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## Wilton Manors Deadlock

### *PBA fighting back against city*

After months of contract negotiations with the City of Wilton Manors, the Broward County PBA has asked for the appointment of a special master to mediate and make a recommendation to the city council in the next few months.

The trouble began with an independent consultant's report that claimed that the department was mismanaged and overstaffed. It advised cutting over one third of Wilton Manors' officers. When Police Chief Rick Wierzbicki was told to make the cuts or else, he chose to retire rather than put the community at risk. The PBA was able to rally the city residents in support of their police.

The biggest point of contention between the city and the officers concerns a three-percent COLA that the city wasn't going to renew for its retired officers. The City counter-offered the increase for officers that retire within the next three years,



but refused to offer an increase to officers still working in the department.

The PBA has begun a campaign to rally the support of the community once again. Flyers have been distributed warning citizens that their beloved police force is in danger of being dismantled.

The current contract expired on September 30, but will continue to be in effect until a new agreement is reached.

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## PBA Pitches In To Help Katrina Victims

**T**he Broward County PBA, in association with the other South Florida PBAs and the Florida Police Benevolent Association, put together \$30,000 to aid fellow officers in areas stricken by Hurricane Katrina.

If you would like to make a contribution to help

your brothers and sisters along the Gulf Coast, simply send your donation to the PBA HOPE Fund.

Make your checks payable to Broward County PBA HOPE Fund—Katrina and send them to us at 2650 West State Road 84, Ft. Lauderdale 33312. All donations to the HOPE Fund are tax-deductible.



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## President's Message

I would like to say a few words about a person who is retiring after 30 years of service to the citizens of the City of West Palm Beach. Ernie George, the president of the Palm Beach PBA and the Florida PBA, deserves accolades for what he has done as a PBA leader for the past 20 years. If it were not for Ernie's leadership, many of our members, both locally and throughout the state, would not have the pay and benefits (especially pension benefits) that they enjoy today. If it was not for Ernie's guidance, the PBA would not be a powerful force on the Tallahassee political scene.

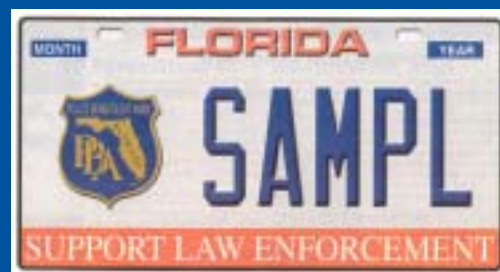
I could go on and on about all of Ernie George's accomplishments and what they have meant to law enforcement throughout Florida; it is hard to sum up the gratitude we all have for such a leader.

I would like to personally say, "Thanks, Ernie," for your dedication and commitment to the law enforcement community. I hope your retirement from law enforcement does not take you away from the PBA, and I hope that you continue doing what is right for the cop on the street.

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# Hurricane Katrina: The Aftermath



Hurricane Katrina

## New Orleans Police Carrying On

Hurricane Katrina has taken its toll on the New Orleans Police Department. It is estimated that more than 80 percent of the force lost their homes to the storm. Currently, 300 officers are unaccounted for; it is unknown whether they died, abandoned their posts or simply disappeared for other reasons. The ones left have been working nonstop since the day before Katrina made landfall. As help arrived, police have been assigned to 12-hour shifts, a relief from the 16-to-20-hour days they had been putting in.

Many officers and their families have taken up residence aboard Carnival's Ecstasy cruise ship, while others room with fellow officers whose homes remained intact.

## Police Agencies Reach Out To Help Their Own

Across the country, police departments and associations are pulling together to help officers who have had their lives devastated by Hurricane Katrina. In addition to monetary donations, Web sites offering everything from temporary housing to clothing to counseling have been set up to assist LEOs who have been affected by the storm.

Here are some resources:

**National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO)** has set up a relief fund for officers in the New Orleans and Mississippi area. You can find them via the Web at [www.napo.org/Relief\\_Fund.htm](http://www.napo.org/Relief_Fund.htm). All donations are tax deductible.

**The Southern States Police Benevolent Association** has a database of officers and their families needing housing, as well as a database of housing available to LEOs. Forms are available at [www.sspba.org](http://www.sspba.org).

Travel trailers are needed for temporary housing for displaced officers on the Gulf Coast. If you have a trailer available, contact the **Mississippi Troopers and Law Enforcement Relief Fund** at 601/991-0023 or write to Donna Mabus, PO box 22871, Jackson, MS 39225 or e-mail [governorm@aol.com](mailto:governorm@aol.com).

**The National Sheriffs' Association** is coordinating the response of law enforcement agencies that wish to send contingents of officers and deputies to the relief effort. Officials fear that eventually there will be an urgent need for volunteer manpower once Katrina's aftermath has faded from national headlines. Agencies interested in sending volunteers to the affected areas should contact NSA president Sheriff Ted Sexton at 205/752-0616 (office), 205/799-2911 (cell) or at [tsexton@tuscco.com](mailto:tsexton@tuscco.com). For further information, go to [www.sheriffs.org/docs/sextonkatrinaletterwith\\_nsapoc.doc](http://www.sheriffs.org/docs/sextonkatrinaletterwith_nsapoc.doc).

Source: *Officer.com*

## PBA Members Pitch In

On September 18, Hollywood Police Officers and PBA members Arnold Campbell, Blaine Howard, Michael Moxley, and Sgt. Boris Millares left Broward County for Pearl, Mississippi. Pearl was hit hard by Hurricane Katrina and was in dire need of help. Arnold Campbell contacted the chief of police in Pearl and determined what items were needed most and immediately began collecting enough food, baby supplies, clothes, and other goods to fill up two large trucks. The four loaded up their own food, cots and tents for themselves and took personal time to travel to Pearl.

The police chief was extremely grateful for the help. The members helped out wherever they could, even taking a load of baby food and diapers down to needy people in Slidell, Louisiana. The group returned safely home on September 23.

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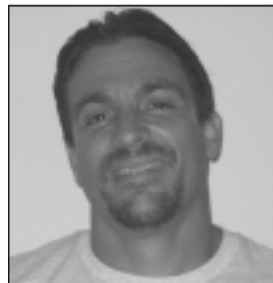
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Those on dues deduction will see an additional 73¢ subtracted from each paycheck. Those who are billed quarterly will see an increase of \$1.58 per month.

## Brawl In Boca

*Police chief under fire for intervening in developer's arrest*

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is investigating Boca Raton Police Chief Andrew Scott after an incident involving a local developer.

Real estate developer and police supporter Gregory Talbot was at Luna Pazzo with his wife one Friday night when he was confronted by police after allegedly inappropriately touching female customers. The manager of the restaurant reports that Talbot was drunk and became enraged when confronted for his behavior.

An off-duty Boca police officer working a detail at Luna Pazzo attempted to escort Talbot out of the restaurant. Talbot became belligerent and violent, according to the manager. Apparently Talbot was telling the officer that he was going to call the chief, have the officer arrested and have his badge taken away. Then he tried to punch the officer and spit on the manager.

Talbot also allegedly elbowed and shoved his wife after she attempted to calm him down.

Sometime after he was arrested, Chief Scott appeared at the station and, after consultation with a captain, a watch commander, a shift sergeant and the arresting officer, decided not to transport Talbot to the Palm Beach County Jail on Battery LEO and domestic violence.

Talbot left Boca Raton Police headquarters sometime later on his own recognizance.

*Source: Sun-Sentinel*

## Local Interest

### Officer Shaq?

*Heat center may soon be certified*

Shaquille O'Neal, in case you didn't know, wants to be a cop. He has undergone 865 hours of training in California and is awaiting comparative compliance checks that may soon certify him as an officer with the Miami Beach Police Department, where he is currently a reserve officer.

Miami Beach Assistant Chief Raymond Martinez says, "He (Shaq) told me when he is done [with basketball] he wants to be chief of law enforcement somewhere small. And he doesn't want to do it on his name only." The chief thinks he'd do a fine job.

Shaq proved he's up for the job recently when he helped police catch a suspect who allegedly assaulted a gay couple on South Beach. According to reports, Shaq witnessed the man throwing a bottle and verbally abusing the couple. He tailed the guy's car and flagged down the cops. He asked that he be credited not as a citizen, but as a police officer.

And, in case you're wondering, he *can* fit into a Crown Vic.

*Source: officer.com*



# HEALTH & FITNESS

## The Scoop On Coffee

*It may be better for you than you thought*

If you see your daily caffeine fix as a guilty pleasure, you might want to reconsider that notion. Several studies have found that daily consumption of coffee could actually provide some health benefits.

More than half of Americans drink coffee every day, making it the most popular beverage in the country. And, as it turns out, coffee actually could be helping them to prevent several chronic health conditions:

### Diabetes

The risk for type-2 diabetes is lower in regular coffee drinkers than in those who don't drink coffee at all. Harvard researchers found that women who drank six cups or more of coffee per day reduced their risk for type-2 diabetes by 30%.

### Gallstones

A study at Harvard University found that women who have four cups of coffee a day have a reduced risk of developing gallstones. Coffee may alter the metabolism of bile acids, which trigger the formation of the cholesterol crystals that become gallstones; it also stimulates gallbladder contractions, inhibiting stone formation.

### Colon cancer

Four or more cups of coffee a day may reduce the risk of colon cancer. German researchers identified an antioxidant in coffee called methylpyridinium, which boosts the activity of enzymes that may discourage the development of colon cancer.

### Liver disease

Researchers have found a strong association between coffee drinking and a reduced risk of liver damage for those at high risk for liver disease. The greatest benefit was seen when two or more cups were consumed a day.

### Parkinson's disease

Several studies show a reduced risk for Parkinson's disease in coffee drinkers. A 2001 Harvard School of Public Health study found that women who consumed 1-3 cups of coffee a day had a 50% reduction in their risk for Parkinson's. High consumption didn't correspond to increased benefits.

In addition to its apparent ability to ward off certain health conditions, coffee may also help enhance certain functions:

### Cognitive function

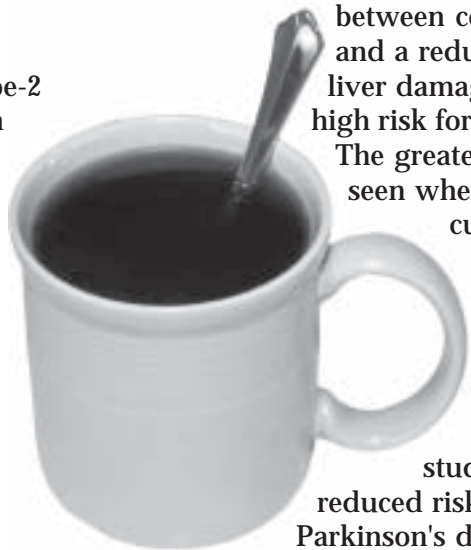
Research conducted with older men and women found that lifetime coffee intake is associated with better cognitive performance by women, but not by men.

### Performance

Caffeine has been shown to improve endurance in long-duration physical activities like running, cross-country skiing and cycling. It takes between two and five cups of coffee, depending on body weight, for improvement to occur.

Coffee contains antioxidants, vitamins and minerals that help prevent oxidation, a process that causes damage to cells and may contribute to aging. Studies have shown that Americans get the majority of their antioxidants from the coffee they drink.

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# Officer Safety Alerts

## Hidden Compartment In New Honda Truck

The new Honda Ridgeline pickup has several storage compartments that police should be aware of when making traffic stops.



The front half of the center console has a squeeze-release latch that allows the entire

front half of the console to slide forward. Inside is a deep (about 10-12 inches) storage area that's between 8 and 10 inches wide and over a foot long; a perfect place to store handguns. The latch is easily concealed by sunglasses, a wallet or similar commonly carried items.



At the bottom of the bed is a large trunk—according to Honda, large enough to stow three sets of golf clubs. It can only be accessed with the tailgate open using a key. The tailgate opens



normally and sideways, like a station wagon's.

*Source: S.S. Mahallati, Kennesaw State University PD*

## MS-13 Declares "Kill-A-Cop" Day

The criminal gang MS-13 has declared October 30, 2005 as "Kill A Law Enforcement Officer Day." A confidential informant in Virginia has provided credible information that this October 30 and every one hereafter will be open season on cops. The informant was unable to provide specifics, but has provided reliable information to law enforcement in the past.

Based on continuing pressure being placed on MS-13 by ICE's Operation Community Shield, the threat to officers and agents should not be underestimated.

*Source: Don Cook, Intelligence Analyst, Corpus Christi (TX) Police Department*

## Flyers Can Conceal Handcuff Key

The New Adidas Tracey McGrady basketball shoes have a hidden compartment designed to store a key. The shoes do not have laces, but a device that can be tightened for a snug fit.



A snap on the back opens up to a compartment that holds a special key that tightens and loosens the shoes. A handcuff key can easily be concealed inside the compartment. Removal of the special tightening key allows more space.



*Source: S.S. Mahallati, Kennesaw State University PD*

# Member Opens Her Heart (And Home) To Abandoned Animals

**B**SO Deputy Hermi Zumado lost her five-year-old Golden Retriever, Kaz, in 2003. As a tribute to his spirit and his memory, Hermi formed Kaz's Corner Pet Rescue, a nonprofit organization dedicated to giving stray, lost and abused/neglected animals medical care and a safe, loving environment while trying to find them permanent homes.



Kaz's Corner is not a shelter; Hermi and her volunteers work out of their homes, placing animals in need in foster homes until they can find new families. In addition to pet rescue, Kaz's Corner also provides animal awareness

and welfare work across the community. They are working hard to raise awareness about animal abuse and neglect, responsible pet ownership, and the importance of spaying and

neutering.

Hermi is always looking for new foster families to provide temporary homes to newly rescued animals. Kaz's Corner will provide the vet care, food and other necessities while you provide the safe environment and tender loving care. If you are interested in becoming a foster family, or you'd like to make a contribution to Kaz's Corner, you can contact Deputy Zumado at [hermi@kazscorner.com](mailto:hermi@kazscorner.com) or via phone at 954/605-0923 or fax at 954/975-5654. You can visit them on the Web at: [www.kazscorner.com](http://www.kazscorner.com), [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) or [www.pets911.com](http://www.pets911.com).

## New Arrivals

**W**elcome to twins Natalie and Cristhyan Pichardo, daughter and son of Angel and Lena Pichardo. The cuties were born on April 27. Grandpa is John Rivera, president of the Dade County PBA.

They look just like him, don't they?



Grandpa



Ms. Natalie Marie Pichardo



Mr. Cristhyan Javier Pichardo

# Florida Deputy Named PARADE's Officer Of The Year

*Jennifer Fulford's heroism earns her top honors*

Orange County Deputy Jennifer Fulford has been named PARADE Magazine's Officer of the Year for 2005. She earned this honor after getting in a shootout with three armed men holding three small children hostage inside the children's home in Pines Hills.

Deputy Fulford responded to the call, approaching the house in an attempt to rescue the children. One of the suspects fired on her, and she fired back. Soon she was in a gunfight with two of the suspects. In the end, she took the lives of two of the gunmen while ending up with 10 gunshot wounds herself. The entire shootout lasted less than 50 seconds. The children were unharmed. Deputy Fulford returned to active duty less than four months after the incident.

She was honored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and PARADE at the IACP's convention in Miami Beach on September 27.



2005 Police Officer of the Year  
Deputy Jennifer Fulford  
Orange County (FL) Sheriff's Department

Among the 10 runners-up honored for their outstanding work are two more Florida officers: Officer Keith Coward of the Melbourne Police Department and Master Officer Steven Graff of the Stuart Police Department.

Source: PARADE Magazine/Officer.com

## Happy Halloween

*How did the day come to be?*

The origins of Halloween go back to between 1000 and 100 B.C. The Celts celebrated the new year with a festival at the time when Baal, their god of spring and summer ended his reign—right after the harvest.

This time of year was also the time when the Lord of the Dead, Samhain, began his reign. It was the time to venerate the dead, acknowledging their energy, which was believed to still flow through the living.

The festival began on the eve of the day the souls of the departed were to revisit the living, November 1. The departed would supposedly drop in on their relatives to comfort themselves with food or drink. It was believed that the dead roaming the

countryside would play tricks on people and cause panic, so they had to be appeased with food. That's the origin of trick-or-treating.

In ancient times, Irish children would carve out potatoes or turnips and light them for their Halloween gatherings. These lanterns commemorated Jack, villain so wicked that neither heaven nor hell wanted him, so he wandered endlessly looking for a place to rest. His only warmth on his journey was a candle placed in a rotten potato. Once the Irish emigrated to North America, they discovered pumpkins, which are ideal for making Jack-O'Lanterns.

Source: Canoe Network





# MONEY MATTERS\$

## Getting Organized For Heirs

By Jennifer W. Thomason, Financial Advisor, UBS Financial Services Inc.

Even if you have a formal estate plan, organizing your personal paperwork will make it easier for your heirs to handle your estate after your death.

The successor trustee(s) of your estate and/or the executor of your will should know your wishes and have access to the documents that spell out those wishes. An easy way to approach this task is to prepare a personal letter of instruction. The letter should cover the following:

### Location of your documents

The location of your original trust documents, last will and testament, title to your home(s) and car(s), life insurance policies, marriage certificates, divorce or separation agreements, and any other material documents. I recommend keeping these documents in a safe deposit box. Give the executor of your will a copy of the will along your letter of instruction. Give the successor trustee(s) of your trust a copy of your trust documents along with your letter of instruction.

### List of financial accounts

List all financial accounts, account numbers, the institutions where they are located, and the name and address of a contact at that institution. This list should include all checking and savings accounts, brokerage accounts, retirement plans, and

pension plans. You do not need to include balances.

You may also want to indicate which accounts have Transfer on Death agreements or beneficiaries listed. You do not need to include who your beneficiaries are or how the accounts are divided.

### List of insurance policies

List all insurance policies, policy numbers, the company they were issued by and the value of the policy. Also include the contact information for the issuing institution. Make sure you include any life insurance policies issued by your employer.



### List all creditors

The executor of your estate will need to make sure all creditors are paid off before distributing your assets. List all of your creditors including credit card companies, mortgage holders, car loans, and credit lines. You do not need to list account numbers or balances. However, you should include a way for your executor to reach each company.

The letter of instruction is not necessarily a legally binding document, so it is still important to have a will and/or trust in place. Contact your tax and/or legal adviser regarding your personal circumstances.

It is also a good idea to have beneficiaries listed on all retirement accounts as well as contingent beneficiaries. For most accounts that do not allow for beneficiaries, such as checking, savings, or regular accounts, you may use a Transfer on Death agreement<sup>1</sup>. This allows your beneficiaries to avoid probate on these accounts.

The information in your letter of instruction may change over time. Remember to review and update the letter periodically.

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<sup>1</sup>Transfer on Death agreements are not valid in all states.

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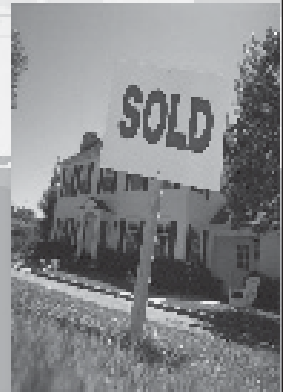
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# What's Up?

## Births

**B**SO Deputy **Dave Hanks** and his wife, **Kathleen**, welcomed their first child on September 16. **Aidan Thomas** weighed in at 7 lbs., 2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Mom, dad and baby are all doing fine. Grandpa is retired Sgt. **Thomas McCartin**.

Pembroke Pines officer **Steve Currier** and his wife, **Heather**, welcomed a son on September 5. **Seth Michael** was born at 9:16 pm, weighing in at 8 lbs. He was 19.4 inches long. Mom, dad and baby are all doing well.

Pembroke Pines Sgt. **Bryan Davis** and his wife, **Michelle**, had a baby boy on September 22; they named him **Wade Matthew**. Mom and baby are doing great.

Margate officer **Dennis Hernandez** and his wife, **Tammy**, welcomed twin daughters on September 20. **Cassidy Faith** weighed in at 5 lbs., 10 oz. and was 18 inches long, and **Victoria Hope** weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz. and was 19 inches long. Mom, dad and big sister **Gabriel Marie** are all thrilled with their new additions.

Congratulations to all!



## News From Our Members

### Palm Aire Corporate Golf Membership Available



**O**ne corporate gold membership to Palm Aire Country Club is available for purchase. The cost of the membership is \$1,600 and allows up to four players to enjoy membership privileges daily.

The membership offers savings of up to 60% off regular golf rates (which include cart and greens fees) as well as discounts on golf merchandise and range balls, preferred pricing for Club golf tournaments and a 7-day advance tee-time reservations.

You can get a group of friends together and share the membership. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Linda at 754/581-2956.



# Law Enforcement News

## Items of Interest From Around The U.S.

**Las Vegas** - A woman who disappeared almost 12 years ago with an armored car and \$2.5 million walked into a federal courthouse in Las Vegas on September 15 and turned herself in.

Heather C. Tallchief was a driver for the armored car company. On October 1, 1993, she took off with a truck and it's contents while at a stop at the Circus Circus casino hotel. She left behind two other guards.

The case was recently broadcast on "America's Most Wanted." In an interview before her surrender, Ms. Tallchief said she was in Europe most of the time, out of reach of the money and working as a hotel maid.

*Source: New York Times*

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**Tampa, FL** - A University of South Florida associate professor has filed a federal lawsuit against the city of Tampa, saying that it encourages police officers to "maliciously" give out tickets in order to augment the police pension fund.

Barbara Orban received a \$100 traffic ticket, which was eventually dismissed. At the time, Orban claims the rookie Tampa officer told her he had to cite her because of department policy.

Ms. Orban concluded that people in most Florida cities, including Tampa, pay a tax on .85% of insurance premiums. According to her, this represents the state's only contribution to local police pension funds. As such, as police officers write

more tickets, individual car insurance premiums rise, thereby increasing the tax dollars that flow into police pensions.

U.S. District Judge Steven Merryday dismissed the complaint without prejudice.

*Source: Cypen & Cypen newsletter*

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**Gainesville, FL** - Aris, a 65-pound German shepherd and Gainesville Police K-9, ran away from his handler during a training session. The AWOL pooch was found three days later near a wildlife management area. Aris' handler, officer Jim VonEssen, did not leave the search area, except for brief rest periods, day or night until his partner was found.

Aris will be suspended from duty until he can be evaluated and has received remedial training.

*Source: Associated Press*

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**Boston** - The Boston Police Patrolman's Association has filed a lawsuit over a requirement that officers identify themselves on a new form designed to prevent racial profiling during traffic stops.

The suit claims that the policy violates a state law designed to prevent racial profiling and has asked that the court remove that requirement from the form.

The policy was instituted in response to the state's finding that three-quarters of the state's

police departments issued a significantly higher percentage of citations to minorities than the percentage of minorities living in the community or driving on its roads.

The Patrolmen's Association president Thomas Nee said that the requirement violates a 2000 state law that says data gathered in order to combat racial profiling "may not contain information that may reveal the identity of ...any law enforcement officer."

*Source: Associated Press*

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**Riverdale, Utah** - It took twelve officers from five police agencies, aided by two dogs and a helicopter, but officials in Utah got their men: four teenagers suspected of shoplifting.

The teens allegedly stole three PlayStation controllers and some video games and were followed by store employees after setting off an alarm. The suspects ran, leaving the stolen goods behind.

"We were giving chase and decided to use the resources available, said Riverdale Lt. Dave Hansen. Officers from Riverdale, Utah Highway Patrol, South Ogden and Weber County teamed up to capture two of the suspects.

The remaining two 15-year-olds escaped the manhunt.

*Source: Officer.com/Associated Press*

# Letters & Thanks

September 16, 2005

Mr. Patrick Hanrahan  
Chairman, Scholarship Committee  
Broward County Police Benevolent Association  
2650 West State Road 84  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Dear Pat:

I apologize for my delayed response, but as Tulane University in New Orleans was my planned college for fall, the past few weeks have been pretty hectic. I would like to thank you for the generous scholarship given to me. I greatly appreciate the assistance in financing my higher education.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Brandon M. Parker

On behalf of our committee and all of the BSO retirees who attended the reunion, we would like to sincerely thank the PBA for their donation. We made a special announcement at the event so all attendees were aware of your generous donation.

We were able to purchase several Gift Certificates and everyone enjoyed waiting to see if they were a winner!!!

Our grand total for the reunion was 106, which included 68 retirees. Everyone really seemed to enjoy seeing old friends and the consensus was "we have to do this again".

Many thanks to Dick Brickman and all of the PBA members.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Forrester

# Who Says Crime Can't Be Funny?

## Tellin' It Like It Is

**Mount Holly, New Jersey** - The Town of Mount Holly has come up with a novel way of slowing down drivers on stretches of road where speeding is a persistent problem. They've posted a series of brightly colored signs with messages such as, "Meet Our Judge - Exceed 25 mph" and "Free Speeding Tickets Ahead."

*Source: police-sheriff-military.com*

## Mistaken Identity

**Detroit, Oregon** - A hunter called police when he found a severed human head in an abandoned mining shed. Deputy Larry Taylor responded and realized that it was a mannequin head after noticing the price sticker stuck to its forehead.

*Source: policehumor.com*

## Nice Town

**St. Peters, Missouri** - Minutes after robbing a 7-11 at gunpoint, a crook returned the money to the store because his getaway car wouldn't start. Store clerks helped the guy out by giving his car a jump start. According a St. Peters' police officer, "We have a very friendly town out here."

*Source: policehumor.com*

## Maybe He Just Wasn't Hungry

**Las Vegas, Nevada** - An FBI agent paid a \$105 fine and \$12,000 restitution to the Barbary Coast Hotel after he fired two shots from his service weapon at lobster in a walk-in cooler. No one was around at the time of the incident, but it was captured on surveillance tape. The agent hasn't given a reason for firing on the crustacean.

*Source: police-sheriff-military.com*

## Toxic Gas?

**Edmonton, Alberta, Canada** - Six police cruisers chased and stopped an armored truck after the driver appeared to be signaling for help by repeatedly swinging his door open and swerving left and right. Apparently, the driver was simply trying to get some fresh air into the truck after the other guard had passed gas.

*Source: policehumor.com*

## But My Machine Was About To Hit

**Grande Ronde, Oregon** - Sixty-seven-year-old Arthur Mooney died of a heart attack while gambling at the Spirit Mountain Casino. His body lay on the floor for an hour while the other customers continued to play the slots.

*Source: policehumor.com*



# Inside BSO

For Our Members With The Broward Sheriff's Office

## Employees of the Month August 2005

**Sgt. Michael Sabo**  
Airport

**Dep. Steven Briggs**  
Lauderdale Lakes

**Dep. Osvaldo Tianga**  
Pembroke Park/West Park

**Dep. Carmen Hunsinger**  
Airport

**Dep. Lorraine Szczepanik**  
Lauderdale Lakes

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Dania Beach

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**Dep. Paul Szabunka**  
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Weston/SW Ranches

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Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

**Dep. Gary Brown**  
Parkland

**Dep. Kreg Costa**  
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

**Dep. Saied Jadallah**  
Pembroke Park/West Park

## In Memory

The BSO family lost one of its members on August 21. Deputy Mike Sokolowski passed away unexpectedly. He served Broward County for 28 years as a deputy, earning many commendations.

Mike began his career in 1977, working in District 5 for 10 years before transferring to district 2. He was assigned to the airport at the time of his death.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike's family. He will be missed.

## Calling All BSO Retirees...

*Anyone go to the reunion?*

Did you go the first annual BSO Retiree Reunion? If so, we'd like to hear from you. We know how hard Eileen Forrester worked to make the event a success, but we want to hear your stories. You can e-mail your account, along with pictures (.jpeg or .pdf files only, please) to [megan@bcbpa.org](mailto:megan@bcbpa.org).

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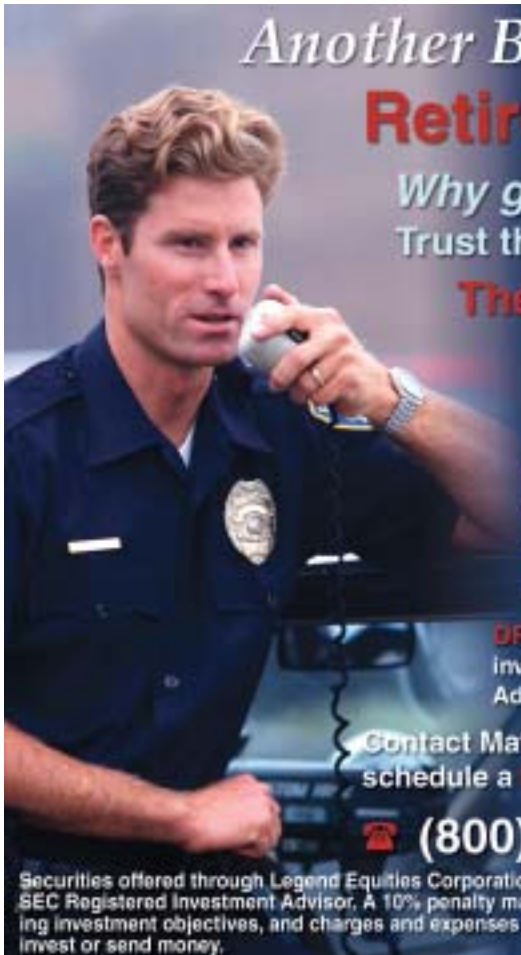
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