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Benedict XVI

"Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me — a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord."



Cardinals elect conservative German theologian to lead Catholic Church

Wire services

VATICAN CITY — Roman Catholic cardinals reached to the church's conservative wing on Tuesday and chose Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, a seasoned and hard-line German theologian who served as Pope John Paul II's defender of the faith, as the 265th pope. As the Catholic Church's successor to St. Peter, the new Pope Bene-

dict XVI, smiling serenely, greeted the faithful in St. Peter's Square with a deferential reference to the man who came before him. "Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me — a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord," he told the faithful from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. He spent his first evening as leader of the world's 1.1 billion Ro-

man Catholics in St. Martha House, the cardinals' residence in the Vatican, sharing a meal with the men who elected him. Today, he will celebrate a private Mass in the Sistine Chapel. His first public Mass, marking his installation as pope, will take place on Sunday. Although the announcement was greeted with delirious cheers by

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AmWest, US Air talk merger

Discussions cloud future of airline's Ariz. headquarters

By Dawn Gilbertson
The Arizona Republic

For the second time in less than six months, America West Airlines is aggressively trying to grow by merging with another carrier. Industry sources confirmed Tuesday that the Tempe-based airline is in serious talks with struggling US Airways. The Arlington, Va.-based carrier is operat-

ing under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and has been seeking investors to help it reorganize. Unlike America West's earlier interest in acquiring smaller ATA Airlines, this effort raises questions about whether America West's headquarters could leave Arizona. The airline is one of the state's largest public companies, with more than \$2 billion in annual sales, and is Arizona's sixth-largest employer. The merger discussions have been going on for a couple months and picked up steam recently. America

West Chief Executive Doug Parker and other company executives have been traveling back and forth to the East Coast, most recently last week. A proposed deal, if all the pieces came together, could be announced by early May. A combination of the two would create the nation's sixth-largest airline based on passenger traffic. US Airways is currently seventh and America West eighth. The deal would marry an airline strong on the West Coast with a household name on the

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