

Meet the presidential candidates

See where they stand on key issues

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The presidential election, described by some to be the most important election in American history, is only two months away.

As polls come in, they are making it apparent that the race is close and the country is once again divided. In some key issues the two candidates could not be farther apart, while in other issues they share commonalities.

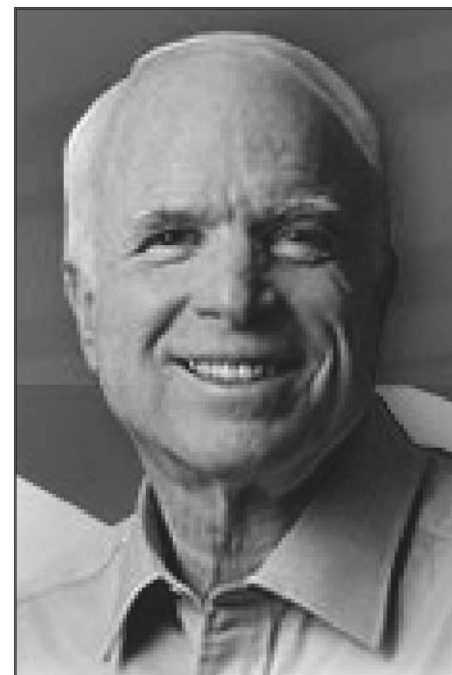
Economy

Both candidates promise to make the economy better. According to www.JohnMcCain.com, their candidate's proposal centers on keeping "the top tax rate at 35 percent, maintaining the 15 percent rates on dividends and capital gains, and a phase-out of the Alternative Minimum Tax." McCain claims that this will help the small businesses that are the heart of job growth.

The site also says McCain will "cut the corporate tax rate from 35 to 25 percent" to help lower corporate tax rates and keep good jobs in the United States.

BarackObama.com gives a different approach to solve the economic crisis. The website says Barack Obama "will restore fairness to the tax code and provide 150 million workers the tax relief they need."

Obama's site says their candidate will create a new "Making Work Pay" tax credit of up to \$500 per person, or \$1,000 per working family. Obama himself has claimed that he will reduce taxes for Americans making less than \$250,000 a year.



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Iraq

"John McCain believes it is essential for the United States to support the Government of Iraq to become capable of governing itself and safeguarding its people" (www.JohnMcCain.com). McCain also disagrees with anyone advocating withdraw from Iraq before American interests are secure.

Obama's official website takes a different approach from that of McCain's. It says that

"Obama will give his Secretary of Defense and military commanders a new mission in Iraq: ending the war."

The website says that the removal of our troops will be a responsible one, under the direction of military



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commanders and done in consultation with the Iraqi government," the same government who is already calling for an end to the U.S involvement.

Energy

Both candidates have a detailed description on their vision to solve the energy crisis.

McCain's website says he will commit our country

to expanding domestic oil exploration and believes in promoting the use of our supply of natural gas.

He will also propose a \$300 million prize to improve battery technology and commit \$2 billion annually to advancing clean coal.

BarackObama.com says their candidate will eliminate the nation's need for Middle Eastern and Venezuelan oil within 10 years.

The website also states Obama will enact a low carbon fuel standard and reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050 making the U.S. a leader on climate change.

While both candidates seek health care reform and the reduction in the national abortion rate, they do not agree on how to achieve those goals.

To learn more about the candidates visit www.BarackObama.com and www.JohnMcCain.com.

Barack Obama has chosen Delaware Senator Joe Biden to run with him as his Vice Presidential running mate. This partnership was officially announced at a rally in Springfield.

On all of the Navigator websites there are online exclusive pictures and video. There is also a story from the rally.

Coming soon to a theater near you

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After summer blockbusters such as "The Dark Knight" and "Pineapple Express," moviegoers are anticipating a number of interesting and persuasive films to hit the big screen this fall. September alone is going to be chockfull of suspenseful and comedic movies that include big name actors and actresses as well as directors.

One of the more unique titles opening Sept. 5 is "Bangkok Dangerous," directed by Oxide and Danny Pang ("The Eye"). The movie stars Nicholas Cage as an amateur hitman who is sent to

Thailand in order to assassinate several enemies of a Thai crime boss. However, Cage loosens his guard as he finds romance in a local shop girl, which ultimately turns out worse for the situation he's in.

Another movie to join the suspenseful genre is "Righteous Kill", directed by Jon Avnet ("Uprising", "88 Minutes"). The movie features Robert De Niro and Al Pacino as two New York City police officers on the brink of retirement. Their last case involves tracking down a serial killer and inspecting a possible wrongful conviction in regards to killings that happened years before. It premieres on Sept. 12.

"Burn After Reading," directed by Joel and Ethan Coen ("No

Country for Old Men") strays away from this fall's plethora of action movies and depicts two gym employees getting their hands on a CIA official's memoir. The two unwise characters played by Brad Pitt and George Clooney decide to advertise their findings to the public. This comedic film will open Sept. 12.

Although there is a slim chance that any of these movies will break box office ground in competition with this summer's outcome, they all appear to be enjoyable films that shouldn't be disregarded this month.

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Hey did you hear about.... Hannah Montana

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Miley Cyrus is the latest Disney child star gone bad. For those of you who may not have children, Cyrus is the star of the Disney show "Hannah Montana."

Like many other Disney stars, she is also singing and doing well financially. Her album "Breakout" sold 371,000 copies, making it the second biggest debut by a female artist in 2008, according to the Los Angeles Times. Mariah Carey sold a whopping 463,000 copies.

Cyrus's trouble began with what appeared to be an innocent photo of her sharing candy with a friend. Lately, photos which were supposedly stolen from her cell phone, have surfaced of her in her underwear and also of her in

the shower wearing only a white t-shirt.

The 'Hannah Montana' star could be filming her last season of the show. Whether it is because she wants to film more mature roles, or because Disney has had enough is yet to be heard.

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Many parents of her young followers have had enough though.

Denise Sharp, a 2008 graduate from Lake Land is a mother of four. She believes Cyrus is a, "poor example of a role model

for parents to rely on for (their) children."

But many children do look to Miss Cyrus as a role model, just like other Disney stars. Like Jamie Lynn Spears, now a young mother and former Zoe 101 star. Or Vanessa Hudgens, the star of 'High School Musical' who had nude pictures surface. Even Lindsey Lohan, who has appeared in several Disney films and also has had some controversial headlines.

If kids can not look to Disney for their role models, who can they look up to? Sharp believes, "The parents should be the role model for their kids."

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Rock Releases:
Album- "Lost in the Sound of Separation"
Artist- Underoath
Released on- Sept. 2

Album- "Eliminator" [CD/DVD]
Artist- ZZ Top
Released on- Sept. 9

Album- "Death Magnetic"
Artist- Metallica
Released on- Sept. 12

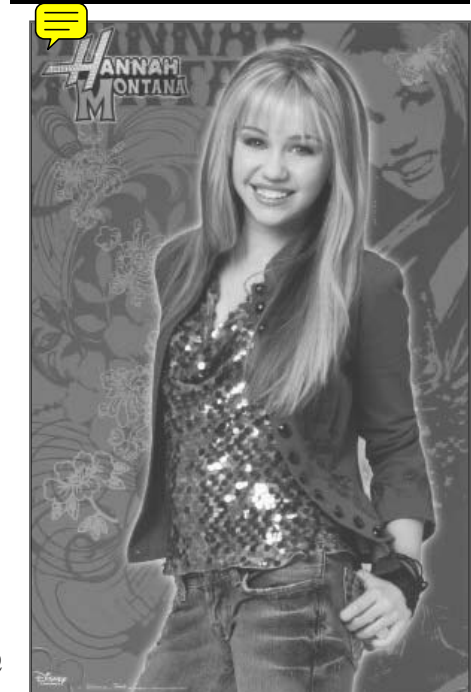
Album- "Black Butterfly"
Artist- Buckcherry
Released on- Sept. 16

Country Releases:
Album- "Do You Know?"
Artist- Jessica Simpson
Released on- Sept. 9

Album- "Tim McGraw Collector's Edition #2"
Artist- Tim McGraw
Released on- Sept. 23

Rap/ R&B Releases:
Album- "The Recession"
Artist- Young Jeezy
Released on- Sept. 2

Album- "Year of the Gentleman"
Artist- Ne-Yo
Released on- Sept. 16



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