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Water tank replacement under way

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PRESCOTT – Within weeks, work should be under way on a new water tank replacement that is part of an inter-related effort by the city to beef up water storage capabilities.

At their meeting on Tuesday, Prescott City Council members approved a \$1,019,477 contract with CLM Earthmovers of Prescott for construction of a new water tank that will be about five times the size of the existing tank in the upper Thumb Butte area.

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3A PV Library debuts virtual reality room on 1st anniversary

Faulty part cuts phone service

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An “electronic card” was responsible for multiple service interruptions for Qwest customers in the Prescott Lakes area this week.

Company spokesman Mark Mozlen said the faulty card cut phone service near the intersection of Prescott Lakes Parkway and Willow Lake Road Monday and Wednesday.

Molzen said service on Wednesday came back online around 5:15 p.m.

“A piece of equipment failed, so we’re working through replacing that,” he said Wednesday afternoon. “Qwest places a priority on restoring the service.”

Meanwhile, the phone line problems sent some surrounding business owners to look for alternate ways to run their businesses on those days.

Ken Coleman, owner of Sir Speedy Printing in Prescott, said Monday’s service interruption caused him to lose all but one of his seven phone lines, along with the ability to use the fax and credit card machines. “We’ve been doing a lot of calling on our

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DeMocker trial may resume next week

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After a month-long delay in which lawyers thrashed out legal issues behind closed doors, the DeMocker murder trial may be back in court Tuesday.

DeMocker, 56, who remains in custody in lieu of a \$2 million bond, was charged with first-degree murder in the July 2, 2008, beating death of his former wife, Carol Kennedy, 53, whose body was found inside her Williamson Valley home.

Prosecutors allege DeMocker, who agreed to pay Kennedy \$6,000 per month alimony, had financial reasons to kill his ex-wife. Defense lawyers counter that the Prescott stockbroker had the resources to meet his obligations.

DeMocker told detectives that he was riding his

mountain bike on trails along Granite Mountain at the time of her death.

Prosecutors contend that bicycle tracks and footprints link DeMocker to a trail that leads to the back of Kennedy’s house.

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SHOTS IN THE DARK



Jerome Ghost Walk brings Old West gunfighter back to life

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PRESCOTT – Jerome’s 8th annual Ghost Walk does not offer tours of haunted houses or ghost-filled cemeteries, but takes visitors on a walking tour of the life and times of Jerome’s early-20th-century gun-fighting night marshal, Johnny Hudgens.

“He was a master gunfighter,” said James Tomlinson, administrative manager for the Jerome Historical Society, which produces the annual ghost walk. “He was a true Old West sheriff.”

Michael Gallagher wrote a six-scene play based on historical records and newspaper accounts. The play

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Actor Neil St. John, center, flanked by David Vogel on left and Mark Hemleben, portrays Jerome’s early 1900s lawman Johnny Hudgens during Jerome’s eighth annual Ghost Walk. The Ghost Walk kicks off at 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Jerome Historical Society/Courtesy photo

RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Q&A with Gov. Brewer, Terry Goddard

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Question: Should the state handle its prison population through use of private prisons? Do you have safety concerns regarding private prisons? Are they an economical answer?

Gov. Jan Brewer: I’m a big privatizer. I believe that private business can always do things probably better than government can do it. I wasn’t responsible for the private prisons, but the fact of the matter is we do and we are going to go back and review that to see if it is cost effective to be absolutely sure. But we know that our prison population, if we don’t have private prisons, we do not today have the money to build a facility so it’s a two-sided sword. But I have directed my administration to look at the effectiveness of the private prisons.

Terry Goddard: I think it is appropriate to use private prisons for low security prisoners. I don’t have a problem

with that. I do have a problem when private contractors are housing violent criminals so I believe that medium and above should use state facilities. I have definite safety problems when you put violent criminals in private prisons and I don’t think that’s respectful with public safety.

They’re not an economical answer. An auditor general report that came out two weeks ago said that across the spectrum that the private prison solution is actually more expensive by about \$2,700 each year than what the state pays. That confirms what has been on the Department of Corrections website for a long time. They’re required every few years to do a survey of the costs. The

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auditor general says the nod goes to the public.

I think there’s a very positive role that can be played by competition in this area, but I do draw the line at violent criminals in private facilities.

Question: Tourism has traditionally been one of Arizona’s leading economic bases, but what other measures would you take to attract clean industry and jobs to the state?

Brewer: Well first and foremost I’ve done a tremendous job luring jobs and businesses to Arizona. Even during these economic bad times, I’ve lured over \$35 million dollars in capital assets from companies. I cut through regulations so people moving here would know they have stability and predictability. I’ve told all my directors to work with businesses, not only the ones coming, but the ones here to

cut through the red tape. I keep telling the government to get out of the way. The government doesn’t provide jobs; it’s the private sector that provides those jobs. Then we’ve got to look at tax reform; we have to make it more competitive to California and Nevada so we can bring those companies in. Absolutely, we’re going to do the right thing. The economy is a top priority, you know that. It all goes together.

Goddard: Tourism is one of the pillars of Arizona’s economy. I think it’s very unfortunate that under Jan Brewer Arizona has basically declared war on tourism. They closed the rest stops, broke up the state park system, swept all the money that funded the Department of Tourism, every dime, into the state’s general fund. Then made

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