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President's Message by Delbert King

It's conference time again! This past year has just flown by. If you haven't reserved your rooms at the conference hotel, do it soon. Be sure and mention you are with IAPI for the best rates. This conference looks like it's going to be one of the best.

There was an error on the registration forms that went out listing the dates of the conference as July 23 through 25, 2009 which is incorrect. The correct dates are July 23 through July 24, 2009. We apologize for the error.

Any members who would like to donate prizes for drawings may do so. Please include a business card so we know who the prize came from. Thanking you in advance.

Our last board meeting before the conference is scheduled for Friday, June 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the conference hotel. All members are welcome. Hope to see you there.

The entire board thanks you for your support this past year.

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In Remembrance of.....

Ellsworth Gustafson

Ellsworth was a charter member of the Iowa Association of Private Investigators and served as its Treasurer from 1986 - 1991 and again from 1994 - 1995. Ellsworth died peacefully on February 1, 2009 at the age of 86. Ellsworth worked as a Special Agent in the FBI before retiring in 1977. After retirement he enjoyed private investigation, farming and beekeeping. He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy and several children and grandchildren.

Ray Presti

Ray joined IAPI in 1985 and served as its Newsletter Editor from 1987 - 1991 and as its Vice President in 1994. Ray died on February 17, 2009 at the age of 64. Ray served in the Air Force and was a police officer in Waukee, a deputy for Dallas County and the Chief of Police for Granger. Ray retired in 2006 after 21 years as owner of Presti & Presti Investigations. Ray is survived by his loving wife, Barbara and their children and grandchildren.

IAPI Conference Information

Hotel Reservations:

The IAPI has reserved a block of rooms at the discounted rate of \$83.00. For every room that is booked for the conference, IAPI will be credited a portion of the rental of the meeting rooms. You are making a difference by staying at the host hotel.

*Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
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Call for Reservations: 1-515-278-4755*

Vendors:

- IRBsearch
- Central States Fire - Terry Duncan will sponsor the afternoon break
- PI Magazine - PI Gear
- Iowa Interactive
- Insurance-Tek
- Yergey Insurance Agency - sponsoring the Thursday morning Continental Breakfast

2009 Annual IAPI Conference Agenda

CEU: 12 Hours

Thursday, July 23, 2009

7:30 - 8:00 AM	Registration and Vendors Open <i>Yergey Insurance Agency Sponsored Breakfast</i>
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Color Guard and Opening Remarks
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Jimmie Mesis - Insuring your retainer agreement protects you
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Break/Vendors Open
9:45 - 10:45 AM	Terry Duncan - Cognitive Interviewing Techniques
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Break/Vendors Open
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Terry Duncan - Cognitive Interviewing Techniques
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch (Provided)
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Jimmie Mesis - Increasing your Internet based income and website ranking
2:00 - 2:10 PM	<i>Terry Duncan Sponsored Break/Vendors Open</i>
2:10 - 3:10 PM	Vicki Boser —Private Investigator Insurance
3:10 - 3:20 PM	Break/Vendors Open
3:20 - 4:20 PM	Vicki Boser —Private Investigator Insurance
4:20 - 4:30 PM	Break/Vendors Open
4:30 - 5:30 PM	Karen Duncan - The care and feeding of attorneys and clients attainment of public records from police and other government offices.
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Social Hour
6:30 PM	Banquet—(Keynote Speaker - Jimmie Mesis)

Friday, July 24, 2009

8:00 - 8:30 AM	Vendors Open
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Jimmie Mesis - Double your income with referrals and networking
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Break/Vendors Open
9:45 - 10:45 AM	IRBsearch - Internet searching
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Break/Vendors Open
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Dennis Carr - Service of Process
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch (Provided)
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Michael Burke - Surveillance - Forensics - Hate Group Recognition
2:00 - 2:15 PM	Break/Vendors Open
2:15 - 3:15 PM	Michael Burke - Surveillance - Forensics - Hate Group Recognition
3:15 - 3:30 PM	Break/Vendors Open
3:30 PM	Board Meeting - Election of Officers - Certificates

2009 IAPI Conference Speakers:

Jimmie Mesis - (1) Insuring your retainer agreement protects you - (2) Increasing your internet based income and web site ranking - (3) Double your income with referrals and Networking

Terry Duncan - Cognitive interviewing techniques - Terry has ten years experience as a law enforcement officer and detective in Iowa, as well as twenty years of Special Investigative Unit experience working as an employee of insurance companies and six years as a self employed private investigator specializing in fire/explosion investigation with over 6,000 recorded statements conducted.

Karen Duncan - (1) The care and feeding of Attorneys and clients - (2) Attainment of public records - Karen has twenty years in criminal law, including as a prosecutor in Rochester, Minnesota and the Benton County Attorney's Office in Vinton, Iowa. She has also been a private attorney in Poweshiek County as well as the Managing Attorney for the 3rd District Public Defenders' Office in Minnesota where she is the Chief Public Defender for eleven counties in Southern Minnesota.

Denny Carr - Denny was born and raised in Albia, Iowa, and began his law enforcement career as a part-time police officer in Albia. He later became the Monroe County Sheriff where he was elected five times. He was an investigator with the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners and later was the Associate Director of that agency. In 1991 he founded the private investigation agency of Dennis M. Carr & Associates and he currently serves as president and principal investigator. He served ten years as a member of the board of directors of the Iowa State Sheriff and Deputy Association including two years as president. He has also served on the board of directors of the Iowa Association of Private Investigators including three years as president. Denny will be speaking about his years of experience as a process server.

Mike Burke - Mike is the Director of the Iowa Central Homeland Security Training Center at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge. He is responsible for the implementation of a Homeland Security Training Center in Iowa. He developed curriculum in the area of Terrorism Awareness, Incident Command, and Bombing Awareness. He is a former deputy sheriff and loss Prevention Agent with Sears in Fort Dodge.

Vicki Boser - Vicki L Boser the principal of InsuranceTek Inc in 1985 started in the insurance industry. As a company underwriter and marketing manager, she enjoyed working directly with the clients and program development. Working on other National Program development, she developed a National Program for Private Investigators, Process Servers, Claims Adjusters, Lie Detection, Security Services/Guard and Mortgage Field Services. The team at InsuranceTek Inc assisted over 2500 clients in placement of coverage. The Alliance Group of Associations was developed as well as to assist in providing on risk management tools.

IRBsearch

MERLIN RECEIVES BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU HONOR 2009 Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics

KALISPELL, MT – March 3, 2009 – For the fourth year in a row, the Better Business Bureau held an evening ceremony to present regional business winners its coveted 2009 Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics. Merlin Information Services is proud to have been awarded an honorable mention.

About the Torch Awards

The BBB Torch Awards program helps illuminate the importance of an ethical business conscience and responsibility to uphold a fair and honest marketplace, and consistently earn trust. Each year, this competition is open to all service-area businesses in various regions wishing to apply, both accredited and non-accredited, with one winner selected from each "company size" category by an independent panel of judges with expertise in business ethics. The Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics are presented to companies in recognition of their outstanding commitment to exceptional standards in relationship to their consumers, employees, suppliers, competitors, shareholders, and surrounding communities.

Business Ethics a High Priority for Merlin

Merlin Information Services was judged on four business areas including management practices, community/investor/stakeholder relations, communications/marketing practices, and industry reputation. Merlin is dedicated to honesty, integrity, and hard work in a business environment that exemplifies its commitment to high ethical standards. Merlin is in an industry that not only expects, but demands the highest standards of ethics and integrity. One of Merlin's four published core values, and a foundation for its success is, "We are dedicated to promoting and protecting responsible use of information." This core value guides the company in many ways, in operations and in management, but especially in making the right ethical decisions. Merlin's VP of Operations, Joanne Jackson, said, "Merlin goes to great lengths to provide a valuable service to our industry, but does so carefully without compromising the protection of private information. Merlin is proud and honored to receive this award from the Better Business Bureau."

For more information about Merlin Information Services, visit Merlin's website at www.merlindata.com or call 800-367-6646.

Iowa Senate Approves Privacy Legislation

The Iowa Senate recently approved Senate File 465, legislation which sets requirements for redaction and provides funding for a comprehensive redaction project. The Senate bill and a companion House bill (House File 813) are now before the House for consideration. The Iowa General Assembly is working to complete their work for the 2009 session this week.

The legislation is similar to bills considered earlier this year. The bills would clarify the requirements relating to the handling of personally identifiable information which may be included in public records such as real estate documents. The legislation would also require the Iowa Land Records system to redact personally identifiable information from electronic documents before they can be displayed for public access on the Iowa Land Records web site. Personally identifiable information is defined as one or more of the following specific unique identifiers when combined with an individual's name: (1) Social security number or (2) Checking, savings, or share account number, credit, debit, or charge card number.

Senate File 465 also includes the following provisions.

- Requires County Recorders to permanently archive an unaltered version of each recorded document. The legislation permits people to view original documents when visiting the office of the County Recorder.
- Prohibits the Iowa Land Records system from providing electronic documents or records on a "batch" basis, e.g., Iowa Land Records could not provide an electronic file of records in on an external hard drive to third-party organizations. However, individual County Recorders would be permitted to do so - provided that the records were first "subjected to a redaction process" prior to the transfer. Defines "redaction" as "the process of permanently removing all or a portion of personally identifiable information from documents."

For more information about the pending legislation, visit the Iowa General Assembly web site at <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Cool-ICE/DisplayBills.htm>. Search for the following bill numbers: House File 813 and Senate File 465.

PINOW.COM Articles of Interest

Peeping Tom Legislation Will Affect PIs

WILMINGTON, NC - A bill has been introduced in the General Assembly in North Carolina to address a loophole in the Peeping Tom law. Right now, the law excludes licensed PIs from the Peeping Tom law. However, the new bill, which is sponsored Julia Boseman, will ban PIs from taping individuals in their homes and in other spaces where privacy can reasonably be expected. Boseman notes that she became concerned about the current law after reading of a case in which a PI videotaped a person through a curtained bedroom window.

Records Leaked in PI Case

OMAHA, NE - Kimball authorities want a Nebraska Supreme Court ruling overturned. That ruling allowed the PIs' findings in an investigation to be made public. The case stems from allegations made by local businesses that police officer Sharon Lewis and others were racially profiling and targeting Hispanic residents for arrest. Mayor Greg Robinson launched an investigation and an attorney he contacted in the case hired two PIs. Lewis was terminated from her job and sued some of the business leaders as well as the city. Attorneys for the business leaders asked for the PI report for the case. Kimball County District Judge Kristine Cecava claimed that the documents prepared by the PIs are public records and asked for the documents to be released.

Louisiana Bill Could Influence PI Businesses

BATON ROUGE, LA - Senate Bill 29, introduced by Sen. Neil Riser, R-Columbia, is of interest to PIs in the area. The bill proposes a new piece of legislation known as the "Louisiana Anti-Caller ID Spoofing Act." The law would specifically address a service that disguises voices and caller IDs. The service allows users to buy a card that allows callers to fake caller IDs and to disguise their voice. Riser notes that the service can easily be used by fraudsters and criminals. Under the proposed legislation, it would be illegal for anyone to alter caller ID information or to insert fake caller ID information.

PI May be Sued Over GPS Device

COLUMBUS, OH - Teej Cummins plans to sue a PI who installed a GPS device on her car. When Cummins was in a store, a stranger alerted her to some unusual activity around her parked car. The stranger said that someone had attached a device to her car and had driven off. Concerned that it might be a harmful device or even bomb, Cummins called the police. It was discovered that the device was a GPS device installed by a PI hired to investigate a job injury claim Cummins had made. PIs note that the device is legal and makes surveillance safer and easier. There is currently no law in Ohio that would protect residents from GPS devices.

PI Accused of Leaking Confidential Information

LAS VEGAS, NV - Due to an investigation into the actions of a police department, a state agency, and a PI, residents in Nevada may find that their confidential information is not as secure as they believe. PI Jim Thomas, the DMV and Metro in Las Vegas have been sued for allegedly leaking confidential information. As many as 240 people may have had their personal information compromised.

Some Iowa counties still chasing the Web

By Michael J. Crumb
Associated Press
and Phil Harvey

More than a dozen of Iowa's 99 counties don't offer Web site, and there are glaring inconsistencies in content among those counties that maintain sites.

The Associated Press conducted a one-day spot-check of county and state government Web sites in late February as part of Sunshine Week, a journalist-led effort to spotlight the importance of government openness.

The check found that some counties, such as Buena Vista and Story counties, have sites that include accident and arrest reports from the sheriff's offices along with agendas, minutes of meetings, tax information and contact information. But 14 other counties don't have Web sites and haven't made posting online information a priority.

Linn County Auditor Joel Miller told The Gazette he has posted 300 to 400 documents on the Web site over the last two years.

"My belief is that if a couple people ask for it, I'm going to try and get it out there," Miller said.

Residents may find at www.linncounty.org/auditor election results for every year since 1999. They also may view Board of Supervisors meeting minutes and agendas. A vendor-by-vendor document shows how much money the county paid to whom in 2008.

Johnson County residents may go to www.jcauditor.com and find Board of Supervisors meeting minutes, scrutinize the budget and see election results as far back in 1974.

"I would challenge you to find any Web site that has more information than we have," Auditor Tom Slockett said. "We've just been at it longer."

Slockett's next project, he said, probably will be posting more past budgets. Only 2009 and three prior years are available for viewing.

Delaware County's Web site is less than a year old, but simple to use.

Residents may go to www.co.delaware.ia.us and find 2008 election results, recent Board of Supervisors meeting minutes and agendas — though not necessarily the most recent.

The most recent minutes posted near the end of last week were from the March 2 meeting.

Auditor Carla Becker hopes to be able to post election results on a same-day basis eventually.

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"We're very proud of our Web site," she said. "We try and get everything up that (residents) need to know on a timely basis."

Story County Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald said in the Associated Press report on its study that part of his job is providing information to the public.

"It's public information and as elected sheriff I'm keeper of the public trust and the open records rules say that unless it's part of an active investigation the information should be open for public review," Fitzgerald said. "My opinion is in our office we're open and information is made available to the public."

Other counties that only provide the basics scoff at the idea of putting more information, such as arrest and accident reports, online.

"Why would you?" asked Debra Stearns, office manager at the Clarke County sheriff's office in southern Iowa. "We already have it set up where the weekly paper comes by every week and picks it up, so it's available. People have access to it if they want it, there's no need to duplicate it. In smaller counties, they read the paper. I don't think many people here go online to look up that information."

Clarke County Auditor Judy Church said the county has no policy addressing what goes on its Web site.

"It's up to the individual departments and each department has a person that updates their portion of the Web site," said Church, who acknowledged she's not sure what's on her department's link because someone else in her office updates the information.

"We try to think about what questions I get calls about and try to put that kind of information on there," Church said.

Pocahontas County is among those in Iowa without a Web site.

County Auditor Margene Bunda said the county is in the process of building one and hopes to post plenty of information about the county and its cities. That likely won't include such information as accident and arrest reports, she said.

"I don't think we'd be particularly interested in that kind of information," she said. "We feel there probably is other information more pertinent to the departments, and maybe the sheriff will want something like that, but we haven't gotten that deep into it," Bunda said. "It should be fairly comprehensive, but there is a lot of gobbly-gook you can put in there and I'm not sure it's worth taking up the space."

Winnebago County also doesn't have its own Web site, and there isn't any immediate plan to build one, said Jim Oulman, chairman of the county Board of Supervisors.

"We have talked about it and hopefully we will do it. There just have been more pressing things to do," Oulman said.

Although some counties don't have Web sites, some information about those counties can be found through links on the Iowa State Association of Counties' Web site or other online services.

Fitzgerald, the sheriff in Story County, which is home to Ames and Iowa State University, acknowledged that his office is large enough to have staff that can manage the Web site.

"I think demographics is a huge issue," he said. "I'm fortunate enough that I have a person in command to update press releases and other information for our Web site, but a smaller agency, where they may only have the sheriff and a small staff, it would be hard to carry out their daily duties and do that too."

Web site content is left to each department at the state level, too, and like county Web sites, there can be wide gaps in what information is published, officials said.

Some state Web sites are more dynamic and interactive, while others may be very basic, said Robert Bailey, a spokesman for the Iowa Department of Administrative Services.

"It's really all over the place," he said.

Secretary of State Michael Mauro is a strong advocate of putting as much information online as possible.

"It's absolutely critical in this day and age," he said. "The people that use it and find it user friendly and can do business off of it without having to communicate by mail or coming into the office, they really appreciate it."

Robin Harlow, the technology project manager for the Iowa State Association of Counties, said the group is working to help counties improve their Web sites.

"We recognize there is an inconsistency in information provided by our counties," Harlow said. "We recognize that some of our rural counties don't have an IT staff. It's one thing to give them a template and another to provide assistance in developing a Web site."

Harlow said there is a five-year plan in place not only to improve the quality of county Web sites in Iowa, but also to train county officials in the importance of putting public information online.

"We're developing a curriculum over the next year so they can become better consumers of technology," Harlow said.

On the Net:

Iowa State Association of Counties: <http://www.iowacounties.org/>

Iowa Secretary of State's Office: <http://www.sos.state.ia.us/>

Iowa Department of Administrative Services: <http://das.iowa.gov/>

PI BUZZ

~ Intelius, Spock and Search Engine People Finders ~

Consumer-targeted people finder and background data reseller, Intelius, recently acquired the social networking people search site, Spock. Intelius is the ubiquitous Internet provider of background reports — serving the consumer hungry for criminal records and other dirt on potential dates, family members and service providers — but more expensive and not as comprehensive as professional databases. A good private investigator doesn't just report information received from a database search but confirms and analyzes it, building on the raw data to deliver fuller and more accurate reports to the client. Despite the cost and limitations in the quality of the Intelius generated background reports, law offices sometimes use this service as a first stop, possibly because they think it will save them money. Or maybe, like many people, attorneys and legal assistants are thrilled by the prospect of getting the goods themselves.

[Spock](#) is a fee-based search engine — with a free teaser — for finding social networking profiles. Spock crawls websites, matching the personal information you provide, then returns the links. You'll probably get more results from [snitch.name](#), [Wink](#) or Pipl, and more refined returns from an advanced query at the top search engines. This map gives a rough guide to [the most popular social networking sites by country](#).

<http://www.spock.com/>

<http://snitch.name/>

<http://wink.com/>

<http://www.oxyweb.co.uk/blog/socialnetworkmapoftheworld.php>

~ Mexico Court Record Index Online ~

Wouldn't it be convenient and a boon to cross-border investigations to be able to search an online index of Mexico court records? An Internet search for a source for these directs you to Westlaw, a collection of legal research and fact-finding databases, costly and beyond the financial reach of most investigators. Searchsystems.net now includes [Mexico civil and criminal index filings](#) from Mexican federal and state courts in its collection of premium (fee-based) databases. Anyone can access the service, but Searchsystems subscribers get a discount. A free name search will return the number of records found in the index, but no other details. Once you enter the subject's name and pay the fee you'll be able to view all matching records. The detailed results provide party names, jurisdiction, date, court, docket number and, in criminal filings, the charges. A limitation of the Mexico criminal record indexes, unlike most US ones, is that they don't contain a defendant's date of birth.

<https://www.searchsystems.net/springapp/funnel/mexico/searchMexicanRecord.do>

~ Read Private Investigator Blogs ~

I'm partial, but didn't it seem that PI buzz got a scant description in the list of private investigator blogs? Expand your reading, if you must, and take a look at the e-Justice blog posting, [Private Eye Reading: The Top 50 Detective Blogs](#).

<http://www.criminaljusticeusa.com/blog/2009/private-eye-reading-the-top-50-detective-blogs/comment-page-1/#comment-1026>

~ Do Public Records Belong To the Public? ~

The Iowa legislature is chewing over the notion that open government records may be responsible for identity theft and should be restricted. The Identity Theft Prevention Study Committee met last month and developed a collection of recommendations, including redacting certain "personal information" — that fuzzy term has yet to be defined — in public records. One of the panelists, Dan Combs of [The Coalition for Sensible Public Records Access](#), a consortium of commercial public records aggregators, argued that redaction of public records is ineffectual and misses the supposed objective of curtailing "identity theft", another fuzzy term. The Coalition site has position papers and summaries on public records access, such as this one on the important [uses of the Social Security number by businesses and government](#).

Now, head down to Arizona where the Phoenix City Attorney has advised the police department to restrict disclosure of police records on the handy claim that thieves are scouring public records for personal information. The police department will start redacting victim names, birth dates of suspects AND those who are convicted and sitting in jail, and the addresses where crimes are committed. The dictum is being unevenly enforced, different types of data being excised, or not at all. Phoenix may expand this scattered policy to include code enforcement records. Which state law is this suppose to comport with?

<http://www.cspra.us/downloads/SSNs.html>

<http://cspra.org/>

PI buzz (<http://pibuzz.com>) is a free webzine of tips, links, news and research guides to assist the information professional and private investigator, and businesses and attorneys, on topics ranging from database searching, business background, to privacy and public records. Free registration is available at the site. Tamara Thompson and Rosemarie Mesis are the editors and primary writers for PI buzz.

Tamara Thompson is a well-known investigator, speaker and blogger who is recognized for her expertise in Internet data gathering, genealogical tracing, witness background development and locating people. Before starting PI buzz, Tamara operated the blog PI News Link.

Rosemarie Mesis has been conducting private investigations for the last 8 years specializing in locating people, especially custodial kidnapping victims. "Roe" is also the co-owner and Publisher of PI Magazine, the largest trade publication for private investigators and law enforcement detectives in the USA.

I-API is pleased to welcome these new members to our Association

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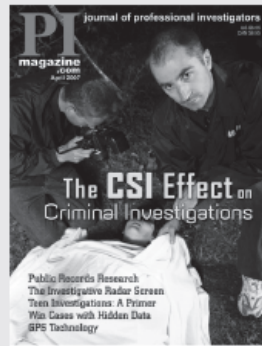
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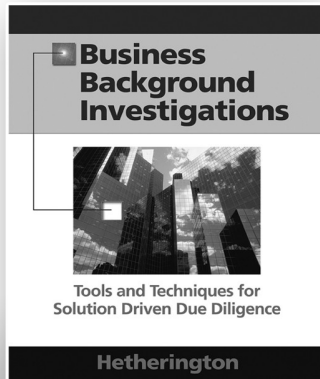
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