

Drug

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a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

On an ongoing basis, the Sheriff's Office Fountain Hills substation has a prescription drug collection bin just outside the MCSO office in the first floor lobby at Town Hall. Unused prescription drugs may be left at that location at any time the building is open.

Police

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to choke her. He left the scene prior to the arrival of deputies, who believe he returned to Fort McDowell.

◆ On Thursday, Oct. 13, a Fountain Hills man reported he had been informed that someone had cashed nine checks from his bank account totaling approximately \$4,600. The man said he believes his son is responsible.

◆ On Saturday, Oct. 15, a Phoenix man reported the keys to his truck were taken by a Fountain Hills man while the vehicle was parked in the 15000 block of Calle Del Prado Fountain Hills.

◆ A Fountain Hills woman reported she has received several text messages from credit card companies reporting someone using her credit card at stores in the area. The woman told deputies three different credit cards were used at Target stores in the area of Scottsdale, where she had been when the messages started arriving. Her purse was in her vehicle at the time, but it did not appear to have been disturbed.

◆ On Tuesday, Oct. 11, a Fountain Hills woman reported someone had punctured two tires of her vehicle parked in the 14000 block of Aguilar Drive.

◆ On Wednesday, Oct. 12, a Fountain Hills man reported he was "conned" into providing bank and personal information by an email saying his bank account had been "frozen" and he needed to provide the information. After providing the information he called the bank and was told there had been no problem. The man suffered no loss.

◆ On Friday, Oct. 14, a Fountain Hills resident reported there was a horse in his back yard in the 17000 block of Hawley Drive that may have been injured. When deputies arrived the horse was gone, but was located away from the house near Fort McDowell and it did appear injured. Fort McDowell and Arizona Game and Fish would not respond citing the horses in the area as feral. Deputies were attempting to contact someone with the Salt River Horse Foundation.

New site will provide festival parking

Those already concerned about parking conditions for the Nov. 11-13 Fountain Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts, don't worry.

For the last several years, artists and vendors parked their motor homes and rigs on the vacant property along the Avenue of the Fountains between N. Verde Drive and Saguaro Boulevard, during the festival.

The land is now a fenced-in construction site for the residential and commercial Park Place development.

The concern was that all vendors would be forced to move into 208 Association parking spaces, usually reserved for customers of adjacent businesses and handicapped visitors. In turn, the public would have to park farther away from the festival.

Chamber of Commerce events manager Sharon Morgan said Park Place developer Bart Shea volunteered to grade a vacant lot on the south side of the Avenue of the Fountains for vendor parking.

Morgan said the additional parking lot will handle at least two-thirds of the displaced vendors' vehicles.

Business owners have expressed concerns about congested 208 parking. Some complained that the festival restricts the public to reach their stores, restaurants or commercial locations.

The Chamber of Commerce pays the 208 Association "thousands of dollars" to use the parking lots for festival-goers, said Morgan.

North Korea talk Nov. 3

The Fountain Hills Activity Center will present "10 Days in North Korea 2015" on Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Community Center from 2 to 3 p.m.

The presentation, by Capt. Frank M. Hoak II, USN ret., will address entry into North Korea, behavior and censorship while in country, indoctrination of children (and later adults) into the military culture and hatred of America.

The new Military museum with the USS Pueblo (1968) and the North Korea military threat to the world will also be explored. Questions are welcome.

Hoak was in the US Navy from 1955-1984. He was an Air Intelligence Officer Carrier Group 21 aboard USS Lexington (CV-16) and USS Hancock (CV-19). Frank was a returning Navy Vietnam POW Investigator/Interrogator at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, VA (debriefed and did background investigations and intelligence gathering operations).

He was Executive Officer of Naval Investigative Service Office Unit 0893, NAS Willow Grove, Pa. Frank was Commanding Officer (Executive Officer and Commanding Officer 1978-1982) of Fleet Intelligence Rapid Support Team Europe & Atlantic 0593, NAS Willow Grove, Pa.

He participated in background investigations of domestic and international personnel. He retired as Captain (0-6) with 29 years of service, 1984.

The program is free for Activity Center Members for 2016. It is \$5 for non-members. Preregistration is required and used Course #2070 when registering.

For further information contact the Fountain Hills Activity Center at 480-816-5226 or visit the Town of Fountain Hills website, fh.az.gov.

Second novel focuses on Arizona murders

Five years after writing his first thriller, Pascal (Pat) Marco brings back his main character, Maricopa County prosecutor Stan Kobe, to revive a cold-case involving multiple homicides and uncover a domestic terrorism plot against the city's infrastructure.

"Render Safe" is available at select book stores and Amazon.com. The 374-page paperback book sells for \$15.99.

The book should be



Former Fountain Hills resident Pascal (Pat) Marco has completed his second mystery novel, "Render Safe," based in Arizona.

available at Gridleys of Fountain Hills. Scheduled book signings can be viewed at pascalmarco.com/events.

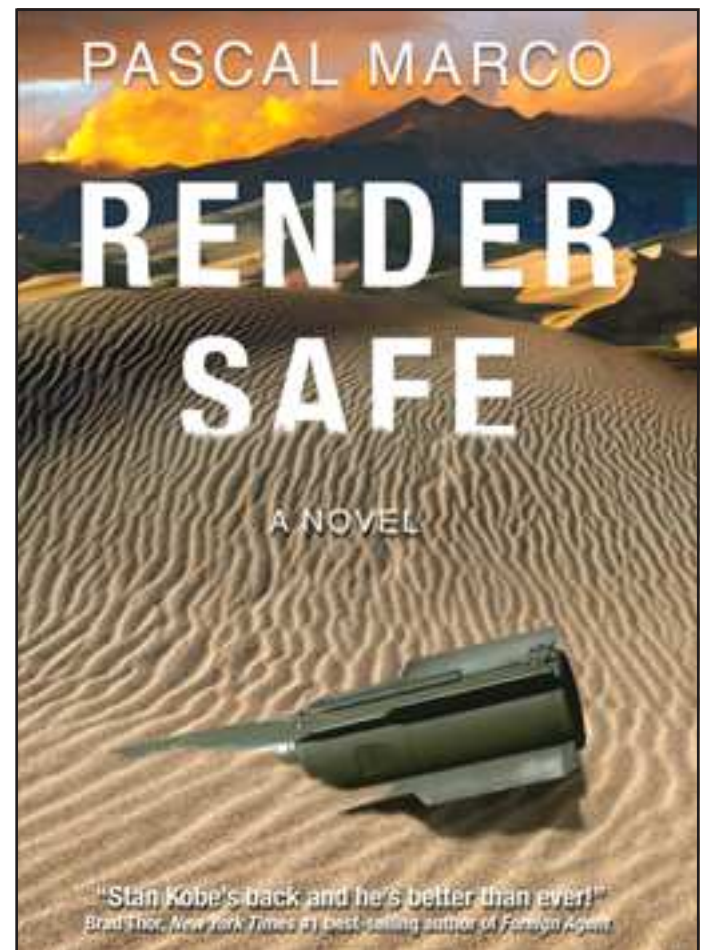
"I wanted to write a follow-up with some of the same characters from my debut novel, "Identity: Lost", said Marco.

The storyline has Kobe returning to investigate a decapitation and stumbling onto a domestic terrorism plot dealing with water and power supplies.

"It has a lot of moving parts," said Marco, describing the mystery as more complication than his first novel. "It's a completely Arizona-based book."

Local novelist Anne A. Wilson, author of "Hover" and "Clear to Lift," praised Marco for weaving a "chilling tale of domestic terrorism in a charged thriller that cuts a disturbing fine line between fact and fiction."

Marco, a town resident from 1994-2005, now lives in Mesa. Born and raised in Chicago, he is a graduate of the University of Illinois-Chicago, with bachelor's and master's of the arts degrees.



"Render Safe" involves a veteran prosecutor, multiple homicides and a domestic terrorism plot targeted to strike Phoenix' infrastructure.

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