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U.S. Senate Approves Ashcroft, 58-42

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Viewers Continue to Flock to 'Temptation Island'

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Viewers continued to flock to the forbidden fruit of Fox television's "Temptation Island" as the libido-fueled hit series beat the competition in its fourth week, ratings figures show.

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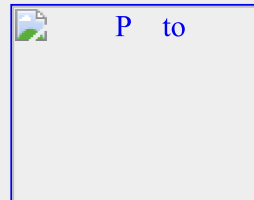
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