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## After 7 years, hunt for girl led to Phoenix

### Abducted as baby; found at age 7 at palm-reading house

By Michael Ferraresi and Ofelia Madrid  
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Armed with a court order, detectives crossed the yard where the girl watered flowers with a man who acted as her father. They feared the worst.

But once inside the cozy cottage-style house that doubled as a psychic palm

reader's office in central Phoenix, investigators found clean living conditions — a modest yet comfortable place for the girl to grow up.

Amber Nicklas was reported missing more than six years ago in California. The little blond girl, who turns 8 next month, had lived with strangers since her 2003 disappearance from foster

care, about one year after she was born.

The couple she lived with in Phoenix kept her out of school, investigators said. She never learned to read. The people she considered parents changed her name and date of birth.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigators, working with the FBI and Phoenix police, found no imme-

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## Congress approves Wall St. overhaul

### Landmark measure aims to prevent another meltdown

By Jim Kuhnhehn  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Congress on Thursday passed the stiffest restrictions on banks and Wall Street since the Great Depression, clamping down on lending practices and expanding consumer protections to prevent a repeat of the 2008 meltdown that knocked the economy to its knees.

A year in the making and 22 months after the collapse of Lehman Brothers triggered a worldwide panic in credit and other markets, the bill cleared its final hurdle with a 60-39 Senate vote. It now goes to the White House for President Barack Obama's signature, expected as early as Wednesday.

The law will give the government new powers to break up companies that

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### ARIZONA'S IMMIGRATION LAW

# Battle over SB 1070 gets first day in court

### Debates center on whether law would harm officer, pre-empt federal law



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Edwina Olivas, a member of the "tea party" in Phoenix and a supporter of Senate Bill 1070, shouts at opponents Thursday morning outside the Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse in Phoenix. The law is scheduled to go into effect on July 29.

By Alia Beard Rau  
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton drilled attorneys representing both sides of Arizona's new immigration law on Thursday.

She asked them to explain how the state law conflicts with federal law, how the plaintiffs could be harmed if she lets the law go into effect and whom certain parts of the law intend to target.

At the end of the two-hour court hearing — the first involving Senate Bill 1070 — Bolton said she would take the arguments under advisement.

She had been asked to consider two motions: Defendant Gov. Jan Brewer's request to dismiss the case; and the plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction, which would stop SB 1070 from going into effect until the judge could hear the

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Phoenix Officer David Salgado enters the courthouse. Thursday's hearing involved the legal challenge filed by Salgado and Chicanos Por La Causa.

## Cameras on freeways shut off

After 2.7 million flashes, Arizona ends its controversial experiment with freeway cameras. The program of fixed and mobile cameras had been criticized as a money-making scheme. Valley & State, B1

## So far, so good as new cap stops oil flow in Gulf

By Colleen Long and Harry R. Weber  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — The oil has stopped. For now.

After 85 days and up to 184 million gallons, BP finally gained control over one of America's biggest environmental catastrophes Thursday by placing a carefully fitted cap over a runaway geyser that has been gushing crude into the Gulf of Mexico since early spring.

Though a temporary fix, the accomplishment was greeted with hope, high expectations — and, in many cases along the beleaguered coastline, disbelief. From one Gulf Coast resident came this: "Hallelujah." And from another: "I got to see it to believe it."

If the cap holds, if the sea floor doesn't

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### SPORTS

## BREAKING DOWN THE CARDINALS

A poor preseason likely wouldn't cost quarterback Matt Leinart the starting job, but it would do nothing to inspire the confidence of his teammates. Today, a closer look at the offense as camp draws near. C1

### BUSINESS

**ON Semiconductor to expand:** The Phoenix-based corporation plans to buy a business in Japan in a deal valued at \$366 million. D1

### WEATHER

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## UA researchers engineer malaria-proof mosquito

By Anne Ryman  
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Researchers at the University of Arizona have genetically engineered the first "supermosquito" that is immune to malaria contracted by humans, a finding that could eventually help wipe out the deadly disease.

Previous experiments by other scientists resulted in mosquitoes that were nearly immune to the parasite that causes human malaria. But to stop the spread of disease, scientists need insects that are 100 percent immune, said Michael Riehle, a UA professor who led the research.

"The idea is to actually replace



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The common mosquito is being altered to be immune to malaria.

the wild-mosquito population with one that's not able to transmit malaria," he said.

That step could take at least a decade because the scientific

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