undergraduate class had a minimum of 250 students and possible cheating was discovered in roughly half the take-home exams, university officials said Thursday.

"These allegations, if proven, represent totally unacceptable behavior that betrays the trust upon which intellectual inquiry at Harvard depends," President Drew Faust said.

Each student whose work is in question has been called to appear before a subcommittee of the Harvard College Administrative Board, which reviews issues of academic integrity, said Jay M. Harris, dean of undergraduate Education. He emphasized that none of the allegations has been proven and said there's no evidence of widespread cheating at Harvard.

## Hip-Hop Mogul Found Dead In Apartment

NEW YORK (AP) — A hip-hop mogul who managed Sean "Diddy" Combs, 50 Cent and Mariah Carey was found dead in his New York City apartment Thursday in an apparent suicide, police said.

Chris Lighty, 44, was discovered at his home in the Bronx with a gunshot wound to the head, and was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

No note was recovered, but a 9 mm handgun was found at the scene and there was no sign of forced entry, said Paul Browne, chief spokesman for the New York Police Department.

The medical examiner's office will determine a cause of death, but authorities say the shooting appears to be self-inflicted.

Lighty was behind some of rap's leading figures, helping them not only attain hit records but also lucrative careers outside of music. He had been a part of the scene for decades, working with pioneers like LL Cool J before starting his own management company, Violator. But Lighty had been having recent financial and personal troubles.

# Weakening Isaac Hovers Over Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Isaac hovered over Louisiana for a third day Thursday, shedding more than a foot of additional rain that forced authorities to hurriedly evacuate areas ahead of the storm and rescue hundreds of people who could not escape as the rapidly rising waters swallowed entire neighborhoods.

The huge spiral weather system weakened to a tropical depression as it crawled inland, but it caught many places off guard by following a meandering, unpredictable path. The storm's excruciatingly slow movement meant that Isaac practically parked over low-lying towns and threw off great sheets of water for hours.

"I was blindsided. Nobody expected this," said Richard Musatchia, who fled his water-filled home in LaPlace, northwest of New Orleans.

Inside the fortified levees that protected New Orleans, bursts of sunshine streamed through the thick clouds, and life began to return to normal. But beyond the city, people got their first good look at Isaac's damage: Hundreds of homes were underwater. Half the state was without power. Thousands were staying at shelters.

And the damage may not be done. Even more rain was expected in Louisiana before the storm finally drifts into Arkansas and Missouri.

Isaac dumped as much as 16 inches in some areas, and about 500 people had to be rescued by boat or high-water vehicles. At least two deaths were reported.

Five feet of water poured into Musatchia's home before a neighbor passed by with a boat and



Leroy Smith, right, helps evacuate Michele Bowers with Hank Schindwein, back, in La Place, Louisiana, on Thursday, August 30, 2012, amid flooding from Tropical Storm Isaac. CAROLYN COLE/LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

evacuated him and his 6-year-old boxer, Renny.

He piled two suitcases, a backpack and a few smaller bags onto the boat and said that was all he had left. He abandoned a brand-new Cadillac and a Harley-Davidson.

"People have their generators, because they thought the power would go out, but no one expected" so much water, Musatchia said.

Other evacuees were picked up by National Guard vehicles, school buses and pickup trucks.

Daphine and David Newman fled their newly decorated home with two trash bags of clothing. They have lived in their subdivision since 1992 and never had water in their home from previ-

ous storms, not even Hurricane Katrina.

The comparison was common since Isaac hit on the seventh anniversary of the devastating 2005 storm, though the differences were stark.

Katrina was more powerful, coming ashore as a Category 3 storm. Isaac was a Category 1 at its peak. Katrina barreled into the state and quickly moved through. Isaac crept across the landscape at less than 10 mph and wobbled constantly.

David Newman was frustrated that the government spent billions of dollars reinforcing New Orleans levees after Katrina, only to see the water inundating surrounding regions.

"The water's got to go some-

where," he said. "It's going to find the weakest link."

The sudden call for evacuations so long after the storm made landfall provoked a debate about whether anyone was to blame.

Jefferson Parish Council President Chris Roberts said forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami needed a new way of measuring the danger that goes beyond wind speed.

"The risk that a public official has is, people say, 'Aw, it's a Category 1 storm, and you guys are out there calling for mandatory evacuations,'" Roberts said.

Hundreds of people in lower Jefferson chose to ride out the storm — and many of them had to be rescued, he said.

# Former Athlete Gets 23 Years For Slaying Ex

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A former University of Virginia lacrosse player who killed his ex-girlfriend in a drunken rage was sentenced Thursday to 23 years in prison after the defendant tearfully apologized to his victim's family.

George W. Hugueley V had three years trimmed from a jury's recommended sentence of 26 years for the May 2010 slaying of Yeardeley Love.

"Unlike Ms. Love, Mr. Hugueley still has the majority of his life ahead of him," Charlottesville Circuit Judge Edward Hogshire told the court.

Hugueley, who is 24, could be released in less than 20 years.

Asked by Hogshire if he wanted to address the court before sentencing, a shackled and tearful Hugueley turned to Love's mother, Sharon Love, and sister Lexie and said, "I'm so sorry for your loss and I hope you find peace."

Hugueley, of Chevy Chase, Md., was convicted in February of second-degree murder of Love, 22, of Cockeysville, Md., a Baltimore suburb. Jurors also found Hugueley guilty of grand larceny.

Hugueley and Love, both seniors and varsity lacrosse players at U.Va., had a volatile relationship that spiraled into Hugueley's deadly confrontation with Love late on the night of May 2, 2010, after a day of heavy drinking and golfing by Hugueley. Love was found the next morning, her battered face in a blood-soaked pillow.

During a 3 1/2-hour sentencing hearing, prosecutor David Chapman presented witnesses who described violent incidents involving Hugueley before he killed Love.

They included the beating of a friend who went home with Love after a party and the unprovoked punching of another person after a night of drinking. He also angrily wrapped his hands around a young woman in a bar after she told her

father, his former high school lacrosse coach, to talk to Hugueley about his heavy drinking.

"Sooner or later he was going to seriously injure or kill someone," Chapman said.

Hugueley's attorneys acknowledged he drank too much, but Chapman disagreed that was the problem.

"The issue, your honor, is not too much alcohol," he told Hogshire. "The issue here is too much violence."

In a police interrogation video played at his trial, Hugueley admitted he and Love had a physical confrontation over their on-again, off-again two-year relationship but he denied inflicting the fatal injuries Love suffered. He said she had banged her head against her bedroom wall.

A coroner concluded she died of blunt force trauma.

Love's death followed several months of tension between the two young athletes. Former teammates and friends testified that each accused the other of infidelity and they described incidents of Hugueley's escalating drinking.

The Hugueley family, many of whom attended the sentencing hearing but did not testify, issued a statement after the sentencing, calling it "a sad day for our family." They also echoed one of Hugueley's attorneys, Francis McQ. Lawrence, in his defense of Hugueley.

"We continue to believe what

Mr. Lawrence said within hours of meeting George, on May 3, 2010: 'Yeardeley's death was not intended but an accident with a tragic outcome.'"

Love's family did not address the sentencing hearing but issued a statement that read in part: "We find no joy in others' sorrow."

Lawrence attempted to counter Chapman's depiction of Hugueley as a brutish, drunken jock by presenting family members who described him as thoughtful, caring and attentive to the needs of others.

A white-cassocked Roman Catholic priest who had visited Hugueley in jail weekly since his arrest more than two years ago described Hugueley as spiritual and never saw flashes of anger.

"It's not the same person, the person that the media portrays as the wild, out-of-control person," the Rev. Joseph Scordo said. He described Hugueley as his "spiritual grandson."

Chapman argued for the full 26-year sentence recommended by jurors, arguing that Hugueley would still be a relatively young man after serving his time. For the Loves, however, "There's nothing left but loss and sorrow, in many ways."

Yeardeley Love was to be her sister Lexie's maid-of-honor at her upcoming wedding. "The maid of honor will be missing," Chapman said as Lexie dabbed tears from her face. "He took from them their future as a family."

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