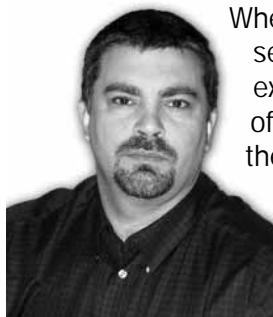


Expectations; commendation vs. condemnation



When you break it down, there are essentially three distinct groups that have expectations of police officers: the police officers themselves, command staff and the citizens the police serve. While these groups can be broken into infinite subcategories including politicians, district attorneys, defense attorneys, victims and defendants, this article will focus on the original three I listed.

For the most part, all three groups have very similar expectations. For example, all three reject criminal behavior among the ranks of officers. None of the groups tolerate procedural deficiencies that adversely impact the public trust. However, in recent history there has been a separation in the expectations of the police as it relates to tactical situations.

In recent studies conducted across the country, and possibly to be conducted here in Portland soon, citizens who are given scenario-based training reacted more quickly, and harshly, when presented with shoot/don't shoot drills. In objective discussions about the results, it appears citizens are willing to give police more leeway as it relates to tactical situations than police officers do. In other words, the police are harsher critics of tactical situations than citizens.

The disparity of expectations among the police increases the higher up in rank one looks. While this article is in no way intended to disparage any command staff personnel, the opinion I am about to express is shared by a great number of Portland Police officers. The perception among street officers is that command staff expects perfection in tactical situations. As we have been told time and time again as it relates to other areas of police work, perception IS reality.

Our training dictates that when we engage in a tactical situation, whether a planned event or one thrust upon us by happenstance, we are to form a plan, communicate the plan and be adaptable. Regardless of how well something is planned, regardless of how experienced the officers are, very rarely is a tactical situation done exactly according to plan.

There appears to be a fine line between actions that are commended and actions that are condemned. In many disciplinary letters, words similar to "you placed yourself at a tactical disadvantage" or "you didn't fully anticipate the danger you placed yourself in" are used.

While these words can clearly

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Memories of the St. John's Precinct

John Harp
Retired PPB Sergeant

It was my first duty assignment after I was hired Oct. 9, 1946. I remember receiving the letter from Chief Leon V. Jenkins.

I reported on the day and time specified at the police headquarters on 2nd and Oak. A barber school was across the street, so I got a 25-cent haircut before I went in.

Frank Springer was working the desk that day. He took a look at my letter and pointed me toward the chief standing in the hall. Chief Jenkins was a nice old guy widely known for never forgetting a person's name. He also had a bit of palsy and was fondly referred to as "Shaky."

We chatted a bit. He repeated my name several times then turned me over to a captain for an interview. The captain seemed to be mostly interested in my politics. After I gave him a few evasive answers he said, "Well, you don't believe in overthrowing the government do you?" I replied, "Absolutely not," and that was the end of the interview.

Getting me entered on the payroll took only a few minutes and getting me equipped took even less. I was issued a gold badge — number 350. Everything else I was expected to acquire through my own resources. If I had been going to Traffic Division they would have issued me a whistle in addition to the badge.

They did have a few extra

guns, one of which they loaned to me. It was a Navy surplus 5-inch barrel 38 cal. Com-mando.

My entry pay was \$180 a month, paid once a month, for a six-day week and there was no such thing as overtime or comp time. If you worked nights and had to go to court, it was on your own time. We did accumulate sick time, but it was very meager and there was no health insurance. So much for perks.

After all the paper work was done I was taken to City Hall. I was sworn in by one of the court clerks and told to report to St. Johns Precinct. I stopped at a sporting goods store and bought a box of shells on my way there.

When I reported in, introductions were made and I was immediately taken under wing by an "officer in plain clothes assistant to the captain." I was given a tour and orientation of the area. Areas were pointed out for me to avoid, and I was told the proper people to call in the event of a problem. After that I was assigned a locker.

In those days it was known as St. John Precinct although it may have officially been North Precinct. The command personnel consisted of a captain and two sergeants.

There were three reliefs: days, first night (afternoons) and second night (graveyards).

There were no lieutenants normally, but I do remember two who were there for short periods of time. One was Harry Sanders who was a smart cop. I learned a lot from him. He wasn't there very long before "snitches" began coming in to see him. One of the snitches was Morris Leland, one of the last guys gassed at the State Pen.

The day shift was usually run by an old guy by the name of Earl Moore who was in his seventies. The captain was in and out. He was president of the St. Johns Businessmen's Association and had a lot to do. There were two patrolmen in plain clothes who "assisted" the captain.

There were three or four walking beats, St. Johns, Kenton and anywhere else the captain might select. I once heard there was a walking beat on Skyline and an officer had done a shift on it. Believable, but it didn't happen while I was there.

Retirement wasn't much of an option back then. The retirement package was only \$30 after 30 years with no medical. Charley Brown, an officer who walked the St. Johns beat, was in his 80s. Al Farmer, in his mid seventies, delivered the beat men to their assignments and otherwise hung out near the desk. George Marshall, also in his 70s, patrolled more or less wherever he wanted. He always

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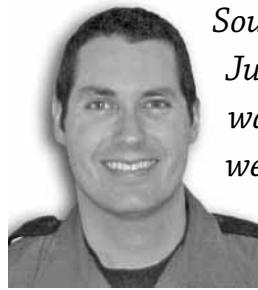
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Editor's Statement

Sergeant Peter Simpson
Central Precinct

Southeast Precinct 10-79



Southeast Precinct officially closed on June 11 but the last full night shift was held the night of June 6th. The week leading up to the closure saw lockers slowly emptied out, boxes packed, dumpsters and recycling bins filled, and people

walking out saying their last goodbyes as officers assigned to Southeast Precinct. Remember the last week of high school? No yearbook signing but you get the idea.

For some, it had been their only home in the Police Bureau. Over the years the building was called East then Southeast Precinct. Other than a short stay at the National Guard armory, the building at 47 and Burnside was home.

When the ax actually fell and it was a certainty that the precinct was closing, there was a figurative sigh of relief that the uncertainty had been removed and everyone would be moving.

What followed was a mild case of depression. People who genuinely liked working their shifts, districts, supervisors and with coworkers would be moving to new territory in some cases, and working with new people in almost all cases. Some of the most senior officers had worked out of 47 and Burnside for more years than the most junior officer had been out of diapers.

In my short six months on SE Nights, I saw a high level of camaraderie among the relief. Everyone generally believed that they had something special in how well they were able to work with each other.

All will go on to new adventures: Some will ride horses or motors, some might inherit a K-9 partner, some might carry machine guns, and others will don a suit and tie and walk through crime scenes. A few will continue to do what they've done for years – wear the blue suit and work the neighborhoods they know well.

The city is lucky to have this caliber of individuals. They are the thin blue line between chaos and civility.

Sunday, June 7, the people that worked the previous night converged on Katie O'Brien's for a last supper (or breakfast) of sorts. Some good stories were told and there were plenty of laughs. Plans were made to continue to meet for coffee near new precinct boundaries and the discussion turned to the first reunion of SE Nights of 2009.

After the table was cleared, the bill had been paid, a silence fell over the group. People independently rose at the same time and headed for the door.

In a moment reminiscent of the final scene of the 2001 version of *Oceans 11* when the characters all watching the fountain at the Bellagio looked at each other, and slowly, one by one, walked away in different directions, the characters of SE Nights did the same.

Stay safe fellow warriors.

The Resort at the Mountain

A few weeks ago, my wife and I went to The Resort at the Mountain for a wedding. It was our first time at the resort and we came away very impressed. The resort has been redone and the rooms were absolutely top-shelf with brand new beds, plasma TV, granite countertops, and a large, luxurious bathroom.

We strolled around the resort and found it to be a pretty neat place with an outdoor pool and hot tub, tennis courts, croquet and lawn bowling area, and a 27-hole golf course.

The resort features "Wine on Nine" and "Hit and Giggle" golf events for the amateur as well as the tour pro golfer. There is also a spa for massages and other treatments for men and women.

For the kids, there are game and bike rentals, swing sets and slides, nearby trout farms as well as the Oregon Candy Farm. Horse riding and wagon rides can also be arranged.

Since the resort is in Welches, you are only a few minutes to year-round skiing on Mt. Hood and the resort rooms are set up to store your skis, snowboards and related clothing.

Visit their website (www.theresort.com) to find rates and additional information about The Resort at the Mountain. For most of us, it's no more than 1 ½ hours from home but worth the escape with friends or family.

Facebook

It has come to my attention, but not my surprise, that some local defense attorneys are trolling Facebook looking for incriminating statements by police officers that can be used in trials where the officers are witnesses.

The Rap Sheet has featured a couple of stories about officers getting jammed up over social networking sites and information obtained from them.

As a precautionary measure, you should have your pages set to private and you should consider the information publicly posted as potential evidence against you, even if it's satirical or humorous.

Perhaps you had an incident on your last shift where someone fought with you and got righteously tazed. Probably not a good idea to post that you "made a guy ride the lighting and do the funky chicken last night." Now, I made this up, but you get the idea!

The bottom line is to be smart about what information you post on social networking sites like Facebook lest you desire to answer potentially embarrassing questions on the stand.

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James Fleming,
former Rap Sheet editor
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P. A. R. T. Police Alcohol Recovery Team

P.A.R.T. is a group of officers who are recovering alcoholics in the Portland Police Bureau. We are made up of various ranks and come from various divisions of the Bureau. Our mission is to help alcoholics in the law enforcement community and their families achieve and maintain sobriety. We adhere to an ethical responsibility of confidentiality, which is a promise to an officer to reveal nothing about his or her circumstance to any other Bureau member.

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Letters

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On behalf of everyone at Doernbecher, thank you for your thoughtfulness and for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Sue Nichol, Executive Director
Doernbecher's Children's Hospital Foundation

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President's Message

indicate the need for someone to be disciplined, let's evaluate this a bit before passing judgment.

I readily acknowledge there is a difference between a calculated risk and a reckless one. I can't think of any officer who has been awarded the medal of valor who didn't put themselves in a situation where there was a significant safety risk — hence the term "valor." After all, valor means strength of mind or spirit that enables a person to encounter danger with firmness. "Encounter danger." Isn't that what we are paid to do? Isn't that what the citizens of Portland expect? Isn't that what we expect of our fellow officers? We are cops after all.

To put it bluntly, a person entering a burning building is doing a really stupid thing in the grand scheme of things. Yet, we expect our firefighters to do it. That's what they are paid to do. Approaching an armed subject on the street or pulling someone off the ledge of a bridge or building is also a really dumb thing to do. Yet, that's what the citizens expect our officers to do. That's what we are paid to do. But if you analyze the words used above as it relates to discipline, they could clearly apply to situations where officers are commended as well.

Where is the line between commendation and condemnation? Between valor and discipline? Between an officer who emerges from a tactical situation as a hero and another who took a similar action and is chastised for using poor judgment?

Some believe it's more a matter of who you are rather than what you did. Some believe it's the outcome that makes the difference. I'd like to believe it is intent. I'd like to believe that any officer entering into a tactical situation in good faith will not have to face their actions being split into an "either/or" when it comes to commendation versus condemnation.

What I do know is this; as long as our members enter into a tactical situation in good faith to do the job we expect them to do, I believe it is one of the PPA's primary functions to do everything in its power to stand up for, defend and protect them from the disciplinary process. I believe that's what the membership expects from the PPA.

Lessons Learned

by Captain James Harvey
Retired PPB

No man steps into the same river twice

I no longer make decisions. I simply stand back and watch things happen to me.

In the past, when I decided upon a course of action, my wife, Beverly, would argue that I should take a different approach. Having yielded on numerous occasions to other ways of doing things, my preferred option these days is, "I don't care."

That brought about a revelation. Left without anything to challenge except her own idea, Beverly began to produce alternative courses of action to her own plan. Interesting to watch!

Recently we have been involved in an organization of mostly women organizing space in a building for a plant sale. Five or six women were trying to decide how two 50' x 25' tarps should be laid to protect the flooring. Each of the ladies was trying to direct this effort. It was like a leadership test. Who would rise to the top? Who would win the contest of wills?

Now consider the "precinct consolidation" plan.

Only a few retirees would know where Southwest Precinct

once stood. The wooden frame building belonged to the Water Bureau in Multnomah in 1955. It had just two radio districts and possibly a walking district. I was there. It was a strange place to work. It has long been abandoned.

I was in Central Precinct at SW 3rd and Oak (or 2nd and Pine), East Precinct at SE 7th and Alder, and the Penumbra Kelly building when it housed the Traffic Division. The City has experience in closing and relocating precincts. It now appears North Precinct, yet another place where I once worked, is destined to close in the consolidation plan.

Officer Gary Manougian's article, "Precinct Consolidation ..." in the May 2009 issue of *The Rap Sheet* presented an excellent, well thought out alternative plan. His logistical and operational analysis of the Police Bureau's announced consolidation plan shows serious shortcomings. His experience in patrol operations gives credence to his alternative recommendations.

I was in charge of the Training Division for over seven

years. I agree with Manougian's assessment that the Training Division would not fit in the North Precinct building in St. Johns.

The thought of Central Precinct spanning the Willamette River brings with it a host of operational problems. Manougian's analysis is right on.

I would hope that a rush into the proposed change can be avoided. Like other plans Mayor Sam Adams has pushed in the few months he has been in office, there is a need for careful analysis rather than haste.

The final reorganization will be in place for many years. I am reminded of what a gifted history professor from the University of California, Berkeley, Armin Rappaport, once told me: "No man steps into the same river twice." That's a simple analogy — the river is constantly moving and changing. So is the city. It is essential to carefully plan the reorganization of the Bureau and do it well. Mistakes will be costly.

Lessons Learned:

1. Some emergency situations require that a commander take charge — the principle of "unity of command."
2. When crisis management isn't the issue, a more careful planning process will include input from all levels in the organization.
3. Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance is more than a slogan. No one steps in the same river twice.



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Treasurer's Report

by Sergeant Dave Dabler
Secretary-Treasurer

PPA Vacation and Rental Property (VARP)

What is it and why should I care?

MONETARY BACKGROUND

As most of us are aware, a large percentage of PPA members have paid for short and long term disability (through Standard Insurance) and as an association we have done so for many years. Several years ago there was an excess in monetary reserves. This excess was generated by fewer than expected claims and interest earnings on long term disability policies. This, along with, Standard's 1998 decision to convert from a mutual insurance company to a stock company led to the Standard demutualization proceeds being paid out to the PPA. This process did not take place until Standard went public toward the latter part of 1999.

This demutualization process

required distribution of surplus assets to the PPA. The PPA's share of the demutualization proceeds were attributable to contributions made by PPA members dating back to the 1970s. This was all figured into a formula calculated by actuaries and was based on how many policies the PPA had, the face value of the policies, and how long the PPA been paying our premiums. Standard Insurance determined how much the PPA contributed to the equity of the company. Translating the PPA's equity shares into dollars was not possible until the price of stock was determined at the time of the Initial Public Offering. Standard Insurance sent its policyholders a 72-page booklet outlining the company's conversion plan. That infor-



The home selected is near the beach a block away from the ocean. The home is a brand new two story home with three bedrooms, wood floors downstairs and granite countertops. The home we selected was initially intended to sell for about \$480,000.00. However, we purchased this home for \$300,000.00. Doug Justus and Andy Edgecomb have helped out Jim McCausland who has done a ton of work on this project. Scott Westerman and I have arranged for the utilities and we are in the final stages of furnishing this home. It will have nice televisions in all the bedrooms and in the family room downstairs, a security system and quality interior furnishings. One of the last phases before we rent this home out to the membership is to get the kitchen properly equipped with the usual items. We should be ready to rent the home out no later than September. A lot of time and consideration has gone into getting this project done right for our members. Everything from forming the LLC, establishing bylaws, opening a VARP bank account, purchasing and closing on the home, shopping for insurance, picking the proper quality of the electronics and furniture.

mation helped convince more than 90 percent of Standard's policyholders to approve the conversion. The initial price of the stock was \$23.75, and it has been as high as \$52 per share. Standard Insurance transferred

demutualization checks totaling several hundreds of thousands of dollars to the PPA.

Federal guidelines mandate that demutualization monies must be used for specific purposes like a daycare or health care facility and yes, vacation properties. This money cannot be used for negotiations. The use of these authorized facilities must be open to members (past and present) who were responsible for paying into Standard Insurance throughout the years. Many law enforcement and fire service unions have vacation properties specifically for this reason. Many unions have several such properties and have made investments in one property, later selling them to purchase multiple properties.

VACATION PROPERTY

The PPA has been talking about doing something with these demutualization monies for some time. Six years ago, the Executive Board voted to purchase a vacation property with this money. In the last three months the PPA Executive Board has taken on this task, getting a huge amount of work done in a very short time. I set up a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) to protect the assets of the PPA. This LLC is called the PPA Vacation and Rental Property (VARP). The VARP has its own board of directors

and has now had two meetings to discuss these outstanding funds, what to do with them, and to adopt initial bylaws governing the VARP Board. About two months ago Jim McCausland, Andy Edgecomb and Doug Justus were authorized by the board to be the committee to look into a vacation property on the Oregon Coast. In short order and on their own time, they evaluated 20 different homes roughly within two hours of Portland. A final decision was made to purchase a home in late May.

HOW TO RENT THE VARP

Many of you have already asked how are we going to rent it and who chooses. Many other unions have a lottery system to establish who gets to use the VARP. The VARP Board will meet early next month to decide the particulars. We will be looking at the costs associated with renting the VARP which will only be rented to PPA members. A PPA member must be on site to get a key or alarm access to the VARP, there will be no subletting of this home. It is for our members and their families. We hope the cost will be about 50% of the market rate for a similar house, but we are not sure how much interest there will be during all times of the week and/or year so the rules and nightly cost may change a bit over time.

In mid July we will be posting more information about how to rent this home in a specific area of the PPA website. We are currently looking into a property management company who will be checking on the property for us, cleaning, doing laundry and etc. That process should be finished in the very near future and, as you might imagine, has an impact on the nightly cost of renting the home. The VARP Board is not looking to make money on the nightly rental, just to break even paying; insurance, utility, maintenance and administrative costs.

The specific location, more photos and details about our VARP will be posted on the PPA website in the Members Only area, in the near future.

The financial end of the VARP is run by me with board oversight, and an independent outside audit which will happen annually, starting next year. The same checks and balances for the PPA and *Rap Sheet* apply to the VARP.

Guns-Gavel-Gurney Golf Tourney aids the Sunshine Division

Det. Paul Dolbey
Detective Division

Thanks to the generous contributions from sponsors and eager participants, the annual Guns-Gurney-Gavel (GGG) Golf Tournament turned a day of fun into a fundraiser for those in need.

The tournament, which includes participants from various police agencies, prosecutors' offices and the Oregon State Police Forensic Lab, raised \$1,000 for the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division.

In the past the tournament's purpose was simply a day of golfing, networking and all-around fun.

This year the organizers wanted to use the event to help community members affected by the current economic crises.

Event organizer Mark Sponhauer said, "With the increasing demands placed on area food banks in these tough economic times, we felt this was the least we could do

to help those in need."

A big thank you goes out to the GGG sponsors who ensured this event's success. Binh Quach deserves special recognition for his generous financial contribution as does the Portland Police Association. GGG also wishes to thank Home Depot, Starbucks, Adventis Credit Union and Red Robin for their help.

The organizers of GGG — Mark Slater, Mark Sponhauer, Erik Kammerer, Rico Beniga and Paul Dolbey — put on an outstanding tournament at the Rock Creek Country Club. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time while supporting this worthwhile cause.

Mark Slater added, "This event



ABOVE: Sergeant Pete Simpson (left) pays off his Civil War bet to Judge Eric Bergstrom (right) by wearing a University of Oregon golf shirt during the tournament.

was so successful that we plan to make GGG an annual fundraising event to aid local charities."

If you or your organization is interested in helping sponsor next year's GGG Golf Tournament please contact Paul Dolbey at 503.823.0457.

Helpful hints for parking at the Clackamas County Courthouse

Lt. Debbie Brent
Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

After reading "A Word of Advice when Attending Court in Clackamas County" in the April 2009 issue of *The Rap Sheet*, I was sorry to hear one of your officers had a poor experience while visiting the Clackamas County Courthouse. While I am not familiar with the particular situation involving your officer, I thought I would offer some helpful information for officers visiting the Clackamas County Courthouse.

The Clackamas County Courthouse is located in downtown Oregon City at 807 Main Street.

I'm sorry to say the public parking is sparse and controlled by the City of Oregon City. Marked law enforcement vehicles, including Clackamas County Sheriff's Office units, receive parking violation tickets from Oregon City, unless they are parked in eight-hour metered spaces. The eight-hour metered spaces are primarily located on 9th Street off Main Street and generally fill up early in the morning. If an officer parks a marked unit in a metered parking space that is designated less than eight hours, then they will need to



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plug the meter as well as move the vehicle at least two blocks once the meter is expired.

The downtown Oregon City parking situation may get worse as the City has plans in the near future to remove the eight-hour metered spaces. As of now, there are no plans to assist law enforcement with parking. However, there is a "park and pay" lot with daily parking available on Main Street between 12th and 13th Streets.

Police officers who come to the Clackamas County Courthouse on official business should go to the entrance located on 8th Street and identify themselves as such to the contracted private security screening officers. If in plain

clothes, officers will need to show their badge and commission card. If for some reason an officer has forgotten these two pieces of identification, please ask for a deputy to respond to verify his/her credentials.

If you need assistance prior to your visit here or during your visit at the Clackamas County Courthouse, the Sheriff's Office Civil Section has an office in Room 100 on the 1st floor. We can also be reached at 503.655.8855.

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Memories of St. John's Precinct

had a .22 rifle in the car and liked to hang out on the peninsula or Swan Island and shoot crows.

We shared the building with the fire department, but didn't mingle much. We had the main floor and they had the back and the upper floor. I think they spent most of their time sleeping. We had a locker room and a lunch room which was also shared with the PFD.

Earl Moore always kept a pot of coffee going. One of the guys told me he once counted the cups of coffee Earl drank during one shift. He drank 43. I guess that's why he was always so perky.

Carl B. Meeham was first night relief sergeant and was in his 70s. He loved baseball and had been a minor league player in his youth. He never ventured

outside the office and spent the shift listening to Portland Beavers baseball on the radio. He loved cigars, rarely smiled and never laughed.

The patrol cars were 1942 Ford coupes. We had an AM radio that allowed us to communicate with the dispatcher but no one else. They were unmarked with no emergency lights, no seat belts and no heaters or air conditioners. There was a siren (growler) mounted under the hood that was operated with a button — a little tricky if you were alone.

The second night sergeant was Manke. I don't know very much about him except that he loved greyhound racing. The only time he showed any animation was when he had a winner at the track.

Two notable men on that relief were Jack (John) Fraiser and Jack Sizer. Jack Sizer and I were both going to college on the GI Bill and he wound up

with a degree in journalism. One late night I was stranded with my wife and baby in Kenton in an old clunker that had died. Jack came by and with the patrol car and pushed that clunker all the way back to St. Johns.

My first night I was assigned to work with Fred Roadnight. Fred was a temporary who couldn't pass the physical for a permanent appointment. His right foot was deformed from a childhood bout with polio and his left leg was withered. He was a good cop and I learned a lot from him. He was later hired by Multnomah County.

Police work was different back then, but in some ways it was the same as it is today. To paraphrase an old oater from the 50s, "That's the way it happened... moving west."

Sgt. John Harp retired from the Portland Police Bureau on July 7, 1977 after 30 years of service. John can be reached by email at: harp1_salem@q.com.

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WomenStrength celebrates 30 years

Carolyne Haycraft
WomenStrength

Did you know that in the past 30 years WomenStrength has provided free workshops and classes to over 100,000 people in the Portland area? This is quite an accomplishment for the Portland Police Bureau, especially as the program operates with only one full-time paid employee, Sara Johnson, the WomenStrength director. In the past year, Johnson added a quarterly intermediate WomenStrength class as well as an entirely new GirlStrength program which will officially launch at the 30th anniversary celebration on July 25, 2009.

The 30th anniversary celebration will take place at the Jewish Middleman Community Center and will feature emcee, Dana Jeffries of K103 and live music by Portland's own Big Night Out. The event will kick-off with a silent auction attended by honored guests including the Commissioner of Police, Dan Salzman, the Chief of Police, Rosie Sizer and all five past and present WomenStrength directors.

Thirty years strong, WomenStrength still carries the

same mission statement it had in 1979: To reduce crime and fear of crime by providing comprehensive and accessible self-defense training to women and girls 13 years and older, as well as personal safety workshops available to both males and females. WomenStrength's philosophy is based on the notion that self-defense is an all encompassing skill that includes: building and maintaining confidence, verbal assertiveness and defense, personal safety planning and prevention, and physical skills that should be used only when all other options have been eliminated.

WomenStrength is unique because classes are free to women of all ages and backgrounds and cover a wide spectrum of skills including basic physical self-defense skills and domestic violence, dating violence and sexual assault awareness. The program is designed to create a space for women to identify and discuss risks and evaluate their own strengths as individuals and women, while also giving them numerous opportunities to practice verbal and physical defense strategies.

Johnson said the goal of the holistic self-defense classes "is to instill confidence and facilitate healing, while also teaching women and girls the skills to defend themselves. We believe every woman comes to class with 'tools' already in her self-defense 'toolbox.' WomenStrength simply adds more options to this toolbox."

WomenStrength currently has 40 part-time and full-time volunteer instructors. This April, the new volunteer instructors were honored with a graduation ceremony that was attended by Chief Rosie Sizer, Captain Chris Uehara, Lieutenant Jeff Kaer and family, friends and other WomenStrength instructors. Among the graduates honored this year was retired Assistant Chief Lynnae Berg.

New volunteer training and instructors

Most recently, under the leadership of Johnson, a group of veteran WomenStrength instructors worked together to create a quarterly intermediate class. Intermediate classes are now available to any woman or girl over 16 years of age who has taken a WomenStrength class and/or refresher class within a six-month period. The intermediate class builds on the basic

skills taught in prior WomenStrength classes and introduces students to other verbal and physical techniques as well as self-defense techniques that can be used against multiple attackers and attackers with weapons.

For more information about WomenStrength classes and safety workshops or the

free self-defense programs in the nation. It is the first free holistic self-defense program designed specifically for middle school girls, ages 11-14.

GirlStrength appeals to



ABOVE: WomenStrength Directors - (L-R) Stephanie Reynolds, Sara Johnson and Mary Otto

30th anniversary celebration, visit: www.portlandonline.com/police/WomenStrength or e-mail Sara Johnson at WomenStrength@portlandpolice.org. For a complete listing of available classes or information on Personal Safety Workshops call 503-823-0260.

The new GirlStrength program shares the same philosophy that has made WomenStrength one of the most successful and longest running

schools and educators because it is not a fear-based program. GirlStrength aims to demystify fear and empower girls in the process of learning self-defense so they can be strong, confident and assertive in their day-to-day lives. The goal of the program is to reduce a girl's vulnerability and heighten her awareness so her chances of needing to use the physical self-defense skills are lessened.

The curriculum was researched and developed by Johnson and Elysia Lindfield, a veteran WomenStrength instructor, during the summer of 2008. The eight-week program is the result of numerous interviews with parents, teachers, counselors and professionals in the field of sexual assault and dating violence. The driving question behind their research was: "What do girls in Portland schools need to help them stay safe?"

In November 2008, Carolyne Haycraft was hired to become the GirlStrength coordinator. The program is currently completing its pilot stage at Humboldt School, George Middle School, Oregon Episcopal School and was completed last fall at Catlin Gable and West Hills Christian School. It is available to any school in the Portland area. GirlStrength also offers three-hour workshops for community members and organizations that provide services to girls and boys. GirlStrength is currently receiving funding by a private donor. This funding is limited to three years and is to be used strictly for program development.

For more information about GirlStrength please visit: www.portlandonline.com/police/GirlStrength or contact Carolyne Haycraft at GirlStrength@portlandpolice.org, or by telephone at 503-823-0239.

Camp Withycombe project may create 1,300 jobs

Justin Carinci
Portland Daily Journal
of Commerce

A massive military project will change the landscape of historic Camp Withycombe in Clackamas County. Construction will begin this month on a 250,000-square-foot training center for National Guard and Reserve soldiers.

Hoffman Construction Co. will build the center, working in a design-build process with Barentine Bates Lee. The project will cost an estimated \$74 million.

That spending is projected to create more than 1,300 jobs, a fact that wasn't lost on the dignitaries that crowded into a tent with soldiers for the ground-breaking ceremony on May 29.

While construction will create 825 jobs, the facility itself will employ hundreds more, Gov. Ted Kulongoski said.

"It will be an important boost to our state and local economy in a difficult economic time," Kulongoski said.

Such a large project is certainly a boost to Hoffman during a recession, company President Wayne Drinkward said as he watched politicians and soldiers hoist ceremonial shovelfuls of dirt. "This is such a great time," he said. "So much work has fallen off."

Hoffman built a similar facility at the Bremerton, Wash., naval station, Drinkward said. The company also received kudos, during the ceremony, from Lynn Peterson,

chair of the Clackamas Board of County Commissioners.

The new training center will be well-built, if the Hoffman-built Clackamas County buildings are an indicator, Peterson said. "We know that because we work (in Hoffman buildings) on a daily basis," she said.

The project is part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process, which closed some military sites and consolidated others. Ten Oregon Army National Guard and eight Army Reserve units — a total of 1,307 people — will use the center.

Investing so many resources on the site, which has served as a training ground and rifle range over a century of military use, represents Oregon's commitment to its troops, said U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden. "This project has a simple message," he said. "We're going to be there for our Guard."

The National Guard is paying \$50

million for the project, the Reserve is contributing \$21 million and the state is contributing \$3 million. The center will house 887 Guard soldiers and 420 Reservists.

The center will include 41,000 square feet of administrative space, 13,500 square feet of classroom space and 87,500 square feet of storage space. Construction is scheduled to start June 26 and finish in August 2011, in time for occupancy on Sept. 10, 2011.

Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees encouraged soldiers and visitors to imagine the scope of the huge new project on the old training site. "Every building inside that perimeter is going to be torn down or moved to accommodate this," he said. "It's going to be massive."

For Hoffman, the project serves a dual purpose, Drinkward said. "It's exciting for us to get back into federal work and to support the military like this."

Capitol Police probe officers' Facebook pages

Gary Emerling
The Washington Post

U.S. Capitol Police officials are investigating allegations that several of the force's officers participated in online groups that posted degrading references to women and exulted in behavior such as attending strip clubs and excessive drinking.

An anonymous complaint addressed to the department contained the names of nine purported Capitol Police officers who were said to belong to a public group on the social networking site Facebook called the "Make-it-Rain Foundation for Underprivileged Hoes."

The group's home page includes an excerpt about the escapades of NFL player Adam "Pacman" Jones in which the former Dallas Cowboy and Tennessee Titan approached an exotic dancer on stage and threw \$1 bills into the air — an action known as "making it rain."

"Please join our foundation's mission by spreading the knowledge and pledging to help make it rain on the hoes in your life and the underprivileged hoes throughout the world," the group's page states. "If you are a hoe that is in need of rain, please look no further than the generous men gathered here to donate rain to your lives."

The Facebook page says the group has about 1,750 members.

The Washington Times was able to access Facebook pages for three of the purported officers whose names appear in the complaint, which was addressed to the department's Office of Professional Responsibility. A copy of the complaint was sent to *The Washington Times*.

One of the page profiles — which have not been accessible on the Web site since *The Times* began making inquiries — depicted a man who identified himself as a Capitol Police officer. Another showed a photograph of a man in a Capitol Police uniform posing outside the Capitol, and a third page contained several candid photographs of a man in a Capitol Police T-shirt. The pages also contained personal infor-

mation, such as members' birth dates, cities of residence and photographs.

All three of the profiles identified their owners as members of the Make-it-Rain group.

One of the three men also listed himself as a member of the "He-Man Woman Hater's Club" and founded a Facebook group called "Passed Out in Trashcans" — a three-member group geared toward "anyone else that has woken up from a long night of drinking to find themselves in the trashcan."

Four other names listed in the anonymous complaint were found among a list of Make-it-Rain members, but *The Times* could not access the personal pages of those men.

Two other names in the complaint were not found among listed members of the group.

A day after *The Times* attempted to contact the purported officers through their public Facebook profiles, the three profiles had been made inaccessible and six of the seven names had been removed from the list of members.

When reached by phone, one of the men confirmed an identifying characteristic of his Facebook page and said that he worked for the Capitol Police, but he denied knowing anything about the "Make-it-Rain" group. The other two men could not be reached for comment, and *The Times* could not confirm that any of the other men were Capitol Police officers.

Capitol Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kimberly Schneider said officials were unaware of officers' memberships in the groups and could not confirm their identities.

However, she said the allegations had been forwarded to the force's Office of Professional Responsibility to begin an inquiry. She said the department has a code of conduct that serves as a "set of professional standards" to govern officers both on and off the clock.

"It's the policy of the department that all employees maintain the highest professional standards of conduct in both their private lives and in their official capacities to protect the integrity of the department,"

Sgt. Schneider said.

The chairman of the Fraternal Order of Police bargaining unit that represents Capitol Police officers declined to comment on the issue.

Salley Collins, a spokeswoman for the Republican office of the House Administration Committee — which has oversight of the Capitol Police department through its subcommittee on Capitol security — said complaints regarding the officers were unsubstantiated pending the outcome of the internal review, but that the committee was monitoring the process.

"The committee is aware of the complaint and will monitor the department's internal review of the matter," she said.

The U.S. Capitol Police force is charged with protecting 535 lawmakers and a 47-square-block radius in and around the Capitol. Officers also have federal police authority throughout the United States.

The recent proliferation of online media and social networks has led to a host of once-private moments being made embarrassingly public, and the increased disclosures also have created a new surveillance mechanism for law enforcement agencies to use against criminals, and their own.

The *New York Post* reported in January that the New York Police Department began sifting through the Facebook and MySpace pages of would-be officers while the recruits looked on in an effort to eliminate undesirable candidates.

The practice helped officials in one instance remove from consideration a candidate who had a picture of himself jokingly pointing a gun at a friend.

In Washington state, a state patrol cadet reportedly was forced to resign in January after a complaint about content on his Facebook page that included vulgar language and a picture of himself drinking out of a pitcher of beer.

A Kennewick, Wash., police officer was fired in November after posting comments on his blog about his time at the police academy.

Yahoo Sports reported in May that NFL teams monitor social networking sites to gain information about draft prospects, even using the practice of "ghosting" — creating a fake profile to get added by a player and have access to his page — to help uncover questionable content.



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New programs put crime stats on the map

By Bobby White
Wall Street Journal

When a burglar broke into a home on the outskirts of Riverdale Park, Md., last month, some locals quickly received an email alert about the incident. Once police confirmed the crime on the scene, they followed up with a more thorough email disclosing the time, location and type of crime.

The alert is part of a crime-information service that the Riverdale Park Police Department provides its residents about illegal activity in their neighborhoods. "It helps us keep the public informed," says Teresa Chambers, police chief of Riverdale Park, a suburb of Washington, D.C. "It's also a way for us to solicit help [from residents] in solving some of these crimes."

Across the country, Americans can increasingly track crime trends block by block as more police departments contract with Internet-based crime-mapping services. Since 2007, more than 800 police departments have begun working with Web sites like CrimeMapping.com, CrimeReports.com and EveryBlock.com. The services take live feeds from police record-keeping systems and automatically post the data on their sites.

While the Web sites are free for consumers, they charge police departments about \$200 a month to participate and they also sell advertising.

Police say they use the sites to help change citizens' behavior toward crime and encourage dialogue with communities so that more people might offer tips or leads. Some of the sites have crime-report blogs that examine activity in different locales. They also allow residents to offer tips and report crimes under way.

Police have traditionally depended on media reports and community meetings to inform the public about neighborhood crime. Many departments have been reluctant to share too much information with the public out of concern it could be used as a political tool, says Thomas Casady, police chief of Lincoln, Neb. But the rise of

Web services that publish records online has forced some of the departments to reconsider. Some of these sites operate independently of the police department, putting pressure on police to participate, Mr. Casady says.

In Utah, Attorney General Mark Shurtleff says he lobbied the state legislature for funding to allow all of Utah's local police departments to link their record-keeping files with CrimeReports.com's back-office systems in late 2007. About 80% of the state's local departments have since signed up, he says. "We wanted to stoke citizen involvement," Mr. Shurtleff says. "We don't expect vigilantes but we do want people to be aware and play a greater role in confronting illegal activity in their community."

To track crime trends, consumers type an address or city into a search query on the web sites. Small icons representing types of crime, like auto theft or aggravated assault, appear on a map. Users can set the parameters for a search, including a specific time period. Law enforcement can add comments or ask the public for more information about an incident.

Work in progress

Some Web services are still a work in progress. Occasionally, some get the location of a crime wrong because of glitches in their underlying software. Several of the services also use programs that scan law-enforcement Web sites and grab old information.

Many crime sites, including CrimeReports.com and CrimeMapping.com, began sprouting up in 2007, with the launch of Google Maps. An Internet-enabled mapping service that provides satellite images for most

urban areas, Google Maps gave crime mapping a cost-effective foundation. The crime-mapping services were then able to focus exclusively on software

family properties she manages.

When a crime appears on the site, Ms. Horensavitz sends out

web service has sparked more dialogue between residents and her department. Residents now often ask for more details on specific crime alerts or inquire when spotting trends whether the police will step up patrols on a certain block, she says. It has also led to some tips from the public that have resulted in arrests. Last year, for instance, 66-year-old Riverdale Park resident Louis King noticed some suspiciously heavy foot traffic at a neighbor's house. Mr. King, an active

user of CrimeReports.com since 2007, says he monitored the site for arrests at the house. When he didn't see any after a few months, he alerted police. His tip led to increased patrols in the neighborhood and in August, police made an arrest for a domestic disturbance.

"I'm always chatting with police about what I see on the site," says Mr. King. "It's the perfect tool to stay informed about what's going on around you."

that recognized addresses and build systems capable of pulling data from police records. "Google Maps gave us an easy and efficient platform to work with," says Talal Albagbadi, director of marketing for Omega Group, a San Diego, Calif., crime-analytics software provider that runs CrimeMapping.com.

The Web services remain small -- CrimeReports.com says it has 70,000 users and CrimeMapping.com says it has 3,000 users -- but consumers who use them say the services have made them feel safer. Robin Harmstom, a mother in Salt Lake City, Utah, began using CrimeReports.com a year ago after attending a community meeting and learning a neighbor's home had been burglarized.

After logging on to the site, Ms. Harmstom, 35, learned that a rash of robberies had occurred in her neighborhood a few blocks from her home. Afterward, she made sure to lock all windows and doors and pay closer attention to unusual activity around the neighborhood. "Before this, I rarely talked to my neighbors," says Ms. Harmstom, adding that she has since become more involved in community meetings.

Other consumers are integrating the services into their workplace. Linda Horensavitz, a property manager with Flower Hill Central Corp. in Gaithersburg, Md., says she checks CrimeReports.com every morning to help keep tabs on crime around the 2,000 apartment units, townhouses and single-



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notifications to civic groups and homeowner associations at some of the properties. That helps prevent more break-ins, which leads to lower maintenance costs at the properties. "It's a great way to utilize technology to get the word out," she says.

Tips from the public

In Riverdale Park, Ms. Chambers, the police chief, says the

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Kicking a gang member

Rodriguez was no doubt "distracted" by the kick, but even if such a kick were allowed under department policy (which I doubt), it certainly was not the proper tactic to employ at that time. The officer instead should have placed himself behind some kind of cover and waited for help to arrive before attempting to approach the suspect.

But as any cop can tell you, adrenaline is powerful stuff. My guess is that the officer in question, after a long and very stressful pursuit, ran into that yard not knowing that the suspect had given up, instead fully expecting a violent confrontation with him. When he turned the corner and saw the suspect lying on the grass, he was in effect like a bullet that had already been fired. He failed in that moment to re-program himself for the nonviolent

conclusion that was unexpectedly but appropriately called for. In so failing, he endangered himself and his fellow officers by risking an altercation that might have resulted in a shooting, and he made them all look bad in the process.

News reports have identified the officer as a 15-year veteran of the department. Surely in that time he has posted a track record that would indicate whether the kick was part of a pattern or an aberration. If the former, perhaps it's time for him to find another line of work. If the latter, let him accept and learn from whatever punishment the process may demand, and then get back to work. Someone has to be willing to go out and chase the Robert Rodriguezes of the world.

Jack Dunphy is an officer in the Los Angeles Police Department. "Jack Dunphy" is the author's nom de cyber. The opinions expressed are his own and almost certainly do not reflect those of the LAPD management.

At White House event, law enforcement groups back Sotomayor

By Michael A. Fletcher and Jerry Markon
The Washington Post

Eight national law enforcement groups endorsed the Supreme Court nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, saying the former prosecutor is tough but compassionate judge who has performed ably on the front lines of the nation's criminal justice system.

Joined by Vice President Biden, the law enforcement officials announced their support for Sotomayor at an event at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, next to the White House.

As conservative critics have sought to focus on several Sotomayor speeches where she argued that her view of the law is shaped in part by her experience as a Latina growing up in the projects in New York City, the White House and Sotomayor's supporters have played up her long record as a prosecutor,

corporate lawyer, trial judge and appeals court judge.

Biden said too few people were talking about her "tough stands on criminals and her unyielding commitment to finding justice for the victims of crimes."

Joseph Cassilly, President of the National District Attorneys Association, praised Sotomayor's "deep understanding" of the law and her "thorough" use of legal precedent.

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Mongenthau, who hired Sotomayor when she graduated from Yale Law School, said she was "always a step ahead of the rest of us." He said some judges like to intimidate young prosecutors, but "nobody intimidates Sonia Sotomayor."

Conservative legal experts derided the White House event, saying the administration is painting Sotomayor as pro-law enforcement when she is actually a liberal judicial activist on

criminal matters.

"This whole effort to portray Sotomayor as kind of a 'hang 'em high judge' is beyond putting a little spin on the ball ... it's really blatantly misleading," Wendy E. Long, counsel for the Manassas, Va.-based Judicial Confirmation Network, said on a conference call. She and the other two experts on the call acknowledged they had not seen the White House event or read a transcript.

Ed Whelan, president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, criticized Sotomayor's record in several criminal cases, including a 2000 case in which she backed African-American plaintiffs from a small town in New York who had sued for discrimination after police stopped them on the street based on an elderly woman's description of her attacker as black. "That's an approach to criminal investigations that would hamper the police," Whelan said.

President Obama spends time with Phillies, not police, on May 15

By Officer Matt Young
West Chester (OH) Police Department

This email was received at The Rap Sheet and has been verified by the editor. It has been edited for clarity.

For those of you who do not know, I was in Washington D.C. May 10-16 for "Police Week." It is a week to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving as a law enforcement officer in the United States. I attended with the Honor Guard team from my police department

The week is filled with various events to honor fallen police officers and their families. To provide you with just a little background, May 15 was established by President John F. Kennedy as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the calendar week of May 15 is known as "Police Week" according to Presidential Proclamation 537.

The point of this story is to

inform you of something I believe everyone should be aware of: President Barack Obama did not attend this event.

This may seem insignificant, but every year for the past 21 years the president, regardless of political affiliation, has given a speech on May 15 on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to the family members of fallen heroes.

I am sure the president has more pressing issues to focus on than attending a ceremony for the widows, parents, and children of fallen police officers.

It is understandable he may have needed to miss the ceremony for a more urgent matter and I say that with all seriousness.

But at the time of the ceremony where do you think President Obama was? He was giving a tour of the White House to the 2008 World Series Champion Philadelphia Phillies. I know the Phillies are impor-

tant and all, but the man could not take 30 minutes out of his day to take a short car ride 10 minutes down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol, give a 10 minute speech and then drive back to the White House?

This is not a political issue and has nothing to do with being a Democrat, Republican, Green Party, Independent, or whatever other political affiliation you may have chosen. This is about honoring fallen officers and paying your respects. It is obvious we know where President Obama stands when it comes to supporting your local, state, and federal law enforcement officers.

I feel everyone should know what occurred on May 15, 2009. You will probably not hear this in the mainstream media so I would encourage you to share this with anyone and everyone you want.

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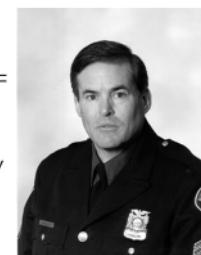
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Retirees Corner

by Lieutenant Bob Roberts
PPB Retired

If you didn't make it to the "Over the Hill Gang" lunch on April 22nd, then you missed a great presentation. It was well attended.

We had a smaller bunch of "Bobs" this time, which included **Cox, Wiskoff, Braaten, Tobin** and me. We also had **Dave Edstrom, Bud Bladow, Hal Gowing, Randy Pulley, Chuck Bryant, Bud Lewis, Glen Griffiths** and **Mace Flye**.

Our speaker was a Special Agent from the FBI, who is assigned to the Regional Computer Forensics Lab. Joel Brillhart has been doing computer science for some time, and their main work consists of child porn and computer fraud. Their lab not only works on FBI things but also for local Law Enforcement agencies as well.

He told of several cases that they have worked on, as well as demonstrating how it works and how they make cases.

When my wife **Linda** heard what the speaker was going to

talk about she wanted to join me. We also had **Dick and Doris Kuntz, and Eleanor Nasby**.

The food was good, as usual, and no one went away hungry. Since I was close to the desserts, I had three. I was able to hide the fact by putting one empty in front of my wife, and one in front of **Wiskoff**.

Matt Bisenius was a few minutes late in arriving, so he missed out on his usual seat at our table. Others enjoying the presentation were **Roger Haven, Norm Rosenbloom, John Kirkland** and **Dana Tawney**

Again, remember that we meet, informally, the 4th Wednesday of each month at 11:30am, The Refectory, NE 122nd and Halsey. We don't always have a speaker, but we always eat a fine lunch. **Norm Rosenbloom** does a fine job of putting out the info in advance on the internet.

Since May 11th was the second Monday of the month, I got

out of bed early, 5:30am, and got an early start for the monthly breakfast at Denny's. At least I thought I would be early. It was before 7am, but over a half dozen were already seated. This included **Bob Westlund** and his daughter, **Cindy, Scotty Field, Denny Baker, Dallas Taggart** and **Lee Cromwell**. **Lee** was celebrating his 84th birthday today.

Rick Olsen rode his cycle in, and I admitted I should have. **Bob LaGae** arrived and **Jerry Klinger** wasn't far behind. **Paul Wickersham, Gary Fantz** and **Peter Bates** joined us.

Mike Brandon came down from the coast, and said he was going to the firing range for the qualification to carry in other States. I forgot to put the info in the last Newsletter, but **Norm Rosenbloom** did a good job of getting it out on the internet.

One of our old bike crew members arrived, and it was good to see him, **Ken McClure**. I hadn't seen **Ken** in years. The group was rounded out with the arrival of **Ray Gericke, Bob Dorney, Glen Griffiths** and **Ken Zapp**,

All kinds of conversations

were going on, and we discussed the infamous raid on the biker's house in St Johns when **Dave Crowther** was killed, plus a few other subjects. **Bob LaGae** said he is making another trip to Canada in a few days, and taking his chainsaw.

One thing about it, we never run out of things to talk about. We discussed with **Denny Baker** his working with the "Cold Case Squad", and how interesting it was.

So join us, the second Monday of each month, 7am, Denny's, 12101 SE 82nd Avenue.

I managed to make it to a couple of "Pig N' Pancake" breakfasts. On May 1st, **Sue** and **Mel Nilsen** brought two of their grandkids along. **Hal Gowing** arrived, feeling much better after fighting some kind of bug for weeks. **Eleanor Nasby** was there also, in spite of having her chemo the day before, which usually leaves her pretty wiped out.

Lee Cromwell and **Walt Wier** joined us, and I brought **Linda Ross Neely** was in town for something, and decided to drop in.

May 8th saw about the same group, except **Lee** brought **Jeanne** with him, and **Ginny** came and said that **Bob Cosby** was in and adult foster care place on SE 181st, N. of Division. I believe it is called "Encore".

While we were in Florida, I understand that only two showed up for the breakfast. We missed seeing **Al Dean**, but he traveled to Ft. Carson, Colorado, to see his grandson. He is an Army Medic, and is home on leave from Iraq.

May 22nd brought **Al Dean** back into the fold, and we also had **Mel** and **Sue Nilsen, Lee Cromwell, Walt Wier**, and since it was **Linda's** birthday, they put a candle in a chocolate mint and put it on her plate. So everyone sang "Happy birthday".

Speaking of Iraq, We had a visit from one of my grandsons, **Bob Jr's** middle son, who had just got back from Camp Roberts, was federalized, and is now heading for Georgia for more training before being deployed to Iraq.

Maybe some of you "older folks will remember a character in the old "Lil Abner" cartoon called "Joe Btsfk." Joe always had this little black cloud hanging over his head, usually with rain coming down. Well, we traveled to Depoe Bay mid February for our anniversary. The next morning we woke up to snow on the ground, and snowing hard. Also, we had

been planning a trip to Hawaii for several months, and were able to go in April to Maui. It rained several times during our week there, including one day of nothing but rain.

Then, on May 13th, we scheduled a trip to Tampa, Florida for a WWII convention. We landed at Tampa about 5pm, and it started to rain. By the time our shuttle picked us up to go to the hotel, it was thundering and lightning, and raining so hard that dozens of cars pulled off the road because they couldn't see. It rained and thundered every day we were there, every afternoon and evening.

The morning we left the "Sunshine State", it was raining. I called my daughter in Sandy, and she said it was a beautiful day here. When we deplaned at PDX, it was raining, about 9pm. My daughter picked us up and she said it started to rain as she was about half way to the airport. So, at times I feel like "Joe Btsfk."

On May 12th, The Portland Police Bureau held the annual Police Memorial Service, at the Memorial wall in Waterfront Park under the Hawthorne Bridge.

It started sharply at 12 noon, with the Police Highland Guard, bagpipes and drums performing the prelude. The Honor Guard entered with an impressive rifle exercise, and then posted the Colors.

Taps were played by **Rod Lucich**, while the old flag was retired. Then the new flag was raised, and placed at half mast. **Rod Lucich** then sang the National Anthem.

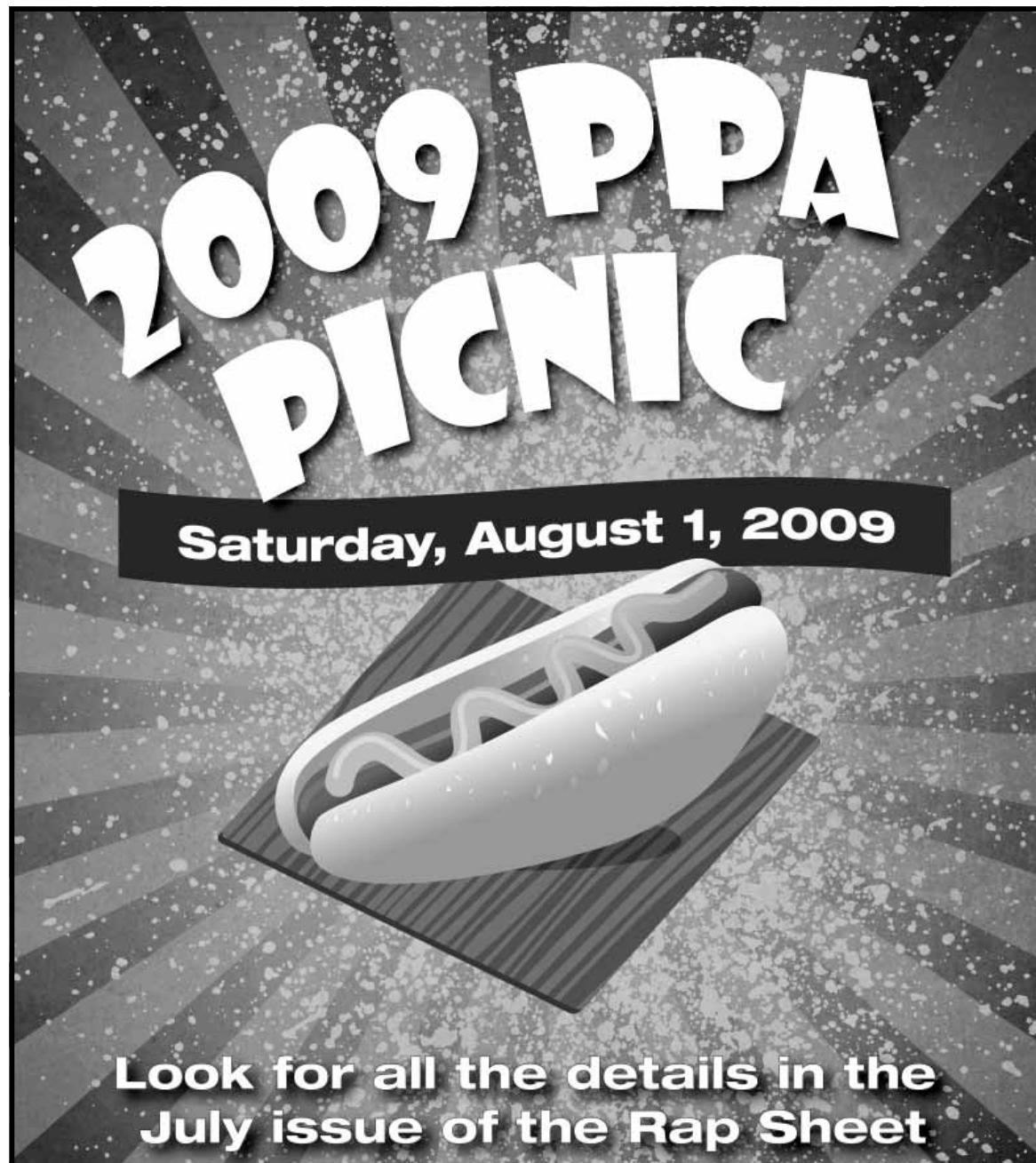
The invocation was given by Chaplain Charles Hunter. The Master of Ceremonies was Detective Mary Wheat, and Commissioner Dan Saltzman read the Mayor's Proclamation. The next speaker was Officer Dave Dobler, Secretary-Treasurer of the PPA. Chief Rosie Sizer was the next speaker

The commemoration of deceased officers was given by Sgt Charlie Brown and Officer Charles Lovell. As each name of the deceased officers was read, the Portland Police Cadets, assisted by the 4th grade class of Archer Glen Elementary School, placed roses on the wall.

The Honor Guard fired a twenty-one gun salute, as the Fire Bureau's fire boat shot streams of red, white and blue water into the air.

The "missing rider" formation was next, and then the Highland Guard performed Amazing Grace,

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A cop's view of citizen review

Police work is a profession whose practitioners are placed into situations where life can hang in the balance. Our willingness to stand in the gap between the evil in our society and those oblivious to its presence is a mystery to the average person.

I am proud to be a member of our profession. I believe it is a calling, a ministry, a mission.

When one of our own goes bad we are our own harshest critics and become nauseous with disgust. We weed out the weakest links with bravado unlike any other profession because we rely on each other more than most professions. These are facts, not perceptions.

Still, the lies about our occupation from liberal leftist loudmouths are accepted as a warped reality. We are blamed for having the audacity to actually chase a criminal, fight with him and, in the aftermath, joke with each other as the adrenaline dump courses through our bodies and our minds deal with the fact that we could have been killed.

The spineless politicians who should know better and actually stand at our side in solidarity

would rather join the drone of idiocy and hack away at our moral, pride and esteem.

I don't blame the activists for what has become of our organization. They are at least consistent and have sincere beliefs if not sincere deceptions. I can accept their ignorance.

What bothers me is that we as a body of professionals have stood back and allowed the lies to become a sort of twisted truth. We have cowed to the politicians among us who are more interested in advancement to a higher rank than contending for the truth. They have swallowed the Kool-Aid diluted with the poison of ambition and forgotten what our job is really about. It's about the person next to you and the battle between real good and real evil. Instead we turn on each other. Because of the noise outside our

fraternity we propagate a cancer within.

When doctors, lawyers or politicians are scrutinized, it is by their peers. When a lawyer uses his or her position to excuse criminal or unethical behavior, their Bar Association judges their actions and dispenses punishment. They do not ask Paul the pipe fitter's opinion nor do they check the local newspaper's editorial page for direction.

When a doctor makes an error inside the chest of a heart patient during surgery, he or she is scrutinized by other doctors who have actually cracked open a chest with a beating heart. They don't find a community organizer who is particularly proficient at the game of Operation to adjudicate the error.

Why do we as an organization of professionals allow oblivious outsiders or ancient associations to arbitrate our actions? The fight over citizen oversight may have been lost, but I for one refuse to bow to their ridiculous findings or be judged by their deceived notion of truth (lies).

What are we stuck with in the aftermath of this wave of minority descent regarding police function in society? What is behind this push for "Citizen Oversight" and who is supposedly overseeing us in light of this so-called, new transparency?

The far from "Independent" Police Review is managed by

politicians, inexperienced community members and lawyers, not cops. The smatterings of retired cops inside the division are relegated to answering phone calls from internally encouraged, well-meaning citizens and some outright ignoramuses, antagonists and cop-haters.

I heard a new employee of this division tell an audience of concerned citizens at a community meeting her only experience was that of a community organizer in Canada. No police work, no knowledge of criminal justice. She went on to extol the virtue that her job was to encourage and empower those in society who "feel" they do not have a voice and "encourage them to complain about police." This psychological slip was quickly corrected with her obligatory, "Oh, and they can give compliments, too!"

This new "independent" police critic's words showed the true transparency of this division. A transparency built on the principle that the existential eclipses any exactness of truth or ulterior motivation.

The review board's 2008 annual report is filled with self accolades and applause. The report touted "significant changes" with the hiring of a defense attorney from the Metropolitan Public Defenders office as an achievement. The report states this new employee "has a strong reputation for professionalism and objectivity, and extensive investigative experience." Sounds like a description of a good cop rather than an ambulance chaser.

The Police Assessment Resource Center (PARC) is aligned with the City of Portland in a circle of self gratification — it makes the City look serious about police reform and PARC can say they helped us so other cities can follow Portland's "lead." PARC is managed by and consults with lawyers and former police administrators who haven't donned a badge or taken a police call in over 30 years. How can they have any real understanding of today's police work? Yet they have been successful in political circles as self-appointed experts on police.

What is behind this organization is something more sinister and frightening to me.

PARC was started by two extreme leftist organizations which are listed as "partners" on their website — The Vera Institute of Justice and the Ford Foundation. The Vera Institute was started in 1961 by philan-

thropist Louis Schweitzer and magazine editor Herb Sturz. Both have ties to extreme left groups such as the Pacifica Foundation and the Open Society Institute which is part of the Soros foundation. George Soros is an extreme leftist (moveon.org). There is nothing moderate about either founder of this institute. Take a peek at The Ford Foundation website and you will see how this organization bows left.

My wife is earning college credits toward her Bachelors degree online and recently finished a biology class at Florida Tech. I browsed through the textbook for the class and to my surprise neither the writer nor any contributing consultant for the text was a biologist. The contributors to the book included an editor from the *New York Times* among others, but not one of the dozen or so had a title or Ph.D. in any life science. This college is not a diploma mill; it's an NCAA Division I school.

This kind of ridiculous hypocrisy is not peculiar to academia. These police critics have motivations that tear at the fabric of our organization and will adversely affect society. The harm they do today in this city will be exposed years after I am gone. They believe they can fix what is not broken and write the book on police work without even holding a Ph.D. in it.

I am not saying police officers can't improve what we do and how we do it. I am saying effective ideas about change won't come from those outside the expertise of our profession.

Many of the problems we face as police is because we hire from the human race. Still, we as a brother/sisterhood are far less morally bankrupt than any other profession out there. We do not need a bunch of self-righteous, pharisaic leftist lawyers lamenting our profession. Perhaps they should remove the plank from their own eyes before trying to remove the speck from ours.

I know that as officers our hearts, motivations and integrity are pure. The politicians, lawyers and self-proclaimed cop critics who argue that fact are transposing their own short comings and inadequacies on the good men and women who wear the badge.

Maybe we should identify them for who they are. Oh, I just did!

That's my Poyntblanck perspective.

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followed by the benediction, given by Chaplain Mike Wilson. The ceremony was ended by the retirement of the colors.

There were quite a few retirees, but I was glad to see Judge Kim Frankel there. A rain shower had come over right at the end, and this lady came up to me and called me by name, but she was wearing a hooded coat and dark glasses. It turned out to be her. I haven't seen Judge Frankel in many years.

We belatedly learned that **Norm Rosenbloom** had a heart attack and was in the hospital four days. They put a stint in and he says he is doing well now.

Congratulations to **Doyle** and **Mary Souders** on celebrating their 65th anniversary this month. **Mary** also had a birthday on May 19th.

Sybil Plumlee celebrated her 98th birthday on April 29th.

Portland Retired Police and Widows annual picnic coming up

Put it on your calendar for June 28th, Sunday. Same area, North Clackamas Park, under cover. As before, we will again serve BBQ'd ribs and chicken, catered in at noon. No charge, but you can bring a side dish or dessert as it is also potluck. We will have coffee, punch, lemonade, but bring your own eating utensils and plates.

This is also the time for our annual election of officers and Board members.

We offer our condolences to **Steve Morrow** on the recent loss of his mother, Marilyn Morrow.

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Marjorie C. Leitheiser Pease, widow of **Norman Leitheiser**, and **Mason "Mickey" Pease**. She was born May 9, 1921 in Wilbur, died April 9, 2009 at age 87.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathi Leitheiser Linnman, three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; sister, Arlyn

Van Cleave; brother, brother, Raymond Brown. She was predeceased by a son, Michael Leitheiser; brother, Richard Brown; and sister, Beverly Morter.

Charlotte "Lottie" Marie Mahar Jukins, widow of **Gene Mahar**, born July 19, 1939 in Liebos, Germany.

She married Gene in 1958. After his death she moved to Dunwoody, GA. And married Bill Jukins in 1996. She is survived by her husband, Bill Jukins; a daughter, Debbie Hummel of Portland; sisters, Marianne Kaltenschnee and Karin Bihaule, both in Germany.

Lois Carlson, widow of **Curtis Carlson**, born June 23, 1925 in Beaverton, died May 12, 2009, at age 83. She was a Nurses Aide for Holiday Park Hospital.

She is survived by daughters, Sharon Beglinger and Cathy Lovely; sons, Keith and Kent.

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of these.

When a police officer kicks a gang member

Officer Jack Dunphy
Los Angeles Police Department

If you've been near a television set in the last few weeks you've probably seen the video of that police officer kicking a man in the head at the end of a high-speed car chase in the Los Angeles area. I watched the incident on the news and my initial reaction was, "Uh oh."

The chase on May 14 began when officers in El Monte, Calif., spotted a Toyota Camry with three men inside, men they quite reasonably (and as it turned out, accurately) took to be gang members. Camrys are among the most commonly stolen cars in Southern California, and there isn't a police officer worthy of the title who would have spotted those three characters in one without running its license number to see if it had been stolen. Officers were following the car and doing just that when the driver, Richard Rodriguez, 23, took off.

The chase lasted 40 minutes,

running at speeds nearing 85 miles an hour on freeways, surface streets and even a sidewalk. When the Camry got stuck in traffic at one point the rear-seat passenger got out and surrendered, but the pursuit continued when traffic cleared. The chase came to an end when the Camry, driving on the wrong side of a divided street, sideswiped an oncoming car that had pulled not quite far enough to the side of the road. The front-seat passenger stayed in the car and gave up, but Rodriguez jumped from the driver's seat and ran. The video shows him running into what

appeared to be the back yard of an apartment building where, apparently convinced that the jig was up, he lay prostrate and spread-eagled on the grass. One got the sense he was well practiced in the routine.

From out of the frame rushes a lone officer, pistol in hand. He slows, then approaches Rodriguez and delivers a kick to the right side of his head. Rodriguez reacts to the kick but does not appear to resist. Other officers arrive and assist in handcuffing Rodriguez, at the conclusion of which the first officer — i.e., the kicker — exchanges a high-five with a canine handler.

To his great credit, El Monte police chief Tom Armstrong gave a thoughtful statement after being shown the video by a reporter for KNBC news. "I'm looking into it," said Armstrong, "and I don't have all the facts yet. I worked internal affairs for four years, and I've learned that you do not make a decision in a vacuum.... This is going to be looked into, and it should be, but I'm not here to make a decision and tell you what that officer did was overtly wrong until I know all the facts. I've learned that in the over 30 years I've been a cop." A cop in trouble can expect no more a reasonable response than that from a boss who's just had a big problem

land on his desk.

As is almost always the case in such incidents, the outcome for the players involved will be determined as much by politics as it is by the application of the law and police procedures. Distasteful as it may be, one must evaluate the racial calculus before attempting to predict what might come to pass. Richard Rodriguez is Latino, as is the officer who kicked him, so there won't be any opportunity for breathless news reports about oppressed minorities being beaten down by racist white cops. Also, Mr. Rodriguez, freshly released from prison, and who sports the name of his street gang in tattoos on his upper lip and neck, is unlikely to arouse much sympathy, either in the public or in members of any jury that might come to hear evidence in this case.

And there is the fact that the story seems to have lost its "legs." The video has already disappeared from television news programs, and the outrage that often follows such televised arrests has failed to materialize. Recall that the video of Rodney King's 1991 arrest was played endlessly, leading to an expectation in the public that the officers accused of beating him would be convicted. When they weren't, Los Angeles erupted

into rioting that left 53 people dead and large swaths of the city in ashes.

The ACLU, as might be expected, has written to Los Angeles County district attorney Steve Cooley asking that criminal charges against the officer be considered for his "egregious abuse of force against a suspect who had apparently already surrendered." There is no mention in the letter of their concern for the many lives endangered and the property damaged by Rodriguez's criminal behavior. Perhaps they're trying to cut down on the stationery.

But what should become of the officer who delivered the now-infamous kick? Nothing, according to a lawyer representing the El Monte Police Officers' Association. Attorney Dieter Dammier told the *Los Angeles Times* that the officer acted within his training and department policy. "The individual officer saw some movement," said Dammier. "He feared the parolee might have a weapon or be about to get up. So the officer did what is known as a distraction blow. It wasn't designed to hurt the man, just distract him."

Like any good attorney, Mr. Dammier is just doing his job, but that one is a stretch. Mr.

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