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Public Meetings

**Apache Junction
City Council
work session**
7 p.m. Monday,
August 3, 2009
300 E. Superstition Blvd.

**Water Utilities
Community Facilities
District
(Apache Junction
Water Co.)**
6 p.m. Tuesday,
August 4, 2009
300 E. Superstition Blvd.

**Apache Junction
City Council
special budget meeting**
7 p.m. Tuesday,
August 4, 2009
300 E. Superstition Blvd.

**Apache Junction
City Council
regular meeting following
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7 p.m. Tuesday,
August 4, 2009
300 E. Superstition Blvd.

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Apache Junction Holds On To D.A.R.E.

Funding cuts leave only two of the youth drug programs still operating in East Valley

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
The News

Officer Bill Virtue, who serves as the Apache Junction Police Department's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer, is one of the fortunate few who absolutely loves his job.

He's run into former students who thank him for his work at airports in California, Disney World in Florida and movie theaters in Mesa. That makes him even more grateful for his occupation.

"This is actually the nicer side of law enforcement, if you want to call it that," Virtue said.

"Part of the reason D.A.R.E. uses uniformed police officers in the classroom is No. 1, to bring credit to the program. Who knows more about drugs than a police officer who arrests and sees all the harmful

effects of it?"

"Second part, is it gives the kids the chance to see a police officer in a light other than a negative light. Unfortunately—let's face it—when law enforcement gets a call to a house, it's usually because something negative has happened. So when the police officer gets there, they handle that situation."

Many times, someone is arrested because a crime has been committed.

"If that's the case, the only thing that kids see with law enforcement is, 'This is the person who took mom or dad to jail. Now I have to go live in a foster home.'"

Kids are afraid of law enforcement personnel, said Virtue, who will give a presentation to the City Council at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 4.

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Desert Vista Elementary School D.A.R.E.—Drug Abuse Resistance Education—essay winners pose with Officer Bill Virtue (left) and Police Chief Jerald Monahan.

**Police Seek Help Identifying
Body From Cold Case File**

'Jane Doe' found 17 years ago

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
The News

Interested in pursuing cold cases, the Apache Junction Police Department is seeking information that would help it identify a "Jane Doe" found 17 years ago near U.S. Highway 60 and Idaho Road.

On August 6, 1992, the body of a heavily decomposed female was found in the desert area south of U.S. Highway 60 and west of Idaho Road, according to Police Chief Jerald Monahan.

"Jane Doe" was approximately 16 to 18 years old and 4-feet 11-inches to 5-feet 1-inch tall. Monahan said she had coarse brown hair and is believed to have been Hispanic.

"It is believed that the victim was at this final resting place for three to five weeks," Monahan said.

The victim was wearing a large "Team Gear" brand T-shirt with soccer balls imprinted on the front and back of the shirt. The victim was also wearing a pair of Levis denim cutoff shorts and a ring



The reconstructed face of "Jane Doe."

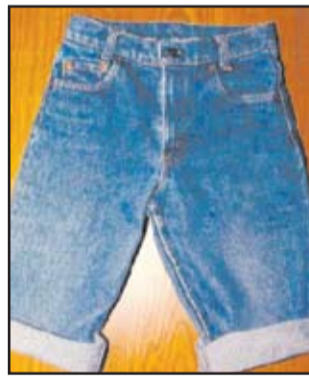
on her left ring finger.

"The victim's teeth were the most prominent feature as she apparently has had no dental care and the teeth protruded from her mouth," Monahan said. "Terry Wesbrock, a forensic artist since 1984, offered to create a reconstruction of the victim's face and worked tirelessly to reconstruct her face." An autopsy failed to determine a cause of death. Dental X-rays, dental charts and fingerprints for Jane Doe have been obtained and a DNA profile is pending.

Anyone who may have any information regarding the



Above and below, reproductions of "Jane Doe's" clothing



identity of "Jane Doe" is requested to contact the Apache Junction Police Department Criminal Investigation Division at (480) 982-8260. Ask for Crime Scene Technician Stephanie Bourgeois or Capt. Thomas E. Kelly.

**Vote In More Than One State
—Go To Jail**

Feds crack down on snowbirds voting twice—\$250,000 and 5 years in jail

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
The News

If you voted more than once in the 2008 election, someone may be looking into your voting record. Voting in more than one place has been a suspected practice for a number of years, especially where there are large numbers of winter residents. But it's a violation of federal law. And it carries a serious penalty.

A fine and a jail term is a steep price to pay for the misguided opportunity to vote in two states. But federal prosecutors are now taking an aggressive stance against people who break federal voting laws by doing just that. And the penalties for voter fraud

can be very stiff. The violation carries a \$250,000 fine and five years in jail.

James A. Marshall, 63, and Karen S. Marshall, 56, of Green Valley, Ariz., were recently indicted on charges that they voted in two states during last year's presidential election. The couple are charged with voting in Arizona and Kansas via early ballots for the November 2008 election.

The pair signed sworn statements when turning in their Arizona ballots that they resided in Arizona and had not voted "and will not vote in this election in any other state during the calendar year



of this affidavit," according to a press release.

People who reside in more than one state must select and declare a state of residency and that is where they may vote legally.

Up until recently, checking on and identifying this abuse of the voting privilege was very difficult, but a nationwide computer system that is being implemented by the states will make this practice much easier to track.

And the word coming through election offices nationwide is that federal prosecutors will be actively prosecuting people who engage in this practice.

**Council To Hold
Budget Hearing**

Special meeting set for Tuesday, Aug. 4, before regular session

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
The News

The Apache Junction City Council will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, to allow for discussion on final budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 and a public hearing.

City Clerk Kathy Connelly said the special meeting is required by law.

On Monday, June 15, Apache Junction City Manager George Hoffman presented a draft general fund budget proposal for fiscal year 2009-2010 to the City Council, that calls for no layoffs or pay reductions.

The general fund, which makes up \$24,657,310 of the \$38,819,006 total budget, shows a \$5.7 million decrease from fiscal year 2007-2008.

Following the budget meeting, the City Council will hold its regular session, at which there are seven scheduled public hearings.

• A request by Turf Paradise Race Course for approval of an off-track wagering facility at Arizona Joe's Restaurant.

• Proposed Ordinance No. 1340, Case AN-1-06, annexation of approximately 123 acres of private property and assigning city zoning to the property owned by Fortune Travel Inc.

• Possible reconsideration of Fortune Travel Inc.'s request



George Hoffman

for annexation of 123 acres located at the southeast corner of Southern Avenue and Meridian Drive, under Ordinance No. 1340.

• Proposed resolution No. 09-14, granting permission to the Superstition Mountain Community Facilities District No. 1 to provide service to a 123-acre parcel located at the southeast corner of Meridian Drive and Southern Avenue, located outside the corporate limits of the City of Apache Junction.

• Possible reconsideration of sewer district boundary extension for service to a 123-acre parcel located at the Southeast corner of Southern Avenue and Meridian Drive, under Resolution No. 09-14.

• Proposed Ordinance No. 1341, Case PZ-6-05, amending the zoning district map of the City of Apache Junction for a 111-gross-acre prop-

erty see **Budget, A-6**

The News Kidcast

Scattered thunderstorms mid-week with highs around 110 and lows in the upper 70's.

This week's
**Weather
"Artoonist"**
**Ryan
Hermanek**
Age 5
Four Peaks
Elementary
School

