

Barricade Incident Governor Endorses Shope

Ends Peacefully

Gilbert police chase AJ man home

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
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A 49-year-old Apache Junction man is in custody after shooting and assaulting a man who refused to be evicted from a Gilbert apartment early Saturday, October 11, 2008, police said.

At midnight, the Gilbert Police Department answered a call within its city limits in which John Zeiter of the 2100 block of West 17th Street, Apache Junction, allegedly shot another man in the shoulder and repeatedly kicked him in the face after he was on the ground, according to Capt. Arnold Freeman of

the Apache Junction Police Department.

"He received more injuries from the assault to his face than from the gunshot wound," Freeman said.

Zeiter fled and was found by the Gilbert Police Department at his Apache Junction home about 1 a.m., Freeman said. When he saw police, he barricaded himself, along with his mother and significant other, in his residence.

"After successful negotiations, this morning at 8:40 a.m., it was resolved with Mr. Zeiter voluntarily giving himself up without any further incident."

Queen Valley Democrat running for Dist. 2 County Supervisor

Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano has endorsed Mary Shope for the open seat on the Pinal County Board of Supervisors from District 2. The statement released by the governor says, "Mary Shope's experience as an educator, Realtor and small business owner, in addition to her knowledge of mortgage banking and finance, makes her an excellent choice for the Pinal County Board of Supervisors."

"With the rapid growth projected for Pinal County's 2nd District, Mary's integrity and commitment to fairness and open government will ensure responsible and controlled growth that protects the quality of life for residents of the District."

Pinal County's 2nd District takes in the communities of Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, Queen Valley, Florence, and the Johnson Ranch-Queen Creek area. It is the most pop-

ulated district in the county and has experienced unprecedented growth in recent years. Developments have sprung up faster than required infrastructure needs could be met. This has become a major issue in the campaign.

Shope says, "Our roads, schools, parks as well as the safety and health needs must be addressed prior to allowing new developments to take place. With most of the new developments being built in the unincorporated areas of the county they have placed a huge burden on the county's ability to provide the necessary services."

Shope says she wants to open communications from the Board of Supervisors and put more transparency in county government.

"Having knocked on over 3,000 doors in the district and discussing issues with constituents I have found that



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many people, especially those in the unincorporated areas, have no idea who to turn to for help.

County government is their local government and we

must find ways to open more communication so we can better understand and meet their needs" Shope said.

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explained. "There is a statute that says when a vacancy occurs, the council appoints for the balance of the term but it doesn't say how they do that."

If a person is appointed, he/she would have to run for re-election this March if he/she planned on staying past June, Eck said.

Connelly explained she

planned to meet with Insalaco to review the council's options. She also placed an item on the Monday, October 20, work session agenda calling for discussion of the issue.

"On the 21st, they'll formally accept his resignation and direct staff on what methodology they want to use to fill the vacancy."

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SRP (Salt River Project).

Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping Americans save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices, according to its Web site.

"The LEED Green Building Rating System encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices," Hoffman said.

The rating system addresses six major areas: Sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation and design process.

Paul Murphy, Habitat Central Arizona's director of construction, explained LEED will most likely give the homes points toward certification for a variety of items, such as low-flow irrigation systems and the use of native plants.

"The homes have to be Energy Star," Murphy said. "Because the homes are slightly smaller than the national average, we pick up a few points there. Because there's a carport instead of a garage, there's more points there. Of course the solar-generating panels will add points. SRP is putting 3kw panels on all 18 homes in the Ironwood Trails subdivision."

The subdivision will be finished by the end of May 2009, Murphy explained.

"I love the neighborhood," he said. "It's a beautiful neighborhood. The view is absolutely tremendous. With the Superstitions and the Goldfield Mountains, everybody has a \$1 million view."

"As far as the power panel goes, I talked to three homeowners last weekend. One person's (electric) bill was \$70 for August, another was \$60, another was \$100 and another was 0. The range really depends on the lifestyles of the different people, the number of times they go in and out of the house. With the one at 0, somebody's paying really close attention to everything in order to keep from getting a bill."

Phillip and Alichia Lansing moved to the Habitat for Humanity neighborhood, in the 1600 block of West Mockingbird Street, after being unsuccessful through traditional routes.

"We heard about it through the Multi-Gen Center," Phillip Lansing said. "We tried the banks and we had no luck there. So we decided to give it a try and it worked."

The couple, who has two children, Gracie and Dominic, moved from an apartment to the Habitat for Humanity home in April. With solar power, Phillip Lansing said his apartment's electric bill was about \$200 a month, meanwhile the couple now pays an average of \$130 for the bigger home.

A Primer on Election Day Propositions

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On Tuesday, November 4, citizens of Pinal County, as well as those statewide, will vote for a number of propositions ranging from the sanctity of marriage to real property. For more information, visit the Secretary of State's Web site at www.azsos.gov/election/2008/Info/PubPamphlet/english/contents.htm. Here is a run down of those propositions.

— **Proposition 100:** Prohibits state, county, city, town, municipal or other state political subdivision from imposing any new tax, fee, or other assessment on the sale, purchase, transfer, or other conveyance of any interest in real estate after December 31. A "yes" vote shall have the effect of prohibiting any new

tax, fee, or other assessment on the sale, purchase or other conveyance of real estate after December 31. A "no" vote would retain the current law, which allows taxes on the sale or transfer of real estate.

— **Proposition 101:** Prohibits laws that restrict person's choice of private health-care systems or private plans; interfere with a person's or entity's right to pay directly for lawful medical services; impose a penalty or fine for choosing to obtain or decline health-care coverage or for participation in any health-care system or plan. A "yes" vote shall have the effect of prohibiting the laws listed above. A "no" vote will retain the current law regarding a person or entity's health-care choices.

— **Proposition 102:** Defines that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state. A "yes" vote will amend the Arizona constitution to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman, while maintaining the current statutory law of the state of Arizona, which prohibits marriage between persons of the same sex. A "no" vote shall maintain the current statutory law of the state of Arizona, which prohibits marriage between persons of the same sex, but would not amend the Arizona constitution to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

— **Proposition 105:** Requires an initiative measure that establishes, imposes or raises a tax, fee or other revenue, or mandates a spending obligation, whether on a private person, labor orga-

nization, other private legal entity or state, shall not become law unless the measure is approved by a majority of qualified electors registered to vote. A "yes" vote shall have the effect of requiring that a majority of registered voters approve any initiative measure establishing, imposing or raising a tax, fee or other revenue, or mandating a spending obligation, whether on a private person, labor organization, other private legal entity or the state, in order to become law. A "no" vote shall retain the current law under which an initiative measure is enacted upon approval of a majority of registered voters that vote on the measure.

— **Proposition 200:** Extends payday licensing program indefinitely; allows electronic debit agreements; prohibits services over 35 days; requires English or Spanish agreements; prohibits certain fees; requires payment plan if requested; prohibits arrangements with customers having outstanding repayment plans; allows licensee to make other loans; requires licensee to maintain minimum and maximum net worth. A "yes" vote shall have the effect of repealing the July 1, 2010, termination date for the existing payday loan licenses to provide electronic debit agreement services, prohibiting services over 35 days, requiring payday loan agreements be in English or Spanish, prohibiting certain fees, permitting only one payday loan transaction with a customer each business day, requiring a payment plan if requested by the customer, prohibiting arrangements with customers having outstanding repay-

ment plans, allowing licensees to make other loans and requiring licensee applicants to maintain a minimum net worth of at least \$50,000 per location up to a maximum of \$1 million. A "no" vote will retain the current law regarding payday loans, which are to terminate on July 1, 2010.

— **Proposition 201:** Allows prospective dwelling buyer lawsuit; permitting lawsuits despite alternative dispute resolution agreements; prohibits seller attorney fees; shortens notice and response time; requires seller inspection and licensed contractor; requires seller contract provide 10-year warranty; seller must disclose conflicts; gives buyer cancellation rights; expands time to file improvements suit and expands purchaser remedies. A "yes" vote will grant "prospective buyers" a right to sue over a dwelling action, permitting lawsuits despite alternative dispute resolution provisions in sales contracts, shortening buyer purchaser notice and seller response period before and after filing defects lawsuit requiring seller to inspect dwelling after receiving notice, requiring any seller offer to include repair or replace option that must be performed by a licensed contractor, eliminating seller right to receive attorney fees and costs if the seller prevails, mandating seller to provide contract to include disclosure of seller's financial relationship with a financial institution, disallowing seller from requiring a buyer deposit unless contract allows 100-day cancellation period, extending from eight to 10 years the



see **Propositions, A-6**

from The Wall, A-1

the United States to provide a forum for communities to come together and honor, respect and remember all those who have sacrificed their lives for our country's freedom, will be on display for 24 hours a day at Prospector Park on North Idaho Road in Apache Junction Thursday, March 12, through Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

If you and your organization would like to help sponsor the "Wall," call Mike Ferguson at (480) 671-6239. For more information visit its Web site at www.vfwpost7968.com.

The third meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at the VFW Post No. 7968, 725 W. Apache Trail.


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