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of the writings in his column, such as "in part by: John Smith" or "Contributors: John Smith" as others do. All Sheriff Vasquez has to do is contact the original authors, get their permission for use of the writings and add them to the articles as a contributor... case closed.

Yes, Sheriff Vasquez, you have done much good for this community and so have many other people who live here. Even though Pinal County citizens may have "unintentionally" broke a law they were not aware of, they still had to pay for what they did. As every Sheriff, deputy, and policeman tell the public when they are writing a ticket: "not being aware of a particular Law is no excuse for breaking the Law". To all law enforcement... start living what you preach.

Frank Stiles
Gold Canyon

Dinner and a dance

I have just finished reading a newspaper story about the Pinal County Sheriff's Department and their treatment of diners at San Tan Flats restaurant in the Queen Creek Area. I will quote a little from the article, "..... uniformed officers from the Pinal County Sheriff's Office showed up and moved through the crowd, shining flashlights and asking restaurant patrons for identification. They were out in force, it was not one or two like you would see anywhere else. I felt like it was to show the public or intimidate the public — to show them what they can do."

These are the actions, against civilians, of an occupying force reminiscent of the Nazis during the Second World War.

What is amazing is that like sheep, the patrons of the restaurant are so intimidated, they meekly submit to this harassment, while they are dining on an expensive steak, instead of refusing the deputies' requests for identification and ordering the deputies to stop interfering with their dinner party.

This all comes about at the bidding of the generals of the occupying force, Sandie Smith and the other members of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors; so the sheriff is not totally to blame. The sheriff indeed can be blamed for not pointing out this is no way to treat law-abiding citizens and refusing to take part in it. He's just not that smart.

The people of Pinal County have a chance to correct these government failures by voting Sheriff Vasquez and the rest of the rascals out of office in November 2008. Failure to do so will prove once again the validity of the statement by French philosopher Joseph de Maistre who said, "Every country (county) has the government it deserves."

Henry Katz
Apache Junction

Fugitive released

I cannot believe that another molester is released. You probably won't print this but Judge Bradley Soos should be shot. Another molester loose on our streets, and Kennedy's mother should hide her face in shame for helping her sick son. This man needs to be put away for life.

I hope Judge Soos will be taken off the bench.

Sandra Rogers
Apache Junction

Fugitive II

I was very impressed by the article Ms. Jones wrote on the release of Bobby Kennedy. I promptly send an email to Judge Soos telling him of my displeasure with his ruling. By putting the Judge's name and picture in the article, Ms. Jones is doing the citizens of Pinal County a favor. She has pointed out the weakness of Judge Soos, and I am sure that it will affect his decisions in the future. Thank you again for keeping us up to date.

Marie Bjornson
Apache Junction

Not an Investment!— Just an Expenditure!

We have an issue here in Apache Junction that can only be resolved by the Office of our prestigious Governor, our State Representatives, and our legislators. This falls on what I believe are state issues! Issues, beyond the scope of our local representatives, here in the City of Apache Junction.

The need for every City, Town, and municipality in our State to find innovative ways, and means to add additional capital, to its operating funds without requesting state funds, has become the issue of the day. This has to be accomplished without adding additional tax burden on its citizens. The need for such immediate progressive thinking is amplified by the extreme short fall in our present State budget.

We here in Apache Junction, have a White Elephant on our hands, at a considerable cost to the citizens of Apache Junction! This white elephant actually is our newly, unfinished, costly, Rodeo grounds!!!

These facilities at the Rodeo ground were built on BLM land. As this land under our Rodeo ground is on a long-term lease, with BLM. Using these facilities as a means of generating City revenue, (restricted by law) is virtually impossible; unless this land is Granted, Purchased, or given to the citizens of Apache Junction by the Federal Government

This issue will require the support of all citizens in Apache Junction. Let your voices be heard! By the Governor, our State legislators! It is within their power to accomplish this! But only if they hear your voices, through letter writing, faxes, telephone calls. Any means of communication. We the public provides the support they need at election time, now we are asking for their support, on an issue that is vital to our city. Especially during this time of extreme State budget restraints! Our State officials have the voice to be heard in Washington, but we have the voice to be heard in Arizona!

Charles H. Bunten
Apache Junction

Stop Green Pools

Report mosquito breeding, abandoned pools to Hotline

By Jill Jones
The News

The Pinal County Department of Environmental Health is asking residents to be on the look out for neglected and abandoned swimming pools and to report them to the Mosquito Hotline.

An increase in neglected and abandoned pools is attributed to the depressed housing market and increased home foreclosures. These neglected pools pose a danger to the community by providing a potential breeding

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heart breaking stories. One case in particular occurred in November of 1964 when two brothers, (Richard & Robert Kermis) went hiking up on Superstition Mountain through Siphon Draw. One of brother slipped and fell. He injured his leg severely. The other brother decided to remain with his injured brother. An unexpected winter storm hit the area dumping almost a foot of snow on the base of Superstition Mountain. The two brothers froze to death before they were found by a search party. The death of these two young men was very tragic. They were missing for almost three days.

One of my students from a class I taught for the college was reported missing. He often hiked Siphon Draw and the Flat Iron. A search was conducted for Lee Krebs for six days before they found his body in No-Name Canyon in December 1978. He had slipped on clear ice and fell over a ledge dropping some five hundred feet to his death.

Lee was a well-known community worker who really cared about Apache Junction during a period when there was a lot of turmoil. He was a retired home builder. When he was first reported missing everyone was quite sure he was alright. He was a veteran outdoorsman and hiker. A quick moving winter storm caught him off guard while up on the Flat Iron.

Over the years I have written several columns about the missing and those that have disappeared. I would say ninety-nine per cent of the missing person reports in the Superstition Wilderness have been solved. Undoubtedly there are still a few unsolved cases involving the wilderness. Some cases date back to the turn of the century. I have reviewed just a few of the hundreds of missing person cases involving the wilderness area. Rest assured most of these cases have been solved.

A region as rugged and isolated as the Superstition Wilderness Area can certainly hold secrets of missing people that remain unsolved today. Many of the so-called missing people may have just walked in one end of the wilderness and out the other. Therefore we have the "Secrets of the Missing."

ground for mosquitoes, which can carry deadly diseases, including the West Nile Virus.

The county is asking the public to assist in reducing the number of mosquitoes in their neighborhood by reporting green pools at 520-866-6200 (toll free at 866-287-0029 Ext. 6200).

Please have the following information when reporting a green pool:

- The street address of the property
- Whether the property is vacant or occupied
- Realtor sign information if applicable
- Your name and phone number

(you can remain anonymous)

Pinal County will investigate and treat the pool with a mosquito control product and will monitor and retreat the pool as needed. They will also attempt to contact the owner or responsible party.

Once the pool has been treated, mosquitoes will be prevented for up to 150 days. The pool will remain green, even if treated, until properly maintained.

For more information visit <http://pinalcountyaz.gov/Departments/EnvironmentalHealth/WestNileVirus> or Contact Pinal County Environmental Health at 520.866.6864.

Tentative Consolidated Budget		FISCAL YEAR 2008 / 2009	
General Fund	Account Total	Division Total	Grand Totals
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES			
Compensation & Benefits			
Compensation	530,460.89		
Benefits	214,549.31	745,010.20	
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	38,000.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	5,600.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	27,100.00		
Services:	401,560.01		
Facility	31,000.00		
Operating	25,115.00		
Professional	345,445.01	472,460.01	\$1,217,470.21
FINANCIAL SERVICES	2,549,771.55	2,549,771.55	\$2,549,771.55
TECHNICAL SERVICES			
Compensation & Benefits			
Compensation	234,845.74		
Benefits	100,533.44	335,379.18	
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	18,300.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	120,800.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	213,245.00		
Services:	91,515.00		
Facility	22,100.00		
Operating	26,565.00		
Professional	42,850.00	443,860.00	\$779,239.18
COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	2,400.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	1,000.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	5,855.00		
Services:	221,390.00		
Facility	5,100.00		
Operating	66,830.00		
Professional	149,460.00	230,645.00	\$230,645.00
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Compensation & Benefits			
Compensation	6,022,255.07		
Benefits	2,524,998.18	8,547,253.25	
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	39,000.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	33,050.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	132,700.00		
Services:	220,716.25		
Facility	99,725.00		
Operating	62,391.25		
Professional	58,600.00	425,466.25	\$8,972,719.50
MISSION READINESS			
Compensation & Benefits			
Compensation	277,190.57	277,190.57	
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	14,000.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	8,350.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	19,375.00		
Services:	116,845.00		
Facility	14,100.00		
Operating	3,915.00		
Professional	98,830.00	158,570.00	\$435,760.57
COMMUNITY SERVICES			
Compensation & Benefits			
Compensation	263,491.34		
Benefits	109,914.79	373,406.13	
Operating Expenditures			
Equipment & Machinery	7,000.00		
Operating Supplies (Durables)	5,150.00		
Parts & Supplies (Disposables)	15,900.00		
Services:	23,700.00		
Facility	0.00		
Operating	4,000.00		
Professional	19,700.00	51,750.00	\$425,156.13
DEBT SERVICES	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
GENERAL FUND			\$14,610,762.14
CAPITAL FUND			\$754,300.00
BOND PROCEEDS FUND			\$3,409,033.74
RESERVE FUND			\$1,512,114.37
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND			\$37,463.02
DEBT SERVICE FUND			\$883,343.87
FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 EXPENDITURE TOTAL			\$21,207,017.14

A complete copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the AJFD's Administration office, 565 N. Idaho Rd., Apache Junction, AZ, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Mon.-Fri. A governing board meeting will be held for the purpose of hearing comments from the public on July 8, 2008, 5:30 PM at the AJFD's administration office.

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