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Obama.  
These individuals, along with their sundry empires, are presented as representing the greatest power the world has ever known. No mention is made of the Christian Church. All empires other than that of the Christ have revealed feet of both iron and clay, and one after another they have disappeared into the mists of time while the Church continues to endure. Time and time again mighty empires of this world have tried to destroy the Church, claiming that it is responsible for all the evils of the world. True, some unspeakable atrocities have been committed by some masquerading as Christians within the visible church, but most assuredly they were not of the Church, the Una Sancta, comprised of all those who truly believe and practice the precepts of the head thereof, Christ himself. The Church itself has endured over the centuries despite all efforts by its enemies to bring it down. In the meantime one earthly kingdom after another has crumbled into the dust.

The great conqueror Napoleon put it all into the proper perspective when, exiled to the island of St. Helena in the southern Atlantic, and having time to contemplate and compare his conquests and failures with the kingdom of Christ, he said, "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I myself have established far flung empires built upon force and violence. Jesus has built his kingdom on love. Soon my body will be given back to the earth. Such will be the fate of him who was once called the great Napoleon. What an abyss between my deep misery and the kingdom of Christ which is proclaimed and extends to the ends of the earth."

Sic transit gloria.  
"For THINE is the kingdom and the power and the glory!

It was Martin Luther who compared the Gospel to a passing shower that never returns to the place where it once has been. How much longer will the shower of God's grace which has blessed our country for two centuries hover over the United States of America?

Richard Paustian, Gold Canyon

**Do we detect sarcasm?**

Thank you, Justice John Keegan. You've made my day! Since you throw out traffic tickets generated by speed cameras, I have a whole new outlook on my life.

I'm asking that the courts throw out my bank robbery conviction as unconstitutional, too. It invaded my privacy as I went about my business in a place open to the public.

As well, quash my wife's complaint that I beat her up. She's mine, and a person can speed, drink, hit, or kill if he wants to in our guaranteed life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

I want all police cars removed from the highways: they always make me slam on my brakes when I see them and as those anti-camera people say, that slowing down causes accidents, not speed.

I'm telling my son that he can go back to being the big bully in the schoolyard. His right to fun supersedes any other kid's safety expectations. Folks who don't do 95 on highways can take the surface streets, and wimpy kids can stay in at recess.

Oh, Keegan's ruling must extend to rape, too. After all, if drivers can ignore the law and graphic evidence that they did, use of my--er anyone's--DNA should be outlawed, too.

Arizona Rep. Sam Crump is also to be commended for his efforts to stop big-brotherism. Only the weak need a big brother, anyway. And isn't that song about "America, the BOLD?"

E. L. Stringham, Apache Junction

**from Clean-ups, A-1**

right-of-way in anticipation of the City's cancelled City-wide Trash Pickup.

• If you wish to provide for your own bulk trash pickup at any time, a resident can show proof of residency and their bulk trash can be dumped at the Apache Junction landfill for \$8.50.

"The end goal is to increase the level of service to the public with pick-ups much more frequently than four times a year, and to provide the service at a cost that is less than the City would have to charge," Fern said.

For further information contact the Public Works Department at (480) 982-1055.

**from Courthouse, A-1**

as far as we can tell"—nor did they attempt to log on to the court's computers. They did try to steal a safe that is just inside of the lobby doors by attempting to saw through an outside stucco and red brick wall. There is a line in an outside wall where the vandals placed the saw.

"At night we empty that (the safe) out though. So if they were successful in sawing through the wall, they wouldn't have had any money," Lusk said.

Microphones inside of the courthouse picked up the sound of the saw.

"It sounded like a saw that was bogging down," Lusk

said.

The vandals also cut locks on two gates within the complex, probably as an alternate escape route, Lusk added.

They even went into Lusk's office 10 times between 4:05 a.m. and 4:35 a.m., according to a motion sensor that is read by technicians in Florence.

Cameras within the courthouse did not pick up any suspects because lights were turned off. That has since changed, Lusk said.

"We have now remedied that," Lusk said.

Capt. Tom Kelly of the Apache Junction Police Department said there are no "persons of interest."

**Recall 'Team' Misuses City Seal**

**City seal on candidates Web site gave recall 'official' look, but is trademark infringement— Seal removed, but 'Team' won't divulge name of Web site owner**

**By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski**  
*The News*

"The Team for a Better AJ" — which features recall candidates Shannon Flynn, Jim Stephens, Ted Mueller and David Dowdle — illegally used the City of Apache Junction's official seal on its Web site, www.abetteraj.com.

The city's official seal is considered intellectual property and a trademark, according to Phoenix attorneys.

"I am not the owner of abetteraj.com," Shannon Flynn

said in an e-mail text message. "You would have to contact the owner of the site. I'm sure they overlooked this and will take it off posthast." (sic)

Flynn refused to divulge the name of the site's owner. On Friday night, January 30, the seal was removed from the Web site.

Officials for the City of Apache Junction refused to comment other than to say Flynn had been notified to remove the seal, but Kevin Christopher, the public information officer for the City of

Mesa, said any use of its logo, once trademarked, would be illegal. "Once we have the trademark and a trademark policy, the City would argue that the use of our logo on any noncity-approved or authorized materials is a violation of trademark rights."

Flynn is running against Councilwoman Robin Barker in the recall election while Stephens is pitted against Councilman Jeff Serdy. Mueller has chosen to compete against Councilman Rick Dietz and Dowdle will run against Vice Mayor R.E. Eck.

**from Kollenborn, A-4**

Phoenix that morning. Mott and Newcomer had a story, Halseth thought he had found an Indian skull, and Richie Lewis, along with Holmes, was sure they had found part of "old man Ruth." It was soon decided that the expedition would return to Phoenix. They would then confirm their find.

The archaeological expedition was well on its way by 10 a.m. They arrived at First Water Ranch about 3 p.m. The trip from First Water to Phoenix was about seventy miles. The members of the expedition finally made their way into the city editor's room of the *Arizona Republic* around 10 p.m. December 11, 1931. It was too late in the evening to have a pathologist examine the skull to determine if in fact it did belong to Adolph Ruth.

It was on December 12, 1931, Dr. Orville H. Brown examined the skull and pointed out many characteristics that agreed with the photos they had of Ruth. Dr. James J. Lasalle corroborated Dr. Brown's opinion. Dr. Claude M. Moore, a dental surgeon, felt sure the skull was that of an aged white man who had worn dentures.

Odds Halseth continued to disagree with the three doctors, and therefore claimed the skull. He immediately planned to ship it to the National Museum of Anthropology in Washington D.C. and have it examined by an expert. Halseth sent a telegram to the Science Service, Washington D.C. at 6:43 a.m. the morning of December 13, 1931, claiming the skull could be a Native American or an old Caucasian. Halseth also claimed the skull had tissue, odor, and attracted flies. Halseth further said he was out of funds and offered the story to the Science Service. They replied by turning his story down and refusing to become involved. Halseth at first was very disappointed with the news media.

When Halseth received his answer from the Science Service Bureau, the *Arizona Republic* Sunday's front page read, "SKULL BELIEVED THAT OF MISSING PROSPECTOR FOUND IN THE MOUNTAINS." Halseth received a telegram from Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, anthropologist and pathologist for the National Museum, stating, "Skull unquestionably that of aged white man, recently shot possibly." The *Arizona Republic* had gambled on the skull and had won. They didn't need Halseth or his story for they had their own. The National Wire Service picked up the story and it began to appear in newspapers all over the United States. Ruth had put the Superstition Mountains on the map, but he had died in order to do so.

Upon the discovery of Ruth's skull the search for his remains was once again undertaken. Jeff Adams and William A. "Tex" Barkley found Ruth's other remains on January 8, 1932, in a small tributary canyon on the eastern slope of Black Top Mesa. This finally ended the mysterious disappearance of Adolph Ruth in the Superstition Wilderness.

The search for Adolph Ruth concluded, his remains found, still there were those who believed he was murdered for a map to a lost gold mine. Erwin Ruth, Adolph's son, was a very melodramatic individual. He continued for the rest of his life to believe his father was murdered for a lost gold mine map. Erwin worked hard to convince people of these events and often changed them to fit his story of that tragedy in the hot summer of 1931.

Note: Much of this information came from a personal interview by me with George "Brownie" Holmes in 1979, a couple years before his death. Some information came from journal notes kept of the incident by Harvey Mott, editor of the *Arizona Republican*.

**Early Ballots Ready**

Early voting ballots for the City of Apache Junction March 10 Election will be available February 5 through the Pinal County Recorder's Office.

Early voting is open to all qualified city voters and can be done directly at the Pinal County Recorder's Office or by mail.

To receive an early ballot by mail, contact the Pinal County Recorder's Office by mail at P.O. Box 848, Florence, AZ, 85232, by telephone at (520) 866-6179 or (520) 866-6199 or (480) 983-7038, or by going on its Web site www.pinalcountyaz.gov. The deadline to request a mail early ballot is Friday, February 27.

City voters may also vote in person at the Pinal County

Recorder's Office located in the County Complex, 575 N. Idaho Road, Suite 110. The office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. The deadline for early voting in person is 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 6.

The final date to register to vote for the March 10 primary election is Monday, February 9. The issues on the ballot are nominations for the office of mayor and three City Council positions, recall of the office of mayor and four City Council positions, and Proposition 100, Continuation of the Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule).

For more information about the ballot, call the Apache Junction City Clerk's Office at (480) 982-8002, option 5.

**from CAC Grant, A-5**

Letters of support for the grant were written by the following organizations:

- Arizona Regional Medical Center (Mesa)
- Banner Gateway Medical Center (Gilbert)
- Casa Grande Regional Medical Center (Casa Grande)
- Chandler Regional Hospital (Chandler)
- Central Arizona Association of Governments (Globe)
- Central Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation (Casa Grande)
- Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (Coolidge)
- Cobre Valley Community Hospital (Globe)
- Desert Reflections Imaging Center (Casa Grande)
- Maricopa Integrated Health System (Phoenix)
- Mountain Vista Medical Center (Mesa)
- Mount Graham Regional

Medical Center (Safford)

- Seeds of Hope, Inc. (Casa Grande)
- Southwest Information Management Services, Inc. (Tempe)

Introduced by former President George Bush in his 2004 State of the Union address, Community-Based Job Training Grants improve the ability of community colleges to provide their regions' workers with the skills needed to enter growing industries.

In slightly more than three years, approximately \$497 million now has been awarded to 279 community colleges and community-based institutions in 49 states to promote the U.S. workforce's full potential. Through the first three rounds of these grants, more than 34,000 individuals have completed their education and training, and nearly 85,000 people have participated.

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**Did You Know... at last count, the west-bound traffic on Apache Trail at Phelps Drive average daily traffic count was over 14,000 cars a day and that traffic counts for most major cross streets are available on the City's website?**

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