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- Santorum said he wholeheartedly supported Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan's proposal to turn Medicare into a program in which the government subsidizes beneficiaries who would seek coverage from private insurance companies.
- Several likely candidates decided not to run --- Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour and Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels among them --- and at least one who ruled out a race is reconsidering.
- Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, invited as an unannounced contender for the 2012 nomination, upstaged her rivals for a moment, using a nationwide television audience to announce she had filed papers earlier in the day to run --- a disclosure in keeping with a feisty style she has employed in a bid to become a favorite of tea party voters.



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Obama was hundreds of miles away on a day in which he blended a pledge to help companies create jobs in North Carolina with a series of campaign fundraisers in Florida. He won the two states in 2008, and both figure to be battlegrounds in 2012.

The New Hampshire event unfolded more than six months before the state hosts



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