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Navy jet crashes near Kingsville

KINGSVILLE (AP) — A T-45 Goshawk jet has crashed about two miles north of Naval Air Station Kingsville. It is the second such incident in five days.

The two pilots ejected safely and were recovered by helicopter. Lieutenant Sean Robertson, spokesman for the Chief of Naval Air Training in Corpus Christi, said they were taken to a hospital for evaluation.

The jet was attached to Training Air Wing TWO, which has now discontinued flight operations.

The incident is under investigation, Robertson said.

NATION

Chertoff: Border fence good for environment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff on Monday defended the construction of a fence along the southwest border, saying it's actually better for the environment than what happens when people illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico line.

"Illegal migrants really degrade the environment. I've seen pictures of human waste, garbage, discarded bottles and other human artifact in pristine areas," Chertoff said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "And believe me, that is the worst thing you can do to the environment."

WORLD

Putin puts his name on parliamentary ticket

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin, in a surprise announcement, opened the door Monday to becoming Russia's prime minister and retaining power when his presidential term ends next year.

The popular Putin is barred from seeking a third consecutive term in the March presidential election, but has strongly indicated he would seek to keep a hand on Russia's reins after he steps down.

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## U.S., Iraqi forces kill 60 plus insurgents

By STEVEN R. HURST  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi forces killed more than 60 insurgent and militia fighters in intense battles over the weekend, with most of the casualties believed to have been al-Qaida fighters, officials said Sunday.

The U.S. Embassy, meanwhile, joined a broad swath of Iraqi politi-

cians — both Shiite and Sunni — in criticizing a nonbinding U.S. Senate resolution seen here as a recipe for splitting the country along sectarian and ethnic lines.

U.S. aircraft killed more than 20 al-Qaida in Iraq fighters who opened fire on an American air patrol northwest of Baghdad, the U.S. command said.

The firefight between U.S. aircraft and the insurgent fighters occurred

Saturday about 17 miles northwest of the capital, the military said.

The aircraft observed about 25 al-Qaida insurgents carrying AK-47 assault rifles — one brandishing a rocket-propelled grenade — walking into a palm grove, the military said.

"Shortly after spotting the men, the aircraft were fired upon by the insurgent fighters," it said.

The military did not say what kind of aircraft were involved but

the fact that the fighters opened fire suggests they were low-flying Apache helicopters. The command said more than 20 of the group were killed and four vehicles were destroyed. No Iraqi civilians or U.S. soldiers were hurt.

"Coalition forces have dealt significant blows to Al-Qaida Iraq in recent months, including the recent killing of the Tunisian head of the foreign fighter network in Iraq and the blows struck in the past 24 hours,"

military spokesman Col. Steven Boylan told The Associated Press.

Iraq's Defense Ministry said in an e-mail Sunday afternoon that Iraqi soldiers had killed 44 "terrorists" over the past 24 hours. The operations were centered in Salahuddin and Diyala provinces and around the city of Kirkuk, where the ministry said its soldiers had killed 40 and arrested

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## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October dedicated to breast cancer awareness



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

SEVERAL TEXAS TECH students, faculty and staff members annually participate in Race for the Cure.

By GLENYS BOLLS  
STAFF WRITER

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so Texas Tech and Lubbock are working to stress the importance of self-exams, mammograms and general knowledge about breast cancer.

Carol Lain, public health nurse for the Lubbock Health Department, said having a designated awareness time highlights the importance of regular physical exams that test for breast cancer.

"I've worked here for 15 years," Lain said of the Health Department. "In that time, I've learned that if you don't bring it to women's attention, they won't get it done."

Cornelia DeRiese, an associate professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Tech Health Sciences Center, said part of the problem is, with work and children, some women do not remember to have exams.

"Busy moms and professional women may forget to do their monthly self-exams," she said. "Unfortunately, there are no early signs or symptoms. By the time a woman or a physician can feel it, it's advanced."

According to the American Cancer Society Web site, www.cancer.org, Texas is expected to have 12,120 cases of breast cancer diagnosed in 2007 — almost 7 percent of the 178,480 cases expected in the United States. At least 2,480 women are expected to die of breast cancer this year.

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## U. Memphis football player fatally shot

By WOODY BAIRD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A University of Memphis football player was fatally shot on campus in what police believe was a targeted attack, and classes were canceled Monday as a precaution.

Taylor Bradford, 21, apparently was shot near a university housing complex about 9:45 p.m. Sunday and then crashed a car he was driving into a tree a short distance away on campus, officials said.

"We found him with a bullet wound to the body and the ambulance took him to the hospital where he was pronounced (dead)," said Roger Prewitt, a Memphis Police inspector.

Detectives investigating the shooting received reports of gunfire being heard in a parking lot of the housing complex about 200 yards from where Bradford was found, police spokeswoman Monique Martin said.

Homicide detectives were unsure of a motive for the shooting and had no suspects, she said. "That's all still under investigation," she said.

University President Shirley Raines said that witnesses told police they saw more than one person leaving the scene who could have been involved.

"This was an act directed specifically toward the victim and it was not a random act of violence," she said.

Residence halls in the surrounding area were closed to outsiders immediately, and residents were advised not to go outside. Students, faculty and staff were told by e-mail early Monday morning that classes were canceled.

In an e-mail alert to faculty, staff and students at 3:40 a.m. Monday, officials wrote that "the initial investigation indicates this was an act directed specifically toward the victim and was not a random act of violence."

The university decided to cancel classes Monday, although police believe the person or persons involved in the shooting left the campus immediately.

"We feel like the campus is safe, but we'd rather err on the safety than not," Gunther said.

Bradford, a 5-foot-11, 300-pound defensive lineman, was a junior who transferred to Memphis after two seasons at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

The Memphis Tigers host Marshall University on Tuesday night. A moment of silence was planned before the game. On Monday, several football players and others tied red ribbons and

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## Senate authorizes more war funding, as Democrats try to force an end to combat

By ANNE FLAHERTY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thwarted in efforts to bring troops home from Iraq, Senate Democrats on Monday helped pass a defense policy bill authorizing another \$150 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 92-3 vote comes as the House planned to approve separate legislation Tuesday that requires President Bush to give Congress a plan for eventual troop withdrawals.

The developments underscored the difficulty facing Democrats in the Iraq debate: They lack the votes to pass legislation ordering troops home and are divided on whether to cut money for combat, despite a mandate by supporters to end the war.

Hoping the political landscape changes in coming months,

Democratic leaders say they will renew their fight when Congress considers the money Bush wants in war funding.

While the Senate policy bill authorizes the money to be spent, it does not guarantee it; Bush will have to wait until Congress passes a separate appropriations bill before war funds are transferred to military coffers.

"I think that's where you're going to see the next dogfight," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., of the upcoming war spending bill.

Democrats say their options include directing that the money be spent on bringing troops home instead of combat; setting a date when money for the war is cut off, and identifying a goal to end the war to try to pressure Bush to bring troops home.

Similar attempts have been made but fell short of the 60

votes needed to overcome procedural hurdles in the Senate.

"Many of us have reached a breaking point on this," said Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "I've done this for too many years. I've waited for the president to start bringing this war to an end. I'm not going to sign up for this any longer."

In the House, Democrats are pushing for a bill that would require the administration to report to Congress in 60 days and every 90 days thereafter on the status of its redeployment plans in Iraq.

The bill, sponsored by Democrats John Tanner of Tennessee and Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii, was initially cast aside as too mild by Democratic leaders focused on tougher proposals

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## SHOOTOUT



PHOTO BY KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Treador

ABBEY STARK, A senior family and consumer science education major from Gainesville, has a shootout with Raider Red after the homecoming pep rally held at the Student Union Building Monday afternoon.

## Israel releases 57 prisoners to West Bank, seeking to bolster Palestinian president Abbas

BEITUNIYA CHECKPOINT, West Bank (AP) — Greeted by throngs of jubilant well-wishers, 57 Palestinian prisoners got off buses Monday and kissed West Bank ground after Israel freed them in a goodwill gesture ahead of a U.S.-sponsored peace conference.

But the goodwill was tempered by Israeli plans to inaugurate a West Bank police headquarters in an area whose settlement has been blocked by the U.S., for fear it would complicate the establishment of a viable Palestinian state.

An ecstatic crowd of relatives clapped and waved Palestinian flags as the prisoners arrived at the army's Beituniya checkpoint, near the West Bank city of Ramallah, after a two-hour journey from Ketziot prison in southern Israel.

The prisoners kissed the asphalt after getting off the Israeli buses, then boarded a Palestinian bus that took them to the tomb of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, where they read from the Quran, the Muslim holy book.

Israel had been expected to free 30 other Palestinian prisoners in the Gaza Strip, but their release was delayed until Tuesday morning because Israeli President Shimon Peres did not sign off on it until late Monday.

Security officials said Israel's military chief, Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, had objected to freeing those detainees while militants in Gaza still held an Israeli soldier who was captured in a cross-border raid in June 2006. Peres spokesman Yoram Dori refused

to comment on the officials' report or discuss the delay.

Among those released in the West Bank was 66-year-old Rakad Salim, who served five years of an eight-year sentence for distributing millions of dollars from the late Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to families of Palestinian suicide bombers. Relatives and supporters held up pictures of Saddam and kissed and hugged Salim after he got off the bus.

"I feel that I am a new man, enjoying my freedom," said a smiling Salim. "This release is not enough, but we hope it is the beginning of emptying all the (Israeli) prisons."

Israel is holding around 11,000 Palestinian prisoners, whose release is a central Palestinian demand. Monday's release was the second since July, and part of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's strategy to support moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in his power struggle with Islamic Hamas militants who seized control of the Gaza Strip in June.

None of the Palestinians freed Monday was convicted of killing or injuring Israelis. Most of the 87 slated for release belong to Abbas' Fatah movement; none belong to Hamas.

Hamas dismissed Monday's prisoner release as insignificant.

"We congratulate the prisoners," said Mohammed al-Mudhoun a senior aid to Ismail Haniyeh, the leader of the Hamas government in Gaza. "We consider this ... a humiliation for the leadership in Ramallah

that considers this humble number a great achievement."

Earlier in the day, Israeli troops shot and injured a 14-year-old who had been waiting at a Gaza crossing with hundreds of other Palestinians for their relatives to be released, Palestinian medics and witnesses said.

The Israeli troops began firing from watchtowers at the Erez crossing when the Palestinians began approaching a no man's zone separating Gaza from Israel, the witnesses said.

The military said troops opened fire at Palestinians who approached army positions at Erez and ignored warning shots. The soldiers aimed for their legs to avoid fatal injuries, the military said.

Abbas is slated to meet again with Olmert on Wednesday in Jerusalem. The two are trying to draft a joint vision of a peace deal to be presented in November at a U.S.-sponsored Mideast peace conference meant to promote a final accord between Israel and the Palestinians.

But peace efforts were undercut by Israel's announcement that it was determined to open a new West Bank police headquarters in an area east of Jerusalem where Israel plans a large-scale settlement project.

Israel's public security minister, Avi Dichter, told the Haaretz daily that police officers would move to the new building by the end of the year.

"What is planned is what will happen. We aren't talking about 'if,'" Dichter's spokesman, Yehuda Maman, told The Associated Press.

## Shooting

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left notes at the tree where Bradford was found. Some students planned a vigil Monday evening.

"Our entire football team is deeply saddened by the loss of Taylor," head coach Tommy West said in a statement. "He was well respected and a popular member of our team. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family."

Bradford, a resident of Nashville,

transferred to Memphis in 2006 and was on the roster for this season, but had not played in a game this season.

Bradford lettered in three sports at Antioch High School in Nashville, and held school records in shotgun and discus.

The University of Memphis had 20,562 students enrolled for last fall, according to its Web site.

The school was founded in 1912 as West Tennessee State Normal School and was renamed Memphis State College in 1941. It became Memphis State

University in 1957, two years before it admitted its first black students. It was renamed the University of Memphis in 1994.

In other campus violence, a University of Massachusetts-Amherst football player was listed in fair condition Monday after being stabbed in a fight on campus over the weekend. Freshman Johnny Evans, 18, of Durham, N.C., was taken to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield with a stab wound to the buttocks and less-serious cuts, school officials said.

## Senate

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ordering troops home this fall.

But after Democrats were unable to peel off Republican support, the Iraq debate stalled and some four dozen rank-and-file Democrats demanded a vote on the Abercrombie-Tanner bill.

"This will be the first time since the war in Iraq began that we are working together as a Congress instead of one

party or another to be a constructive voice in the civilian management of operations in Iraq," Tanner said in a statement e-mailed to the Associated Press.

In February, Bush requested more than \$140 billion for the war, and is expected to ask for another \$42 billion to cover costs in the 2008 budget year, which began Monday. The Senate's defense policy bill authorizes Bush's initial request, plus an additional \$23 billion for the purchase of bomb-resistant vehicles.

In addition to war money, the Senate's defense policy bill authorizes more than a half trillion dollars in annual military programs, including such big-ticket items as \$10.1 billion for missile defense.

Republicans predict the bill is on track to be vetoed by President Bush because it includes hate-crimes legislation by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. The White House has said Kennedy's proposal, which would let federal law enforcement help states prosecute attacks on gays, is unnecessary.

## 16 indicted in Dallas public corruption case

DALLAS (AP) — Federal authorities unsealed indictments Monday alleging a bribery and extortion scheme within Dallas City Hall involving state Rep. Terri Hodge, numerous past and present city of-

ficials, and a prominent real estate developer.

The indictments charge 14 defendants with illegal dealings with contractors who were building publicly funded affordable-housing

developments in Dallas. A 15th defendant was indicted on allegations of tax fraud and a 16th was indicted on a count of embezzlement.

U.S. Attorney Richard Roper announced the indictments, which stem from an FBI investigation that became public more than two years ago when agents raided city offices. Roper did not rule out the possibility of more indictments.

The 31-count main indictment names 14 defendants. Among the key figures are Hodge, D-Dallas; former Mayor Pro Tem and one-time mayoral candidate Donald W. Hill and his wife, Sheila D. Farrington; and real-estate developer Brian L. Potashnik and his wife, Cheryl L. Potashnik. Jack Potashnik, Brian Potashnik's father, is named in a separate indictment that alleges tax fraud.

At the heart of the indictments is the allegation that public officials accepted bribes and kickbacks to help Potashnik's company, Southwest Housing, receive construction contracts.

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Lain said these numbers are a significant reason to get regular mammograms.

"The earlier you detect it, the earlier you can beat it," she said. "It really depends on the size of the nodule or tumor that's found, but the rate of survival is so much higher if it's found sooner."

According to the National Cancer Institute Web site, www.cancer.gov, based on current rates, 12.7 percent of women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time in their lives.

"Girls 20 and over need to start doing self-exams every month," Lain said. "We're seeing breast cancer in girls in their mid-20s and early 30s. It's not an elderly type of thing anymore."

Breast cancer ranks second among cancer deaths in women, coming in behind lung cancer, according to the American Cancer Society's Web site. However, death rates from breast

cancer have decreased in women since 1990, a trend Lain attributes to increased education.

"Because we talk more about breast cancer, the numbers are more accurate now," she said. "Thirty years ago, we didn't talk about these things."

Although the occurrence rate has decreased, DeRiese said some women still intentionally avoid getting checked because they fear the results.

"There's denial — some women just don't want to know," she said. "It's stigmatizing, being diagnosed with breast cancer. You know you may lose part of the breast or the whole breast. That's a very mutilating thing to the female body."

Breast cancer primarily affects women, but more than one percent of all breast cancer cases and deaths occur in men. According to its Web site, the American Cancer Society expects 180,510 cases of breast cancer to be diagnosed in the United States in 2007, with 2,030 of those in men. Out of the 40,910 people expected to die of breast cancer this year, 450 are men.

"Men and women both have breasts," Lain said. "It's the same type of tissue. It just depends on whether you're male or female as to whether the breasts grow. Men need to check their chests, just like they check their testicles. Do it every month, religiously. See if there's anything you didn't see before."

Breast cancer in men goes undiagnosed more often than in women, DeRiese said.

"It's quite rare," she said. "It's even more difficult to pick up on because there are not routine mammograms for men."

In conjunction with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Health Sciences Center will host a presentation called "Breast Cancer Update" at noon Oct. 9 in Room 110 of the Center's Academic Classroom Building.

The presentation, by the Texas Tech Physicians of Lubbock and the University Medical Center's Southwest Cancer and Research Center, will focus on breast cancer and its survivors.

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GET YOUR T-SHIRT



PHOTO BY WALTER ROSADO/The Daily Toreador

SANJANA DATTA, A junior mechanical engineering major from Lubbock, gets her homecoming t-shirt Monday in front of the Student Union Building.

WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Obama reports \$19 million donations for 3rd quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama raised more than \$19 million this summer for the presidential primaries, holding his lead in the race for campaign cash though still trailing Democratic rival Hillary Rodham Clinton in national polls.

Fred Thompson, the GOP newcomer, has collected more than \$11.5 million since June when he began exploring a run, Republicans familiar

with his fundraising said Monday.

Obama's Democratic rival John Edwards reported raising \$7 million during the July-September quarter for a total of \$30 million for the year. Aides said he would show \$12 million cash on hand and was on track to meet his goal of raising \$40 million by the time the first presidential contests began in January.

Clinton, whose fundraising has

nearly kept pace with Obama's, had not released her third-quarter figures Monday. The quarter ended Sunday night.

Thompson's total includes \$3.5 million he raised before the third-quarter fundraising period began. Since formally entering the race during the first week of September, Thompson has raised roughly \$200,000 a day.

Dow Jones surges past 14,000 to hit record high

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street began the fourth quarter with a huge rally Monday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average above 14,000 and well into record territory for the first time in 2½ months. Stocks were buoyed by a growing belief that the worst of the credit crisis has passed.

While the beginning of the new quarter was an incentive for institutional investors to buy, they also seemed to be motivated by a sense that banks and other financial companies generally weathered the recent credit market upheaval. Both Citigroup and Switzerland's

UBS AG issued third-quarter profit warnings, but indicated the current period might see a return to normal earnings levels.

Meanwhile, the market was optimistic that new economic data might nudge the Federal Reserve toward another interest rate cut at its Oct. 30-31 meeting. The Institute for Supply Management said the manufacturing sector grew in September at the slowest pace in six months; the trade group said its index of manufacturing activity registered at 52.0 in September, below forecasts for a reading of at least 52.5.

"People are getting more confident there is going to be an October rate cut," said John C. Forelli, portfolio manager for Independence Investment. "To some degree, it looks like Citi kitchen-sinked the quarter, and that from here going forward will be calmer. That's underpinning the financials."

Enthusiasm about acquisition activity picked up after Nokia unveiled an \$8.1 billion offer to buy navigation-software maker Navteq Corp. The deal was seen as a signal that corporations are feeling comfortable in making big moves despite recent market turbulence.

Supreme Court opens term, declines review of two disputes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court returned to work Monday by sidestepping two church-state cases that social conservatives had hoped the justices would use to chart a rightward course.

The justices decided not to consider a challenge by religious groups to a New York law requiring health plans to cover birth control pills, and a California case in which an evangelical group was denied use of a

public library for religious services.

"We were hoping the Supreme Court would provide broader protections for religious liberties, and both these cases were excellent vehicles to do that," said Jordan Lorence, an attorney representing the evangelical group that was turned away from the library in Antioch, Calif.

Monday's session — the first of the term — opened with Chief Justice John Roberts, who suffered an

unexplained seizure during the summer, actively questioning lawyers in two cases argued before justices.

The cases involved a Washington state dispute over its political primaries and New York City's challenge of a court ruling forcing it to pay private schooling for a special education student who never tried out public schools.

ODDBALL DAILY

Wedding vows in bottle float across Lake Michigan

RACINE, Wis. (AP) — Melody Kloska and Matt Behrs take it as a sign they were meant to get married.

After tying the knot on a Lake Michigan beach on Aug. 18, they released a bottle containing their wedding vows. A few weeks later, the bottle was found by Fred and Lynnette Dubendorf, of Mears, Mich., who were also married on

a beach — exactly 28 years before Kloska and Behrs.

"It was meant to be," Kloska said. "This was a sign to me."

Kloska, 46, and Behrs, 41, have been together for five years, but with several failed marriages between them, they had doubts about remarrying.

They finally did it in a sunrise ceremony near the Wind Point Lighthouse in Wind Point in southern

Wisconsin. They invited a few guests, read their own vows and released two balloons.

When it was time to throw the bottle sealed with their name, address and wedding vows into the lake, Behrs went to the rock farthest out in the water.

He threw it underhand, but the bottle landed back on the sand where Kloska was standing.

Surprised duck hunter shoots 25-pound alligator in Wisconsin river

FARMINGTON, Wis. (AP) — Ed Long thought he was shooting at a snapping turtle, but got a surprise when he pulled his trophy from the Milwaukee River: a 4-foot-long alligator.

Long had been in the river Saturday hunting for ducks.

"At first, I thought it was a turtle tail," he said. "The it turned and came back at me. I seen the eyes come out of the water, but my brain didn't click. This is Wisconsin. There's not supposed to be alligators in Wisconsin."

When the reptile submerged again, Long fired and stunned it. He called to his cousin, who prodded the 25-pound animal with a stick and then ran when it moved.

"We both thought nobody is going to believe us," Long said. "We made a decision to bring it back dead or alive, and more likely dead."

The animal appeared to have died from a shot to the head. The cousins dragged it to a field and then went to their uncle's home for help bringing it in.

"I'm still just absolutely 100 percent shocked," said Long's uncle, Herb Sagan. "You've got a better chance of shooting a 30-point buck in Wisconsin than a gator."

A Department of Natural Resources warden said they had broken no law in removing the invasive species.

Long, 31, of Greenfield, is calling taxidermy shops about preserving the alligator.

"I'd like to have it mounted," he said. "Or at least get a belt or wallet out of it."

Bengals trying to stop pigeons from pooping in fans' drinks

CINCINNATI (AP) — The owners of the stadium where the Cincinnati Bengals play have withdrawn a request seeking city approval to shoot pigeons that have been pooping on fans during games.

Eric Brown, managing director of Paul Brown Stadium, said in a letter to the city manager that

officials are going to "continue to explore various alternatives to dealing with this patron issue."

City Manager Milton Dohoney on Friday granted permission to shoot the birds if other methods to discourage the pigeons didn't succeed.

Brown initially asked the city to allow stadium employees to use

an air-powered rifle to kill pigeons roosting in the beams and pipes above the stands, raining down poop onto fans and their food and drinks.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals spoke out against the plan Friday, encouraging Mayor Mark Mallory to reject the stadium's request.

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Advertisement for Intimate Expressions clothing store, featuring a group of women in costumes and a 20% off promotion for Halloween.

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## No two candidates are alike

Now that Fred Thompson finally has jumped into the race for 2008 and Newt Gingrich is officially (and finally) out because of not legally being able to explore a bid and remain chairman of his political organization, it seems that the Republican lineup is complete.

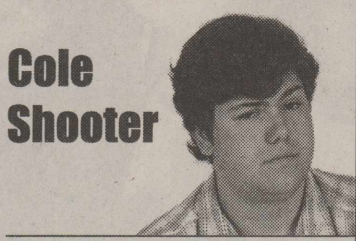
There are a lot of good candidates in the race so far, and some that I don't think are quite so good. Granted, the Republicans don't have the wonderful two-person bicker match Democrats have between Clinton and Obama that has hypnotized much of the media, but they do have some quality candidates.

The first thing that comes to my mind about former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee is pictures of him smiling and holding his electric bass with the American Flag strap, and his slogan that he's "a different kind of Republican," but not much else.

Huckabee did come in second to Mitt Romney in the August 11 Iowa Republican straw poll, despite the massive onslaught of advertisements the week before, showcasing the tax increases he supported in Arkansas while governor.

Some are so adamantly against Huckabee because of his less-than-conservative tax record, that they've actually created the Web site [www.taxhikemike.org](http://www.taxhikemike.org). Also, the conservative CATO institute, who awards grades to all governors on fiscal responsibility, gave Huckabee an "F" for 2006, for "his insistence on raising taxes at almost every turn throughout his final term," available at [www.cato.org](http://www.cato.org). He is however, able to boast much school improvement in Arkansas during his term, and a solid pro-life stance, which is more than anyone

### Cole Shooter



can say about Giuliani or Romney.

John McCain has been publicly lambasted as a RINO (Republican In Name Only) regularly for the last eight years. McCain, a decorated Vietnam veteran and former POW has served in the Senate for quite a while and has plenty of experience. He says on his Web site that he wants to appoint judges who will reverse Roe v. Wade, reduce government spending and lower taxes in addition to what he thinks can be done to combat global warming. All those are available at [www.johnmccain.com/](http://www.johnmccain.com/).

He's had these issues worked out for a long time, since he first began stumping for the Republican nomination nine years ago. He's had a lot of blowback from conservatives because of the McCain-Kennedy immigration debacle, which was regarded by many as a form of amnesty.

As Governor of Massachusetts, Mitt Romney began balancing the budget without raising taxes, and turned the 2002 \$3 billion deficit into an almost \$1 billion surplus in 2005. Romney also turned around the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, which was marred by scandal up until his entrance.

As reported by ABC News, Romney said only 18 percent of the budget was funded by taxpayers, in comparison with the 50 percent taxpayer funding for the 1980 Lake Placid games. According to the New

York Times, sponsorship for the 2002 games also increased about \$360 million after the Romney team took over.

He has gained a reputation as a flip-flopper, especially regarding abortion. In his successful 2002 run for Governor of Massachusetts, he took a very lax stance on the fiery topic, and has spent the recent years trying to make up for it. Romney's always said that he's pro-life, but wouldn't pursue banning abortion. He's now refined his opinion for the presidential campaign trail by telling political columnist Jon Ralston that "I'd let states make their own decision in this regard. My view, of course, is I'm a pro-life individual. That's the position I support. But, I'd let states have this choice rather than let the federal government have it."

Romney did say, however, that he supported the Republican Party's 2004 platform that recommends legislation to clarify the 14th amendment to apply to unborn children, which would ban abortion.

These are only a few of the candidates running, and I hope to address a few of the others next week. There are a lot of very qualified, decent people going for the nomination, but there is no perfect candidate. While it may not be as much fun to watch the Republicans battle it out in comparison to Clinton and Obama, the Republicans do have quite a few respectable candidates, who are each very different and could bring their own strengths and weaknesses to our country.

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The Priceline Negotiator's Early Years

## An uncomfortable burning sensation

STAFF EDITORIAL  
THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — This week is Banned Books Week, during which we celebrate all those books that have been banned throughout our history. Books such as "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "The Color Purple" and "The Bible. Books that were deemed a threat to society during their time and were subsequently removed. This was an issue, that's been around since the beginning of literature. The first to hit America, however, was in the New England colonies, way back when.

In Boston, there was a huge problem. A man named William Pynchon decided that he was going to spend all his time writing all kinds of books and causing all kinds of trouble. Soon enough, in 1650, he completed and published "The Meritorious Price of Our Redemption," and the General Court of Massachusetts had seen enough. Officials rounded up almost every copy of that book and decided, perhaps hastily, that they all be burned. Burning, as many New Englanders will tell you, seems a bit harsh when you say it like that, but they didn't

have a whole lot of other options. It wasn't as if they could just dunk them in a giant vat of churned butter.

Today, apparently it's a bit of an issue everywhere. People are writing books about homosexuality, AIDS, profanity, racial slurs, God, and, of course, two male penguins who father an egg together. In Boston, the solution was to have these books burned, and, unwilling to let Boston have all the fun, everyone else started doing it too. This created a bit of a problem because today, there exists a Library Bill of Rights. Don't ask how, but somehow this bill escaped burnings, water dunkings, churned butter dunkings, everything — long enough to tell everyone who's out there banning books that "Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment."

This issue of ridiculous people writing about things kept popping up, though. Parents from every part of the country and world were concerned that their children would read these books and want to grow up and nurse an egg with a penguin of the same sex, and this would not be tolerated. So they began complaining to their local school board and had the books removed. Sure, it wasn't as flashy as a

public burning, but it was the thought that counted.

From there, no book was safe. Kids were stumbling around their school libraries wondering, "Where's James and the Giant Peach?" Only to have their school librarian respond, "If you want to read about James or his Giant Peach, you're on the wrong planet. They're visiting the Lorax in that giant butter churn in the sky."

It's no surprise that kids are, from this point, terribly confused as to what James and the Lorax did to have been exiled from their schools' libraries, and they looked to the legal system to set their friends free. Soon enough, the legal system did come through, revoking bans on books left and right, freeing books from the metaphorical shackles, to be enjoyed, once again by the public, as the law says they should be. There have been so many Supreme Court rulings in favor of reinstating books lately, that it's damn near impossible to ban your everyday child's book that has the words; God, AIDS, homosexuality, or a combination of the three. So today, we haven't had a banned book in years, either because the cultural view of literature has changed enough to include all that is written as equal... or they're churning enough butter to end this problem once and for all.

## Keep out of our pants

By SAM SHIRAZI  
CAVALIER DAILY (U. VIRGINIA)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Cities across America, including Newark, N.J., and Atlanta, Ga., are currently beginning to consider banning baggy pants. Proponents of such ordinances claim that wearing baggy pants is part of the "gangster culture" and promotes juvenile delinquency. They also claim that the baggy pants cause an eyesore by revealing the underwear of those who wear the fashion.

By banning baggy pants, cities claim that they can improve the behavior of their citizens and create a better environment for everyone. But these ordinances are an unconstitutional intrusion on the freedom of speech of individuals who wish to express themselves through baggy pants.

Baggy pants are a form of protest against the domination and oppression minority communities face from the white-dominated culture and power structure within society. The local governments that are attempting to put these ordinances into place should instead focus their energies on trying to fix the fundamental social causes of the problems that baggy pants supposedly promote.

This current controversy over baggy pants is remarkably similar to the controversy last semester over the dress code at Jaberwoke. During that controversy, Jaberwoke imposed a dress code that many contended was meant specifically to target minorities. The dress code prohibited hats without brims, baggy clothing, sweatpants, plain white T-shirts and camouflage unless worn by a member of the Armed Forces.

All of these clothing styles are worn prominently by minority groups, and many claimed that the dress code was a thinly veiled attempt to keep minorities out of Jaberwoke. As bad as those regulations were, they were implemented by a private business that had the right of private enterprise to run their establishment in the way they see fit.

In contrast, the Supreme Court has repeatedly defended the rights of citizens under the First Amendment to non-ver-

bal speech and expression. The court has upheld the right of individuals to do things as drastic as burning the American flag because it is a form of non-verbal speech. Part of the rationale for these decisions is that individuals should be able to do whatever they want as long as they do not harm anyone else.

One of arguments against baggy pants is that exposing underwear harms those who see it,

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but this is not a sufficient harm to other people to justify limiting the freedom of individuals who wish to express themselves through baggy pants. Allowing city governments to regulate clothing creates a dangerous precedent of government intervention into the private lives of its citizens and abandons the purpose of democratic government.

These ordinances not only restrict the freedom of speech of individuals, but they also specifically target minorities. Along with a responsibility to defend the freedom of expression of individuals, governments also have a responsibility not to discriminate against minorities as enumerated under the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause.

From a sociological perspective, the fashion of baggy pants originated as a response to the traditional white-dominated fashion of mainstream America. Minorities and other groups chose to dress differently and create their own fashion sense in order to protest against the op-

pression they were experiencing from the dominant white culture. According to Andrew Bolton, curator at the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, fashions tend to be decried when they "challenge the conservative morality of a society," Bolton said in an interview with The New York Times. By not allowing these individuals to express their opinions through fashion, these ordinances are denying citizens one of their most fundamental rights and trying to maintain the current social hierarchy.

The real solution to problems supposedly caused by baggy pants is to address the underlying causes of those problems. Baggy pants do not cause drug use, youth delinquency or gang activity. The real cause of these problems are poverty, unemployment and lack of opportunity. These are the things that local governments should focus on trying to fix instead of simply focusing on a single fashion trend.

A more realistic view is that baggy pants do not cause these problems, but rather that baggy pants are a protest against a failure to address these problems. Those who oppose baggy pants should realize that there is no quick fix to the problems of inner cities, and a real solution involves creating greater opportunity for the youth and the community as a whole.



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# Insurgents

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eight. It said 52 fighters were arrested altogether.

The ministry did not further identify those killed, but use of the word "terrorists" normally indicates al-Qaida.

In a separate operation, U.S. forces killed two insurgents and detained 21 others during weekend operations against al-Qaida.

Intelligence led to a raid early Sunday that netted what the U.S. military called 15 rogue members of the Mahdi Army militia at an undisclosed Baghdad location.

The mainstream of the militia, the armed wing of anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's organization, has been ordered by the religious leader to stop attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces.

But many one-time members of the group have split off and are acting independently of al-Sadr's control. Some have gone to Iran for training and are receiving weapons and financing from the Islamic regime in Tehran.

The Senate resolution, adopted last week, proposed reshaping Iraq according to three sectarian or ethnic territories. It calls for a limited central

government with the bulk of power going to the country's Shiite, Sunni or Kurdish regions, envisioning a power-sharing agreement similar to the one that ended the 1990s war in Bosnia. Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden, a Democrat presidential candidate, was a prime sponsor.

In a highly unusual statement, the U.S. Embassy said resolution would seriously hamper Iraq's future stability.

"Our goal in Iraq remains the same: a united, democratic, federal Iraq that can govern, defend, and sustain itself," the unsigned statement said.

"Iraq's leaders must and will take the lead in determining how to achieve these national aspirations. ... attempts to partition or divide Iraq by intimidation, force or other means into three separate states would produce extraordinary suffering and bloodshed," it said.

The statement came just hours after representatives of Iraq's major political parties denounced the Senate proposal.

The Kurds in three northern Iraqi provinces are running a virtually independent country within Iraq while nominally maintaining relations with Baghdad. They support a formal division, but both Sunni and Shiite Muslims have denounced the

proposal. At a news conference earlier in the day, at least nine Iraqi political parties and party blocs — both Shiite and Sunni — said the Senate resolution would diminish Iraq's sovereignty and said they would try to pass a law to ban any division of the country.

"This proposal was based on the incorrect reading and unrealistic estimations of Iraq's past, present and future," according to a statement read at a news conference by Izzat al-Shahbandar, a representative of the secular Iraqi National List.

On Friday, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told The Associated Press that "dividing Iraq is a problem, and a decision like that would be a catastrophe."

Iraq's constitution lays down a federal system, allowing Shiites in the south, Kurds in the north and Sunnis in the center and west of the country to set up regions with considerable autonomous powers.

Nevertheless, ethnic and sectarian turmoil have snarled hopes of negotiating such measures, especially given deep divisions on sharing the country's vast oil resources. Oil reserves and existing fields would fall mainly into the hands of Kurds and Shiites if such a division were to occur.

# DANCE PARTY



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CRYSTAL STRANGE, A junior psychology major from Houston, and Mallory Hendrix, a freshman music major from Lubbock, dance to merengue music Sunday night at the Bledsoe/Sneed/Gordon complex dance party.

# Austrian police arrest man who tried to enter U.S. Embassy with explosives-filled backpack

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A Bosnian who tried to enter the U.S. Embassy in Vienna with a backpack filled with explosives, nails and Islamic literature was arrested Monday after the bag set off a metal detector and the man fled on foot, authorities said.

Police sealed off the neighborhood as a precaution and shut down or rerouted nearby bus and tram lines. Officers patrolled the area with bomb-sniffing dogs.

The suspect was described only as a 42-year-old native of Bosnia-Herzegovina who now lives in the province of Lower Austria, which encircles most of the capital. Police said they made the arrest a short distance from the embassy in a neighborhood where security is tight.

The motive for the attack was not immediately clear. Vienna police

spokeswoman Michaela Raz said explosives experts were examining the contents of the backpack, which contained at least two hand grenades.

"There were a lot of nails in that bag. Had it exploded, it would have had an enormous shrapnel effect," said Doris Edelbacher, of Austria's federal counterterrorism office.

Munitions experts were still trying to determine whether the device had been properly rigged to explode.

The suspect spoke broken German and appeared to ramble during an initial interrogation, Edelbacher said.

It was unclear how far he made it into the embassy. Public broadcaster ORF, citing unidentified officials, reported that a metal detector sounded an alarm as the man was passing through security checks and that he fled immediately.

The nature of the Islamic material he allegedly was carrying also was unclear.

Embassy officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

Last month, authorities arrested three people — all Austrian citizens of Arab origin in their 20s — in connection with a video posted online in March that had threatened Austria and Germany with attacks if they did not withdraw their military personnel from Afghanistan.

One of the suspects was released several days later for lack of evidence.

On Friday, the Interior Ministry said it found a list of politicians circulating online as potential targets for attacks. The individuals were notified, but authorities said there were no indications that any of them were ever in danger.

# Jasper dragging death murderer loses appeal in Supreme Court

HOUSTON (AP) — Convicted murderer Lawrence Russell Brewer, condemned for the heinous dragging death of a black man in Jasper in East Texas nine years ago, lost a U.S. Supreme Court appeal Monday.

The Supreme Court's refusal to hear his case would appear to move Brewer, 40, closer to an execution date, although the prospect of continuing executions in Texas is in doubt.

The court last week agreed to consider the constitutionality of lethal injection in Kentucky, then halted a lethal injection last week in Texas. Kentucky's lethal injection procedures, virtually the same as those in Texas, are being reviewed after two inmates there argued they are unconstitutionally cruel.

Brewer was one of three white men convicted of chaining James Byrd to the back of a pickup truck and dragging him along a country road near Jasper, about 115 miles northeast of Houston. Brewer and John William King were sentenced to death for the racial hate crime that shocked the nation. A third man, Shawn Allen Berry, received a life prison term.

Brewer's rejection by the Supreme Court came in a lengthy list

of cases similarly rejected by the high court as it began a new term Monday, including another Texas death-row inmate, Stephen Moody, convicted of a 1991 slaying in Houston.

The Supreme Court did not explain its reasons for rejecting Moody's and Brewer's appeals.

Last December, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans refused to rehear Brewer's appeal. His lawyers argued he improperly was ordered to submit to a psychiatric examination before any psychiatric evidence was presented at his trial. His attorneys said his rights then were violated when prosecutors offered psychiatric testimony to a jury before Brewer presented any of his own.

His lawyers also argued evidence at his trial may have been constitutionally insufficient to support a kidnapping and murder charge. The

kidnapping element made it capital murder, making Brewer eligible for the death penalty.

Brewer, King and Berry were portrayed as white supremacists who offered the 49-year-old black man a ride in Berry's pickup in the early morning of June 7, 1998. Instead, Byrd was chained by his ankles to the bumper of the truck, then was dragged for three miles, his body dismembered as it bounced along a rutted dirt path and bumpy asphalt road outside Jasper.

Brewer's trial was moved from Jasper, where King was tried and convicted first, to Bryan, about 150 miles to the west. A pathologist testified at Brewer's trial that Byrd was alive during the ordeal until his head was severed when it slammed into a culvert as the truck rounded a curve in the road.

# Young offenders to be transferred from Coke County center

AUSTIN (AP) — Juvenile prison officials ordered the removal Monday of young offenders from the privately operated Coke County Juvenile Justice Center in West Texas citing unsanitary and unsafe conditions at the facility.

The concerns led the Texas Youth Commission to cancel its contract with the center's private operator, Boca Raton, Fla.-based GEO Group Inc.

Detainees will be transferred from the Coke County center, in Bronte, to other TYC facilities on Tuesday. The facility holds 197 young offenders, said TYC spokesman Jim

Hurley.

"TYC's number one priority is the safety and well being of those youths under our care," Dimitria D. Pope, the agency's acting executive director, said in a statement. "The unsafe conditions I witnessed at Coke County this weekend are unacceptable. We have zero tolerance for any form of abuse within the system, and those responsible parties will be held accountable."

A TYC official found unsanitary conditions during a visit to center on Sept. 24. State officials followed up with an unannounced audit that began Wednesday and continued

through the weekend, the Texas Youth Commission said Monday in a statement.

The audit found the facility was in an advanced state of disrepair and rehabilitation and other programs weren't being pursued, leaving detainees mostly constrained. It led officials to believe the health and safety of the youth housed at the center was in jeopardy, Hurley said.

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