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**Happy Mother's Day**  
**Have a Great Summer**  
**Happy Father's Day**

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concerning matters  
of interest to all.



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## From the Chairman's Corner Tom McGorray

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### Conspiracy Against Former Agents

Have you ever noticed now that your retired from the Bureau that everything seems uphill from where you are? Hills are longer, stairs are steeper. Groceries are heavier. And, everything is farther away. The other day I walked to the corner and I was astounded to discover how long our street had become! And my gun. I only pick it up once in awhile but it is so heavy, I can hardly hold it in one hand. How did I ever shoot with both hands? How do you put the bullets in?

And, you know, folks are less considerate now, especially the young ones. They speak in whispers all the time! I also think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and he has aged so much that he didn't even recognize me. The people who make bathroom scales are pulling the same prank, but in reverse. Do they think I actually "believe" the number I see on that dial? HA! I would never let myself weigh that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on-but the telephone company is in on the conspiracy too: they've printed the phone books in such small type that no one could ever find a number in there! All I can do is pass along this warning: Maturity is under attack! Unless something drastic happens, pretty soon, all former agents will be placed in (you know) homes. Have a safe and great summer. We will see you in the fall.



### OUR MAY PICNIC

Our annual May picnic is set for May 4, 2002 at the TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH, 14301 E. Speedway Blvd, Tucson. For additional information you can call 296-6275. To see their site go to: <http://www.tvgr.com/> We will be gathering at noon for their extensive lunch buffet. We need to give them a head count by May 1, 2002. Please let Tom know if you are coming or NOT coming, by calling him at 297-7878 or by email [tom@xgboy.com](mailto:tom@xgboy.com)

The ranch is famous for its delicious and abundant food. Weekly evening outdoor barbecues with live Western entertainment and breakfast rides up to the Old Homestead for a cowboy breakfast in the great outdoors add an Old West touch to the mealtime. With the exception of the cookouts and breakfast rides, all meals are served in our lovely Main Dining Room, overlooking the outdoor pool, with a majestic view of the Rincon Mountains. Breakfast is a combination of ordering any standard breakfast item off the

menu, and a buffet of assorted chilled juices, fresh fruits, yogurts, breakfast breads and cereals. The extensive lunch buffet offers a wide variety of foods to choose from, and features our famous Sweet Talk pastry table. Dinners in the main dining room are specially prepared by our award winning chef, featuring gourmet cuisine! With such a wide variety of delicious food, everyone will find just what they like!

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### Hillbilly Medical Term

Benign.....What you be after you be eight.

Bacteria.....Back door to cafeteria.

Barium.....What you do with dead folks.

Cesarean Section...A neighborhood in Rome.

Catscan.....Searching for the cat.

Cauterize.....Made eye contact with her.

Colic.....A sheep dog.

Coma.....A punctuation mark.

D&C.....Where Washington is.

Dilate.....To live longer than your kids do.

Enema.....Not a friend.

Fester.....Quicker than someone else.

Fibula.....A small lie.

G.I.Series.....World Series of military baseball.

Hangnail.....What you hang your coat on.

## The Tucson "Spy" der Web



The Tucson "SPY-der Web" MAY, 2002

MAY PICNIC -set for May 4, 2002 (Saturday at noon) at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Please let Tom know if you are going (297-7878).

WESTERN REGIONAL - in San Diego was attended by Ted Hinderaker and Tom McGorray. Ted won the grand prize, a free ride to the National Convention in Scottsdale. Tom did a short presentation on the Shaner Case.

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS - Society 7930, xgboys 1376, St Pat's Parade Marchers in NYC, 150,000.

SURVEY RESULTS - Several members have asked what the results were of our recent five question survey. Almost 500 took part which is well over one third of our current xgboy members.

1. 69% have been members of xgboys for over two years. 22% for over four years, and 9 % for more than five years.

2. 83% prefer regular xgboys over the digest format (17%)

3. 92% were Society members, 8%

non Society members.

4. 62% thought xgboys was worth \$5 or more per year.

38 % though it should be free.

5. 99% found xgboys to be enjoyable and informative."

SA ED HALL'S - Retirement Party will take place Thursday, May 2, 2002 at 5 PM at the Havasupai Ramada, 10600 N 7th St. Respond to Jackie Cooper FBI PX 602-650-3001.

NEW FEATURE FOR XGBOYS - xgboyslistarchive. To read old daily xgboy post go to <http://desert-southwest.net/mailman/private/xgboyslistarchive/> EnterUser: xgboys\_user@xgboy.com Enter Pass: irinpu

SUBJECT: 911 - As I was getting into bed the other night, I could see I had left the light on in the garage. I could see light coming through the bedroom window. As I got up to shut the curtain (rather than go outside to shut off the stupid light), I saw there were 2 guys taking things from the garage. I immediately called 911, but was told that they didn't have anyone in the area at this time", but would send someone over as soon as possible. I said OK, hung up, and waited one minute. Then I

called 911 again. I said, "I called you a minute ago because there was someone in my garage. Well, you don't have to worry about that now because I just shot them." Within two minutes there were 3 cruisers in front of my house, a SWAT van, and the paramedics. They immediately apprehended the burglars. However, the lieutenant was really mad. "I thought you said you'd shot them!" I replied, "I thought you said there was nobody available."

USAA - is looking for a full-time insurance investigator to work with USAA's Special Investigative Unit (SIU), preferably living in the New Orleans area, but anyone living in Mississippi, Alabama, or the Florida panhandle would be considered. Work will be home based, salary starting around \$50 K (negotiable), car provided, and above area is territory to be covered, however USAA allows investigators to utilize PI vendors to assist in investigations which will narrow the travel down considerably. Inquiries should be directed to Tom Brydon, SIU, USAA Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Boynton Beach, FL, telephone area code 561-641-2021.

LONG TERM COVERAGE - I suggest that before choosing the Government program everyone interested in long term car insurance contact USAA or even John Hancock before purchasing it from the Government. If anyone

is in good health for his or her age an individual policy will provide better coverage at a little less money. The Government only rates the person applying on his or her age. a person in very good health at age 60 will pay the same premium as someone the same age in not so good health.

SA BRUCE J. GEBHARDT - was appointed Executive Assistant Director for Criminal Investigations by the Director on 2/27/02. He was a new SA in the Denver Division in 1976. A man in Grand island Nebraska hijacked a small plane and pilot forcing him at gun point to fly the hi-jacker to Denver. The hi jacker talked to the tower and said he would crash the small plane into the airport unless some airline would give him a jet and pilot to fly him out of the country. All the airlines declined. Ports of Call Travel Club in Denver had several jets and the President of the Club offered a jet and pilot. Two SAs Kenneth Kirwin and a new SA, Bruce J. Gebhardt were planted in the rear of the cabin behind the seats. The hi jacker boarded the jet pushing the small plane pilot ahead up, holding a shot gun in his back. he proceeded down the cabin and when he neared the SAs, they jumped up and shot him dead before he would get a shot off. No one else was shot. Several Denver SAs (including myself) were members of Ports of Call. The date of the hijacking was April 19, 1976.

Dick Campbell

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[http://xgboy.com/html/xgboy\\_listserv.html](http://xgboy.com/html/xgboy_listserv.html) Some recent hot topics... Society Membership, Western Regional, Hansen, Bin Laden, BICS, Boston case, Polygraph, Lamphere, PENTTBOM, FBI Raid Jackets, Rotten Beans & Chili, SAMBA Penalty, Federal Re-employment, Retired Credentials, Sky Marshals, Volunteering to help FBI, Charlie Donlon, Whitey Bulger, FBI Books, Peltier, etc.

KARACHI, Pakistan - FBI agents joined Pakistani police in the pre-dawn raids that scooped up 26 suspected al Qaeda and Taliban fugitives from homes in the northern Pakistan cities of Faisalbad and Lahore, in the most visible cooperation to date between America and Pakistan law enforcement in the war against terrorism.

WASHINGTON (AP) - While two U.S. citizens have been arrested for espionage since July, increased FBI (news - web sites) lie detector tests have uncovered several lesser security transgressions among FBI employees, the agency's security chief said.

None of the information gained from the 700 polygraph examinations since the arrest of FBI spy Robert Hanssen (news - web sites) has turned

up a security breach as serious, Kenneth Senser, head of the agency's new security division, told a Senate committee.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Most large corporations and government agencies have been attacked by computer hackers, but more often and more frequently they do not inform authorities of the breaches, an FBI survey finds. The survey released Sunday found about 90 percent of respondents detected computer security breaches in the past year but only 34 percent reported those attacks to authorities. Many respondents cited the fear of bad publicity about computer security.

GORDON GORDON (1906-2002)

Gordon Gordon, age 96 of Palm Springs CA and Tucson, AZ died March 14, 2002. He was born March 12, 1906 in Anderson, Ind. to John and Mary Gordon. He married Mary Dorr on March 16, 1980 in Santa Monica. He served in the FBI from 1942 to 1945. He earned the Edgar Allen Poe award in 1958 and along with his first wife, the University of Arizona Alumni Achievement Award in 1970. The family suggest donations be made to the Excellence in Media Scholarship Fund at Angel Awards com. <http://www.angelawards.com/>

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**Western Regional Conference**  
**San Diego, CA. April 4-7, 2002**



**"Now That Was A Good Conference"**

WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE APRIL 4-7, 2002 TOWN & COUNTRY RESORT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2002

We arrived about noon and registered for the conference. Registration package contained several nice items, including a sports bag, NFL pin, cards, schedule, calculator, etc. Our room was ready and very nice, on the seventh floor with a great view and a balcony. The hospitality room was very nice and convenient and centrally located. The welcoming reception began at 7pm and the Mexican food was good and plentiful. A mariachi band played while we ate. It was a bit cold outside but heaters were placed nearby and it was comfortable.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2002

The hosted breakfast was served at 8 am in the California Room, and was

very good. SAC WILLIAM GORE of San Diego introduced the Keynote speaker. Bill Gore EOD in 1970, made Supervisor in 1976 under Jack Reed, and became the Assistant Director of the Inspection Division in 1997, and eventually the SAC of San Diego. The Keynote speaker was Executive Assistant Director DALE WATSON. Dale Watson, an FSU grad and 5 year US Army veteran, EOD in 1978 and served in Birmingham, AL., ports program for \$11,000 a year income. If 100% took part we would have \$110,000 in income. No dues increase contemplated. We are considering advertising in the Grapevine and Directory. Directory cost \$50,000, Grapevine cost \$230,000. We have a new committee called the Chapter Service Committee to help chapters (Al Berry is chairman) Attendance at Chapter meetings, conferences and conventions is down. Toronto was disap-



pointing and Scottsdale is slow. Next year the National Convention will be in Denver at the Mark Adams Hotel. The Society is now taking bids from hotels in



cities they are interested in for National Conventions. This helps keep the room rates down. New awards for communications, include Newsletters, electronic and written, and chapter home pages on the Internet. Membership stands at around 7600.

**PRESIDENT ELECT - TOM TIERNEY - REGIONALS** Only the Mid Atlantic Region have committed June 5-8, 2003 in the WDC area. Florida Region is considering a Cruise on the "Monarch of the Sea" the largest ship in the world for a 5 day, 4 night cruise, for \$500, April 24, 2003. South Central region will combine with the Denver National.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - SCOTT ERSKINE** Directory supplement is in the mail. Web site is being re-designed. Job Placement program placed 12-15 members in positions. Taking part in 3 FBI Retirement semi-

nars each year and trying to recruit new members to the Society. HR 218, the right to carry does not look good.

**FOUNDATION** We are a blessed Society. We have helped many: Drave Kirby, Wayne Roses, a women with 5 children, three agents being sued because of Waco, Food for the 9-11 special in WDC, and a new Foundation Investment Committee. 4.7 million in the Foundation. Paul Leis left Foundation over 1 million. Hoover scholarships, 7 regular Humanitarian awards and the annual Webster Award, and the Lo Peter's award.

**GRAPEVINE EDITOR - DON WITHAM**

The Grapevine is your magazine. Digital photos are acceptable. We need photos with obituaries whenever possible. Mail takes 3 months to get to FBIHQ (because of anthrax).

**MARTY SCHORS - FBIAA**

Marty has 18 years in the FBI and is now in Salt Lake City. He discussed Lenny Hatton fund \$300,000 Lenny was killed in wtc 9-11. The Scholarship Fund for children of agents killed on duty. Our heritage - sending email when you see anti-fbi

articles in press. Membership is at 10,000 or 75% of all active agents. Apathy in the ranks. Main focus is locality pay for Law Enforcement. HR 218 can not get out of house. Send email to your congressman. Health Insurance Premiums- non taxable. Retired Credentials. Morale is good. FBI is strong.

## WALT WILSON - SAMBA

Walt talked briefly about a new LTC package that will compete with other programs.

## HUMANITARIAN AWARD - WESTERN REGIONAL

Mrs. Barbara Sheets involved in HOBY - Hugh O'brien program to teach High School sophomores leadership. 200 kids take part at a cost of \$175 each.

## DELEGATES MEETING - BOB GAST

Get nominations for the Humanitarian Award in ASAP March 15th - deadline for Scholarships. Chapter Communications entries go to Quantico by July 1 Chapter Matrix - indicates that chapters who are close to field offices do well with new membership. Not sure of the % of retired agents who are coming into the Society.



My company plans to bid on a contract to provide experienced consumer fraud investigators to the Postal Inspectors. In order to bid we need to locate experienced agents in the following cities who have a background in investigation of consumer fraud and money laundering and would like to work with us if we are able to secure this contract.

Miramar, FL Charlotte, NC New York, NY Boston, MA Newark, NJ Philadelphia, PA Atlanta, GA Washington, DC Pittsburgh, PA Houston, TX Detroit, MI St. Louis, MO San Francisco, CA Chicago, IL Seattle, WA Denver, CO Los Angeles, CA Ft. Worth, TX

If you are interested in being a part of our proposal, please send me your resume promptly if the deadline for the proposal to be submitted is short. Please insure that the resume includes (1) the years of consumer fraud experience that you have, (2) your education, and (3) whether you hold a professional license (CPA or bar).

Thanks, Joe Wolfinger

### **The History of FBI Headquarters: The J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building**

From its inception in 1908 as the Bureau of Investigation until 1975, the main offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had been housed in the Department of Justice Building. The first request for a separate FBI building occurred in 1939. Although the Public Buildings Agency initiated plans for an FBI building in 1941, American entry into World War II necessitated postponing all government building projects. The next serious request to Congress for a separate building was not made until 1961.

Congress approved a separate FBI building in April, 1962. The General Services Administration (GSA), which handled public building construction, allocated \$12,265,000 for architectural and engineering design. At that time, the total estimated cost was \$60,000,000. GSA selected Charles F. Murphy and Associates, Chicago, Illinois, as architects, and Berswenger, Hoch, Arnold and Associates, Akron, Ohio, for engineering. Although all conferences between GSA and the architects were open to Bureau representatives, and GSA sought FBI opinion, neither the FBI nor the Department of Justice had to approve the exterior design. The Bureau, however, allocated the interior space.

On January 2, 1963, GSA announced the approval of the site for the FBI build-

ing bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue and E Street and Ninth and Tenth Streets, Northwest. GSA purchased the land at a cost of \$41.17 per square foot. The original design prepared in 1963 by Charles F. Murphy and Associates was a traditional box-like structure. It incorporated the Bureau's request for a central core of files surrounded by offices.

The Pennsylvania Avenue Advisory Council revealed its grand design for Pennsylvania Avenue in April, 1964. The Council envisioned a rejuvenated Pennsylvania Avenue, its north side lined with shops and buildings with open arcades and courtyards. Because major parades marched down the Avenue, all new buildings would have open second floors to accommodate spectators. The FBI building would be the first government structure to be built on the Avenue's north side. Therefore, the Pennsylvania Avenue Advisory Council urged GSA to redesign the building to conform to the plan. GSA agreed.



## TUCSON CHAPTER CALENDAR

April 4-7	Western Regional - San Diego
May 4, 2002	May Picnic: Tanque Verde Ranch
Sept. 9, 2002	Lunch-HomeTown Buffet 11:30 am Elections
Sept. 11-15, 2002	Natinal Convention - Scottsdale September 11-15, 2002

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