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Partly cloudy with 10-15 mph winds. **85/65**
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BP moves a step closer to drilling new deep-water wells in the Gulf of Mexico as a federal agency approves a plan submitted by the oil giant. **A2**

About 37 percent of the country supports the Occupy Wall Street protests, a new poll says. **A2**

Gov. Rick Perry's call for a flat income tax rate ties his campaign to an issue that excites many conservatives but has failed to win over mainstream America. **A3**

All six of U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann's paid staffers in New Hampshire quit. **A3**

Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain redefines his "9-9-9" tax plan to exclude the poorest Americans and to allow some deductions. **A3**

Unable to agree on how much millionaires should be taxed, Democratic and Republican senators do find common ground on one thing as they vote to end federal subsidies for millionaire farmers. **A5**

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PolitiFact Texas checks Texas first lady Anita Perry's claim about how federal regulations affected her son. **B1**

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The Texas Rangers' speed might be the difference in their World Series matchup against the St. Louis Cardinals, Kirk Bohls says. **C1**

SportsExtra

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IRAQ WAR

Obama calls home U.S. troops in Iraq

REMAINING 39,000 TO RETURN BY END OF THIS YEAR

Some fear violence after Americans leave

By Scott Wilson and Karen DeYoung
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Friday that the United States would withdraw all its troops from Iraq by the end of the year, ending a long war that deeply divided the country over its origins and the American lives it consumed.

"Today, I can say that our troops in Iraq will definitely be home for the holidays," the president said. "After nearly nine years, America's war in Iraq will be over."

In a Friday morning video conference, Obama and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki agreed to a complete military withdrawal that will fulfill a promise important to Obama's re-election effort. The decision drew sharp criticism from his GOP rivals, as well as expressions of relieved support from those who believe it is time for the U.S. to conclude a war Obama once called "dumb."

For months, U.S. and Iraqi officials had been negotiating an accord that would have kept several thousand U.S. troops in Iraq for special operations and training beyond the year-end deadline set by President George W. Bush. But Obama and Maliki failed to agree on the legal status of U.S. troops who would stay in Iraq

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Evan Vucci ASSOCIATED PRESS
President Barack Obama declared an end to the Iraq war Friday, fulfilling a promise key to his re-election effort.



Patrick Baz 2003 AFP
The U.S. launches a war in Iraq with air strikes on Baghdad, making good on threats of military action to push out then-President Saddam Hussein.



Jerome Delay 2003 ASSOCIATED PRESS
Iraqi civilians and U.S. troops pull down a statue of Saddam Hussein in downtown Baghdad. Iraqis hanged the dictator in 2006 for crimes against humanity.



Maya Alleruzzo 2010 ASSOCIATED PRESS
U.S. soldiers from 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division board a C-17 aircraft at Baghdad International Airport as they begin their journey home.

Withdrawal heralds end of an era for Fort Hood

By Claire Osborn and Jeremy Schwartz
AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF

KILLEEN — The announcement Friday that all U.S. service members will leave Iraq by the end of the year had mixed reactions in this Army town, where for the past decade the rhythm of life has been defined by deployments to the Iraqi war zone. Aaron Gonzalez, a 23-year-old who

said he served in the Army in Iraq in 2008 and 2009, said President Barack Obama's decision was a plus for the nation's budget but a minus for security.

"It's going to create a problem in the Middle East and put us back in a vulnerable situation in regards to being in the same position as 9/11," he said.

Marcella McGinley-Campbell, a 62-year-old who said she was retired

from the Air Force, said Obama's decision would weaken the position of American troops before they leave Iraq and make them more likely to be attacked as they are pulling out.

"I think it's a mistake," she said.

No other military installation has shouldered the burden of the fight in Iraq like Fort Hood: Since the war began, soldiers have deployed from

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AUSTIN

City rules are hurdle for events, group says

Festival organizers say regulations strain plans

By Marty Toohey
AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF

As the eight festivals happening around downtown this weekend show, Austin has no shortage of events to keep residents entertained. But a group of festival organizers has banded together around the claim that the city is making life increasingly difficult for organizers and the general public.

The newly formed Special Events League of Texas says that ever-shifting city rules and interpretations have hampered their ability to plan effectively for issues such as traffic, which will almost certainly be maddening downtown this weekend.

"A lot of people move here for the runs, the concerts, the things that make Austin different from Oklahoma City," said French Smith, who organizes several events and has had his fair share of disagreements with city officials over the years. "But when they keep increasing the costs, and the rules keep changing,

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- Books, films, food: Your guide to the weekend festivities. **F1**

U.S. SENATE RACE

Dewhurst joins rivals at forum

By Kate Alexander
AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF

SUGAR LAND — For the first time since August, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Friday faced Republican voters along with his fellow contenders for the U.S. Senate nomination after taking jabs that he has been avoiding his competitors.

Even though the forum sponsor, Spirit of Freedom Republican Women, did not give the candidates an opportunity for any head-to-head sparring, former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz quickly took the fight to Dewhurst.

"This race presents a clear choice. A clear choice between our campaign and the campaign of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst," Cruz said. "I've got to tell you, the women in this room have some stroke because he's missed 13 events."

Cruz has been tweaking Dewhurst for "ducking" the candidate forums that have been organized by Republican and tea party groups across

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LIBYA

U.N. calls for investigation of Gadhafi's death as more videos circulate

By Kareem Fahim and Rick Gladstone
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MISRATA, Libya — International calls mounted Friday for Libya's interim leaders to provide a fuller accounting of the final moments before Moammar Gadhafi's violent, messy death,

as new videos circulated that showed him and his son Muatassim alive, apparently while in the custody of the former rebels.

Even as NATO declared that its Libyan military operations will end Oct. 31, the United Nations and two leading human rights groups were calling Friday for a thorough investigation into pre-

cisely how Gadhafi — who was seen on the Internet in cellphone videos bleeding and heaving as he was manhandled by screaming fighters — wound up dead with what appeared to be bullet wounds to the head and chest.

The United States, which, along with other major Western powers, heartily congratulated

the Libyan people Thursday as news of Gadhafi's death was announced, also said that Libya's post-Gadhafi leaders must furnish a detailed explanation of how he died.

Officials with the interim government indicated that they

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Moammar Gadhafi
Former Libyan leader died Thursday with his son.