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## The President's Message



GREETINGS!!! I hope that all is well with each of you. Things have been busy for me this summer as I'm sure they have been equally busy for you. It's time again for our fall meeting. We will be meeting on Wednesday, November 1st at West Valley City Hall. We will begin our meeting at 8:00 am.

Our fall meeting will be a continuation of the spring meeting. Paul Parker with the District Attorney's Office will be conducting mock courtrooms in the morning. So bring your vitae so you can practice being on the stand. The afternoon will bring us some training in the retrieval of foot-

prints: electing officers, reports from the I.A.I. Conference, information on the Spring training meeting in Idaho, and other important business matters.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as President this year and look forward to the rest of a great year. Please feel free to contact me for any questions, concerns or suggestions that you have.

P.S. I have taken my skills and transferred them to West Valley City Police. If you need to contact me please use the following information.

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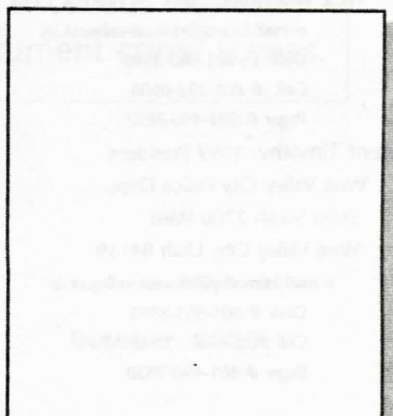
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prints on different types of flooring. LaMar Burns (West Valley Police) and Kevin Patrick (State Crime Lab) will be teaching us different methods in processing and preserving footprints.

We will have our business meeting during the fall meeting. Our agenda for the business meeting

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By: **George J. Throckmorton**  
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Jim Gaskill is retiring from Weber State University where he has been an instructor of Forensic Science for 30 years. When Jim first came to Ogden it was called Weber State College and the program was called the Police Science Department.

At one time Weber State was recognized as one of the five best colleges in the entire United States offering education in Police Science and Criminalistics. As terminologies and definitions evolved, so also has the Police Science Department evolved into the Criminal Justice Department, and Criminalistics has evolved into Forensic Science. From the first Director (Lynn Lund) who began

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the program in the mid-60's, although he only had a B.S. degree and the school only awarded an A.S. degree; to the present Director, Morris Sterrett, who has a PhD degree and the school now offers a Master's degree; the program has taken major steps in getting even more recognition throughout the world.

Although Jim is humorously known for his hunting obsession, he is even better known for the quality of his teaching. In 1970 when he came to Weber he instituted a program, on his own, to assist police officers in the analyzation of evidence. As work increased, he realized the importance of scientific evidence in criminal investigations. Within just a few years of his arrival at Weber State he applied for and received the first federal grant in Utah for a Crime Lab.



From that meager beginning the State Crime Lab has grown and evolved into its present status of being operated by the State (not Weber State), and having laboratories in Salt Lake, Ogden, Cedar City, and Price.

For those of you who know Jim personally, he is a unique individual who has the capacity to understand theory and put it into practical use. His teaching expertise has

touched thousands or students over the past 30 years, and these students are now employed, or supervise laboratories around the United States and several foreign countries. Some have affectionately called Jim Gaskill the Father of Utah's Crime Laboratory, and I cannot think of a more fitting title.

With his retirement, there will be a void that cannot be filled. Although he is retiring from Weber State University, I am sure we will still see him periodically in his trademark

"Sherlock Holmes" hat. Perhaps he will be teaching a class for Weber State or perhaps we will see him in the courtroom, but we will still miss him.

Always an avid supporter of the Utah Division of I.A.I., it was just three years ago, that the Utah Division of the I.A.I. sought to honor Jim's dedication by naming an award after

him. "The James H. Gaskill Award of Excellence", was and will be given to that person in Utah's I.A.I. who follows a tradition of "excellence" in performing his or her work.

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**"The James H. Gaskill Award of Excellence"**

An era has passed, and I consider myself fortunate to have been around to witness this historic event. Because of Jim and his efforts to assist law enforcement agencies throughout the state, Utah will never be the same. May I take this opportunity on be-

half of I.A.I. members and law enforcement officers throughout Utah and those who are spread around the U.S. . . .

Thank you Jim Gaskill for your lifetime contribution to the profession of forensic science, and to your dedication in improving the profession; we will never be able to replace you, and we are much, much better off because of you and your efforts. Best of luck in your future endeavors!  
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**Video cameras are an excellent tool to document crime scenes.**



# Hot News Utah I.A.I.

The Utah division has looked into providing some intensive training for our members. We have joined an "Alliance" with the Pacific Northwest Division of the I.A.I. and plan on having our spring conference combined with their spring training.

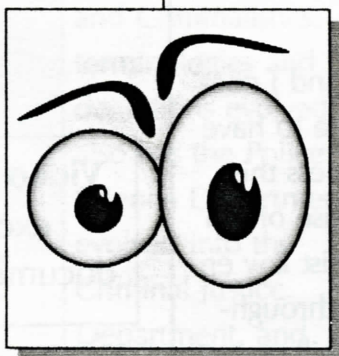
The exciting thing is the conference is close enough for our members to attend and that it is a 4 day training conference. This makes it worth the travel time and money.

It will be held in Boise, Idaho on May 14-18, 2001. We will be holding meetings with some of their repre-

sentatives to exchange information on the schedule of times and topics etc.. Information will be forthcoming.

Park City P.D. and the Utah County S.O. are cosponsoring a 3 day Homicide Investigation School where one of the featured speakers will be Dr. Henry Lee. The class is November 8,9,10, 2000 in the Park City area.

Contact a Patty Long at (801) 465-5224 if you need more details.



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# The Editor's Corner

It's time to pass on some news about our most recent training. The unit here at West Valley had training money left over, therefore the whole unit was able to attend the national conference in Charleston, West Virginia. It was a great experience as usual and if any of you can make arrangements to attend future conferences it is money well spent. I learned a great deal and had the opportunity to gain from other professionals in my field of study.

The second week in August Holly Fritschle and I had the privilege to travel to Billings Montana to an Advanced Class on Adobe Photocopy taught by David "Ski" Witzke of More Hits. The forensic imaging for processing of latent prints etc., was very good. I understand there may be another class next spring held in Billings. I will keep you all updated on the class.



Our delegates at the 50's party on Wednesday night.. The President Ann Punter was great fun, she is on roller skates. We are holding her up.

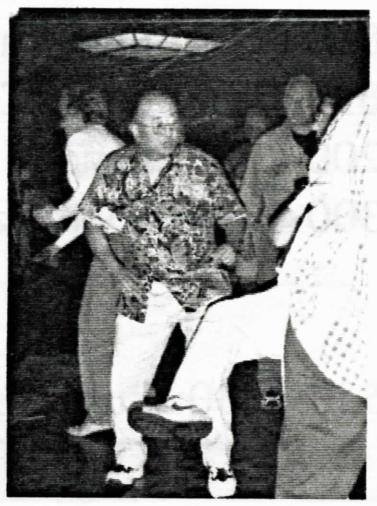


This is the formal installation dinner on Friday night.. Even the famous Jeff Itami was there.

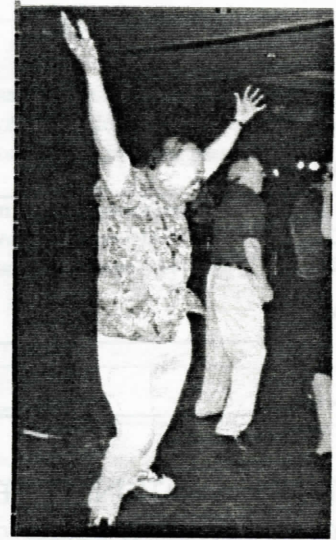


On our off time we drove on one of the back country roads to discover this little diner.

Shirley's diner had excellent food and in fact we went back the next morning for breakfast. Great southern cooked food. A definite place to eat..



Here, Jeff is enjoying the dance and mingling with the crowd.



He's a 50's kind a guy!



# UTAH DIVISION OF I.A.I. CRIME SCENE AND COURT TRAINING NOVEMBER 1, 2000 (Monday)

LOCATION: 3600 South 2700 West, W.V.City

0800-0830: Registration

0830-1200: Moot Court Workshop, Paul Parker DA

1200-1300: Lunch

1300-1530: Footwear Impression Workshop, James May,  
Kevin Patrick,  
LaMar Burns

1530-1630: Business meeting and elections 2001  
Utah/PNW BI-division conference, Boise, Idaho

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00 I.A.I MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ (MEMBER# \_\_\_\_\_)  
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## Utah I.A.I Fall Training Conference

"Mock Court Rooms"

"Crime Scene: Shoe Impressions & Tracking"

at The West Valley City Hall, Multipurpose Room

November 1, 2000 (8:00 A.M.)

----- Paul Parker, District Attorney's Office

Kevin Patric, Utah State Crime Lab

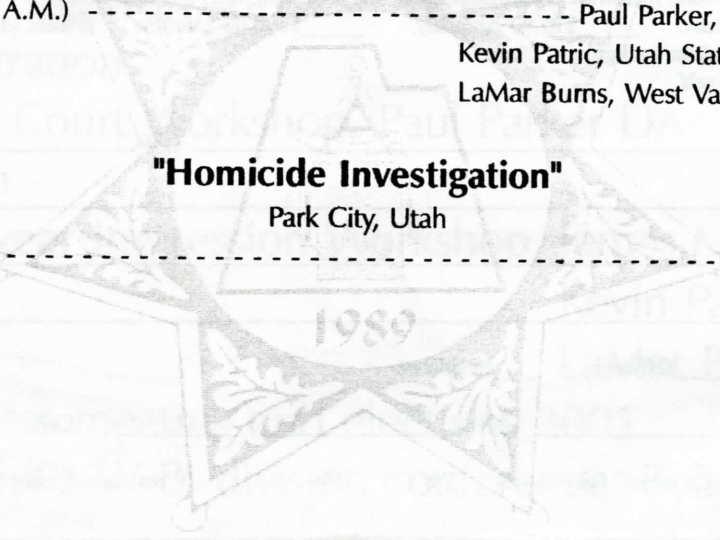
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## "Homicide Investigation"

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