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Sparks to sing at Super Bowl

American Idol winner Jordin Sparks will sing the national anthem before the Super Bowl hosted by her hometown. The 17-year-old Glendale resident has been tapped by the NFL to sing *The Star Spangled Banner* before the Feb. 3 game. **Valley & State, B1**

Nation & World

2007 among warmest years on record: Federal scientists say the annual average temperature across the U.S. makes 2007 the eighth-warmest year on record. The world is on pace for its fifth-warmest. **A14**

Cable shows, 'Atonement,' lead Globes: The British drama *Atonement* receives a leading seven Golden Globe nominations. In television, cable networks capture two-thirds of the nominations, including FX's legal drama *Damages* with four. **A21**

Valley & State

Sex offender accused of assaulting girl: The man assaulted a 4-year-old girl at a Phoenix playground, police say. He was released from jail a day before the attack. **B1**

Today's editorial: Whom to blame for baseball's debacle? Players scrambling to salvage careers, team owners eager to reclaim lost revenues, and the league administration itself, which went blind, deaf and dumb at the wrong time. **B4**

Today's letter to the editor: The people who took over curriculum planning for Arizona's schools seem to be out of touch with how to inspire students to learn. **B4**

Sports

Leinart making most of situation: The season has not been a wasted one for injured Cardinals quarterback Matt Leinart. He has been working diligently to better his life on and off the playing field. **C1**

Business

Inflation up, but so are retail sales: Wholesale prices rose 3.2 percent last month, the biggest increase in 34 years. Retail sales increased more than expected. **D1**

Scottsdale company gets national buzz: A Scottsdale company gets accolades for a tool that allows people to charge multiple phones at once on a lightweight pad. **D1**

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'Legend' a letdown

Movie review: Will Smith's new film about the lone survivor of a virus outbreak, *I Am Legend*, is moving and suspenseful, but the ending is out of place. **Movie Preview, P1**

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Mostly sunny: Clear skies through the weekend. High 62. Low 42. **B8**

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Report on performance-enhancing drugs lays out an eye-popping list of baseball's biggest stars

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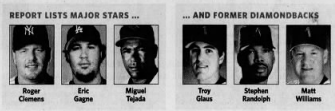

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Mitchell Report gives sobering account of 'steroids era'

Major League Baseball released the report the world had been waiting for Thursday. After a 21-month investigation, former senator and federal prosecutor George Mitchell gave a detailed account of baseball's "steroids era."

The report links more than 80 players to performance-enhancing drugs. It contains surprises, including a description of steroids and human-growth hormone used by superstar pitcher Roger Clemens, who denies the charges.

Baseball can't say what comes next. Any possible discipline will be complicated by the league's varying drug policies in recent years.

Still, the report criticizes the league, club officials and the players union for failing to deal with the problem. It also blasts the players, saying, "They violated federal law and baseball policy, and they distorted the fairness of competition."

In Sports: D-Backs relatively unscathed, **C1**
Dan Bickley: Luis Gonzalez's number is safe, **C1**

Young fans saddened, frustrated, disappointed — but not surprised

By John Faherty, Ryan Kost and Richard Obert
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Nobody was surprised.

For young people today, the idea of an athlete cheating through the use of performance-enhancing drugs is disappointing but not shocking.

"It didn't surprise me," Trent Cork, 10, said about the Mitchell Report, which exposed the widespread use of drugs in baseball.

"It makes me mad. I was a fan of Roger Clemens. But I don't think anybody is really surprised."

Cork is a student at Madison Park School in Phoenix. Fellow students echoed his resignation.

"Sometimes, it's all you hear about in baseball," eighth-grader Rylin Becerril said. "It makes me mad because younger kids look up to these people. They are supposed to set the standards."

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Colo. River states OK landmark water pact

Deal will help Arizona prepare for shortages

By Shaun McKinnon
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

LAS VEGAS — Ending years of water wars, the seven Colorado River states ratified a landmark agreement Thursday designed to protect millions of people from the effects of drought, growth and climate change.

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne formally accepted the deal, which he described as the most significant event on the river since the original compact that first bound the states together in 1922.

Arizona's chief negotiator, Department of Water Resources Director Herb Guenther, said the agreement could eclipse the 1922 compact in importance to the seven states because it comes with greater understanding of the river's volatile nature.

"This is a step out of denial and into the real world," Guenther said. "It's the beginning of a new era of water management." The agreement spells out for the first time how the states and the federal government will manage the river both in times of drought and surplus. It also allows the states to

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The plan: How states will manage lakes, conservation, **A27**

Senate backs new gas rules: 35 miles per gallon by 2020

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WASHINGTON — The Senate passed a trimmed-back energy bill Thursday that would bring higher gas-mileage cars and SUVs into showrooms in the coming decade and fill their tanks with ethanol.

The bill would require car companies to achieve an industrywide average 35 miles per gallon for automobiles over the next 13 years, an increase of 10 mpg over the current average.

The measure was approved with strong bipartisan support, 86-8, after Democrats abandoned efforts to impose billions of dollars in new taxes on the biggest oil companies, unable by one vote to overcome a Republican filibuster.

The bill now goes to the House, where a vote is expected next week.

The White House issued a statement saying President Bush will sign the legislation if it reaches his desk, as is expected.

Bush had promised a veto if the oil taxes were not removed.

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Fearing backlash, Dems play nice in Iowa debate

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Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama (center) and Chris Dodd thank those attending their Thursday debate.

Clinton-Obama feud simmers beneath event's surface

By Christi Parsons and John McCormick
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

JOHNSTON, Iowa — Democratic presidential candidates gathered for a slightly dysfunctional pre-holiday get-together Thursday, notable for one emotional display and hearty laughter but with a rather nasty feud simmering beneath the surface.

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The candidates smiled politely throughout their final Iowa debate, which featured no open arguing or the kind of sharp elbow jabs of so many recent functions.

There was even one warm moment when everyone rushed to the defense of the avuncular Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, who seemed to grow a little hoarse with emotion as it unfolded.

But unbeknown to most of those present, Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama had had a face-to-face confrontation earlier in the day that was described as an "apology" in one version of the story but which came off distinctly hostile in the other. And it was by no means over.

So whether the final Democratic forum was polite or just passive-ag-

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River deal will help Ariz. prepare for shortages

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manage water more creatively, loosening long-held rules and breaking down barriers among states.

Perhaps most importantly in the short term, the deal will end the threat of legal action by one or more of the states to defend their water resources. A court case could drag on for decades and cost tens of millions of dollars, leaving a judge to decide how to manage the water.

Arizona walks away with few tangible benefits but gained long-sought certainty in preparing for shortages. Arizona still gives up the most water if the river runs short, but officials now know how much water and can deploy measures to postpone the need for rationing.

Arizona also won concessions in how the states and the federal government will operate the two largest reservoirs on the river, further forestalling shortages.

"Everybody got something, and everybody had to give up something," said Pat Mulroy, general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority. "The solutions don't come on one side of a line or the other ... they're on that fragile balancing point, and we found it."

With the agreement, Nevada bought itself more time to develop alternate sources to its nearly exhausted Colorado River allocation. The deal allows the state to mix imported groundwater with its river supplies and will give Las Vegas access to extra water in exchange for building a storage reservoir at the river's end, west of Yuma.

California also won added security as it faces one of the worst water crises in years, a nasty confluence of drought and a judge's ruling in an endangered-species case. Under the plan, the state can store water in Lake Mead for later use, giving users another cushion as they work on broader issues.

"The additional storage is equivalent to building a reservoir nearly twice the size of Diamond Valley Lake," said Timothy Brick, chairman of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Diamond Valley is the district's largest reservoir.

Kempthorne said the agreement will stand as an example for other states and even other countries. Earlier this fall, the secretary brokered a deal among drought-stricken Florida, Georgia and Alabama and told those states to study what has happened on the Colorado River.

"If the seven states in the Colorado River Basin can get together and work out a deal, then surely anybody can," Kempthorne said Thursday, drawing load laughter from the roomful of river users.

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A boat cruises toward Lake Powell's Wahweap Bay. The lake and its downstream counterpart, Lake Mead, will operate in tandem for the first time in a landmark agreement ratified by the Colorado River states.

Kempthorne and the states signed the agreement at the opening session of the Colorado River Water Users Association conference. The gathering has been the site in recent years of some of the talks that produce the agreement.

Some loose ends remain. The upper-river states want to develop more of their unused allocations but still fear provisions in the law that give the lower-river states high priority over the river's flow.

Colorado officials have begun work on legislation to address what happens if the lower-river states exercise their rights to demand full allotments in times of severe drought.

The agreement also does not include Mexico, which holds the rights to 1.5 million acre-feet of water each year. If shortages occur, the federal government will likely find itself negotiating with Mexican officials about whether that country will demand its full share.

Some environmental groups say the plan ignores the long-term health of the river and focuses too narrowly on building more water supplies instead of better conserving existing resources.

The policy study group Western Progress urged river leaders to find more sustainable solutions that will prepare the states for bigger changes brought on by shifting climate.

Kempthorne acknowledged the effects of a warming planet and said the river guidelines will help protect water from those sources.

"The simple fact is the Earth is warming," he said. "We have to figure out how this is going to affect our water supplies. We have to come up with an adaptive management approach that will allow us to be good stewards."

About the plan

Among the key elements of the plan, which extends through 2026:

- The plan establishes a series of shortage triggers based on water levels in Lake Mead. As water levels reach prescribed elevations, water deliveries are reduced by set amounts to Arizona and Nevada until the lake rises again. Arizona agreed more than 40 years ago to accept the first shortages in exchange for approval to build the Central Arizona Project, which delivers water to Phoenix and Tucson. State officials say agricultural users would absorb the losses.
- The lower river states of Arizona, Nevada and California can, for the first time, impose conservation measures and bank the water saved in Lake Mead for later use. By leaving the water in the lake, the states also keep water levels above drought triggers. Until now, the states had no incentive to use less water.
- Lake Mead and its upstream sibling, Lake Powell, will be operated in tandem for the first time since Powell was built in the late 1960s. Under the old rules, the seven states bickered over how water levels should be balanced between the two reservoirs. Powell stores water on behalf of the upper-river states of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico; Mead stores water for the lower-river states.
- The states have agreed to work on new ways of stretching the water supply, such as desalination of groundwater, removal of non-native plant species and weather modification.

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