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Florida PBA Endorses Rod Smith In Democratic Primary

Former State Attorney a long-time friend of law enforcement

The Florida PBA has endorsed Senator Rod Smith as the Democratic candidate for governor in this fall's primary.

After it was announced that the PBA was backing Republican Charlie Crist in the race for the governor's mansion in November, many members who are registered Democrats requested that the Board of Directors endorse a Democratic candidate for the primaries.

Senator Smith has been involved with all major PBA legislation during his tenure in

the Florida Legislature. Last year Smith was awarded the PBA's Ed Hoffman Legislative Champion Award for his efforts on behalf of the men and women who serve and protect their fellow Floridians.

A former State Attorney in Alachua County, Rod was responsible for the successful prosecution of Danny Rolling, the perpetrator of the slayings of several University of Florida students in the early 90s.

Smith also served as the PBA's attorney in the Gainesville area before joining the State Attorney's office. This

experience makes him intimately familiar with issues such as the Officers' Bill of Rights, FRS Special Risk Retirement and more.

The PBA is proud to endorse Rod Smith in the 2006 Democratic Primary.

Source: Florida PBA



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It's PBA Scholarship Time

Deadline for applications is April 15

The Broward County PBA is accepting applications for its 2006 scholarships.

In order to qualify, applicants must be the son or daughter of a Broward County PBA member. The parent must have been a member for at least two years and currently be a member in good standing.

Applicants must also be or plan to be a full- or part-time student at an accredited two- or four-year college or

university.

Applications can be picked up in person at the PBA office, or contact us and we can mail or e-mail it to you.

The deadline for completed applications is April 15.

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President's Message

This is an election year in the State of Florida. This November we will go to the polls and elect a governor, someone to lead our state for the next four years.

The Florida PBA has chosen two candidates to endorse this year: Republican Charlie Crist and Democrat Rod Smith. Why two? So all of our members can participate in furthering the PBA cause when they vote in their respective primaries.

Once the primaries are over and the final candidates have been chosen, we will announce our endorsement for the general election.

By supporting and voting for PBA-endorsed candidates, you are taking care of your own future. The PBA endorses those candidates who have proven that they care about the men and women of law enforcement and are willing to fight for what's important to us. Show your appreciation for their efforts by going to polls and voting.

Dick Brickman

Correction

In the January issue of *The Broward Centurion*, there was an error in the story entitled "Closing The Firepower Gap," which appeared on page 11.

The article stated that during a 1997 standoff with two bank robbers, 11 police officers and six civilians died. It should have read that 11 police officers and six civilians were wounded.

We apologize for the error.

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Start Preparing Now For Next Hurricane Season

The 2005 hurricane season was one of the busiest and most costly on record. The lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina's path of destruction on the Gulf Coast and Hurricane Wilma's impact on South Florida are ones that we all should carry with us into the 2006 season.

Being prepared should not be confined to government entities. Each of us is responsible for preparing our homes, families and selves to minimize the stress on scarce resources during a widespread emergency.

Preparing Family

Your first priority is taking care of your family; have a plan

in place. Consider things like who will care for your children? Do we have an out-of-state contact person where we can leave messages for our family and they can leave them for us? Do we have a rendezvous location in case we get split up?



Ready At Home And At Work

After the physical safety of your family, your next priorities are water, food and shelter. You should keep enough water stored to last for three days per family member, but two weeks is ideal. The same with your nonperishable food supplies.

You also might want to make sure your gas tank on your grill is full or that you have a spare on hand should the power go out. You can use it to cook food and heat water when necessary.

On the job, there are things that you can do to make your life easier after a disaster. Prepare for the worst by stocking a "war bag" with items like food, water, a change of clothes, gloves, masks, a few tools and other things you may need if you'll be on watch indefinitely.

Doing a computer search on disaster preparedness will help you come up with ideas that you can use to customize your own plan. With predictions for more active hurricane seasons to come, getting prepared now will save you time and aggravation later.

Source: LAPD

In Memory

Richard Bellrose, Miramar Police Department

Retired Miramar officer Richard Bellrose passed away at his home

in Pembroke Pines on December 19, 2005. He was 54 years old.

Rick had been a member of the Miramar Police Department for thirty years before he retired in 2003. During his time in Miramar, he worked in road patrol, as a detective and in the South Broward money laundering unit.

Rick was a member of the Broward County PBA for over 14 years.

Richard is survived by his wife, Sandy, and his children, Kevin and Kelli.

Our condolences go out to the entire Bellrose family; Richard will be missed.

Death, that hath sucked the honey of thy breath, Hath had no power yet upon thy beauty. Thou art not conquered.

—William Shakespeare,
"Romeo and Juliet"

Rumor Control

Do police officers in Florida have law enforcement powers outside of their jurisdiction?

Yes and no. As a rule, you do not have power outside your jurisdiction unless you are already in pursuit of a person when they leave it.

901.25 Fresh pursuit; arrest outside jurisdiction

(1) The term "fresh pursuit" as used in this act shall include fresh pursuit as defined by the common law and also the pursuit of a person who has committed a felony or who is reasonably suspected of having committed a felony. It shall also include the pursuit of a person suspected of having committed a supposed felony, though no felony has actually been committed, if there is reasonable ground for believing that a felony has been committed. It shall also include the pursuit of a person who has violated a county or municipal ordinance or chapter 316 or has committed a misdemeanor.

(2) Any duly authorized state, county, or municipal arresting officer is authorized to arrest a person outside the officer's jurisdiction when in fresh pursuit. Such officer shall have the same authority to arrest and hold such person in custody outside his or her jurisdiction, subject to the limitations hereafter set forth, as has any authorized arresting state, county, or municipal officer of this

state to arrest and hold in custody a person not arrested in fresh pursuit.

(3) If an arrest is made in this state by an officer outside the county within which his or her jurisdiction lies, the officer shall immediately notify the officer in charge of the jurisdiction in which the arrest is made. Such officer in charge of the jurisdiction shall, along with the officer making the arrest, take the person so arrested before a trial court judge of the county in which the arrest was made without unnecessary delay.

(4) The employing agency of the state, county, or municipal officer making an arrest on fresh pursuit shall be liable for all actions of said officer in the same fashion that it is liable for the officer's acts made while making an arrest within his or her jurisdiction.

(5) The officer making an arrest on fresh pursuit shall be fully protected with respect to pension, retirement, workers' compensation, and other such benefits just as if the officer had made an arrest in his or her own jurisdiction. History.—s. 1, ch. 63-515; s. 14, ch. 70-339; s. 1, ch. 78-246; s. 120, ch. 79-40; s. 1, ch. 81-313; s. 2, ch. 83-119; s. 1467, ch. 97-102; s. 25, ch. 2004-11.

Is BSO (FRS) going 20 and out?

Not anytime soon. According to the Florida PBA in Tallahassee, no bill has been filed to amend the Florida Retirement System for a "20 and Out" benefit. Such a bill has been filed in the past, but has never been passed due to the extremely high cost.

The last time such a bill was proposed, it included a provision that the employee would pay the cost for the benefit. It was estimated that it would cost approximately 5% of salary with the cost rising in the future. If FRS was to have the employee pay for the "20 and Out" benefit, it would open up the program to becoming employee contributable; the legislature could require the employees to contribute to their retirement system, at who-knows-what percentage, instead of the employer paying the full amount.

Thanks to Barbara Duffy, General Counsel, and Pat Hanrahan, Senior Vice President for their answers.

Heard any good rumors lately?

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we'll get the facts.**

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Florida PBA's New Policy Fights Identity Theft

PIN numbers replace SS numbers on some documents

Identity theft has become a major issue of late, both to the public at large and to the PBA and its membership.

In order to protect the privacy of our membership as well as help prevent identity theft, effective October 1, 2005, the PBA has removed Social Security numbers from all external reports. In its place will be an internal pin or account number that will be assigned to each member. This number will be used for billing, past due notices, membership cards and the like.

Social security numbers will still be requested on membership applications and used for certain membership services like payroll deduction and legal assistance.

Source: Florida PBA

Georgia Offers Tax Breaks To Retirees

New law took effect January 1, 2006

If you're looking for a nice place to retire, you might consider the State of Georgia. Not only does it have beautiful scenery and decent weather, it has something else: tax breaks for retirees.

While the state has allowed seniors to exclude \$15,000 a year of their income from state income taxes, a new law that came into effect in January of this year will increase that amount each year between 2006 and 2008.

The new 2006 exclusion is \$25,000, the 2007 exclusion is \$30,000 and the 2008 exclusion is \$35,000. Married couples can double those numbers.

Source: Georgia Republican Party

Supreme Court Update

The 2006 session of the U.S. Supreme Court is in full swing, and has rendered decisions in several cases, while still debating others.

Hudson v. Michigan: No decision yet. Concerns the so-called knock-and-announce rule. Detroit police didn't knock on Booker Hudson's door when they arrived with a search warrant looking for drugs. They called out they had a warrant and then went inside 3 to 5 seconds later. They found crack cocaine.

The Court now has to decide whether the drugs can be used as evidence because the officers did not knock and give Hudson time to answer the door. So far, the court is 4-4 with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who is retiring. Her replacement

will probably weigh in with the final vote.

Brown V. Sanders: The Court, in a 5-4 decision, overturned an appeals court ruling that declared a California inmate's death sentence unconstitutional. Ronald Sanders was convicted of the 1982 murder of a woman during a drug-related robbery. The special circumstances used by prosecutors in the case against Sanders were later found invalid.

The State of California argued that Sanders would have been sentenced to death even without those arguments. The Supreme Court agreed.

Source: Associated Press



And Baby Makes 300 Million...

October will see the 300 millionth American

Somewhere out there, in the suburbs of America, a woman is pregnant. Her due date is in October. And, when born, her baby will be the 300 millionth American.

In January the Census Bureau officially had the population of the United States at around 297,900,000. Estimates put a baby being born every 8 seconds, someone dying every 12 seconds and someone immigrating here every 31 seconds, making the U.S. population grow by one person every 14 seconds. At that rate, we're set to hit 300 million late in 2006.

The United States ranks third in population after China and India and is still gaining residents at a time when many other industrialized nations

are not. The population of the U.S. is growing by just under 1 percent every year, or about 2.8 million.

Demographers guess that the 300 millionth American will be male, of Latino



Get ready to welcome the 300 millionth U.S. resident

heritage, probably Mexican and be born in Los Angeles county—a symbol of the multi-ethnic demography of 21st-Century America.

The 300 millionth American will also live longer—an average of 85 to 90 years.

Source: New York Times

U.S. Population Milestones

1915

Population passes the 100 million mark

1967

The U.S.'s 200 millionth resident is born

Keep This In Your Pocket—You May Need It

Quick and clever responses from your fellow cops

Here are few comments taken from actual police car videos from around the country. Keep them handy when you've heard it all before.

"Just how big were those two beers?"

"If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

"Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch out after you wear them awhile."

"No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to have quotas but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we want."

"So you don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want on the ticket, huh?"

"You didn't think we gave pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."



HEALTH & FITNESS

Nine Snacks That Seem Healthy, But Aren't

Many snacks that we think are healthy are actually not. Here are nine that you should watch out for:

1. **Snack Bars** – Usually made with refined flours and loaded with fat and sugar.
2. **Bagels** – Full of refined white carbs, which should be avoided. One bagel equals about six slices of white bread. Choose wholegrain instead.
3. **Pretzels** – Also made with refined white flour.
4. **Muffins** – Full of sugar and fat. A muffin contains about 600-900 calories.
5. **Rice Cakes** – Low in calories, but also low in nutritional value as they are mostly air.
6. **Beef Jerky** – Loaded with salt. You can remedy this by choosing a soy substitute or making it yourself.
7. **Popcorn** – Unless it's air-popped, it's probably doused with unhealthy, hydrogenated oils.
8. **Fruit** – Yes, fruit is healthy. If you wash it thoroughly first to remove any pesticides.
9. **Fruit Juice** – Many companies add refined sugar to their juice. If you really want juice, choose 100% fruit juice with no sugar added.

Snacks to try include wholegrain products like brown or wild rice, avocados, walnuts, seeds and olives.



Bored? Don't Reach For That Snack

Cures that won't increase your waistline

Eating to curb boredom can wreak havoc on your health. Finding other ways to relieve boredom will keep your weight in check and keep you happier, too.

- Take a walk or do something else physical
- Listen to music
- Do something creative – painting, drawing or other art or craft project
- Take a bath
- Practice deep breathing
- Meditate
- Read
- Drink herbal tea
- Repeat an affirmation
- Call a friend
- Do housework

You might also consider ways to stave off boredom, like keeping your blood sugar steady by eating smaller, more frequent meals; learn to prepare new and healthy meals; and make a list of things to do when you're bored and post it someplace you'll see it when you're tempted to grab a snack.

Source: MSN Health



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Legislative Agenda 2006

Dear Members,

The 2006 Florida legislative session will convene on March 7, 2006 and conclude on May 5, 2006. There are many issues that will have a direct effect on those of us in Broward County. Here is a synopsis of the PBA's 2006 legislative agenda:

- Equitable pay increases for state correctional, correctional probation, and law enforcement officers represented by the Florida PBA, including but not limited to, pay compression and retention issues.
- Legislation preventing an employer from reemploying a retiree to his or her previous position.
- Legislation setting the mileage allowance for probation officers at the IRS Business Standard Rate.
- Legislation allowing for purchase of Special Risk credit for certain academy time.
- Legislation setting statewide standards for the use of stun guns.
- Legislation putting local 911 operators in the FRS Special Risk Class.
- Legislation strengthening penalties for rights violations during internal affairs investigations.
- Support for legislation allowing a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, probation officer, firefighter or professional healthcare provider to appeal a suspension, reduction in pay, demotion or dismissal with the Division of Administrative Hearings as option to appeals with the Public Employees Relations Commission.
- Support of legislation changing the FRS Average Final Compensation (AFC) from the best five years to the best three years.
- Authorization for the Director of Legislative Services to support legislation favorable to the membership or oppose legislation harmful to the membership.

As always, the Executive Board and several PBA representatives will be in Tallahassee lobbying on your behalf. During that time, we will keep you apprised of our progress. If anyone has any questions regarding our proposed legislation, do not hesitate to contact me at the PBA office.

In Solidarity,

Neil Vaughan
Vice President

Marriage & The Job: Ways To Make It Work

Statistics show that police officers have a higher than average divorce rate. Marriage is work under the best of circumstances, but the nature of the job adds special challenges. It's not impossible to keep your union happy and intact, but will require some effort.

Here are few tips collected from police spouses, therapists and others. Even if your marriage is on stable ground, you'll find something you can use to make it that much better.

Be on the same team

Be allies, not adversaries. Marriage is a partnership; treat it that way. In order to stay together, you must work together. Pick up each other's slack and support each other.

Don't be afraid to call in the professionals

Even the happiest marriages sometimes need a tune up. Don't be afraid to get professional help. An objective listener can sometimes be the key to resolving differences and getting back on track. And they can offer some reliable ideas for reconnecting and keeping your relationship headed in the right direction.



Date

Not other people – date each other. One thing that often goes out the window with crazy schedules and kids is couple time. Make time for each other, whether it's dinner and dancing or ice cream cones on the beach or renting a movie and cuddling on the couch. Never stop courting each other – it's the key to keeping your relationship from stagnating. The best date is one that gets you away from home and gets you communicating with each other. The bottom line: Make your relationship a priority.

Learn how to forgive, respect and accept

These are probably the hardest lessons, but they are some of the most important ones. Learn how to leave the past in the past and move on. Forgiveness is a process and a choice. Respect – remember the Golden Rule: Treat your partner the way you want to be treated – it's that simple and that difficult, but it'll take you

far. Respect and forgiveness will lead you to acceptance. No one's perfect, and you have to make your peace with that. Don't sweat the small stuff.

Remember that love is choice

There are times in every marriage where you fall in and out of love with your partner. It's a normal part of the process. What you can do is choose to love your spouse even if you are not currently in love with him or her. Sometimes a simple change in attitude can make all the difference in the world.

Remember why you fell in love

Every once in a while, take stock of your partner. What attracted you in the first place? What are his/her positive attributes. It's good to remind yourself why you're with them in the first place. Focus on the positive, especially when things get rough.

Get a life

Having interests of your own not only keeps you from being completely dependent on your partner, but will help you bring some interest to your relationship. Always learning and always growing are great ways to keep things alive and fresh.

Let your partner have a life and share it once in a while

Take an interest in your partner's hobbies or passions; it's a great way to connect. Also remember to give your partner room to pursue them – alone or with friends. Just because you're married doesn't mean you have to be attached at the hip.

Remember that marriage is a commitment

There will be times when that's the only thing that keeps you from walking out the door. But try to remember that this too shall pass; you promised to stick it out through good times and bad – honoring your commitment doesn't mean bailing when things get rough.

Source: Officer.com

Cops, Depression and Medication

Don't be embarrassed to get help if you need it

If you've been feeling tired all the time (no matter how much you sleep), you feel unmotivated and don't enjoy the things you used to, you might be suffering from depression. A visit to your doctor may have you coming out with a prescription for antidepressants. The question is, should cops take it?

The short answer is: absolutely. Unless there is some medical reason not to, if your doctor has determined that your depression is biological and would benefit from medication, by all means take it. It will not affect your ability to do your job. As a matter of fact, working under a depression is far more dangerous than working on antidepressants.

Medication for depression does not cause side effects that would be considered a safety hazard. But a cop who is sleep deprived, tired, having trouble concentrating, irritable, unmotivated and may feel like he or she has nothing to live for is certainly a hazard to him or herself and possibly others.

Unfortunately, there is a stigma attached to having a psychological condition and a bigger one that comes with taking medication or getting

treatment. Cops don't like to ask others for help. But if you're suffering from depression, help is just what you need.

Depression can lead to suicide, the 9th leading cause of death in the U.S. Women tend to be diagnosed with the condition more often than men,

but men are far more likely to kill themselves. Even as a cop, you are more likely to die by your own hand than by someone else's. This is not something to be taken lightly or to think you can fix on your own.

Taking medication for depression is no different than taking a pill for your heart, your cholesterol or diabetes every day. Treatment will

make you feel normal again, and it may save your life.

If you think you may be depressed, see a doctor or a mental health professional. The sooner you do, the sooner you'll start to feel better.

The Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) is a no-cost benefit to PBA members and their families. The program provides mental health and counseling services. Contact LEAP at 954/327-0396.

Source: Police One



Valentine's Day Trivia

The Roman Feast of Lupercalia, an ancient pagan fertility celebration honoring Juno, the goddess of women and marriage, was held on February 14.

- In the Middle Ages, people began to send love letters on Valentine's Day because they believed that birds began to mate on February 14.
- The first written valentine is attributed to Charles, Duke of Orleans. While imprisoned in 1415, he passed the time by writing romantic verses for his wife. By the 16th century, written valentines were commonplace.
- The symbol "X" has come to represent a kiss through the Medieval practice of allowing those

who could not write to sign documents with an "X." This was done before witnesses, and the signer would place a kiss on the X to show sincerity.

- Hallmark has over 1330 different cards just for Valentine's Day.
- Only the U.S., Canada, Mexico, France, Australia and the U.K. celebrate Valentine's Day.
- Valentine's Day is the biggest time of year for red roses; Mothers' Day is for the pastel ones.
- Valentine's Day is the largest seasonal card-sending occasion after Christmas. About 1 billion Valentine's cards are exchanged every year. Teachers will receive the most cards, followed by children, mothers, wives and sweethearts.

Sources: cnn.com, datingfun.com, howstuffworks.com



MONEY MATTERS\$

Ten Financial Questions for the New Year

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

The holidays are finally behind us. Many people make New Year's resolutions regarding their finances. Determine if your finances are in shape by answering these simple questions:

Do you have a financial plan?

It's difficult to pursue any goal without some type of plan. A comprehensive financial plan should include steps to help pursue all of your goals and ways to assess your progress along the way.

Do you have a budget?

Most people cringe when they hear the word "budget." They view a budget as some kind of constraint in their lifestyle. However, you can't control your money if you don't know how much you have or where it is going.

Do you have a plan for paying off credit card debt?

Credit card debt can hinder your ability to pursue your long-term financial goals. Take stock of your current situation and create a written plan to pay off those credit cards.

Are you saving something from every paycheck?

Saving on a consistent basis is one of the best habits you can develop to help pursue your financial goals. Make your saving automatic by having funds directly deposited from your paycheck into your retirement plan and a savings account. Increase your savings with every raise.

14 Do you have a "rainy day" fund?

I recommend having three to six months of living expenses in a cash savings account for emergency use only.

Is your portfolio properly diversified?

Diversification means spreading your investments among all asset classes (stocks, bonds, cash), as well as categories within each asset class (i.e. large and small-cap stocks, short and long-term bonds).



7. Do you rebalance your portfolio as needed? Different asset classes earn different rates of return. Over time you may find that you have too much invested in one asset class and not enough in another. I recommend rebalancing when your portfolio is more than 5% out of balance.

Example: Your properly diversified portfolio contains 45% stocks / 45% bonds / 10% cash. Due to recent gains in the stock market, your portfolio is now 55% stocks / 41% bonds / 4% cash. You should reallocate to get back to 45/45/10.

Do you know the rate of return you need to meet your goals?

If you need a lower rate of return, you may want to consider a more conservative portfolio. If you need a higher rate of return, you may need to adjust your goals or consider a more aggressive portfolio.

Have you designated beneficiaries for all of your financial accounts?

In most cases, you can avoid probating your financial accounts by simply designating a beneficiary.

Do you have an estate plan?

A last will and testament will provide for your estate's distribution and name guardians for your minor children. A durable power of attorney designates someone to control your financial affairs if you become incapacitated. A health care proxy delegates someone to make health care decisions for you if you are incapacitated.

If you answered no to any of the above questions, you should speak to your financial advisor, tax advisor, and/or estate attorney.

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Wanted: PBA Representatives

The Broward County PBA has eight elected representatives and seven alternate representatives from BSO who sit on the Board of Directors. With the size of our membership and size of BSO itself, eight, as they say, is not enough. We would like to have a representative in each district so that the members can be kept informed of what is happening at the PBA and so that we can be kept informed of what is going on in each district.

We are currently looking for reps for: District 1, District 5, District 12, District 13, District 14 and District 16.

The entire Board of Directors (all agencies in Broward County

represented by the PBA) meets at least quarterly each year. BSO representatives meet the second Thursday of each month.

If you are interested in being an alternate representative, please contact the PBA office. If no one from the district volunteers, then your district will be assigned to one of our current reps; we prefer to have a rep from within the district.

There have been times when a member may not want their representative to assist them because of a possible conflict. If

this should occur, you can always contact another representative. It is preferable for a member to go through

his/her rep first, so that he/she knows what is occurring in that district. A member can always call the main office if necessary.



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What's Up?



Births

Pembroke Pines Officer **Larry Diaco** and his wife, **Kim**, celebrated the birth of their first son on December 23. **Zain**

Lawrence Diaco weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. Mom, dad and big sisters **Serena** and **Giana** are all doing well and thrilled to have a new family member.

Congratulations to Pembroke Pines officer **Matt Dolton** and his wife, **Melissa**, on the birth of their son. **Nicholas Alexander Dolton** arrived on January 15. He weighed in at 6 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Mom, Dad and baby Nicholas are all doing well.

BSO Deputy **Jeffrey Feduik** and his wife, **Angelique**, welcomed **Rachel Christine** on January 16. Rachel weighed in at 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Congratulations to all!

News From Our Members

We Love Babies

Show off your new addition with pictures

Got a new little one in your house? We'd all love to take a look! In addition to our normal birth announcements, you can post your newborn's picture in *The Broward Centurion*.

All you have to do is send the picture in an e-mail to: megan@bcpba.org, along with all the relevant information including parent's names, the agency you work for, baby's name and stats, and big brother's or sister's name(s).

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Law Enforcement News

Items of Interest From Around The U.S.

Atlanta, GA – An Atlanta woman was arrested and charged with hindering the apprehension of a criminal after offering aid to a boy she thought was in trouble.

Brandy Tinkler came upon the boy in her neighborhood who looked shaken, scared and like he had been crying. He claimed to have been beaten up and asked to use a phone to call his mom. She let him call his mother, who asked Brandy if she could drive the boy home. Brandy agreed.

Later Brandy discovered that one of her neighbor's homes had been burglarized. She called the police to report her encounter with the boy. She was asked to come to the police station and, 36 hours later, was charged with a felony.

Source: wsbtv.com

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Columbus, OH – When police responded to a 911 call to Gary Rosheisen's home, they found that Mr. Rosheisen wasn't the one who called them – it was his cat, Tommy.

Rosheisen suffers from osteoporosis, and mini strokes. That evening he had fallen out of his wheelchair and was unable to reach a cord above his pillow to alert paramedics. The police received a call from his apartment, but there was no one on the phone. When they arrived, they found Tommy lying

beside the telephone in the living room.

Tommy came to live with Rosheisen three years ago. He attempted to train the cat to dial 911 in the event of an emergency, but was unsure if the training stuck. His phone stays on the living room floor and has a speed-dial button for 911.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

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Raleigh, NC – After several years of rises, the number of meth labs that NC law enforcement is raiding leveled off in 2005, a trend that state and local officials attribute to tough anti-meth measures.

New state laws, including one that took effect in January restricting the sale of certain kinds of cold medicines that contain pseudoephedrine, are being credited with the decrease. But it's hard to determine if that's the case.

While many retailers were putting the restrictions into practice before the law took effect, it's possible that manufacturers are getting better at hiding their labs, that more finished meth is being smuggled into the state or that South Carolina lacks similar laws, enabling trips across the state line to stock up on ingredients.

Source: The Associated Press

Los Angeles - When Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and his 12-year-old son were hit by a car while they were pulling their motorcycle out of a driveway in Brentwood, he was driving without a valid motorcycle license.

The "Governator" will not be ticketed for failing to have the proper license because, according to the LAPD, no officer saw him riding the bike.

Schwarzenegger holds a Class C California driver's license, which allows him to operate a standard motor vehicle, but not a motorcycle. He was been riding his Harley through the state without a proper license for 20 years. Aides say they'll try to ensure that the boss gets one before he rides again.

Source: Los Angeles Times

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Mesa, Ariz. - A judge has ruled that unborn children don't count when you're driving in the HOV lane.

Candace Dickinson insisted that Arizona traffic laws don't define what a person is, so her unborn baby justified her use of the carpool lane.

Phoenix Municipal Court Judge Dennis Freeman applied a "common sense" definition of person: an individual who occupies a "separate and distinct space" in a vehicle, saying, "The law is meant to fill empty space in a vehicle."

Source: Associated Press

Strange But True Laws

Theaters in Glendale, California can show horror films only on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

You can't plow a cotton field with an elephant in North Carolina.

In Lehigh, Nebraska it's against the law to sell donut holes.

Under the law of Mississippi, there's no such thing as a female Peeping Tom.

Anti-modem laws restrict Internet access in the country of Burma. Illegal possession of a modem can lead to a prison term.

Lawn darts are illegal in Canada.

In Idaho a citizen is forbidden by law to give another citizen a box of candy that weighs more than 50 pounds.

Every citizen of Kentucky is required by law to take a bath at least once a year.

It is against the law to whale hunt in Oklahoma.

In the state of Queensland, Australia, it is still constitutional law that all pubs (hotels/bars) must have a railing outside for patrons to tie up their horse.

According to law, no store is allowed to sell a toothbrush on the Sabbath in Providence, Rhode Island. Yet these same stores are allowed to sell toothpaste and mouthwash on Sundays.

Chewing gum is outlawed in Singapore because it is a means of "tainting an environment free of dirt."

An old law in Bellingham, Washington, made it illegal for a woman to take more than 3 steps backwards while dancing.

By law, information collected in a U.S. census must remain confidential for 72 years.

In Breton, Alabama, there is a law on the town's books against riding down the street

in a motorboat.

In most American states, a wedding ring is exempt by law from inclusion among the assets in a bankruptcy estate. This means that a wedding ring cannot be seized by creditors, no matter how much the bankrupt person owes.

Vermont, Alaska, Hawaii, and Maine are the four states in the U.S. that do not allow billboards.

Women were banned by royal decree from using hotel swimming pools in Jidda, Saudi Arabia, in 1979.

In Saudi Arabia, a woman reportedly may divorce her husband if he does not keep her supplied with coffee.

Source: Completely Useless, Yet Interesting Facts



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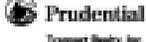
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