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Summer movie preview

Hold on to your popcorn, the summer movie season is here! In a special edition of a&e, movie writer Bill Muller looks at all of the summer's big flicks. E1, E5-8



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Sizing up the summer movie season

What's up next: The summer movie season has already kicked off with X2: X-Men United. Film writer Bill Muller sizes up the rest of the field of blockbusters in today's special edition of a&e, E1.

Coming Monday: Programs available in high definition will be marked with HDTV in The Republic television listings. **Arizona Living.**

IN THE VALLEY

Drought threatens tubing over holiday

Arizona's drought could wreck a Valley tradition: spending Memorial Day on the lower Salt River. **Local, B1.**

Teen rehab group under investigation

State regulators investigate a teen rehab program over allegations of overcrowding and use of force. **Local, B1.**

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Too much booze on Cinco de Mayo?

Hispanic activists say the Cinco de Mayo celebration has evolved into an annual boozefest. **Local, B4.**

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Alabama fires coach after strip-bar trip

After hiring him away from Washington State, Alabama fires football coach Mike Price because of behavior that includes a night at a topless bar. **Sports, C1.**

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An Arizona Republic analysis examines the histories of sexual abuse and harassment in the Phoenix Diocese

Priests with troubled pasts

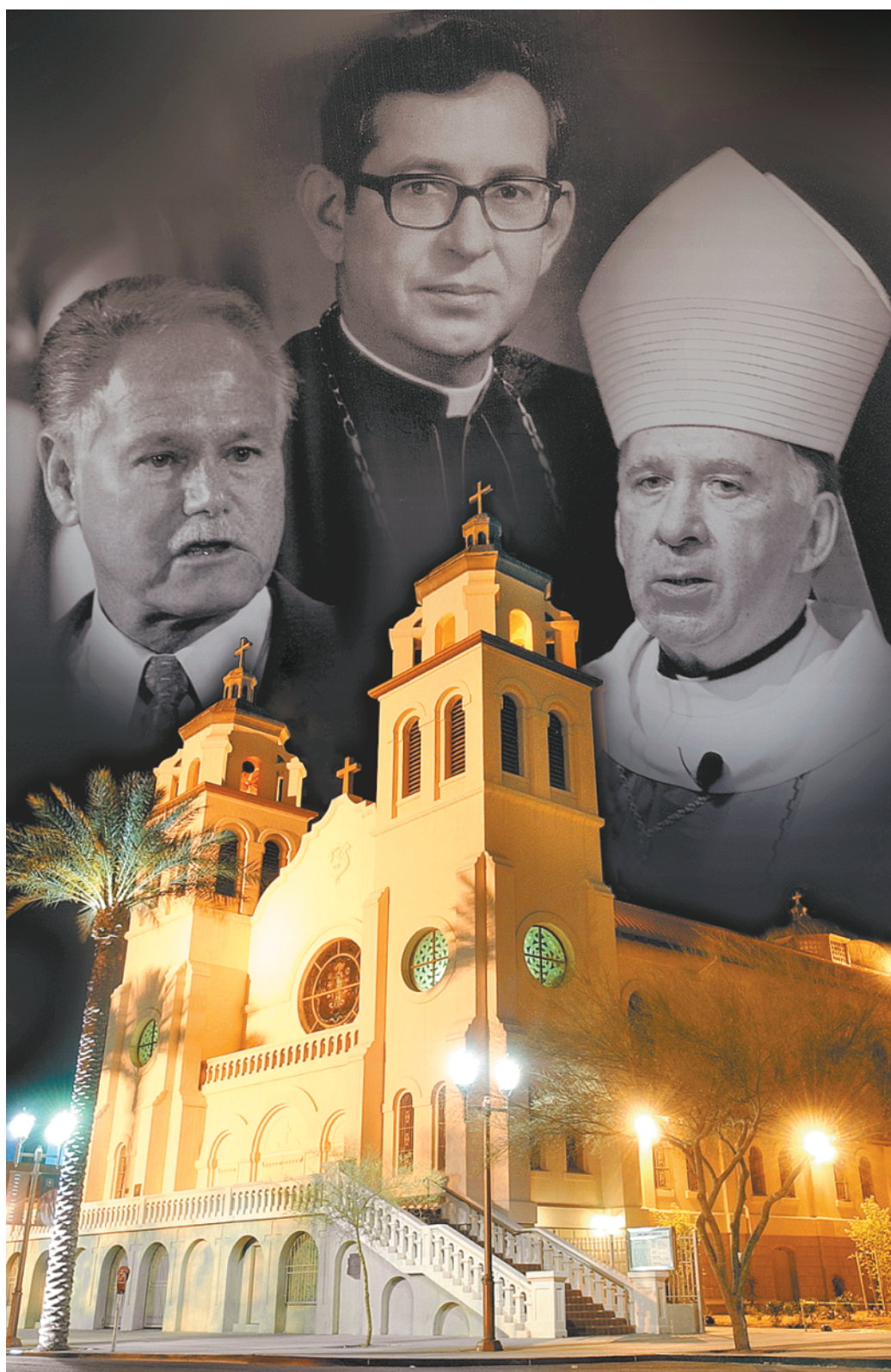


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Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley (left) has been working on the criminal investigation of allegations of sexual abuse by priests in the Phoenix Diocese. Records show that Bishop Thomas O'Brien (right) failed to correct many of the problems he inherited from Bishop James Rausch (center) while vowing publicly to bring about change.

By Joseph A. Reaves and Kelly Ettenborough
The Arizona Republic

Priests accused of sexual abuse or harassment worked in nearly half of all parishes in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix during the past three decades, according to an analysis of public records compiled by *The Arizona Republic*.

The analysis reveals that church leaders often dealt with allegations of sexual abuse by reassigning priests rather than disciplining them and that some of the worst repeat offenders were transferred into predominantly Hispanic parishes.

Those practices, which put children at risk and in some cases led to abuse that could have been stopped, began long before Bishop Thomas O'Brien came to power in 1982.

In fact, some of the most-troubling policies can be tied directly to O'Brien's predecessor, James Rausch, one-time head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, who spent his last years leading the Phoenix Diocese.

But records show O'Brien failed to correct many problems he inherited from Rausch while vowing publicly to bring about change. "Bishop O'Brien has done nothing to help the more than three dozen local victims of clergy abuse in our group," said Paul Pfaffenberger, head of the Valley chapter of the national support group SNAP, the Survivors' Network of those Abused by Priests.

"We believe he is directly responsible for reassigning known pedophile priests to parishes and schools where they had access to children."

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Space station crew makes safe return in Russian capsule

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

ASTANA, Kazakhstan—Two American astronauts along with a Russian cosmonaut returned to Earth from the International Space Station on Sunday in a cramped Russian capsule, the only way home after the Columbia space shuttle disaster.

The safe landing, about 250 miles off-target, in the isolated steppes of Kazakhstan in Central Asia, was a relief for a still-shaken NASA. The Feb. 1 Columbia accident grounded the entire shuttle fleet and forced the astronauts to stay in space two months longer than planned to await new travel plans.

The three-man crew was in good health, Russian mission control reported.

Rather than gliding to Florida

da in a shuttle, Kenneth Bowersox, Donald Pettit and Russian colleague Nikolai Budarin rode in a Soyuz TMA capsule, just over 2 yards by 2 yards in size. Russian mission control announced the capsule's landing about three hours after it undocked from the space station.

The craft landed just north of the Aral Sea, mission control said. The landing site was about 250 miles west of the target.

"We are all very happy. It just took a little longer than we anticipated," said Allard Beutel, a NASA official at mission control.

Bowersox and Pettit are the first NASA astronauts to land in a foreign spacecraft in a foreign land.

Mission control announced

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SARS virus can live on surfaces for days

By Rob Stein
Washington Post

The SARS virus can survive on common surfaces at room temperature for hours, or even days, which could explain how people can catch the deadly lung infection without face-to-face contact with a sick person, scientists have found.

New studies being released today have produced the first scientific data on how long the SARS virus can live in various places and conditions, demonstrating for the first time that the microbe can linger outside an infected person's body.

One study showed the virus survived for at least 24 hours on a plastic surface at room temperature, which suggests it may be possible to become infected from touching a table-

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China keeps schools closed, lets the WHO visit Taiwan. **A7.**

top, doorknob or other object. Another found the microbe remained viable for as long as four days in human waste, a crucial finding that could clarify how the virus can spread through apartment buildings, hospitals and other facilities.

German scientists found a common detergent failed to kill the virus, indicating some efforts to sterilize contaminated areas may be ineffective.

A Japanese experiment found the virus can live for extended periods in the cold.

The long-awaited findings should be crucial for containing the epidemic.

Napolitano budget plan saves services, increases state debt

By Robbie Sherwood
The Arizona Republic

Gov. Janet Napolitano believes she has found a way to break the shackles binding Arizona to its worst budget crisis ever.

Borrow money. Lots of it.

Napolitano's budget strategy would take advantage of low interest rates to borrow more than a billion dollars in fiscal 2004. Her plan would prevent cuts to public education, health care, social services and prisons and still wipe out the state's \$1 billion deficit.

To her critics, it's an audacious approach that could lead to even bigger deficits during the next few years. To Napolitano, it's an investment that will benefit most Arizonans.

"If we don't invest in Arizona, we incur greater expense down the road," she said. "If you cut substance-abuse treatment, what happens to those people? We end up dealing with them either in the criminal-justice system, in the homeless system or in the behavioral health system. And for our economy, this is a time to invest in universities, not cut their budgets."

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Gov. Janet Napolitano

In Viewpoints

With the hocus-pocus of budget gimmickry gone, Arizona faces the reality of coming up with a tax plan to send to the voters. **Page V1.**

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