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#### Finanzkrise Weltweit sind Banken in Gefahr

Nach der Rettung des US-Versicherers AIG werden auch für russische und britische Banken Notfallpläne geschmiedet werden. Die Anleger sind weltweit verunsichert, der kapitale Flächenbrand droht auch Europa in eine tiefe und lange Rezession zu stürzen. **SEITEN 19, 20** 

#### Keine frische Luft für Elsner

Ex-Bawag-Chef Helmut Elsner, seit eineinhalb Jahren in U-Haft, wird vom Wiener Gefängnis nicht in die Außenstelle im Wienerwald verlegt. Der Anstaltsarzt hält das medizinisch für nicht erforderlich: "In Wien ist die Luft auch nicht schlecht." SEITE 11

#### Kompetenz der Parteien

Bei der Bekämpfung der Inflation vertrauen die Wähler auf SPÖ und ÖVP. Laut einer KURIER-Umfrage wird beiden Parteien gleich hohe Kompetenz zugesprochen. Im Kampf gegen die Kriminalität setzen viele auf die FPÖ. **SEITE 2** 

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# Die Macht der Frauen

Sie sind die Mehrheit der Stimmberechtigten: Was sie von der Politik fordern. SEITE 3



## Stark genug

Önnen wir dann endlich aufhören, die Frauen in starke und – was bleibt als Alternative? – schwache zu unterteilen? "Starke Männer" kommen etwa im Fernsehen nur noch als Trickfiguren in "Wickie und die starken Männer" vor. "Starke Frauen" verfolgen uns. In der Politik, in der Rockmusik, in der Wirtschaft, in der Kunst – es gibt sie anscheinend nirgendwo nicht mehr.

Diskutieren Politiker miteinander, handelt es sich um "Männer". Diskutieren, wie gestern Abend im *ORF*, Politikerinnen miteinander, so sind es "starke Frauen".

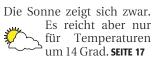
Was wird da suggeriert? Dass diese Frauen ständig unter Starkstrom stehen? Dass sie jeden Morgen den Bizeps ihres halbstarken Egos aufblasen? – Oder haben sie einfach nur Erfolg? Dann nennen wir sie doch "erfolgreich". Verweigern sie falsche Bescheidenheit und Opferrollen? Dann nennen wir sie "ehrlich". Sind sie den Männern ebenbürtig? Dann nennen wir sie "Frauen". Auch der Begriff "starke Frauen" hat seine Berechtigung – im Damen-Boxsport ebenso wie beim Gewichtheben. Ansonsten ist es stark genug, eine "Frau" zu sein. - BB birgit.braunrath@kurier.at

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#### Gift in der Babynahrung Goldiger Abschluss

Der Skandal um giftiges Milchpulver in China weitet sich aus: Drei Kinder sind tot, Tausende krank. **SEITE 8** 

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## **Sports:** No 'W' for Lee, but Tribe gets 6-4 victory over Twins

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# **Eaton favors Beachwood**

#### Flats lose out as possible headquarters site

MICHELLE JARBOE, Henry J. Gomez AND TOM BRECKENRIDGE Plain Dealer Reporters

Cleveland could lose its largest Fortune 500 company to the eastern suburbs, another blow to a city trying to rebuild its downtown in tough economic times.

Eaton Corp. told employees Wednesday that the Chagrin Highlands corporate park is the leading choice for the company's new headquarters.

The announcement came after Cleveland officials offered the manufacturer up to \$25 million in tax incentives to build a new

home in the Flats. And the news followed months of speculation about wrangling between the city, the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority and Eaton over the price of lakefront land, changes in city tax policies and incentives to keep the company here, among other issues.

An Eaton spokeswoman said nine acres near the Flats did not provide enough room for the growing company's corporate campus. The 630-acre Chagrin Highlands property includes a chunk of empty land in Beachwood, north of Harvard Road and west of Richmond Road.

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#### What does it mean for Flats plan

Eaton Corp. has spent months considering a new headquarters site in the \$522 million Flats east bank development. The company's announcement that it prefers land in Beachwood leaves The Wolstein Group and Fairmount Properties short one Fortune 500 office tenant for their project. But the developers aren't worried. "The Flats east bank project is proceeding regardless of where Eaton ultimately lands," they said in a statement.

#### Retail

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#### Hotels

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NORTHEAST OHIO Many still without power

About 47,000 FirstEngergy customers remained without electricity as of Wednesday afternoon. Throughout the state, the Public Utilities **Commission of Ohio** said, under 900,000 customers were without power. Power companies say it might take until the weekend before all customers see their lights come on. Details, B3

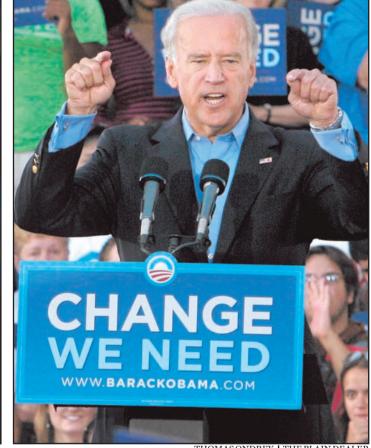
#### NEWS MINUTE

#### WORLD **Bombing attack** kills 16 in Yemen

Attackers explode a vehicle bomb outside the U.S. Embassy in Yemen in an assault that triggers more explosions and heavy gunfire around the compound. Details, A7

# **ELECTION 2008** Veep hopefuls Palin, Biden put in appearances in Ohio





# Beatty's OSU VP job will pay off

Outgoing state rep to quadruple salary

JANET OKOBEN AND AARON MARSHALL Plain Dealer Reporters

With 73 employees already making at least \$300,000 at Ohio State University, one more wouldn't seem to draw much notice at the behemoth institution.

But the \$320,000 salary and the timing of a job offered to out-



#### **INSIDE & OUT**

#### 10 ways to keep burglars at bay

There is no way to guarantee you won't be a victim of a burglary, but there are ways to minimize vour risk. Check out the 10 ways to make your home unattractive to burglars. Details, E1

#### Win a roomful of furniture

Inside & Out and La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries of Northeast Ohio are sponsoring a "Home for the Holidays" Makeover grand prize of \$5,000 in free furniture. Details, E1



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Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin shows off a T-shirt she got from Karl Abounader after visiting his restaurant Wednesday.

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Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Joseph Biden speaks at the College of Wooster Wednesday.

#### Both Democratic, Republican campaigns courting our votes

#### Sarah Palin

Alaska's governor has made three appearances in Northeast Ohio in the last three days. Today, she goes on to campaign stops with Sen. John McCain in Iowa and Wisconsin.

LAURA JOHNSTON and Molly Kavanaugh Plain Dealer Reporters

A team of suits whisks Gov. Sarah Palin from the Ritz to the idling Chevy Suburban, setting off a half-mile caravan of SUVs and vans that barrel through stop lights, past clusters of sign-sporting supporters and cell-phone-wielding gawkers. Destination: Karl's Inn of the Barris-

LISA DEJONG | THE PLAIN DEALE

ters, where attorneys and cops meet for coffee (real coffee, mind you, not the iced-

venti-half-caff version down the street). Palin, the Republican vice presidential nominee, enters with a grin and makes her way from bar to booth, shaking hands, touching shoulders and introducing herself with a simple, "Hi, I'm Sarah."

Earlier Wednesday, across the state in Maumee, Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden talked up the middle class as supporters waved signs for "Change we need" on the risers behind him.

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#### Joe Biden

The senator from Delaware was in Maumee and Wooster on Wednesday as part of a two-day bus tour of northern Ohio. He will be in Canton and Youngstown today.

going State salaries Rep. Joyce at Ohio State Beatty have University. people talking. The Columbus Democrat will

become OSU's senior vice president for outreach and engagement in January, just after term limits force her out of the legislature.

She will pull in slightly more than the other high-profile hire announced this week at OSU.

Caroline Whitacre will become the new vice president for research at \$313,641 a year. A faculty member in the College of Medicine since 1981, Whitacre has been interim vice president for research since August.

Beatty earns \$86,185 as minority leader of the Ohio House of Representatives, but she will be out of a job in December because of term limits. And because the state retirement system bases pension payments on an employee's last three years of salary, her time at OSU could be lucrative on many levels.

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# **Crisis will force Americans to live within their means**

STEVEN PEARLSTEIN Washington Post

WASHINGTON - You know vou're in a heap of trouble when the lender of last resort suddenly runs out of money.

Having pumped \$100 billion into the banking system, and lent another \$115 billion to rescue Bear Stearns and AIG, the Federal Reserve was forced to to borrow some extra money to replenish its coffers.

This is what a Category 4 financial crisis looks like. Giant



ANALYSIS

blue-chip financial institutions swept away in a matter of days. Banks refusing to lend to other banks. Russia closing its stock market to stop the panicked selling. Gold soaring \$70 in a single trading session. Developing countries' currencies in a free fall. Money market funds warning they might not be able ask the Treasury on Wednesday to return every dollar invested. Daily swings of 300, 400, 500 points in the Dow Jones industrial average.

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RICHARD DREW | ASSOCIATED PRES

Investor anxiety pulled stock prices sharply lower Wednesday, making for a long day for traders like Christopher Crotty at the New York Stock Exchange.

BUSINESS Tumbling down

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**ONE DOLLAR** 

#### Monks with guns? Burma's younger activists get bolder.

#### **By ANAND GOPAL**

RANGOON, BURMA – If Ashin Zawta has his way, the next time the government of Burma (Myanmar) clamps down on dissent it will have to deal with a new force: monks with guns. "Last September the Army



proved too powerful for us and defeated our nonviolent tactics," says the young monk, whose real name, like those of other activists in this story, has been changed for security reasons. "We need weapons. That is the only way we can bring down this regime."

One year after monks led thousands in Burma's largest antigovernment protests in 19 years, many activists say they are losing patience with the slow pace of change. Up against a powerful regime, they are calling for fresh tactics, from teaching human rights theory to stockpiling arms.

"The younger activists' frustrations are growing. They want to take up arms because they were so brutally suppressed last September. They have gone their whole lives without seeing change," says Win Min, See BURMA page 12

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Council faces new tests with

make deal unworkable? 6 **US embassy hit** Militants in Yemen carried out a complex strike on the compound. 7



# A confidence gap

#### **By RON SCHERER** TAFF WRITER

top priority for the NEW YORK - The new chalworld's central banks. lenge for the world's central bankers is not saving another bank or financial institution. It's

restoring confidence in world markets. Just like August 2007 when the US housing debacle began, investors and bankers are now distrustful of lending money even to fellow bankers. When giant insurance company AIG needed help, no one except the

Federal Reserve was will-**RESTORING TRUST** is the ing to come to the rescue. The US stock market, sometimes considered a barometer of confidence in the economy, is slipping further into the red. Overseas, market losses are steeper.

While there is a crisis in credit. there is an even greater crisis in confidence," says Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

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**Bumper crops, easing prices** 

The cost of high-quality rice in Vietnam is \$600 per ton this month, down from some \$1,000 in May - though still twice the price of 18 months ago. "We're seeing a softening in the rice crisis," says Nicholas Minot, of The International Food Policy Research Institute.

AT WORK: AIG employees entered New York offices Wednesday, a day after the Fed rescue.

## Where does this crisis lead next?

**BEYOND AIG,** other large firms may be close to the brink.

#### By MARK TRUMBULL

If one harrowing week can take the nation's largest insurance company from blue-chip stock to bailout recipient, how many other titans might fall? When do the financial implosions end?

After a Federal Reserve rescue of AIG Tuesday night, one big crisis was averted. But it's also clear that other companies may follow the insurance giant into a pickle that's increasingly familiar: Exposure to the troubled real estate market and an inability to raise quick cash to cover the resulting losses

Unlike AIG, which was deemed to be too big to fail, most are unlikely to be rescued.

Already, some other large institutions may be close to the brink. According to news reports Wednesday, federal officials are working to line up a potential privatesector buyer for one of the largest home lenders, Washington Mutual.

In effect, what's going on is a new kind of bank run. It's a run not by depositors -See AIG page 10

# **AFGHAN CIVILIAN TOLL COSTLY TO U.S.**



**By ANAND GOPAL** 

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN - In a surprise visit to Afghanistan on Wednesday, US Secretary of Defense Robert Gates pledged to do more to prevent civilian deaths from military operations. Mr. Gates's vow comes on the heels of a new UN report saying that reporters.

BLAMES U.S.: Afghan woman shows photos of family members she says were killed in Aug. 22 air raid in Herat Province.

country.

even harder,"

the number of civilian casu-

in 2008, fueling controversy

about the West's role in the

"While no military has

Gates told

ever done more to prevent

civilian casualties, it is also

clear that we have to work

Nearly 1,500 civilians alties jumped by 39 percent have been killed by either the Taliban or NATO and US forces so far this year, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights said on Tuesday. More than half of those deaths are attributed to the Taliban. And US Air Force data suggests that its bombing accu-

racy is actually improving. But the UN findings See AFGHANISTAN page 11

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# **Mounting Fears Shake World Markets** As Banking Giants Rush to Raise Capital

#### By TOM LAURICELLA, LIZ RAPPAPORT AND ANNELENA LOBB

Fear coursed through the U.S. financial system on Wednesday, as hope for a resolution to the year-old credit crisis faded.

Stocks tumbled, concern grew about which financial firm would fall next, and investors rushed toward the safe haven of government bonds in the wake of the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and the crisis at insurer American International Group.

The market turmoil is doing more than inflicting losses on investors. Borrowing costs for U.S. companies have skyrocketed, and the debt markets have become nearly inaccessible to all but the most creditworthy borrowers.

The desperation was especially striking in the market for U.S. government debt, long considered the safest of investments. At one point during the day, investors were willing to pay more for one-month Treasurys than they could expect to get back when the bonds matured. Some investors, in essence, had decided that a small but known loss was better than the uncertainty connected to any other type of investment.

That's never happened before. In a special government auction on Wednesday, demand ran so high that the Treasury Department sold \$40 billion in bills, far beyond what it needed to cover the government's obligations.

'We've seen crisis. We've seen recession. But we've not seen the core of the financial

system shaken like this," says Joseph Balestrino, a portfolio manager at Federated Investors. "It's just crazy."

A 449-point selloff took the Dow Jones Industrial Average to its lowest level in almost three years, leaving it 23% below where it stood a year ago. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was the second highest in history, falling just shy of the record set on Tuesday. The VIX, a widely watched measure of market volatility that is often referred to as the "fear index," hit its highest level since late 2002.

In Europe, stock markets lost roughly 2% of their value. In Russia, the scene of recent massive declines, trading on the country's major exchanges was halted for the second day in a row, this time only an hour and a half into the session. Gold prices rose 9% to \$846.60 an ounce amid the global turmoil.

"Forget about retail investors, all the pros are scared," says one broker. "People have no idea where to put their money." For now, "if you have cash,

you're going to put it in the shortterm, most liquid stuff you can," says Steve Van Order, fixed-income strategist for Calvert Asset Management.

Adding to the fear was a loss in a prominent money-market fund, the Reserve Primary Fund, which held Lehman Brothers debt. It was the first time since 1994 that such a fund, which is supposed to be as safe as a bank account, had lost money. The loss was made worse by a run on the fund. Over two days, inves-Please turn to the next page

the move, along with the bail

outs of Fannie, Freddie and

Bear Stearns, could range from

zero to tens of billions of dol-

lars, administration officials

for a comprehensive look at

the financial-regulatory sys-

tem, but action is unlikely be-

fore Congress adjourns at the

end of the month. A3, A6, A21

newed focus on the economy

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penetrate the compound. A17

Israel's foreign minister

appeared to be on the brink of

becoming the second woman

to lead the Jewish state. A18

**The U.S. Army plans** to de-

ploy drones to Afghanistan. A

U.S. missile strike in Pakistan

killed at least five people. A17

■ Gates expressed regret for

U.S. airstrikes that killed Af-

ghan civilians and promised

A global network procured

may have been used in bombs in

Iraq, prosecutors charged. A10

**The Senate passed** by an 88-8 vote a \$612.5 billion de-

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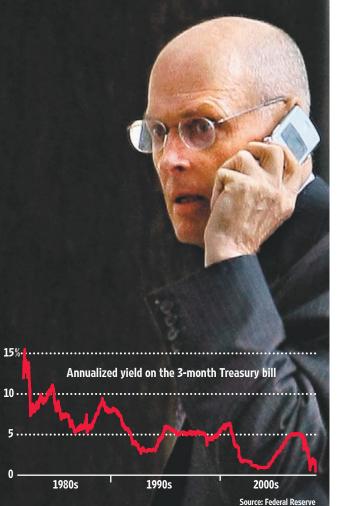
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■ Militants in Yemen at-

could help Obama regain con-

The Wall Street crisis and a re-

said. Senior lawmakers called



#### High Anxiety, Low Returns

In a stark sign of the severity of the crisis, investors poured money into Treasury bills, one of the safest investments. Wednesday, yields hit their lowest level since the 1950s, as the premium on security rose sharply.

## Morgan Stanley in Talks With Wachovia, Others

BY AARON LUCCHETTI, **RANDALL SMITH** AND JENNY STRASBURG

Morgan Stanley sought shelter from the growing financial storm Wednesday, entering preliminary merger talks with Wachovia Corp. and other banks as a seventh straight decline in the company's share price sent the stock to its lowest level since 1998.

After a harrowing day, Morgan Stanley's shares finished down \$6.95, or 24%, to \$21.75. Goldman Sachs Group, the largest U.S. investment bank by market value, also fell \$18.51, or 14%, to \$114.50.

While the situation is more acute at Morgan Stanley, the two Wall Street banks are both battling extraordinary market pressures that have already pushed stable franchises such as Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Merrill Lynch & Co. into bankruptcy protection or hasty merger deals. At Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs, two of the oldest and most successful investment banks, market confidence withered in the past 24 hours for firms that were once trusted and envied.

As employees stared at their trading screens and television sets, a sense of disbelief hung over people who had thought themselves largely insulated from credit-market fears. "I've lost more than half my net worth in a month," said one

#### **Reaching Down**

Morgan Stanley's share price dropped 24% on Wednesday



#### Goldman employee.

The perception hurting investment-bank shares is that they can no longer rely on jittery global markets to replenish the cash necessary to fund their trading and lending businesses. That has forced the companies' borrowing costs higher, which means, ultimately, it will likely become prohibitively expensive for them to fund their businesses.

Commercial banks such as Wachovia are perceived as more stable, creating strong incentive for investment banks to link up with them, as Merrill Lynch did earlier this week with Bank of America Corp. But even some retail banks are under attack, such as the large savings-and-loan Please turn to page A8

## Worst Crisis Since '30s, With No End Yet in Sight

BY JON HILSENRATH.

AND DAMIAN PALETTA

The financial crisis that be-

Lingering hopes that the dam-

gan 13 months ago has entered a

age could be contained to a hand-

ful of financial institutions that

made bad bets on mortgages

have evaporated. New fault lines

are emerging beyond the original

problem—troubled subprime

mortgages—in areas like credit-

default swaps, the credit insur-

ance contracts sold by American

International Group Inc. and oth-

ers. There's also a growing sense

of wariness about the health of

The consequences for compa-

nies and chief executives who

tarry-hoping for better times

trading partners.

new, far more serious phase.

SERENA NG



**Bad Bets and Cash Crunch Pushed Ailing AIG to Brink** 

For three hours Tuesday evening, the board of American markets—Mr. Willumstad made International Group Inc. wres- the dilemma clear. tled with the government's offer: an \$85 billion loan in return

caused chaos in global financial est insurance company.

It's not yet clear where the dev-"We are faced with two bad ous days have resulted, thus far, choices" he told the hoard ac- with the U.S. government taking

astation will end. These tumultu-

cline in the company's share price sent the stock to its lowest level since 1998. Market confidence in Goldman Sachs has also withered. Meanwhile, WaMu accelerated efforts to raise more capital or potentially sell itself. A1, C1, C14 The Dow industrials fell 449.36 points, or 4.1%, to 10609.66 as rattled investors sent the index to its lowest close in nearly three years. C1 Desperation among investors was especially evident in the market for U.S. government debt, long considered the safest of investments. A1, C14

banks as a seventh straight de-

■ New fault lines in the financial crisis are emerging in areas like credit-default swaps, the credit-insurance contracts sold by AIG and other firms. A1 ■ The Treasury sold \$40 billion in 35-day Treasury bills in a move to bolster the Fed's dwindling balance sheet. A3 ■ AIG's bailout drew praise from Asian policy makers, who still injected more money into regional markets. A7

■ Lloyds TSB is buying troubled mortgage lender HBOS in a government-brokered deal aimed at shoring up the British banking system. C1

■ The SEC is launching an effort to make it harder for traders to improperly drive down stock prices and wants more disclosure by hedge funds. A6

#### **Crude jumped** \$6.01 to

\$97.16 a barrel amid a decline in U.S. gasoline supplies. A sustained fall in oil prices may squeeze energy projects. A17

#### Housing starts slumped

6.2% last month to a 17-year low, suggesting market stabilization is still a ways off. A10







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for surrendering control of the insurance giant.

The directors were stunned by the "onerous" proposal, as one called it. They were surprised by an order to replace Chief Executive Robert Willumstad and bristled at what they considered Washington's heavyhanded treatment. One director said he felt "violated."

It's not the government's role to buy private companies, said Martin Feldstein, an AIG director and former economic adviser to President Ronald Reagan, As the board debated taking its chances in bankruptcy protection—a move that could have cording to someone present at the meeting. "File for bankruptcy tomorrow morning or take the

#### By Monica Langley, Deborah Solomon and Matthew Karnitschnig

Fed's deal tonight." At 7:50 p.m., Mr. Willumstad placed a phone call and accepted the deal.

The following account-based on interviews with Wall Street bankers and lawyers, AIG executives and government officialsshows how the wave that engulfed Wall Street this weekend surged through the financial system and on Tuesday felled the world's largcontrol of AIG as well as mortgage titans Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Two venerable Wall Street firms, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.and Merrill Lynch & Co., ceased to exist as independent entities.

As the AIG case demonstrates. the demise of even the biggest firms can come swiftly. The idea of a takeover hadn't been broached, by either party, until early this week. On Sunday, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told bankers considering financing for AIG that government officials "don't have a clear sense of how big the problem is.'

On Tuesday, with no private fi-Please turn to page A7

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#### In Fútbol-Mad Argentina, Ms. Rubeo Teaches Soccer Fans to Play Nice

Hooligan Etiquette Bans Rock Throwing,

Provoking Police; 'Big Baby' Learns a Lesson

Fabiana Rubeo

#### BY MATT MOFFETT

BUENOS AIRES—For years, the roughneck fans of the Huracán soccer club often put on more of a show than the players

did. Boasting in a fight song that they "root with wine and drugs," they battled police with rocks, fought rival fans with chains and vandalized everything from cars to bleachers.

racán game, the tough guys were kept in check by a woman sporting a Chanel handbag. Fabi-Rubeo, ana а

5-foot-3-inch lawyer, is crusading to teach sportsmanship to the barras bravas, gangs of soccer hooligans who have fueled a culture of violence in Argentina's national sport. She counseled the leader of the Huracán gang on avoiding provocations

with stadium police and warned against launching bottle rockets from the stands. "Despite what people say,

this is basically innocent fun," said Ms. Rubeo, 40 years old, shouting to be heard above the roar of the

fight songs. Just about every Ar-

gentine soccer team has a barra brava composed of diehard fans who root for teams with nicknames like "The Scoundrels," "The Slum Dwellers," "The Lepers" and "The Garbage Men." They sit in special stadium sec-

tions, brandish huge banners and pound drums. Barra bravarelated violence has claimed some 250 lives in the past 50 years, estimates Amilcar Romero, a journalist who has written extensively on the Please turn to page A18

in which to raise capital, sell assets or acknowledge losses-are now clear and brutal, as falling share prices and fearful lenders send troubled companies into ever-deeper holes. This weekend, such a realization led John Please turn to page A8



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he doesn't believe the suspect

in the attack acted alone. Two new medical studies recommend less frequent and

less invasive colon exams. D6



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Late Edition

Today, mostly sunny, afternoon breezes, high 75. **Tonight**, mainly clear, patchy fog, low 53. **Tomorrow**, mostly sunny and cooler, high 67. Weather map appears on Page D8.

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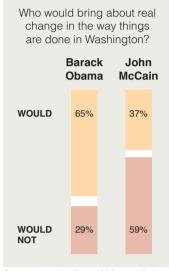
## McCain Seen as Less Likely To Bring Change, Poll Finds

Margin in Race About Same as Before Conventions

#### By ROBIN TONER and ADAM NAGOURNEY

WASHINGTON — Despite an intense effort to distance himself from the way his party has done business in Washington, Senator John McCain is seen by voters as far less likely to bring change to Washington than Senator Barack Obama. He is widely viewed as a "typical Republican" who would continue or expand President Bush's policies, according to the latest New York Times/CBS News poll.

Polls taken after the Republican convention suggested that Mr. McCain had enjoyed a surge of support — particularly among white women after his selection of Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska as



Source: New York Times/CBS News Poll

#### his running mate — but the latest

poll indicates "the Palin effect" was, at least so far, a limited burst of interest. The contest appeared to be roughly where it was before the two conventions and before the vice-presidential selections: Mr. Obama had the support of 48 percent of registered voters, compared with 43 percent for Mr. McCain, a difference within the poll's margin of sampling error, and statistically unchanged from the tally in the last New York Times/CBS News poll, in mid-August.

The poll showed that Mr. Mcsome enduring Cain had strengths, including a substantial advantage over Mr. Obama as a potential commander in chief. It found that for the first time, 50 percent of those surveyed in the Times/CBS News poll said they considered that the troop buildup in Iraq, a policy that Mr. McCain championed from the start, had made things better there.

The poll also underlined the extent to which Mr. McCain's convention, and his selection of Ms. Palin, had excited Republican base voters about his candidacy, which is no small thing in a contest that continues to be so tight: 47 percent of Mr. McCain's supporters described themselves as enthused about the Republican Party's presidential ticket, almost twice what it was before the conventions. As often happens at Continued on Page A24

# NEW PHASE IN FINANCE CRISIS **AS INVESTORS RUN TO SAFETY**

On Wednesday,

Washington Mutual puts

itself up for sale; Morgan

Stanley and Wachovia enter merger talks.

credit tightens

#### On Monday, a bankruptcy

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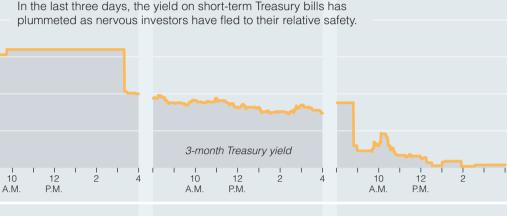
Lehman Brothers collapses; Merrill Lynch is sold to Bank of America.



#### On Tuesday, a bailout

The Federal Reserve provides \$85 billion to keep

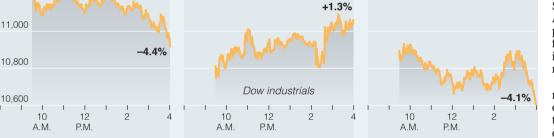
American International Group out of bankruptcy



Borrowing costs for banks and companies have escalated, fueling the credit crisis.



The stock market was down on Monday, but it 11,400 rebounded on Tuesday on the news that the Fed agreed to help A.I.G. . +1.3%





As Fears Grow, Wall St. Titans

#### ECONOMY IN TURMOIL

**ASSESSING BLAME** With just 47 days until the election, the blame

. but the bailout failed to

stem runaway fears on

Wednesday

#### GLOBAL REACTION

Credit Markets Suffer — Borrowing Costs Soar as Result

#### **By VIKAS BAJAJ**

The financial crisis entered a potentially dangerous new phase on Wednesday when many credit markets stopped working normally as investors around the world frantically moved their money into the safest investments, like Treasury bills.

As a result, the cost of borrowing soared for many companies, while the stocks of Wall Street firms like Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley that only a couple of weeks ago were considered relatively strong came under assault by waves of selling. Investors were so worried that they snapped up three-month Treasury bills with virtually no yield and they pushed gold to its biggest one-day gain in nearly 10 years. Stocks fell by nearly 5 percent in New York.

The stunning flight to safety, away from other kinds of debt as well as stocks, could cause serious damage to an already weakened economy by making it more expensive for businesses to finance their daily operations.

Some economists worry that a psychology of fear has gripped investors, not only in the United States but also in Europe and Asia. While investors' decision to protect themselves may be perfectly rational, the crowd behavior could cause a downward spiral with broader ramifications.

"It's like having a fire in a cinema," said Hyun Song Shin, an economics professor at Princeton. "Everybody is rushing to the door. You are rushing to the door because everyone is rushing to the door. Clearly, as a collective action, it is a disaster.'

Faltering confidence could have an infectious effect in Asia, whose savings has essentially bankrolled America for decades. "Asia, perhaps more than other markets, is a bit more volatile, a bit more based on sentiment," said Dan Parr, the head of Asia-Pacific for brandRapport, a consulting firm with an office in Hong Kong. "It doesn't take Continued on Page A32

#### 11,200 U.S. Court, a Longtime Beacon, 11,000 Is Now Guiding Fewer Nations 10,800

#### **By ADAM LIPTAK**

WASHINGTON — Judges around the world have long looked to the decisions of the United States Supreme Court for guidance, citing and often following them in hundreds of their own rulings since the Second World War.

But now American legal influ

**AMERICAN EXCEPTION** A Loss of Influence

ed States Supreme Court about a dozen times a year, an analysis by The New York Times found. In the six years since, the annual citation rate has fallen by half, to about six.

ence is waning. Even as a debate continues in the court over whether its decisions should ever cite foreign law, a diminishing number of foreign courts seem to pay attention to the writings of American justices.

"One of our great exports used to be constitutional law," said Anne-Marie Slaughter, the dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton. "We are losing one of the greatest bully pulpits we have ever had."

From 1990 through 2002, for instance, the Canadian Supreme Court cited decisions of the Unit-

Australian state supreme courts cited American decisions 208 times in 1995, according to a recent study by Russell Smyth, an Australian economist. By 2005, the number had fallen to 72.

The story is similar around the globe, legal experts say, particularly in cases involving human rights. These days, foreign courts in developed democracies often cite the rulings of the European Court of Human Rights in cases concerning equality, liberty and prohibitions against cruel treatment, said Harold Hongju Koh, the dean of the Yale Law School. Continued on Page A30



#### A Scandal Builds in China

Babies awaited ultrasounds in Wuhan to see if they had developed kidney stones from drinking tainted formula. Page A6.

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#### U.S. Embassy Attack Kills 10

Militants disguised as soldiers detonated two car bombs outside the American Embassy in Sana, Yemen, killing 10 people. Six attackers also died. PAGE A6

**Tougher U.S. Stance on Russia** Washington stepped up criticism of Russia, which deepened ties with Georgia's breakaway regions. PAGE A14

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#### New Commander in Iraq

The Baghdad Bureau blog takes a look at Gen. Ray Odierno, the new commander of multinational forces in Iraq.

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The convictions of two former New York

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Congress gave final approval to a major

for disabled people and overturning sev-

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Pact on Shelter for Families

A deal between New York City and the

Legal Aid Society ends a 25-year legal

battle and guarantees emergency shel-

ter for homeless families. PAGE B1

the mob were reinstated. PAGE B1

**Police Convictions Restored** 

civil rights bill, expanding protections



#### By BEN WHITE and ERIC DASH

Even Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs, the two last titans left standing on Wall Street, are no longer immune.

To the surprise of executives within those firms, and their rivals, the stocks of these powerful companies were drawn into the crisis of investor confidence on Wednesday. Morgan Stanley, whose stock fell almost 25 percent, was considering a merger with Wachovia or another bank to help shore up its finances. Goldman Sachs's stock fell almost 14 percent, and it had to rebuff rumors that it was seeking a capital infusion.

The assault on these two companies underscored how quickly a sense of fear is spreading through Wall Street. Both firms just reported respectable profits on Tuesday, and were considered in a separate class from weaker banks like Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers that saw the value of their businesses evaporate.

"Stop the Insanity," wrote Glenn Schorr, a brokerage analyst at UBS, in an e-mail message to clients on Wednesday.

A tie-up with a bank would restore Morgan Stanley to its structure during the Depression, when the firm split from the Morgan banking empire. It would also leave Goldman Sachs as the last major American investment bank after a global financial crisis that

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policy makers are stunned by the United States government's seeming abandonment of capitalist principles. PAGE C1

A VIEW FROM ABROAD European

#### HELP FOR DETROIT Support seemed to be growing on Capitol

Hill for \$25 billion in loan guarantees for the auto industry. PAGE CI

game is hard-fought because the stakes are so high. PAGE C10

THE NEW YORK TIMES

**NEW REGULATIONS** Federal officials issued a raft of rules aimed at shoring up financial markets and strengthening the balance sheets of banks. PAGE C10

#### A New Role for the Fed: Investor of Last Resort

#### By EDMUND L. ANDREWS

WASHINGTON — The mighty Federal Reserve is being stretched to its limits, both in the range of problems it is being asked to fix and in its financial firepower.

The central bank has also transformed itself almost overnight into the Fed Inc. by essentially taking over American International Group after already taking on hundreds of billions of dollars in mortgage securities to help ailing financial institutions.

Instead of just setting monetary policy in its Ivory Tower-like setting, the Fed now must wear several hats — that of insurance conglomerate, investment banker and even hedge fund manager.

"This is unique, and the Fed has never done something like this before," said Allan Meltzer, a professor of economics at Carnegie-Mellon University and author of a sweeping history of the Federal Reserve. "If you go all the way back to 1921, when farms were failing and Congress was leaning on the Fed to bail them



The Federal Reserve, with help from the Treasury Department, led by Henry Paulson, above, is taking more risk from markets.

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out, the Fed always said 'It's not our business.' It never regarded itself as an all-purpose agency."

The Fed has often been described as the nation's lender of last resort — the one institution that would lend money when everything else had failed. But by acquiring almost 80 percent of A.I.G. in exchange for lending it \$85 billion, and holding \$29 billion

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wild-card race. PAGE D1

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Nicholas D. Kristof PAGE A35

For Mets, a Draining Victory

The Mets built a big early lead, then

Washington, 9-7. They retained their

half-game lead in the National League

needed seven relief pitchers to hold off

in securities once owned by Bear Stearns, the Fed is now becoming the investor of last resort as well.

That could put the central bank in an increasingly complicated and contradictory position. It will be responsible for stabilizing the financial system, but also for minimizing losses to taxpayers.

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Goth style endures, both in high school and high fashion (Givenchy's take is at left), because alienation will always be chic. PAGE G1

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Swan Song For Musical Spoof den Broadway" may well be its last. A review by Ben Brantley. PAGE E1

# A Look You Just Can't Kill



#### **BUSINESS DAY C1-15** A Meter for the Internet A Time Warner experiment, charging for online use by the gigabyte, might suggest how Internet providers could charge for use in the future. PAGE C6



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that a psychology of fear has gripped investors, not only in the United States but also in Europe and Asia. While investors' decisions to protect themselves may be perfectly rational, the crowd behavior could trigger a downward spiral that has broader ramifications.

Stocks continues: Investors fear

#### AIG BAILOUT FALLOUT Some economists worry Insurance firm's policy holders aren't expected to suffer from

firm's pratfall. D1

MORTGAGE RATES RISE "We've had three rate changes in an afternoon," said one homemortgage broker.D3

WHO ELSE MIGHT FALL? Morgan Stanley was looking for a lifeboat; Wells Fargo might buy Washington Mutual. D1

#### **Box cutter** was for work, but to school, it's a weapon

 A Blaine High School student was suspended for having the knife in his car, violating a weapons policy.

By ABBY SIMONS asimons@startribune.com

A Blaine teenager has been suspended from school for 10 days and faces possible expulsion Monday after a box cutter was spotted in his car in the high school parking lot. Administrators invoked the school's zerotolerance weapons policy, which allows little disciplinary leeway.

Blaine High School senior Tony Richard, 17, admits the box cutter was sitting in plain sight in the cup holder in his car in the parking lot Sept. 5. It was spotted by a security guard checking parking passes. But Richard contends that the cutter was for his after-school job on a Cub Foods clean-up crew, where his duties include cutting

#### **I-35W BRIDGE OPENS TODAY=**

For a live view as traffic flows this morning, go to startribune.com/bridgecam

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Tour designer Billy Beson's contemporary condo at noon on startribune.com/ video

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With economic anxiety rising, John McCain and Barack Obama scrambled to adjust their messages to connect more directly with financially struggling voters. A9

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Gomez, Span and the rest of the Twins hit the wall in Cleveland.

**Twins lose** again, but

up cardboard boxes.

School officials didn't budge. They suspended Richard and recommended to the Anoka-Hennepin school board that he be expelled. The board will decide his fate Monday.

"I pretty much said, 'Are you kidding?'" said Richard, who said his disciplinary record is limited to a few tardies. "I didn't know how to react. I didn't want to get angry and stuff. I didn't want to make it any worse."

Charlie Kyte, executive director of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators, says weapons policies present dilemmas for school districts but are necessary, particularly following bursts of school violence across the country.

Knife continues: School says rule must be applied to all. A17 >



**«IPRETTY** MUCH SAID **ARE YOU** 

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Blaine High School senior Tony Richard

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Collapse survivor Andy Gannon talked about being nervous about crossing the bridge. He had hoped to drive himself across Wednesday to finish the trip he started in August 2007, but officials said it was unsafe for him to do so while it was still a construction zone.

 For collapse survivors, feelings about crossing the bridge range from confidence to determination, and for some – fervent avoidance.



JEFF WHEELER + jwheeler@startribune.com A state trooper parked in the middle of the southbound traffic lanes Wednesday evening while construction crews took care of the final details for today's 5 a.m. bridge opening.

By PAM LOUWAGIE plouwagie@startribune.com

> or more than a year, Andy Gannon has lived with the image of the Interstate 35W bridge heaving

and tossing cars as it crashed into the Mississippi River and dropped out from under him.

With the 10 lanes of the gleaming new span set to open to regular traffic this morning, Gannon is eager to drive himself over it. He knows in his head that the bridge is safe, but he feels a strong need to physically prove to himself that he can trust it.

"I think if I ever want to be the person I was ... you have to trust things," said Gannon, 39, of Apple Valley. "You can't live your life in fear."

For most commuters, the bridge's opening will mean the return of a relatively breezy flow

of traffic, with easier access to downtown Minneapolis and a chance to put last summer's tragedy firmly in the background.

But for survivors it brings a complicated mix of feelings. Like Gannon, some will be quick to force themselves across it, hoping for another step toward closure. Some will be frustrated that life is returning to normal for most commuters, but not for them. Some will never want to go near it again.

"They're going to be all over the map. There are some people who are probably looking forward to crossing the bridge and there are some who you probably couldn't pay to cross the bridge," said Margaret McAbee, director of Survivor Resources. which has been holding weekly meetings for bridge-collapse survivors and families.

Bridge continues: "I don't think I ever want to cross over" it. A16 >

#### Chicago does too Cl

#### HAVE YOU HEARD?

🚺 In Minnesota, John McCain's campaign has dramatically outspent Barack Obama's on TV ads.B1

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🚯 Twenty-five states asked MillerCoors to ditch plans for a caffeine-alcohol energy drink, saying it is a "recipe for disaster."



🕘 A Japanese manufacturer has been bornbarded by thousands of orders for Sarah Palin's eyeglasses. A9

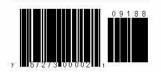
🕞 MN150: Set in Minneapolis, "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" premiered in September 1970 and aired for seven years.

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State facility improperly handcuffed retarded residents

 An unusual report, aimed at preventing a recurrence, says that restraints were used routinely for two years.

#### By JOSEPHINE MARCOTTY marcotty@startribune.com

The staff at the state's facility for retarded adults in Cambridge routinely put residents in metal handcuffs and other im-

proper restraints to punish them and to control their behavior, according to state investigators.

Handcuffs and ankle restraints were widely used for minor behavior problems, not only for safety reasons as is required

by law, investigators found. The abuse of restraints, which occurred over a two-year period, was detailed in a report made public today by the state's Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

Officials from the Department of Human Services (DHS), which operates the facility, admitted that such practices were routine until they were stopped last spring. Officials said they ended the excessive use of restraints after the Minnesota Department of Health cited the facility for 15 rule violations in February.

"We don't deny it," said Loren Colman, assistant commis-

sioner at DHS. "We responded with the plan of correction."

Roberta Opheim, the state's mental-health ombudsman, said she took the unusual step of publicly chastising the facility to reduce the chances of such abuses from occurring again.

Abuse continues on A15 ►

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## Dragons take to the Fox Everything you need to know about Saturday's Dragon

Boat Races in our special pullout section.>>WEEKEND

# TODAY

>Sports

# **RDA to wait on Waterfront**

# ONRO CONROL

#### Get to know Omro's QB

The Northwestern's Rob Ebert talks with Omro's quarterback Preston Goetz about Friday's upcoming game against rival Winneconne for the China Bull.>>PAGE B1

>LifeStyle



Pickin' a peck of family fun

Regional apple growers have suffered some setbacks this season, but there are plenty of apples left.>>PAGE A10

Election 2008



BY JEFF BOLLIER of The Northwestern

The Oshkosh Redevelopment Authority will wait for a week to decide whether to assign the development agreement for The Waterfront to a group led by brothers Andy and Art Dumke.

The RDA postponed its vote Wednesday after Oshkosh Common Councilor Paul Esslinger contacted another developer

# Common Council's Esslinger in contact with another developer interested in project site

who Esslinger said had "a strong interest" in developing the entire site. Esslinger would not say who the developer was other than that he has "other projects in the Oshkosh community" and had the finances to both purchase the entire 13.3-acre site and complete the development without tax incremental financing, or TIF, assistance.

"There's other reasons this individual would like to get involved now, but I can't say anything more at this time," Esslinger said after the meeting. "But if it comes forward, you'll understand."

The weeklong delay could end up costing the RDA the proposal it met to consider Wednesday, though. Akcess Acquisition Group requested a modified development

#### ON THE WEB

► Join the discussion about The Waterfront project and the new developers in the forums.>>WWW.THENORTH WESTERN.COM.

agreement be assigned to Oshkosh River Development LLC, a company

RDA, Page A6

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ANDREW YOUNG OF THE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY PROJECT answers questions from Erica Gallagher and Abby Berken, both University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh students, about registering to vote. The American Democracy Project has a booth set up in Reeve Memorial Union on the UWO campus from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. this week.

# The student vote

## Electrified fence going up at WRC

'Stun fence' latest in detection technology

#### BY KEVIN MURPHY for The Northwestern

MADISON — A "stun fence," the latest in perimeter detection technology, will be installed next year at the Wisconsin Resource Center, home to 428 inmates and patients located just north of Oshkosh.

"People will know it's electrified. It won't be concealed, we want it to be a warning to

The highvoltage fence delivers a nonlethal charge that would probably knock an inmate off his or her feet when touched and would "certainly stop a person from climbing it," said Bryan Bartow, WRC's director.

# Watch the McCain rally

Can't make it to the John McCain rally in Green Bay today? Our live Web coverage begins at 4 p.m., with the rally starting at 7 p.m.>> WWW.THENORTH WESTERN.COM

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#### College students are expected to be key in presidential election

#### BY AMIE JO SCHAENZER of The Northwestern

he upcoming presidential election has the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus pumped about politics. This year, more than ever

before, college students are expected to get out to vote and those at UWO are no exception to that rule, said Jim Simmons, UWO political science department chairman.

"I've seen a number of presidential elections here over the years and I think this year will probably exceed any of those," Simmons said. "I see all the public

BY ELLYN FERGUSON

WASHINGTON — The

Senate may be under more

pressure to tackle an oil-

drilling bill with the

House's late-night approval

Differences remain be-

tween the House bill, which

of an energy bill Tuesday.

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> opinion polls showing that those under 29 are more energized and likely to vote in this election."

There are a number of reasons for excitement over this year's

election. A young presidential candidate in Sen. Barack Obama has UWO College Democrats out in full force supporting Obama's "Campaign for Change" while the recent surprise vice presidential pick of Sarah Palin — a 44-year-old hockey mom and governor of Alaska — came right around the time first semester classes started and has enthused the college Republicans to get on board with presidential candidate Sen. John McCain.

"I haven't seen this kind of enthusiasm here before. This is a new phenomenon and there is a lot of interest in both Obama and Palin. Hopefully, both of them will get students out to vote," said David Siemers, UWO associate professor of political science.

VOTE, Page A6

The House passed the

**Comprehensive American** 

Energy Security and Con-

sumer Protection Act with

► Tammy Baldwin, D-

a 239-186 vote.

**VOTING FOR:** 

Madison

#### everyone."

Bryan Bartow, WRC director director director fence will be 12 feet high and is

what the Department of Corrections uses at medium security institutions, Bartow said. The fence also sends a warning to the guardhouse if someone tries to attack it, he said.

The Department of Health and Family Services partly justified the \$538,900 project stating it protects the community and provides a psychological deterrent to the inmates.

"People will know it's electrified. It won't be concealed, we want it to be a warning to everyone," Bartow said.

Fence construction is scheduled to begin in May and be completed by November 2009.

WRC is currently below its 460inmate capacity as one housing unit is empty while a maintenance project is underway.

Kevin Murphy is a freelance writer based in Madison.

## **Energy spotlight moves to Senate**

would open oil and natural gas drilling off most of the East and West coasts, and a leading Senate proposal that would let Virginia, Georgia and the Carolinas decide whether to allow offshore drilling.

Several members of a Senate bipartisan group —

10 Republicans and 10 Democrats — say they hope to broaden the compromise proposal.

The House passed the Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act with a 239 to 186 vote that left

SENATE, Page A6

#### HOW THEY VOTED

 Ron Kind, D-La Crosse
 Gwen Moore, D-Milwaukee

► Dave Obey, D-Wausau VOTING AGAINST:

► Paul Ryan, R-Janesville

► Tom Petri, R-Fond du Lac

► James Sensenbrenner,

Steve Kagen, D-Appleton R-Menomonee Falls



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