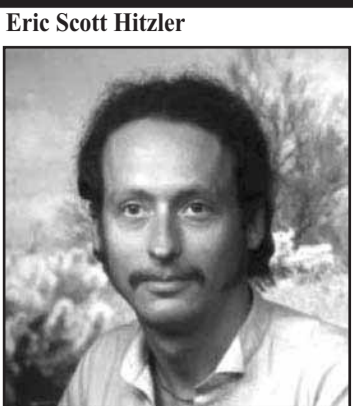


# Obituaries

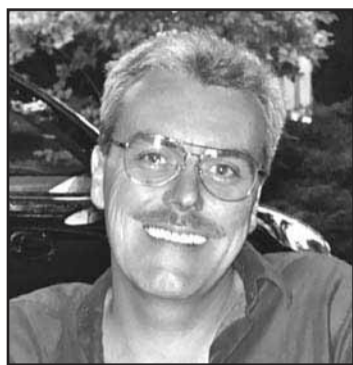
**Janis R. Balzer**  
Janis R. Balzer, 79, of Queen Valley passed away on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 in Mesa, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Balzer, a homemaker, was born in Milwaukee, WI. Past Matron of Eastern Star, she is survived by her husband Glenn E. Balzer; daughter Debra E. Roush; son Graig J. Balzer; 2 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; 1 step-grandchild. Services were held on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at the Queen Valley recreation hall. In lieu of flowers donations to the Queen Valley Fire Department has been requested. Arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.



**Eric Scott Hitzler**  
Eric Scott Hitzler, 52, of Apache Junction, passed away on Friday, May 2, 2008. He was born on February 11, 1956 in Cincinnati, OH. Erik had an affinity for the desert and the

scenic serenity of Apache Junction. He secured a lot in Enchanted Acres and put together a charming home with a beautiful view of Superstition Mountain where he was very content. As for his work, Erik didn't just roll up his sleeves; he simply cut all the sleeves off of his shirts. Of late, he had his own home improvement business and, as many of his customers will attest, he could skillfully design, construct, remodel or repair just about anything, using the patience and pride he took in all his completed projects. He was the consummate perfectionist, but the quality of his life extends beyond the works of his hands. Erik had a wide range of talents and interests. Being handsome and suave, he did his share of "girl watching". You may have mistaken him for the silent serious type, but he had a lighter side and a unique wit which, thankfully, he kept till the end. He was a man of wisdom, grace and deep compassion. He was a man of faith, and it showed in the way he spoke of his love of nature and love for critters of all kinds. Erik's pet ferrets were special to him, and he was special to them, because they returned to Erik his unconditional love. Erik was born with an independent spirit, but he did form bonds with a trusted group of kindred souls who became his support system during the three difficult years he dealt with cancer. "Enrico" especially enjoyed unwinding & chilling with his A. J. amigos at Thunder Mountain Nursery. Our family would like to thank Hospice of the Valley for all their most needed help and assistance. Our brother went home the same way he lived his life: peacefully and with dignity. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow him all the days of his eternal life, as he now dwells in the house

of the Lord forever. He had a gentle way of touching our hearts, and will be remembered in our prayers and always. Erik is preceded in death by his father Robert A. Hitzler (1929-1991). He is survived by his mother Patricia A. Norman and four brothers: Allan Hitzler (Laura), Daniel Hitzler (Lisa), Andrew Norman and Brian Hitzler. He leaves behind two sisters: Christina Sanders (Kenny), Elaine Litton (Kevin), also, nephews Preston Hitzler, Robert Whitaker and nieces Amanda, Melissa and Sabrina Hitzler, along with aunts, uncles and cousins. Donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 11th Hour Companion Program, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014-5656. A memorial celebration will be held in June. Call Erik for information 480-203-8926.  
**Jonathan W. Miller**



Jonathan W. Miller, 37, passed away peacefully at his home in Apache Junction, AZ on May 23, 2008, following a long battle with cancer. Jon was born August 21, 1970 in Winfield, AL. Jon lived in Beach Park, IL, moving to Apache Junction, AZ in 1996. He graduated from Central Arizona College, completing his Associate of Applied Science in Programming. An avid biker, he was passionate about his Harley, being outdoors, hiking,

camping, and boating. Jon was an exceptionally gifted person and used his knowledge of computer technology to help many people. Throughout his life, he found countless ways to reach out and meet the needs in the lives of his wonderful friends, neighbors, and family members. He was a very loving person who will be greatly missed by all of us and will live on through the lives of everyone he knew and loved. His maternal grandmother, Gloria M. (Edwards) Corder of Illinois and his paternal grandmother, Jean (Miller) Tucker of Alabama, preceded him in death. Jon is survived by his wife, Sherry L. Miller of Apache Junction, AZ; daughter, Stephanie M. Miller of West Plains, MO; daughter, Brandy Petrizze of Queen Creek, AZ; son, William Petrizze of Glendale, AZ; son, Brandon Petrizze of Apache Junction, AZ; mother, Catherine M. Allen of Beach Park, IL; father, Jim Miller of Haleyville, AL; In-laws Frank and Dorothy Petrizze of Henderson, NV; brother, Christopher T. (Jennifer) Miller of Waukegan, IL; nieces, Alexis Miller and Julianne Miller; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. A "Celebration of Jon's Life" will take place at American Legion Post #27 from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 8th.

**Mary E. Morse**  
Mary E. Morse, 91, of Apache Junction passed away on Monday, May 19, 2008. Ms. Morse, a homemaker, was born in Illinois. She is survived by daughters Nancy, Carolyn and Bobbi; son Richard; sister Theresa; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Kenneth. Arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.  
**Donald Louise Needham**  
Donald Louise Needham, 90, of Apache Junction passed away on Friday, May 16, 2008. Mrs. Needham, a test pilot, was born in High Prairie, MO. Arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.  
**Mildred E. Petersen**  
Mildred E. Petersen, 65, of Apache Junction passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2008. Ms. Petersen, a Christian Science nurse, was born in Canton, OH. She is survived by daughters April (James) Hill and Tawnya Judd; sister Connie Tregellas; brother Don Guinn; 12 grandchildren. Arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.  
**Edward D. Radonski**  
Edward D. Radonski, 76, of Queen Creek passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2008. Mrs. Radonski, a shipping clerk, was born in Milwaukee, WI. Arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.  
**Donald (Don) Ray Sullivan**

with cancer. He was born July 15, 1935 in Douglas, WY to John M. and M. Beryl (Dodds) Sullivan. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines in Korea and the U.S. Army stateside and in Germany. Don was married to Betty C. Horr and they had one child, Tami J. Nachtman. While serving in Germany, he met and married Hilde Walser, and they had one child, Karen J. Sullivan. While living in Douglas he owned and operated Lee's Tavern and later built and ran the Waterhole. He was active in the VFW, American Legion, Moose, the Douglas Fire department and the Wyoming Liquor Dealers Assoc. Don retired in the early 1990's and moved to Queen Valley, where he was on the Queen Valley Fire Board. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved spending time in the desert and mountains especially with friends, family and his dogs. He was a soulmate, not only to his wife, but to everyone who was blessed to get to know him. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Jack. He is survived by his loving wife Hilde; daughters Tami Nachtman of Douglas and Karen Sullivan and her fiancé Scott Jankowski of Mancos, CO; grandson John (Samarra) Nachtman of Pensacola, FL; granddaughter Jamie Nachtman of Douglas; great-granddaughter JoCee Nachtman; nieces, nephew and many cousins. No formal services will be held. A celebration of his life will be held in the fall. Don will be greatly missed for his kindness, gentleness and beautiful simplicity in all that he did. He was an all around "great guy". In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Queen Valley Fire Department, Don Sullivan Memorial, 1494 W. Queen Valley Drive, Queen Valley, AZ 85218.  
**James E. Wille**  
James E. Wille, 75, of Apache Junction passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in Mesa. Jim, better known as "Phoenix" was a truck driver for 42 years before he moved to Arizona. He was a Country and Western singer that played at many clubs and functions. He is survived by his best friend and companion Linda Hoschuer; children Terry, Denise, Jeff, Wayne and Jimmy; three step-sons Robert, Randy and Steven Geist; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be truly missed by all and especially we will miss his famous "train whistle". A celebration of his life will be held on June 22, 2008 at the VFW Post 9399 located at 133 N. Saguro in AJ from 6-8 p.m.

## City Court

**Apache Junction City Magistrate Court**  
300 E. Superstition Blvd.  
**Judge David Alexander, Presiding**  
**May 27** - Billy Strahan, 34, of AJ, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, \$577 fine, can be released from probation in 12 months if all terms are met.  
**May 27** - Valerie Strahan, 29, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, \$577 fine.  
**May 27** - Daniel Young, 18, of AJ, guilty of shoplifting. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, 15 days jail suspended, complete LifeSkills program by August 31, 2008, can be released from probation in 12 months if all terms are met.  
**May 27** - Carl Baum, 28, of AJ, guilty of shoplifting, failure to appear. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, 15 days jail suspended, complete LifeSkills program by August 31, 2008, \$502 fine, can be released from probation in 12 months if all terms are met.  
**May 27** - Joshua Bray, 22, of AJ, guilty of shoplifting. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, 30 days jail, 26 days suspended.  
**May 27** - Lydia Belran, 46, of AJ, guilty of driving revoked, failure to appear. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, 2 days jail, \$92 jail fee, \$109 fine.  
**May 27** - Dane Davis, 41, of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, 30 hours community service by August 31, 2008, can be released from probation in 12 months if all terms are met.  
**May 27** - Andes Lopez Perez, 27, of Mesa, guilty of expired registration, fictitious plates. Sentenced to 24 months unsupervised probation, \$209 fine.  
**May 27** - Robert Pope, 30, of Mesa, guilty of shoplifting. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, 15 days jail suspended, complete LifeSkills program by August 31, 2008, \$393 fine, can be released from probation in 12 months if all terms are met.  
**May 28** - Leonard Elphick, 19, of AJ, guilty of criminal trespass, possession of drug paraphernalia. Sentenced to 24 months unsupervised probation, 30 days jail suspended, \$500 fine.  
**May 28** - Jessica Hernandez, 20, of Gilbert, guilty of assault. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, complete LifeSkills program by August 31, 2008, \$209 fine, can be released from probation in 12 months if all terms are met.  
**May 28** - Phillip Molenkamp, 45, of AJ, guilty of fictitious plates, failure to appear. Sentenced to 24 months unsupervised probation, 60 days jail suspended, \$750 fine.

## Police Record

**The Apache Junction Police Department**  
Captain Thomas Kelly  
May 21 - May 27, 2008

**Arrests**  
**May 21** - Isidro Leon-Laris, 24, a transient, was arrested for possession of dangerous drugs, possession of dangerous drugs for transportation, possession of drug paraphernalia.  
**May 22** - Jason E. Davis, 29, of the 600 block of South Weaver Drive, was arrested for unlawful flight, reckless driving, failure to provide/show ID, false information to law enforcement and driving on suspended license.  
**May 23** - Timothy M. Atwell, 18, of the 600 block of East Estevan Avenue, was cited and released for DUI w/slightest degree, underage drinking and driving and exceeding 85 MPH.  
**May 23** - Thomas R. Schoeder, 58, of the 300 block of North Tomahawk Road, was arrested for aggravated assault/domestic violence, threatening and intimidating and disorderly conduct.  
**May 24** - Ronald J. Ridenhour, 46, of the 2900 block of East Superstition Boulevard and Kenneth C. Waters, 43, of the 2300 block of East Main Street, were both cited and released for motorized vehicle prohibited.  
**May 26** - Bryant Askew, 53, of the 900 block of South Royal Palm Drive, was cited and released for disorderly conduct.  
**May 26** - Felix Feliz Jr., 23, of the 1000 block of East Yuma Avenue, was cited and released for exceed speed limit 20 plus MPH, driving on suspended license and possessing cancelled license.  
**May 20** - Timothy J. Baker, 32, of the 100 block of South 11th Place, Mesa, was arrested for assault.

**Incidents**  
**May 21** - Reported a burglary/non residence and theft of means of transportation in the 700 block of West Southern Avenue. Stolen was a green 1997 Kawasaki Motorcycle with AZ plate #91H9RV.  
**May 21** - Reported an unlawful means of transportation in the 2700 block of West 5th Avenue. Stolen was a pink 1987 Ford pickup truck with AZ plate #797LEA.  
**May 23** - Reported a burglary residence, theft and criminal damage in the 1600 block of South Winchester Road. Stolen was large amount of copper and drywall.  
**May 24** - Reported a burglary to a residence in the 200 block of North Saguro Drive. Stolen was a black Highpoint 45 cal handgun.  
**May 24** - Reported a theft in the 300 block of North Meridian Drive. Stolen was a tan EZ-GO golf cart.  
**May 24** - Reported a burglary to a motor home in the 400 block of South Ironwood Drive. Stolen were two Polaroid televisions.  
**May 25** - Reported a theft of means of transportation in the 1400 block of West 14th Avenue. Stolen was a red 2008 Polaris ATV.  
**May 25** - Reported a theft in the 1200 block of West Southern Avenue at the AJ city Pool. Stolen was a 20 inch boys Diamond-back Viper bicycle.  
**May 26** - Reported criminal damage in the 200 block of East Southern Avenue. Damaged was two Turanza tires that were slashed.  
**May 27** - Reported burglary and criminal damage in the 300 block of North Ocotillo Drive. Several items were stolen from the residence and shed.  
**May 27** - Reported a strong arm robbery and theft in the 2100 block of West Apache Trail. Stolen was a laptop computer, cell phone and MP3 player.

## Sheriff's Record

**The Pinal County Sheriff's Department**  
Sheriff Chris Vasquez, Pinal County Sheriff

**Arrests**  
**May 23** - Jean Corinne Bartos, 41, of AJ, was arrested for use of building for drug sale, manufacturing.  
**May 23** - Susan Jane Daniels, 46, of AJ, was arrested for hindering prosecution in 1st degree.  
**May 23** - Paris Drummond, 20, of AJ, was arrested for hindering prosecution in 1st degree.  
**May 24** - Coley James O'Brien, 37, of Gold Canyon, was arrested for aggravated assault of adult on minor, murder in 2nd degree, aggravated assault serious physical injury.  
**May 27** - Skyler Scott Mathis, 23, of Gold Canyon, was arrested for criminal damage, defacing.  
**May 28** - Cody Pearson, 19, of AJ, was arrested for assault, domestic violence, disorderly conduct.

## Justice Court

**Apache Junction**  
**Pinal County Justice Court #1107**  
575 N. Idaho Rd.  
**Judge Dennis Lusk, Presiding**

**Joshua Colvin** - of Queen Creek, guilty of minor consumption. Sentenced to alcohol screening, MADD impact panel, 12 months probation.  
**Arthur Reyna** - of Superior, guilty of open container, suspended plates. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$693 fine.  
**Daniel Rebellosa** - of Queen Creek, guilty of excessive speed. Sentenced to \$320 fine.  
**Kimberly Hawkins** - of Queen Creek, guilty of littering on highway. Sentenced to \$255 fine.  
**Henry Moore** - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 36 months probation, \$619 fine.  
**Chad Jacques** - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license, no current registration, no proof of financial responsibility. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$899 fine.  
**Juan Gonzales** - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license, speed. Sentenced to 24 months probation, \$795 fine.  
**Lindsay Bridge** - of AJ, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 36 months probation, \$619 fine.  
**Melvin Cizek** - of AJ, guilty of criminal speed. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$420 fine.  
**Jacob Stranger** - of Gold Canyon, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$356 fine.  
**Rodney Chimura** - of Queen Creek, guilty of extreme DUI. Sentenced to alcohol screening, MADD impact panel, 10 days jail, 24 months probation, \$2777 fine.  
**Amanda Barr** - of Queen Creek, guilty of excessive speed. Sentenced to 6 months probation, \$420 fine.  
**Jody Fugate** - of AJ, guilty of excessive speed. Sentenced to \$1660 fine.  
**Kally Stamper** - of Queen Creek, guilty of excessive speed. Sentenced to 24 months probation, \$575 fine.  
**Steven Kimbal** - of Queen Creek, guilty of theft. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$725 fine.  
**Beatriz Hernandez** - of AJ, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 36 months probation, \$1586 fine.  
**Roy Aguilar** - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$619 fine.  
**Larry Anderson** - of Queen Creek, guilty of shoplifting. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$788 fine.  
**Tatiana Green** - of Queen Creek, guilty of leaving the scene. Sentenced to 24 months probation, \$682 fine.  
**Robert Kirk** - of Queen Creek, guilty of underage consumption. Sentenced to alcohol screening, MADD impact panel, 12 months probation.  
**Saydee Wehl** - of Queen Creek, guilty of underage consumption. Sentenced to alcohol screening, MADD impact panel, 12 months probation.  
**Stephen Brooks** - of Queen Creek, guilty of underage consumption. Sentenced to alcohol screening, MADD impact panel, 12 months probation.

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