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## Seniors hear Bush drug plan

### Food-or-medicine tussle over, Valley told

By Jodie Snyder  
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President Bush came to the Valley on Monday to campaign hard — this time for his new Medicare plan.

Under the plan, more than 40 million Medicare beneficiaries for the first time will be able to have prescription-drug coverage. Currently, many get their drugs through Medicare HMOs, supplemental insurance or go without because of the drugs' high costs.

"If you're someone who's having to struggle between

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food and medicine, those days are over," Bush told about 400 people at the Pueblo El Mirage RV and Golf Resort.

During his 45-minute talk, Bush also touched on other key issues for his administration, including immigration, gasoline prices, his new energy bill and the war in Iraq.

About 350 people gathered outside the resort, some in favor and some opposed to his pol-

icies in Iraq.

But the main focus of Bush's visit was to elaborate on the new Medicare drug benefit, the biggest change in the program's 40-year history. The new drug benefit goes into effect in January; people may start signing up Nov. 15.

Under the program, seniors and people with disabilities may select a plan that offers only drug coverage or an HMO-type that also has drug coverage. Details of the plans they will be selecting will be an-

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President Bush's comments on key topics

**On immigration:** "The most effective way to do things is to work with the state and local authorities."

**On Iraq:** "We are laying the foundation for peace. It's hard work."

**On Social Security:** "You will get your check. You need to worry about whether or not your grandchildren will get their checks."

President Bush talks with Margaret Cantrell, 86, about her Medicare experiences. She was one of four seniors asked to talk to Bush during his El Mirage visit Monday.

### Nation & World

**Statins may reduce heart-attack death rates:** A study suggests that the drug widely used to lower cholesterol levels might decrease heart muscle inflammation. **A3**

### Valley & State

**Phoenix official appears Texas-bound:** Phoenix Assistant City Manager Sheryl Sculley plans to accept the chief executive job in San Antonio, a move that will make her one of the highest paid city managers in the country. **B1**

**Today's editorial:** President Bush's pitch from El Mirage on Monday was part of a massive, \$300 million Medicare-education campaign. The administration will need to spend every dime. **B6**

**Today's letter to the editor:** Based on his views on immigration, if Lou Dobbs had been on the Titanic when it struck the iceberg, he would have been one of the first in a lifeboat. **B6**

### Sports

**Cardinals cut down:** Peppi Zellner, Ifeanyi Ohalet and J.R. Redmond won't be playing for the Cards this season. **C1**

### Business

**Feds indict accounting firm executives:** Eight former executives of KPMG are indicted as the Big Four accounting firm admits it had set up fraudulent shelters to help rich clients dodge taxes. **D1**

### Arizona Living

**Sept. 9 is National Teddy Bear Day:** Glendale is a good place to celebrate. The city's Office of Tourism is hosting a range of activities, including a teddy-bear tea. **Arizona Living, E1**

### Market Report

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### Weather

**Sunny:** Excessive heat warning effect from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Southwest winds 5-15 mph. Stay cool, and drink plenty of water. High 112. Low 87. **B10**

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Residents move to higher ground Monday as rising waters flood their Orleans Parish neighborhood. New Orleans escaped a direct hit from Katrina, but vast areas of the below-sea-level city were submerged.

### HURRICANE KATRINA

## Next 72 hours critical for Gulf Coast

### 55 dead; recovery efforts likely to be biggest since 9/11

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**NEW ORLEANS** — For the next few days, federal help to Katrina-ravaged areas of the Gulf Coast will be a matter of life and death in the wake of what could be the costliest storm in U.S. history.

It's a "golden 72 hours" with the clock ticking for dramatic rescues of people stuck in high water or trapped in rubble. By Monday night, 55 deaths had already been reported, and officials fear the toll will rise.

Then the federal job will get much tougher: rebuilding New Orleans and its neighbors.

The reconstruction after

Katrina likely will be the biggest recovery program in U.S. history, dwarfing 1992's Hurricane Andrew and 2001's terror attacks, veteran emergency managers said.

Andrew, the costliest hurricane and natural disaster on record, caused what would be the equivalent of \$36.9 billion in total damages in 2005 dollars. Experts said it's premature to put a price tag on Katrina's damage.

Too much water and too few places to live will be urgent problems facing the first rescuers.

"It's going to be bad," said Eric Tolbert, former chief of

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## Gasoline prices may soar 20 cents a gallon more

By Ken Alltucker  
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

As Hurricane Katrina slammed New Orleans and Mississippi on Monday, people in the Valley braced for a battering of another kind: higher gas prices.

Analysts predicted that the Valley's gasoline prices could jump at a range of 5 cents to 20 cents this week in the wake of the damage to Gulf Coast oil rigs and refineries. That is on top of Phoenix's record gasoline prices that have bubbled up at a rate of 1.1 cents every

day since Aug. 8. "You are pulling supply out of the system, that ripples across the country," said David Cowley, spokesman for AAA Arizona. "A nickel (increase) wouldn't surprise me."

Even with Labor Day weekend approaching and the Bush administration's signal that it may tap the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserves to replenish supply, analysts don't expect much relief at the pump over the coming weeks.

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## Fan-recorded concerts are far from Dead

### Technology, Internet, supportive artists rekindle '60s trend

By Michael Senft  
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

If you are a Dave Matthews Band fan who can't make tonight's concert at Cricket Pavilion, don't worry. Within hours of the final curtain call, the show

will likely be available online for download.

Legally. And for free. The group is one of the leaders in the music industry's taper-friendly movement, artists who allow their concerts to be recorded and traded by fans.

The Grateful Dead pioneered the underground movement in the '60s, but it's exploded in recent years thanks to new technology and the Internet, even as record companies have

### Dave Matthews Band

**When:** 7 p.m. today.  
**Where:** Cricket Pavilion, 2121 N. 83rd Ave., Phoenix.  
**Admission:** \$39.50-\$57.  
**Details:** (602) 254-7200. cricket-pavilion.com.

cracked down on illegal downloading of music.

Jeff Shaw of Chandler, who has been trading heavy metal shows since 1992 and taping

since 2000, explains the attraction.

"After hearing the songs live and the crowd cheering, listening to the studio albums just wasn't the same," he says.

Other taper-friendly artists include John Mayer and Pearl Jam. Still, the majority of major recording artists oppose the idea, saying it takes away their control and potential income from their music.

"Bands whose income comes

primarily from album sales, it affects them," said Boyd Tinsley, fiddler for the Dave Matthews Band. "We love what we do as musicians, but it is what we do to put food on the table for our families."

In 2004, Alanis Morissette won a lawsuit against a Finnish fan who was trading live recordings over the Internet. And earlier this year, the popular on-

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