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Nathan Gruss

'Extraordinary' cave found near Tucson

The cave has formations said to rival those of Kartchner Caverns, but it is unlikely to ever be open to the public. B1

Nation & world

U.N. finds plane's black box from Rwanda: The evidence in a 1994 crash that unleashed a genocide in the East African nation was locked away in a filing cabinet. A5

House votes to increase indecency fines: Broadcast companies and entertainers could be fined up to \$500,000 per incident, a huge jump from the current rates. A21

Local & state

Valley of Sun United Way fails to make goal: The charity falls short by \$2 million, the second consecutive year of shortfall. Its goal this year was equal to the amount it collected in 2002. B1

Board of Regents approves tuition increases: After a contentious debate, the group decides to provide some relief for teaching and research assistants at the University of Arizona. B1

Today's editorial: Phoenix's Points of Pride reminds us what a great place this is. B10

Today's letter to the editor: A principal's principles are a breath of fresh air. B10

Business

America's shoppers showed energy in February: Sales were boosted at the nation's retailers by 0.6 percent, a hopeful sign for healthy economic growth in the current quarter. D1

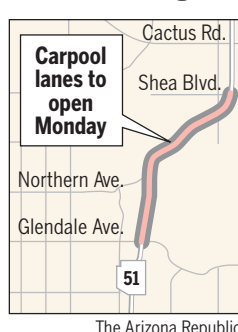
Sports

Lute Olson staying a while longer: The University of Arizona basketball coach is set to receive a contract extension that would take him through the 2009 season. C10

YOUR LIFE A guide to help you through the day.

Traffic report

The end is in sight for Arizona 51 construction:



The final stretch of HOV lanes, the major part of the widening and improvement of 51, opens Monday from Glendale Avenue to Shea Boulevard, giving continuous carpool lanes for 10 miles from Shea to I-10. But weekend restrictions continue on this and other freeways. B1

Trends and talkers

Pink is the color of spring: Whether it's runway fashions or kitchen accessories, pink is in. If you have an extra \$600 lying around, try the retro-funky FrancisFrancis! espresso machine. Check it out at Surlatable.com. Arizona Living, E1

Things to do

Mark date for John McCain: The senator will be at a Republic community forum at 7 p.m. next Thursday at the Scottsdale Community College Performing Arts Center, Loop 101 and Chaparral Road. The event is free to the public. To submit a question, e-mail news@scottsdalepublic.com.

Weather

High clouds: Mostly sunny to kick off the weekend. High 85. Low 63. B12

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Desperate migrants giving kids to 'coyotes'

Abducted 14-month-old found; 3 suspects in custody

By Daniel González The Arizona Republic

This week's kidnapping of a 14-month-old Mexican girl by three men at the U.S. border highlights the dan-

gers inherent in a growing trend.

U.S. and Mexican officials say rising numbers of undocumented immigrants are trying every way possible to smuggle their chil-

dren and babies into Arizona through the desert and official ports of entry.

That was the case Tuesday when 19-year-old Irma Alberto Gabriel of Michoacan, Mexico, was greeted at

the international fence east of Douglas by three men who beat her, kidnapped her 14-month-old daughter and fled across the border into Arizona.

Authorities found the child in Douglas on Thursday and arrested three

smuggling suspects, said Rudy Bustamante, a spokesman for the federal Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. He described the baby as OK but was unaware if she was

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Mystery surrounds carnage in Madrid



Peter Dejong/Associated Press

Rescue workers collect the bodies of victims of an explosion at the Atocha train station after explosions rocked three train stations Thursday in Madrid. It was Spain's worst terrorist attack ever.

Basque separatists or Islamic militants?

INSIDE

By Elaine Sciolino New York Times

Separatists, al-Qaida are top suspects. A4

Panic gives way to grim resolve. A4

Editorial: Spain's agony burns in us all. B10

MADRID — Ten bombs ripped through four commuter trains in Madrid on Thursday, killing at least 192 people and wounding more than 1,400 in the deadliest terrorist attack in modern Spanish history.

Spanish authorities initially blamed the Basque separatist group ETA. But

after finding a van with detonators and a tape of Koranic verses near Madrid, they held open the possibility of militant Islamic terrorism.

A group claiming links to al-Qaida took responsibility in a letter delivered to an Arab newspaper. An American counterterrorism official said the claim should be viewed skeptically.

Spain, a U.S. ally in the war on Iraq that has 1,300 troops stationed there, was explicitly threatened as a target in an audiotape reportedly made by Osama bin Laden last October.

As the country struggled to absorb the devastation three days before general elections, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar said,

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California high court halts gay marriages

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court on Thursday ordered an immediate halt to same-sex weddings in San Francisco.

Teary couples were turned away from San Francisco's City Hall, where 4,161 gay couples have tied the knot in the past month.

Mayor Gavin Newsom on Feb. 12 had ordered his administration to issue same-sex marriage licenses.

The high court's unanimous decision Thursday marked a victory for conservatives who have been fighting for a month to block the rush to the altar by gay couples.

Had the court declined to intervene, the legal battle over gay marriage in California would have taken years as gay-marriage lawsuits traveled through the state's lower courts.

"They restored order to chaos in San Francisco," said Joshua Carden, an attorney with the conservative Alliance Defense Fund.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared following the court's order that the judiciary, not San Francisco City Hall, "is the appropriate venue for resolving questions pertaining to the constitutionality of our state laws."

The court said whether the California Constitution permits same-sex marriage is a question that should work its way through the lower courts. That process could take a year or more before it again reaches the state high court.

San Francisco, in response, immediately filed a lawsuit in state court demanding that a judge declare that the state's constitution permits same-sex marriages.

Inside

Massachusetts legislators push civil unions. A20

Typical Arizonan uses less water than in '90

By Shaun McKinnon The Arizona Republic

Arizonans use more than 6.7 billion gallons of water a day, most of it to grow things or make the desert greener. What's amazing is that number is roughly the same as it was back in 1990, when there were about 1.5 million fewer of us turning on our taps.

Per capita, Arizona's water use has declined by nearly 40 percent since 1990, even as the state's population increased at about the same

rate. And it's not just us: Nationwide, water use has remained stable for the past decade and a half despite steady population growth, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, which released the figures Thursday.

"It's pretty good news for the nation," USGS Chief Hydrologist Robert Hirsch said. Advances in technology, he said, "allow us to do more with less water."

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Violence divides NHL fans

Neck-breaking hit reignites debate

By David Vest The Arizona Republic



Vancouver Canucks' Todd Bertuzzi apologizes Wednesday for sucker-punching Steve Moore of Colorado.

The truth for the National Hockey League is stark: The only time the sport is front-page news or water-cooler material is when player violence lands it on the police blotter.

The league, clawing for major-sport status, faces the dilemma of what to do about its legendary culture of fighting when some fans say they are turned off by the brutality and others say they no longer would pay attention to the

sport if fighting were banned.

On Monday night, Steve Moore of the Colorado Avalanche lay motionless on the ice with a broken neck after being sucker-punched by the Vancouver Canucks' Todd Bertuzzi. Endless replays of the assault erased all memories of a three-goal night by Colorado's Milan Hejduk and led casual observers, serious fans and players to reflect.

"Isn't it (violence) a part of the game?" asked Paul Sar-

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