

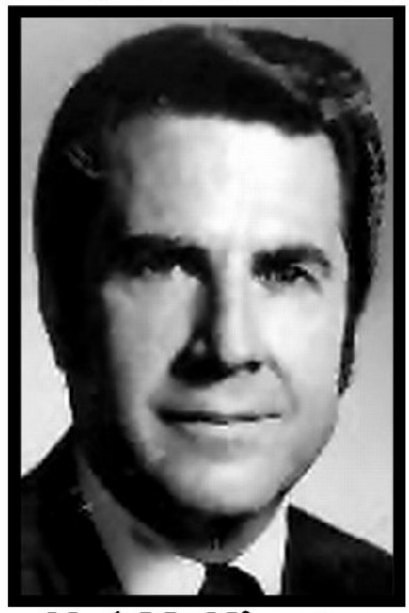


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In Memoriam



**Hal McKinney**  
Fresno County Sheriff  
Retired  
1924-2010

Retired Sheriff Hal McKinney passed away in the early hours of 1 July 2010. Hal first joined the Sheriff's Department in 1950 and retired as the elected sheriff in 1987. He also taught as a part time criminology instructor at CSU Fresno and was well liked by students and faculty. He will be missed by all.

Global News

La Pantera Rosa  
Der rosarote Panther  
The Pink Panther  
Panthère rose  
ピンク・パンサー



In May of this year Italian police working with Interpol (<http://www.interpol.int/>), captured a 40 year old international fugitive from former Yugoslavia in a Rome, Italy bar. The fugitive is a member of the notorious "Pink Panther" gang, which is named after the movie. Radovan Jelusic, variously re-

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## THE PINK PANTHER GANG...

ported to be 39 and 40 years, is from Montenegro and during his arrest was found to be in possession of a false Croatia passport. Radovan was identified as one of the suspects in a 2007 jewelry store robbery in the Ghinza section of Tokyo, Japan. Robberies committed by the gang typically last no longer than 2 minutes and are expertly executed. Radovan's recent capture was the result of a close working relationship between Interpol, Italian police and the police in Montenegro.

Another important member of the pink panther gang, the Montenegrin Rifat Hadziahmetovic was arrested at the international airport in Larnaca, Cyprus, one year earlier. Interestingly, Rifat was in possession of a false Bulgarian passport and he operated in Spain, Bahrain, Japan and the UAE. The world wide mobility of the pink panther gang illustrates the importance of cooperation between police agencies of countries around the world.



## RUSSIA

In June of this year, a Sumo wrestler walked into a convenient store in the northern part of Moscow, scooped up the ATM located there, and carried it away on his shoulders. The ATM contained a meager \$850 in Russian currency and the "Sumo Wrestler" was apprehended by a police patrol shortly after leaving the store.



Sixty two state and municipal police officers in Baja California were arrested for working for the drug cartels in July of this year.

On 29. July 2010 Police officers found the bodies of 15 people, including two women, who were brutally tortured and killed, on the side of a road in the state of Tamaulipas.

The brutality of the Mexican drug cartels has taken on dimensions that are difficult to fathom and much less understand. During a recent law enforcement meeting in Fresno I viewed a video taken of a beheading/torture committed by Mexican drug dealers that is no less shocking than the horrific acts committed by terrorists and militant groups in Iraq, Pakistan or Afghanistan.

## DOWNTOWN DEGREE PROGRAMS

### Change in classroom location

Classes in the criminology B.S. degree program have been moved from the downstairs training room at the Fresno Police Department/City Hall Annex to the upstairs (second floor) training room in the same building. Entry to the building is the main door facing Fresno Street.

### M.S. in Criminology

Applications are currently being accepted for the January 2011 graduate cohort. More information can be found at the downtown graduate program webpage at: <http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtowngraduateprogram2011.htm> or by emailing Dr. H.O. Schweizer at: [haralds@csufresno.edu](mailto:haralds@csufresno.edu)

Persons desiring to attend the downtown graduate program must take the GRE general exam as quickly as possible and all paperwork has to be submitted by December 2010.



Dr. Schweizer recently visited the „Intelligence Center“ of the multi-agency Trident Narcotics taskforce. The group has a staff of more than 200 representing more than 18 state, local, and federal agencies, including the National Guard, who contribute manpower and expertise. The Fresno County Sheriff’s Office and also Madera and Tulare County, play a prominent role in the task force.

The task force focus is foremost the cultivation and trafficking of marijuana and also methamphetamine production. During a flight with the Fresno County Sheriff’s helicopter, Dr. Schweizer was able to see a Sierra National Forest Marijuana field first hand and also obtained an insight into the labor intensive operation required to plant and provide ample irrigation to the Marijuana plants. Some irrigation lines are more than a mile long and one site even had a makeshift shower for the marijuana growers.

Law enforcement personnel operating in the “field” are well armed to counter any threat posed by armed marijuana growers who are often illegally in the U.S. and connected to the Mexican drug cartels.

## OPERATION TRIDENT...

According to a variety of sources, law enforcement seized more than 430,000 marijuana plants during the past few months in the counties of Madera, Fresno and Tulare, with an estimated value of more than \$1.7 billion.



***Trident group agents in the field***

In a new approach to combating the problem of illegal marijuana cultivation, law enforcement is now not only seizing the plants, but also ensuring that the infrastructure of the growers (water or irrigation lines, water collectors, tents, etc.) is dismantled, thereby forcing them to start all over again.

***Below: Flying over the Sierra National Forest in a Fresno County Sheriff’s Helicopter.***



## MARIHUANA FIELDS...

The arrows point to the marijuana fields.  
(No, they are not painted on the ground)



*Below: Landing on a big boulder*



*Dr. Schweizer in a marijuana field*



# Tech-Bits



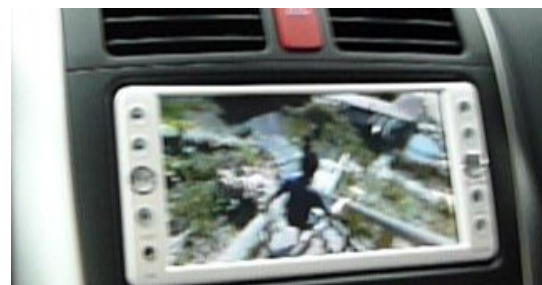
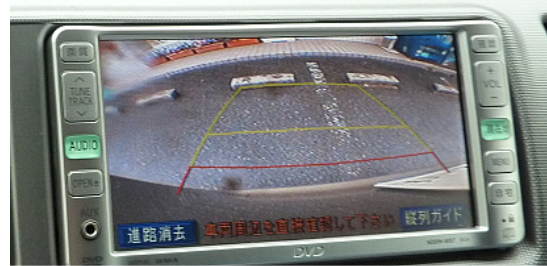
## DO YOU HAVE DIFFICULTIES BACKING/PARKING?



Newer cars in Japan have a sonar system which guides the driver when backing and parking. It shows the exact location of the vehicle in an LCD type display in the dash.



The same display can be switched to watch live TV or a DVD. This mode can only be accessed while the vehicle is standing still.



*Watching TV from the driver's seat*

## PARKING IN JAPAN...

Pay parking is automated in many parts of Japan. In one such place, the driver parks in an available parking space and after 5 minutes a blocking device is raised underneath the vehicle. This blocking device (Park loc) is released automatically once the driver pays the required parking fee.



*Blocking device under vehicle*

Innovative technology can also be seen during everyday driving on roads and highways in Japan.

In the following photo you can see a worker wearing the typical work uniform unfolding

and opening up a warning banner. The worker continually opens and closes the banner to attract the attention of motorists.



The worker does not, however, have to take furlough days or receive any pay. He is only a robot that looks like a real worker and even moves his arms and head like one.

## Police Memorabilia



A Saint Louis, France police shirt badge that attaches to the bottom on a shirt pocket.

<http://www.saint-louis.fr/>