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LaWall: Transfer of Stidham case wasn't political

By Kim Smith
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall told the Merit Commission Tuesday that her decision to transfer the prosecution of Dr. Bradley Schwartz to Pinal County one week after her reelection had nothing to do with politics.

"This was a prosecutorial decision. It was not a political decision. I can't stress that enough," LaWall said.

LaWall took the stand before the county Merit Commission to defend her decision late last year to fire one attorney and suspend three others upon learning they had information pertaining to the Oct. 5 slaying of Dr. David Brian Stidham.

The attorneys — Paul Skitzki, Brad Roach, Nicki DiCampi and Janet Altschuler — have appealed LaWall's disciplinary measures.

The Merit Commission is in the middle of a public hearing on Skitzki's, Roach's and DiCampi's appeals. A closed hearing for Altschuler will be held next month at her request.

LaWall said the four learned through former Deputy County Attorney Lourdes Lopez that Schwartz, her former boyfriend,

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Curbs weighed on pools, lawns

Huckelberry to propose major ordinance, likely this summer, to save water in county

By Tony Davis
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Swimming pools and lawns in new homes may be on the endangered list in unincorporated Pima County.

County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry said Tuesday that he plans to propose a major water-conservation ordinance, probably during the summer, to limit new swimming pools and re-

quire desert landscaping in new homes. The ordinance could require new developments to provide separate plumbing systems for reclaimed water on common area turf, and to equip subdivisions with cisterns or other methods of harvesting rainfall off the roof.

Such proposals, going well beyond what most, if not all, Arizona local governments require, would almost certainly draw opposition, but it's time to

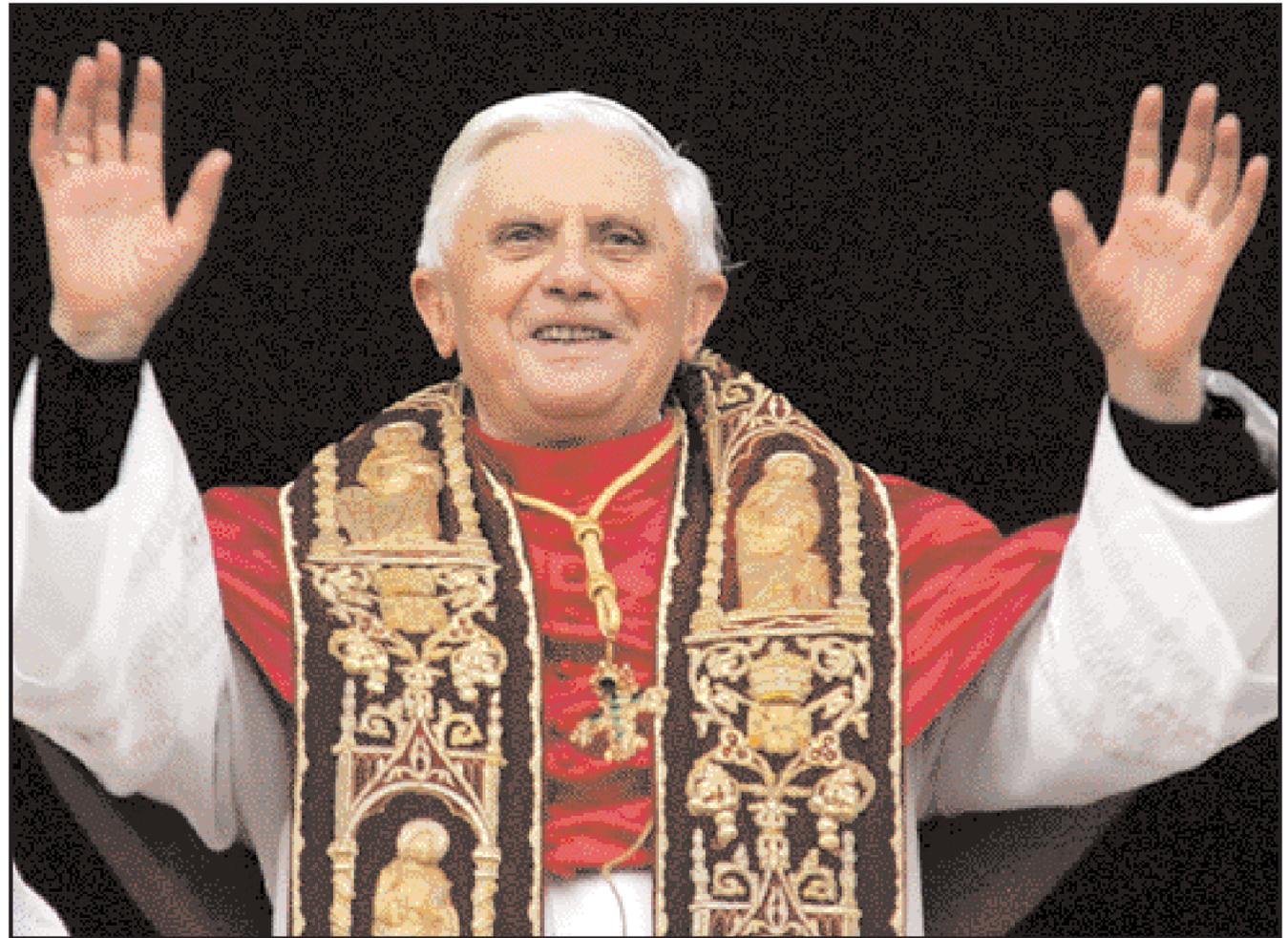
talk about them, said the administrator, a prime architect of the county's pioneering Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan to save open space.

As he envisions the ordinance, it would forbid owners of newly built homes from installing backyard pools if their development has a common pool

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Pope Benedict XVI



The newly elected pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, earned the name "God's Rottweiler" for his staunch guardianship of church doctrine.

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Firm conservative to lead Catholics

His choice is seen as endorsement of papal continuity

By Eric Gorski
THE DENVER POST

In electing German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as the 265th pope of the Roman Catholic Church, the cardinals chose perhaps the best-known and most controversial figure in their ranks, a man who served as Pope John Paul II's closest collaborator and the church's staunch guardian of doctrine for two decades.

The choice, coming scarcely 24 hours after the 115 voting cardinals were locked into the Vatican, is more than anything an endorsement of continuity, observers say: a desire to build on the Polish pontiff's vision of building a flock and changing the world through preaching absolute truth, of standing firm in the face of changing times.

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Ratzinger, 78, chose the name Pope Benedict XVI. "This will be a papacy of dynamic continuity with its predecessor," said George Weigel, a conservative Catholic theologian and a biographer of John Paul II.

"This man is not just going to mind the store," said Weigel. "He is going to take re-evangelization, especially of Europe, very seriously. I think this represents a recognition on the part of the cardinals that the great battle in the world remains inside the heads of human beings — that it's a battle of ideas."

A world-class theologian, Ratzinger earned the nickname "God's Rottweiler" as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the

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Nuns celebrate in St. Peter's Square as white smoke billows from the Sistine Chapel's chimney, announcing the pope's election.

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