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March 2009 Supervisor's Update

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March is behind us and we rapidly approach the end of "The First 100 Days". What an amazing 100 days it has been. Well, it's actually been 91 days today. Nonetheless, it's been fast and furious.

This month I had the opportunity to fly as the Supervisor with our Arizona National Guard. We flew over the multiple roads and trails used by drug runners and human traffickers. It was discouraging to see the prevalence of crime taking place in our county on a 24/7 basis. We have a big problem in our state/country.

Earlier in the month I was able to sit down with Governor Jan Brewer briefly to discuss challenges to Arizona's counties. Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick and I met at our Sheriff's office and spoke at length about our county's specific needs. Finally, State Senator Al Melvin and State Representative Frank Pratt came by my office to discuss the challenges to our state. It's important to know that your Supervisors have access to your state-elected officials. Let me help you. It's my job.

There were two especially significant events this month for the Greater San Tan Area that most people weren't aware of. The first event



was the beginning of curbside recycling in some of our communities. Right Away Disposal began collecting all recyclables once a week in addition to their now once a week trash pick up. This is a great step towards taking care of our environment.

The second, and more significant, event was the opening of SRP's new Call Center. I toured the new facility and was able to meet the newly hired class of Call Center employees. Looking around the room I asked who lived in Pinal County. All fifty employees

raised their hand! What a huge success story for our community. These people now work where they live. I want to thank SRP for recognizing the need in our community and helping to change the lives of these people.

Finally, this past week the County Assessor and I met a group of almost 100 residents in Gold Canyon to discuss property valuations. The conversation was both heated and educational. I encourage anyone with questions about their property taxes to contact the County Assessor's Office on the Pinal County web site <http://pinalcountyaz.gov/Departments/Assessor/Pages/Home.aspx>.

This month's employee in the spotlight is Mr. Larry Cathemer. Larry has worked in the Public Works department for over 32 years and is a wealth of information. His work ethic and commitment to finding solutions makes this a better county for us all. Thanks Larry!

We have a long way to go. Remember, we're in this together. I can't do this without your ideas, comments, and suggestions. Hang in there and continue to spread that word that being a part of the solution is the key to making this a better place.

Do pass this along to your friends. If you'd like to be added to the email list, please send me an email to Bryan.Martyn@pinalcountyaz.gov or call me at 480-982-0659.

Sincerely,

