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## War foes lose bid to require troop rest

### Amendment defeated in Senate amid threat of veto

By Jill Zuckman  
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Following a heated, all-day debate on the Senate floor that pitted combat veterans against combat veterans and one former secretary of the Navy against another, lawmakers failed to require the Pentagon to give U.S. troops as much time to rest at home as they spend in theater overseas.

It was a significant defeat for critics of the Iraq war, who have been trying for months to withdraw troops over President Bush's objection.

Democratic leaders had believed that the amendment, offered by a former Navy secretary, Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., was the best path for ending the war in Iraq and forcing the administration to bring the troops quickly back home.

But the White House and the Pentagon put intense pressure on Republican senators to reject the proposal, threatening to veto the legislation

and warning that it would inexorably harm the ability of military leaders to run the war.

The amendment failed to reach 60 votes, the threshold agreed to by both parties, even as the Senate voted 56-44 in favor of it, quashing Democratic hopes of bringing the war to a close. Among regional members, the measure was supported by Sens. Bob Casey, D-Pa.; Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio; and Robert Byrd and Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va. It was opposed by Sens. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and George Voinovich, R-Ohio.

The Senate then similarly failed, 55-45, to pass a non-binding "sense of the Senate" resolution that also called for more rest time for the troops. Regional senators voted the same as with the amendment.

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., a staunch critic of the war who co-sponsored the Webb amendment, said yesterday's outcome means Republicans will continue to stick with Mr. Bush for at least the rest of the year. "It's 'Stay the Course, Part 2,'" said Mr. Hagel, an Army infantryman in Vietnam who earned two Purple Hearts, warning that some of his Republican colleagues running for re-election next year will soon face a "con-

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First-graders from Helen S. Faison Elementary School in Homewood walk through their school's mini edible schoolyard yesterday.

### A fabled program that allows public school students to grow their own lunches could be coming to Pittsburgh

## Edible Schoolyard seed planted

By Mackenzie Carpenter  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Organic food pioneer Alice Waters has been in talks with Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent Mark Roosevelt about bringing her fabled Edible Schoolyard to a city elementary school, Mr. Roosevelt said yesterday.

If all goes according to plan, Pittsburgh would be the third city, after Berkeley, Calif., and

New Orleans, to have an Edible Schoolyard — a multimillion-dollar project carefully designed by Ms. Waters and funded with private dollars. Under the program, urban public school students learn how, literally, to grow their own lunch by planting, harvesting and preparing nutritional produce in a state-of-the-art school kitchen.

Not only does the Edible Schoolyard teach students

where their food comes from, it's used as a teaching tool in school science, nutrition and social studies classes, said Carina Wong, executive director of the Berkeley-based Chez Panisse Foundation, which administers the program. It also sparks schools to rethink their own lunch programs, which increasingly have been criticized by parents and health care experts as unhealthy and unappetizing.

Ms. Waters, who founded Berkeley's famed Chez Panisse Restaurant in 1971, triggered a nationwide movement in the 1970s and 1980s toward eating locally grown seasonal and organic foods. She flew to Pittsburgh to meet with Mr. Roosevelt in June to discuss the plan, which would involve a pilot project at one school, still to be named.

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## Senate defeats bill on detainee trial rights

By Jerome L. Sherman  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — The Senate yesterday defeated a bill that would have allowed terrorism suspects to contest their imprisonments in U.S. federal courts, a measure strongly supported by Pennsylvania's Sen. Arlen Specter.

The final vote was 56-43 in favor, four votes short of the 60 needed to bring an end to debate.

Mr. Specter, the ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, was a lead sponsor of the bill along with Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the committee's chairman. Both lawmakers had hoped to reverse a key provision of the Military Commissions Act of 2006, which prevents detainees at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from claiming habeas corpus rights under the U.S. Constitution.

"I'm going to look for an opportunity to bring it up again," Mr. Specter said after the bill was defeated. "I don't think Congress should let this go and wait for the [Supreme Court] to rule."

Opponents argued that the United States shouldn't give combatants captured on the battlefield access to its courts during a time of war.

"The consequences of granting the habeas right would be horrendous," said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz. "These

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### O.J. BACK IN COURT

Former football star O.J. Simpson is led into a courtroom at the Clark County Regional Justice Center in Las Vegas yesterday to be arraigned on charges related to an armed holdup of sports memorabilia collectors. Mr. Simpson was released after posting \$125,000 bail.

By Joe Fahy  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A record amount of vaccine is expected this flu season, and local providers are hoping enough is distributed to meet demand early on, when people are most interested in shots.

Noting "alarmingly low" vaccination rates among adults and children, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged yesterday that Americans get flu shots well into the flu season.

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## I-80 toll foes drive on capital

### Venango legislator plans repeal bill; truckers ready Harrisburg protest

By Tom Barnes  
Post-Gazette Harrisburg Bureau

HARRISBURG — The campaign against tolling Interstate 80 is gaining momentum, as a state legislator tries to repeal the July law that authorized the tolls and truckers prepare for a rally at the Capitol on Monday.

State Rep. Scott Hutchinson, R-Venango, is sponsoring a bill to repeal Act 44, a transporta-



State Rep. Scott Hutchinson

tion funding measure the Legislature passed in July. It calls for increasing Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls by 25 percent starting in 2009 and imposing first-time tolls on I-80, a 311-mile, four-lane highway across northern

Pennsylvania from Ohio to New Jersey.

"The reaction I've gotten from people in my area is overwhelmingly against the tolls on I-80," Mr. Hutchinson said yesterday. "The highway is very much tied to the economy of our area, which has struggled, and if we make that artery less economically viable, we'll really be in trouble."

He said he's seeking co-sponsors for his repeal bill, which he'll introduce within two weeks. Act 44 passed, 124-79, on July 17, so at least 23 House members would have to change their votes to repeal it.

Some truckers' groups also

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## Waterworks kidnap-rape trial opens

By Milan Simonich  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

AKRON, Ohio — Jimmy Lee Tayse, who went on trial yesterday on charges of kidnapping a woman and her baby daughter from a shopping center in Pittsburgh, sat with his head down as a prosecutor called him a rapist, a robber and a knife-wielding domestic terrorist.

"This is a case about the fear and panic and helplessness of a mother and her baby," Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh said in her opening statement to the jury.

"Sadly, it's about how one day can change a life forever."

She said Mr. Tayse jumped into the woman's blue Jeep Cherokee after she had loaded groceries into her vehicle April

7 at Waterworks Mall. Ms. Walsh said Mr. Tayse held a knife to the throat of the woman's 16-month-old daughter, then ordered her to drive him out of Pennsylvania or else he would harm the child.

During the next five hours, Ms. Walsh said, Mr. Tayse twice forced the woman to perform oral sex on him. He also made

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## Flu vaccine expected to be plentiful this season

By Joe Fahy  
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A record amount of vaccine is expected this flu season, and local providers are hoping enough is distributed to meet demand early on, when people are most interested in shots.

Noting "alarmingly low" vaccination rates among adults and children, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged yesterday that Americans get flu shots well into the flu season.

"We need to rethink the influenza immunization sea-

son and encourage vaccination throughout the fall and winter," Dr. Julie Gerberding, the CDC's director, said in a statement.

"Every year, we miss the opportunity to get more Americans vaccinated," said Dr. Ardis Hoven, an infectious disease specialist and board member

for the American Medical Association, at a news conference with Dr. Gerberding and other health officials in Washington.

"After Thanksgiving, patient demand for vaccine dramatically decreases," often leaving many doses unused and people unprotected, Dr. Hoven said.

Flu season runs from November to March.

The CDC recommends that anyone get vaccinated who wants to reduce the risk of getting the flu or spreading it to others. Specific groups that

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