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## Council: Tortoise arena is dead

Tucson officials seek deal for land to build cheaper, likely smaller, venue

By Rob O'Dell  
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

The City Council issued a 30-day deadline Tuesday for the city manager to make a deal with the owner of prime Downtown property so it can build a cheaper — and potentially smaller —

arena there.

A second 90-day deadline was set for the city staff to come back with plans and potential tenants for a new arena on 7 acres of land owned by Allan Norville near the Tucson Convention Center.

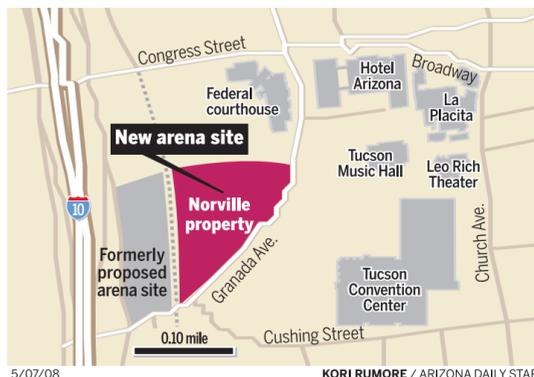
The new mandates mean plans for a 12,300-seat arena designed to resemble a desert tortoise are dead.

Council support for the tortoise arena, to be built along the Interstate 10 frontage road, evaporated after an updated financial analysis showed the cost had grown from the \$130 million originally approved by the council to \$196 million. On Tuesday, the council

unanimously reiterated its order that the cost of a new Downtown arena not exceed \$130 million. It was unclear whether the \$20 million to \$30 million in infrastructure costs to build the arena are included in the \$130 million spending cap.

City Manager Mike Hein presented the results of a study showing the tortoise design

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## I-10: WE'RE HALFWAY THERE



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We've been looking at this for nearly a year: Kiewit Sundt workers tie wire down in preparation for concrete for a bridge over the freeway at 18th Street. The five-mile-long widening project is about half done.

### STATUS REPORT

The more than \$200 million I-10 widening is at about the halfway point, and still on schedule for the freeway to reopen to normal traffic in early 2010. One side of each of the seven overpasses at the major cross streets has been demolished and replaced to accommodate the expansion from three lanes to four.

### BAD NEWS, GOOD NEWS

I-10 will totally close for the full weekend at the end of the month to move barricades and lanes so traffic can be switched to the newly completed other side. The shutdown from West Prince Road to 29th Street will start at 10 p.m. on Friday, May 30. The road will reopen at 5 a.m. on Monday, June 2. But when the freeway reopens we'll be driving on all new pavement: no potholes or long stretches of rutted washboard.

### FULL EMPLOYMENT

Nearly 500 people are working on the project. Most are employees of the contractor, Kiewit Sundt Joint Venture, and almost three dozen work for the Arizona Department of Transportation.

### A HEAVY LOAD

About 4.7 million pounds of re-bar has been placed, 84,000 cubic yards of concrete poured and 1 million cubic yards of dirt moved throughout the work area — so far.

### NEED A LIFT?

A tow truck is stationed at one end of the project at all times. So far, 923 calls have come in from drivers stranded in the work area — or roughly 2.9 calls a day since all the on- and off-ramps were closed late last June.

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## Clinton win doesn't offset Obama's

By Adam Nagourney  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

In this case, even a split would not be a draw. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's loss in North Carolina on Tuesday night, combined with a narrow victory in the Indiana primary, did nothing to improve her chances of securing the Democratic presidential nomination. If anything, Clinton's options for overtaking Sen. Barack Obama may have dwindled further.

For Obama, the outcome came after a brutal period in which he was on the defensive over the inflammatory comments of his former pastor. That he was able, at a minimum, to hold his own under those circumstances should allow him to make a case that he has proved his resilience in the face of questions about race, values and patriotism — the very kinds of issues that the Clinton campaign has suggested would leave him vulnerable in the general election.

When paired with Obama's comfortable victory in North Carolina, a bigger state, Clinton's

performance in Indiana was not enough to cut into Obama's lead in pledged delegates or in his overall lead in the popular vote. And because Clinton did not come particularly close in North Carolina, despite a substantial effort there, she lost an opportunity to sow new doubts among Democratic leaders about Obama's general-election appeal.

In the last several weeks, Clinton, seizing on the campaign's new focus on the weakening economy, seemed to find new energy and a more populist voice. She ran hard on a proposal to temporarily eliminate the federal gasoline tax, an idea that Obama scorned. Yet she was unable to build her base of support substantially beyond the white, working-class voters who had sustained her for the last month — and that will not be lost on the superdelegates, the elected Democrats and party leaders who will ultimately decide this fight.

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### ELECTION 2008



Hillary Clinton

Barack Obama



Indiana  
51%

49%

North Carolina  
42%

56%

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## Chaotic mess is predicted if U.S. mandates E-Verify

By Eunice Moscoso  
COX NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Forcing companies to use a government system to verify the legal status of workers would cause thousands of citizens and legal residents to be initially rejected for work and cripple the Social Security Administration, critics told Congress Tuesday.

The system, known as E-Verify, is currently voluntary, but several proposals in Congress — including an immigration enforcement measure known as the SAVE Act — would make it mandatory.

John Trasvina, president of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said the E-Verify system relies on faulty databases from the Social Security Administration and the Department of Home-

land Security, and therefore would create an official "no-work" list requiring millions of U.S. citizens and legal workers to bear the burden of proving their legal status.

"Forcing a deeply flawed system upon an unstable economy is not the answer," he told the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security.

Using the Internet-based system, an employer can check immediately whether employees are in the United States legally by comparing their information to electronic government records. If the information doesn't match, the employee has an opportunity to correct the paperwork, often through a trip to a Social Security office.

The panel's chairman, Rep.

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