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Chaparral's Brandon Hein (left) and Chandler Frame stop Shane McCullen.

Chaparral rolls over AJ

Scottsdale's Chaparral High School recovers from a slow start and whips Apache Junction 31-12 in a Friday night battle of unbeaten teams. Chaparral's record improves to 5-0, while Apache Junction drops to 4-1. **Sports, C16**

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Nation & World

Nebraska's 'safe haven' quandary: State lawmakers are rethinking a new law originally intended to protect unwanted infants. Later revised to allow parents to give up kids as old as 18, at least 16 children, some teens, have been abandoned since July. **A3**

Valley & State

Speeders, beware: Dozens of drivers are caught on camera as Arizona's DPS launches the nation's first statewide camera-enforcement system. One police vehicle had recorded between 100 and 110 citations before 8:30 a.m. Thursday. **B1**

Today's editorial: By Friday evening, the nation was emotionally spent by the financial crisis. If the McCain-Obama debate appeared a bit less vital than we originally had expected, perhaps it is just as well. How much tension can a country take? **B4**

Sports

Coyotes vs. Ducks: Phoenix's preseason home opener unites two playoff-starved stars on the same line: veteran Coyote Shane Doan and ex-Florida Panther Olli Jokinen. The pairing may offer a preview of a possible breakthrough year for Phoenix. **C1**

Business

Bankruptcy no cure-all: A rising number of Americans are seeking protection from creditors. Yet bankruptcy isn't a magical solution for many debt-burdened people. **D1**

YOUR LIFE

Her closet is her kingdom

For interior designer Jamie Herzlinger, closets are about much more than clothes. Starting with the leopard carpet, her 12-by-12-foot space, with 10-foot ceiling, skylights and floor-to-ceiling drawers, makes up in attitude what it lacks in space. **Home, HO1**

Weather

Mostly sunny: High 101. Low 79. **B8**

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RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Economy hot topic in close 1st debate



For John McCain (left) and Barack Obama, shaking hands Friday after their debate at the University of Mississippi, the scheduled topic of foreign policy took a back seat to economic concerns.

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TALKING POINTS: MCCAIN

“Senator Obama has the most liberal voting record in the U.S. Senate. It's hard to reach across the aisle from that far to the left.”

By Dan Nowicki
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

OXFORD, Miss. — So much for the first presidential debate focusing on foreign policy.

With Wall Street melting down and Congress at partisan odds over a solution, White House contenders John McCain and Barack Obama grappled Friday over the financial crisis as well as pork-barrel spending, taxes, health care and energy.

Debate moderator Jim Lehrer of PBS' *NewsHour* allowed the discussion under the idea that the financial crisis gripping the nation also is a na-

tional-security issue. The debate eventually turned to foreign policy and national security and had the two U.S. senators sparring over Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Russia. But the first third of the 90-minute televised debate focused on the proposed \$700 billion rescue of Wall Street and other economic topics.

Obama, a Democratic senator from Illinois, urged quick action that would ensure that taxpayer money could be repaid and wouldn't pad the bank accounts and exit packages of executives. He also said any

TALKING POINTS: OBAMA

“This is a final verdict on eight years of failed economic policies promoted by George Bush, supported by Senator McCain.”

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MORE ON THE DEBATE

Reaction: Some Arizona residents weigh in on the debate between McCain and Obama. **A20**

Fact check: The candidates lost sight of some facts while looking for an edge. **A21**

No knockouts: The debate was informative, but it likely changed few minds. **Editorial, B4**

Your opinion: Who won? Who stumbled? Share your thoughts at www.aztalk.azcentral.com.

State gets \$121 mil to fight foreclosure blight

By J. Craig Anderson
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Arizona will receive \$121 million in federal funds to ease neighborhood blight in areas affected by home foreclosures, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development said Friday.

That's more than state officials ex-

pected for Arizona's share of the \$3.9 billion in so-called neighborhood-stabilization funding authorized in July's federal housing bill.

The Arizona Department of Housing will receive \$38 million to buy foreclosed-on homes, rehabilitate them and sell or lease them to residents.

Phoenix received even more

money. It will have nearly \$40 million to address foreclosure-related blight.

Eight other county and municipal governments will receive funds, too.

The federal money, although not nearly sufficient to buy and clean up all foreclosed-on properties, could

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Key Dems expect deal on bailout by Sunday

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis and David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration and Congress anxiously revived negotiations Friday on a \$700 billion bailout, one day after the largest bank collapse in U.S. history provided a brutal reminder of the risks of failure. Democrats talked optimistically of accord by the end of the weekend.

“I'm convinced that, by Sunday, we will have an agreement that people can understand on this bill,” predicted Massachusetts Rep. Barney Frank, a key Democrat in eight days of up-and-down talks designed to stave off an economic disaster.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi added that “progress is being made,” although the day ended without senior lawmakers from both parties sitting down together.

Neither she nor Frank divulged details at a late-afternoon news conference in the Capitol, though there was word of one fresh Democratic concession.

Pelosi told fellow Democrats during a closed-door meeting that the idea of letting judges rewrite mortgages to help bankrupt homeowners avoid foreclosure won't be

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Behind the bailout

- A behind-the-scenes look at how the \$700 billion bailout package fell apart Thursday. **A19**
- McCain stepped in to the talks to help House Republicans be heard, Sen. Jon Kyl says. **A19**

SHERIFF'S RACE

Saban faces uphill battle against Arpaio

By JJ Hensley
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Ousting a long-standing incumbent is a daunting, though not impossible, task.

Such is the challenge facing Dan Saban, a former Buckeye police chief who is taking on Joe Arpaio in the election for sheriff of Maricopa County.

In his four terms, Arpaio has become a political icon, crafting and refining his self-proclaimed role as “America's Toughest Sheriff.”

Saban, on the other hand, is a relative unknown. The Democratic challenger spends his days running from luncheons to afternoon speeches to small fundraising parties. In between, he is working the phones, drumming up dollars and support.

He is angling for an upset.

But toppling a popular incumbent often requires a lot of money,

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On playground, autistic kids bond with peers



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Katy Donmoyer (center), who is autistic, and Dina Geotas (right) jump rope during recess at Copper Ridge Elementary School in Scottsdale.

Scottsdale school encourages social interaction

By Pat Kossan
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

It was Katy Donmoyer's habit to spend recess alone, circling the perimeter of her Scottsdale elementary playground.

Her sister, Leah, hovered silently near groups of playing children, who ignored her.

Earlier this week, however, the 9-year-old twins were taking turns jumping rope, even doubles, with classmates in the middle of Copper Ridge Elementary School's crowded and chaotic playground.

To behavioral scientists, the change is more evidence that their

new strategy to help autistic kids fit into recess is working.

To the twins' mother, it is hope her daughters will have a social life despite a disorder marked by an inability to understand the give and take of conversation, play and making friends.

In January, Copper Ridge's playground became an incubator for a new kind of recess in which kids teach their autistic classmates about the joys of the playground. And autistic kids teach them a little compassion.

In the past nine years, as the num-

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