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Today's quick read

YOUR WORLD A summary of today's top stories.



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Song poised to hit a high note

Aree Song hits from the tee box on the eighth hole during the Safeway International at Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club. Song shoots a 69 to finish the day one stroke behind tourney leader Sarah Lee. **Sports, C1**

Nation & World

Deaths prompt abortion-pill warning: Two more women have died after using the abortion pill RU-486, amid questions about how the drug is being used. Now, after six deaths, there are renewed calls for pulling the controversial drug from the market. **A3**

Woodpecker battle in Arkansas: The ivory-billed woodpecker was believed extinct. Then it was sighted. Now others claim the sighting wasn't real. Locals don't mind the controversy. **A25**

Valley & State

Officials say Goodrich plant was in compliance: The Phoenix Fire Department has not yet released its official report on Monday's explosion at the Universal Propulsion Co., but officials believe the company followed codes and regulations. **B1**

Turning spring break into public service: Arizona State University students join a growing trend, spending the week in community service activities in the state's rural areas. **B1**

Today's editorial: A note to Scottsdale City Council members who want to rebuild trust with the public: When a new ethics code is presented next month, applaud it. Then, adopt it. **B6**

Today's letter to the editor: Shame on Phoenix residents for their low turnout in this week's bond election. **B6**

Business

Hilton sells Tapatio Cliffs resort: A real estate investment trust buys the north Phoenix resort for about \$85 million. But a 20-year-deal will keep Hilton as the manager of the resort. **D1**

Lenders banking on Hispanic immigrants: As they see Hispanics' household income growing, banks are tailoring their products to meet the country's newest residents where they work and live. **D1**

Valley communities are best-sellers: Five Valley master-planned communities are in the top-20 sites of total new homes sold, according to a list compiled by a national real estate advisory firm. **D1**

GAS PRICES Pump watch. B1

Average price per gallon for regular gasoline in Phoenix, according to AAA Arizona:

Friday:	Month ago:	Year ago:
\$2.35	\$2.33	\$2.10

To find the cheapest gas, see www.phoenixgasprices.com.

YOUR LIFE A guide to help you through the day.

On TV

Protest movie sheds light on ignored civics lesson: If *Walkout* isn't a great movie, at least it serves to illustrate how one Latino generation struggled to change things. It also illustrates how important it is that the struggle continue. **Bill Goodykoontz in Arizona Living, E1**

At home

Cleaning products you'll want to see: Housecleaning can be a chore, but these supplies look so good, you'll want to keep them visible. That may just make cleaning a little more inviting, too. **Home, H1**

Weather

Chance of storms: High 66. Low 45. **B10**

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2006 NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Wildcats begin with a roar

Villanova, Memphis are on fire

Are your brackets busted yet? Arizona surprised its critics, Villanova and Memphis lived up to their top billing, and unheralded Northwestern State provided a buzzer-beating stunner as the NCAA Tournament picked up steam on its second day. The Wildcats pounded Wisconsin 94-75 to earn a first-round victory in Philadelphia.



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TV coverage today

- Today's CBS coverage (Channel 5 in the Valley) includes: Duke vs. George Washington, Illinois vs. Washington and UCLA vs. Alabama.
- Arizona, No. 8 seed, faces No. 1 seed Villanova on Sunday, time to be determined.
- Times, TV, brackets and more, **Inside Sports**
- The Arizona State women's basketball team opens its NCAA Tournament run today. The nationally televised game (ESPN2) begins at 1:30 p.m. **C1**

ART PROJECT CONTRASTS PHOTOS TAKEN BY MIGRANTS, MINUTEMEN



BORDER FILM PROJECT PHOTOS

Minutemen

A picture taken on a disposable camera shows a Minuteman scanning the horizon for the illegal border crossers he wants to keep out of the country.

Immigrants

But the immigrants will not be deterred. In this photo taken anonymously, an immigrant scales a fence in his search for a better life in the United States.

BORDER EXPOSURES

By Daniel González
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The photos are grainy and often out of focus.

One shows a migrant scaling a flimsy barbwire fence while on the verge of jumping illegally into the United States.

Another shows a Minuteman volunteer, binoculars pressed to his brow, scanning the rain-swept horizon for illegal border crossers.

The two images are the result of an unusual photo project that provides a rare peek inside two opposing worlds related to illegal immigration: undocumented immigrants on the perilous journey to enter the

United States and Minuteman volunteers determined to stop them.

For three months last summer, three filmmakers with ties to Arizona passed out hundreds of disposable cameras to the two groups.

The 1,500 photos received so far capture the raw human struggle that plays out daily in southern Arizona and along the rest of the U.S.-Mexican border. The photo project comes at a time when Congress is beginning to take a hard look at reforming the nation's immigration laws and beefing up border security.

The filmmakers, Phoenix natives Brett Huneycutt and Rudy Adler, and a colleague, Victoria Criado, all age 24, said

they wanted to "simplify the complexities of immigration and the U.S.-Mexico border and show the realities on the ground," according to their Web site, www.borderfilmproject.com.

They say they weren't trying to take sides on illegal immigration.

But they are hoping the photos will spark dialogue in the highly polarized debate.

"They capture the humanity present on both sides of the border. ... They are nonpartisan and inclusive," the Web site says.

Many of the photos will go on exhibit this year at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary

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EPA to target exhaust from small engines

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WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency cleared the way Friday for regulations to limit pollution from lawn mowers, jet skis and similar small machines.

Devices that clean the engines' emissions do not pose a safety problem, the EPA said. Without new pollution controls, engines under 50 horsepower would account for 18 percent of smog-forming emissions from mobile sources by 2020, the agency has estimated.

Opposition from Sen. Kit

Air-pollution ruling

Court blocks looser rules on power plants. **A14**

Bond, R-Mo., whose home state has two factories owned by lawnmower enginemaker Briggs & Stratton Corp., has delayed rules to regulate small-engine pollution.

After first trying to bar California from implementing its own small-engine rules, Bond last year insisted on a study of whether adding pollution-reduc-

ing catalytic converters to small engines could create fire risks.

The EPA study released Friday concluded there are no such risks and said there can even be safety benefits from adding catalytic converters.

The conclusion means the EPA can move forward to issue nationwide small-engine pollution regulations. The agency also can grant California the waiver it is seeking to implement its own small-engine pollution rules.

EPA spokesman John Millett said the agency should be able to take both steps by the end of the year.

\$21 mil ordered back to schools

GOP leaders to appeal English-learner funds

By Robbie Sherwood and Chip Scutari
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

A federal judge on Friday ordered \$21 million in court fines levied against the state to be immediately put into classrooms to help students struggling to learn English.

However, it is unclear when the money will actually start to flow. U.S. District Judge Raner Collins wants schools to immediately receive the funds, which will be distributed based on how many English-language learners are enrolled in each district. But the state schools chief and Republican lawmakers plan to appeal.

"We'll have to challenge the ruling as vigorously as we can," said Senate President Ken Bennett, R-Prescott. Gov. Janet Napolitano and her Democratic allies, who argued for immediate help for the state's 154,000 English-

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Price-gouging bill is sinking in Legislature

By Mary Jo Pitzl
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Consumers like it, even clamor for it when they see gas prices climbing.

But a law that would guard against price gouging is much less popular in the Legislature, where supporters are still trying to get it a hearing.

For the third year in a row, Attorney General Terry Goddard is trying to win approval for a bill that would impose fines and possible jail time on merchants who charge an "unconscionable price" for a good or service during an emergency.

A 10 percent markup over pre-emergency prices is considered "unconscionable" under the terms of the bill, sponsored by House Minority Leader Phil Lopes, D-Tucson.

But Lopes' legislation, House Bill

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