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This movie is deliciously funny.

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Preparing for fun — Don Davis of Tucson hands a stuffed animal to Scott Slansbury of Mesa as they complete a colts booth, one of the multitude of rides and games at the Pima County Fair. More than 200 shows and 2,000 performers also will be featured. The fair opens at 8 a.m. today at the Pima County Fairgrounds on South Houghton Road. Related photo, Page 2B.

Senate OKs 65-mph bill in just 1 day

By Susan R. Carson
The Arizona Daily Star

PHOENIX — The Senate used unusual speed yesterday when it tentatively approved a bill to increase speed limits to 65 mph on most interstate highways.

In pushing the bill through the process, the Senate suspended its rules and rushed the measure through two committees and the full Senate in one day, a process that has been known to take weeks.

It is expected to get final approval today and to be sent to the House for concurrence on Monday.

The House passed a similar measure 96-2 on March 24, but the wording was different because Congress had not yet voted to override President Reagan's veto of the \$57.4 billion highway spending bill. That bill included the provision allowing states to increase speed limits to 65 mph on rural interstates.

At the earliest, the bill would be sent to Gov. Evan Mecham on Monday.

The bill has an emergency clause, so it would be effective as soon as Mecham signs it. He has advocated the change.

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The following interstate highways would remain at 55 mph:

- Nearly 18 miles on Interstate 19 between West Orange Grove Road and South Craycroft Road in Tucson.
- Slightly more than five miles on Interstate 19 from the San Xavier Indian Reservation north to the interstate's intersection with I-16.
- Nearly three miles on Interstate 8 between its intersection with the Colorado River and Avenue SE in Yuma.
- Nearly nine miles on I-19 between 90th Avenue and 27th Avenue as it heads west of Phoenix.
- Slightly more than 36 miles through the Phoenix area on I-10 and Interstates 17 between Pecos Road and Pinnacle Peak Road.

State to sever for plague in Rincons

By Jim Erickson
The Arizona Daily Star

State health officials will check for bubonic plague in coyotes in the Rincon Mountains east of Tucson after learning that four recently tested Cochise County animals had been exposed to the disease.

Up to 25 coyotes will be trapped this month in the Rincon Mountains, and blood samples will be checked for antibodies associated with plague-causing bacteria, said Michael Wright, an epidemiology specialist with the state Department of Health Services.

Though the disease has never been detected in Pima County, animals in eight other Arizona counties have tested positive for the antibodies, which destroy plague bacteria.

Forty-four human cases of plague have been reported in Nevada.

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Soviets display 'seized' bugs, accuse U.S. of spy campaign

Compiled from wire reports

MOSCOW — Soviet officials, displaying dozens of electronic bugs allegedly found inside Soviet missions in the United States, accused Washington yesterday of large-scale espionage against the Soviet Union.

Placards displaying the eavesdropping devices were unveiled during a press conference called to counter American charges that Soviet intelligence penetrated the U.S. Embassy complex here.

A Kremlin spokesman said the United States is suffering from "anti-Soviet spy hysteria," which he said is part of a campaign by conservatives to spoil prospects for arms control during an upcoming visit to Moscow by Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

In related developments in the United States:

- Presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater responded to the charges by saying, "Their statements simply don't hold water."
- President Reagan called Soviet

AT A GLANCE

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- Some bugs were discovered only a few days ago, a Russian security specialist said.
- He said the alleged U.S. eavesdropping violated Soviet human rights.

spying in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow "outrageous," and his chief of staff said that while he assumes this country keeps an eye on Soviet diplomats, it would never do "what the Soviets have done."

• The Senate, angered at reports of widespread espionage, voted 70-30 to urge Shultz to either cancel his talks with Soviet officials or find a secure place in which to hold them. Shultz said he would go to Moscow as scheduled.

The Soviet acquisition followed by one day the disclosure in Washington that a former Marine Corps guard at the U.S. Consulate in Leningrad had been arrested on suspicion of spying for the Soviets.

He was the fourth Marine guard named in the expanding investigation of security breaches at U.S. embassies. Two Marines who were guards at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow have been charged with espionage, which they allegedly carried out after becoming sexually involved.

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House passes 1988 budget raising taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved a \$1 trillion Democratic budget yesterday that would raise \$16 billion in new taxes, slash President Reagan's military buildup and block White House plans for sharp decreases in domestic programs.

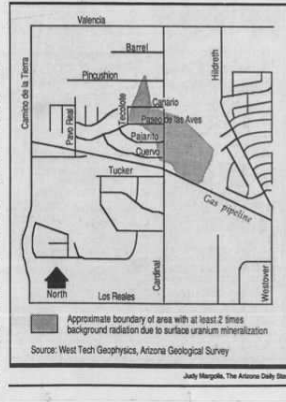
The House endorsed the plan drafted by its Budget Committee, 230-192, with no Republicans voting for it. Reagan criticized the measure and the budget process afterward.

"The resolution today adopts a very bold budget, which many economists believe can make a difference between continued economic growth in the United States and economic stagnation," said Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas. "This budget reduces deficit in a balanced way."

However, most lawmakers conceded that the blueprint would fail to meet the \$108 billion deficit target of the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law. Democrats argued it did more to cut red ink than any other option, including Reagan's.

And Reagan called the Democratic

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30 homes to be tested for radioactive radon

By Douglas Kreutz
The Arizona Daily Star

About 30 homes in a southwest neighborhood will be tested for cancer-causing, radon gas, Pima County Health Director Dr. Patricia Nolan said yesterday.

Nolan said the testing is necessary because a survey by geologists this week detected radium from uranium ranging from two to 14 times background levels in the area.

Radon gas, believed to cause about 20,000 cases of lung cancer a year in the United States, sometimes results from the decay of uranium.

"We're going to need to test individual homes in that area," Nolan said. See map.

"There are about 25 to 30 homes there, and we'll be contacting individual homeowners starting Monday to let them know what will be done," she said.

Nolan, noting that cancer risks are associated with long-term exposure to radon, emphasized that

"there's not a reason to panic."

"I have absolutely no way of knowing what the radon level in the houses is at this point," she said. "But I do think we owe the people in the neighborhood some immediate action."

If dangerous concentrations of radon are found in some homes, the buildings can be modified to prevent the gas from seeping in, she added.

Nolan said she planned to meet today with officials of the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency to work out plans for testing, which could begin as early as next week.

Short-term preliminary tests probably will utilize charcoal canisters or air-collection devices to detect radon gas, she said.

"But those tests are like a snapshot," she explained. "If the concentration of radon gas changes constantly, depending on ventilation, climate and temperature as well."

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The sun shines on

Tucson's sunny and warm weather will continue today. Skies will be clear tonight, with increasing high clouds and breezes coming our way tomorrow. Today's high will be in the upper 80s, and the low in the low 50s. Yesterday's high was 85, and the low was 60.

Elsewhere in Arizona yesterday, the hot spot was Yuma, where it was 96. Parker recorded a 96, while Lake Havasu City and Glendale each had 94. Details on Page 3A.

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