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Iraq hot topic at first debate



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., left, and President Bush are shown last night, during the beginning of the presidential debate at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. Debate moderator Jim Lehrer is at center.

Bush, Kerry square off at first presidential debate of season

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CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Sen. John Kerry accused President Bush last night of a "colossal error in judgment" in ordering the invasion of Iraq. "The world is better off without Saddam Hussein," the president shot back in campaign debate, adding his rival once said so himself.

"I agree with him," Bush jabbed sarcastically at a challenger he depicts as prone to flip-flops.

In a 90-minute debate dominated by a war that has claimed more than 1,000

American lives, Kerry called the conflict a diversion in the broader struggle against terror and the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

The four-term Massachusetts senator said he could do a better job than Bush of protecting the nation against another Sept. 11-style attack, and pledged to be strong and resolute in fighting terrorism.

"But we also have to be smart ... and smart means not diverting our attention from the war on terror and taking it off to Iraq," Kerry said.

"This president, I don't know if he really sees what's happening over there" in Iraq, Kerry said of Bush, standing 10 feet away on a University of Miami debate stage.

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Bush swiftly returned to his theme of Kerry as a man who changes his mind too often to be president. "He voted to authorize the use of force and now says it's the wrong war at the wrong time. ... I don't think you can lead if you say wrong war, wrong time, wrong place. What message

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UMC-area spa busted for possible prostitution

By Holly Wells
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A man and two women working in a massage parlor near University Medical Center were arrested yesterday in what police say may lead to a prostitution bust.

John Lavoie, 48, who was operating Angel's Heaven Relaxation Spa, 1740 E. Lester St., was arrested for operating a massage parlor without a license, employing unlicensed massage therapists and for driving on a suspended license.

Two women who worked at the spa were also arrested. One was arrested for committing acts of prostitution and being an unlicensed massage therapist. The other was arrested for being an unlicensed massage therapist.

Sergeant Carlos Valdez, Tucson Police Department spokesman, said the investigation is ongoing and police may uncover evidence leading to a prostitution charge for Lavoie.

Valdez said police began investigating the spa in late June after several residents from the North Campbell Avenue and East Lester Street area began reporting suspicious activity involving the spa.

Valdez said police worked with several other agencies including the Department of Public Safety and the Attorney General's Office to get three search warrants that were all served today.

Two of the search warrants were served within Tucson, one at the spa and another at a connecting residence.

Valdez said the third warrant was served by the Pima County Sheriff's office to an office in Winstel, outside of Tucson.

Valdez said when the warrant was served to the spa, three females and six males were detained for questioning. He said while two of the women were arrested, everyone else was released after interviews.

The Angel's Heaven Relaxation Spa Web site has profiles of the "angels." Each angel has a name like "passion angel" or "alluring angel." The profiles contain a detailed physical description of each angel along with a description of her "beauty and personality."

Attempts to contact Angel's Heaven Relaxation Spa were unsuccessful. A call placed to the spa around 7 p.m. was answered by police who said there were no spa employees in the building.

Valdez said Lavoie, along with the two women, were booked into Pima County Jail.

Minorities now more than 25 percent of UA

By Monica Warren
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For the first time in UA history, minority students make up more than 25 percent of the total student population, according to fall 2004 enrollment data.

Hispanics make up the largest minority group at the school, with 5,024 students, or 13 percent of the total student population.

Overall enrollment at the UA held steady for fall 2004, falling 151 students shy of last year's

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Regents approve \$489M budget for UA

By Natasha Bhuyan and Lisa Rich
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TEMPE — The Arizona Board of Regents approved state university budget requests yesterday, which could grant the UA a total of \$489 million for the 2006 fiscal year.

Dick Roberts, UA budget director, said this year the UA is focused on increasing the percentage of graduates and reducing the average years it takes students to graduate.

The state universities requested two graduation incentives at \$2.9 million, which would reward \$100,000 for every 0.5 percent

increase in graduates and \$100,000 for every 0.1 percent decrease in the average graduation time.

In the past, the average student spent approximately six years at UA before graduating, Roberts said. That number has dropped to 4.75 years, but with graduation incentives, the university is hoping to improve the average to four years.

In 2002, the graduation rate was 55 percent, a figure Likins called embarrassing. Although the figure has increased 2 percent, Likins said "57 percent is not an acceptable number."



UA President Pete Likins talks about the future of UA during the Arizona Board of Regents meeting held yesterday at ASU's Memorial Union.

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