Inquest method of review outdated, unnecessary and destructive

ORS 146.135 defines a public inquest giving a county’s District Attorney the authority to order an inquest and obtain a jury for the purpose of finding the cause and manner of death. The jury is charged with the task of determining who the deceased was, when and where the deceased person came to death, and the cause and manner of death.

In 25 years there have only been three inquests in Multnomah County. In each case, the officers have never been the same. The result of Multnomah County’s most recent inquest was the resignation of a highly respected officer. We believe in transparency, but not when the price involves a sacrifice on the altar of our community’s failure to understand us, or the reality of the work we do. There must be a more constructive way for officers, the public and in this most recent case the family to have a dialogue. We oppose inquests because they devastate the officers involved. We oppose them because they are fundamentally unfair, unnecessary and harmful to the police officers involved. We do have confidence in the process currently in place. Within this process we believe the rights of all are respected. It is an investigative and review process second-to-none and we voluntarily cooperate in these investigations.

The current process has layer upon layer of review. Initially detectives gather information which is passed directly to the District Attorney. A Grand Jury is convened. It is pure citizen review and we believe in it. Seven citizens review every facet of the case to decide if there should be criminal charges. The involved officers cannot be compelled to testify before the grand jury, but they do because they have nothing to hide.

An internal review follows the criminal review. This in-depth internal review has been recently updated and improved. It begins with a required Internal Affairs interview of anyone who has information about the facets of the case. Once the investigation is complete, the case goes to the officer’s commander who then recommends findings to two newly created boards. The Performance and Use of Force Review Boards both include citizens. Additionally, each case is reviewed by City Attorneys, the Director of Independent Review, represen-

It’s happened again, only this time it was Washington County Sheriff’s deputies taking the hits from the media. In the early morning hours of Saturday, September 16, 2006, deputies were called to an address outside of Tigard where parents called 9-1-1 to report their 18 year-old son was drunk, violent, and threatening to kill everybody. When the deputies arrived, shortly after 3:00 a.m., they found Lukus Glenn in the front yard of his home where he had broken out windows with a shovel and his hands, which were bleeding. He was holding a knife, and refused orders to drop it. Three bean bag rounds were fired by a Tigard officer who covered the call, without any effect. Glenn turned toward his house, and officers, fearing for the safety of those inside, fired their weapons, killing the man.

We’ve seen the media in action before. The only thing missing this time was the circus usually caused by self-appointed community spokespersons ranting about racial profiling and demanding that the officers be fired.

The Oregonian’s Maxine Bernstein hit the ground running on this one. Her article appeared in Monday’s paper. It was her usual approach. Get to the grieving mother and pump her dry. Lukus Glenn had been a football player at Tigard High School, recently quit a part-time job, went to dinner and a party Friday night, and came home drunk. Then she zeros in on Glenn’s 22 year-old friend who arrived on the scene before the deputies arrived. He gave Bernstein his account of the shooting that when officers tell you to put down a weapon, that is exactly what should be done. Later callers with law enforcement experience contributed facts about the use of Tasers and other non-lethal means and supported Larson.

By Thursday, Steve Duin dropped his attack on police officers and became the bearer of good news. It seems he learned in an interview with Officer Paul Ware that the Portland Police
Officers unfairly burdened dealing with mentally ill

In the month of September, there were two separate officer-involved death investigations involving mentally ill persons. The first was the shooting death of Lukus Glenn who had been threatening his mother with a knife. The second, the in-custody death of James Chasse by means of broad-based blunt force trauma, was ruled an accident by the medical examiner.

Both cases highlight the fact that as police officers, we are often tasked with the difficult job of getting mentally ill persons under control. In many cases, we are expected to accomplish this task without using any kind of force, which simply isn’t possible in many cases.

By now, both of these cases have been tried in the media and hashed over a million times. I don’t know anyone who doesn’t sympathize with the families of both Glenn and Chasse. This includes police officers. But as police officers, we understand the situations much better than the average Joe and we have sympathy for the officers involved and their families as well. This is something that many others don’t understand.

None of the officers involved in either incident went to work that day with a plan to become involved in a deadly force encounter. They just happened, which is often times the nature of police work.

There has been a lot of talk about using alternatives to deadly force. Never mind that police officers in this area, and in particular this city, are some of the best trained in the nation when it comes to dealing with the mentally ill. Never mind that we’ve been given pepper spray, Asp batons, bean bag shotguns and Tasers. Police officers are expected to magically deal with people that nobody else can or wants to deal with and do it without using any physical force. Sometimes...well sometimes that just isn’t realistic.

Read Carole Moore’s story in this issue and you’ll see that the problem of dealing with mentally ill people is a nationwide problem for police officers. The closing of mental health facilities and the outright rejection of medical treatment by hospitals forces the mentally ill onto the street where they are left to fend for themselves.

I remember reading several years ago about some advocates for the mentally ill describing how great it is that many of these people cannot be forced into facilities and they are able to live freely in any neighborhood they like to pursue the American dream.

For some, this arrangement works out fine and they are able to keep themselves stable with the proper medication and utilization of mental health services. But many others aren’t capable of taking care of themselves at all. They simply need to be told what to do all the time to maintain some sort of normal life. Without that structure, they become victims of crime and fall into deadly spirals that they can’t get out of.

I spoke with some of the people who work with Project Respond and they told me that they are seeing an increase in the mentally ill on the streets of Portland and that they are not receiving treatment. Project Respond does outreach to the mentally ill homeless community in Portland and works closely with Portland Police officers.

While the deaths of both Glenn and Chasse are tragic for their families and friends, perhaps the bigger tragedy is that they weren’t receiving the help they needed. Glenn reportedly had attempted suicide in the past and was threatening suicide the night he died. Chasse had been receiving some treatment, but receiving needed something more intensive. Both had families that have spoken out since their...
deaths but you have to wonder how involved they were prior to their deaths.

What would have happened if the drunk, suicidal, out of control Glenn had not been shot by police and was allowed to re-enter his mother’s house, armed with a knife? Would he have passed out? Would he have calmed down and gone to bed? Would he have committed suicide? Would he have killed his mother? Nobody knows these answers and the officers on the scene had to make a split-second decision without the luxury of hindsight. Had they not shot and Glenn had gone into the house and killed his mother, what would the papers be saying then?

Chasse’s bizarre behavior made him the subject of police contact and during that contact he ran and fought with officers who unsuccessfully tried to Taser him. The officers appropriately summoned EMS to check Chasse for injuries and only after his release by medical did they transport him to jail where they were told that Chasse would have to go to the hospital. There was little the officers could have done differently to change the outcome of this incident.

Hopefully, the politicians and citizens take a minute and recognize that it’s an unfair burden to put on police officers to handle every encounter with a mentally ill person without using physical force. Hopefully it will start a process in which those politicians and citizens develop a plan to protect these mentally ill persons from the self-destructive behavior that often results in police contact. The mentally ill and the police officers deserve something better.

Mayor’s statement after Chasse death lacks support
Mayor Tom Potter’s statement on September 25th regarding the death of James Chasse was completely lacking any support for the officers involved in the incident and the detectives charged with investigating the death. I’ve beaten this dead horse before and will beat it again but I just don’t understand why it’s so hard to show support for the job of police officers. I especially don’t understand it with the former police chief and current police commissioner.

It could be as simple as a few short statements such as: “I have complete faith in the officers involved in this incident and stand by them one hundred percent as the investigation into the death of James Chasse continues. Unless presented with compelling facts to suggest otherwise, I believe that the police officers actions were justified and that they will be vindicated upon the completion of the investigation. I also have complete support for the detectives in this case who are tasked with the difficult job of investigating the death while under intense community and media pressure.”

No such statement exists though and we are left with this from the Mayor:
“I have asked that the investigation into this incident be as public and transparent as possible, and that the community be given the information it needs to understand what happened as quickly as possible.

“There are several legal inquiries already underway to determine precisely what occurred during the arrest, including the possibility of a grand jury, and they each need to move forward as quickly as possible. Any request to conduct a public inquest into this death is a legal determination that only the District Attorney’s Office can make, and we will respect whatever he decides and cooperate fully.

“Just as important to me is that we commit to creating a more effective system for delivering mental health services both before and after someone enters our criminal justice system. This is not an issue just for Portland Police, but rather one that calls for a solution that includes our correctional system, medical and mental health providers. I want to work with others who share these concerns to begin making real changes.”

Doesn’t exactly make you feel loved does it? Oh well. “Keep Portland Weird” and stay safe.

Letters to the Editor
PPA Officer Assistance Fund helps PPB Sergeant and family
I want to extend my thanks to the PPA for offering assistance to keep my family’s medical coverage in place. You guys stepped up at a time when things were real bad. Hopefully the pension fund will approve this surgery and if all goes well I will be back in service with no restrictions. The surgery is considered experimental in the United States. They go in through the abdomen and pull the spinal column apart and reconstruct the broken bones and implant artificial discs in place of the old damaged ones. I have to get three levels done and the FDA only allows single level to be done in the U.S. that is why I will have to go to Germany.

Then I am going to get a nice day shift slot with weekends off. No more shootings, no more pursuits and no more fights. Probably wishful thinking, but it sounds good.

Sergeant Randy Teig
Northeast Precinct

PPA daughter grateful for support
I would like to thank the Portland Police Association Executive Board for their generous sponsorship donation for me to participate in the Miss Teen of Washington Scholarship and Recognition Program. The sponsorship money given from the Portland Police Association made it possible for me to have a once in a lifetime experience that I was happy to take advantage of.

Due to the sponsorship, I was able to win three awards: The Creative Writing Award, The Outstanding Achievement Award for the 14 year old age group, as well as third in the Talent Competition.

I would also like to thank the following Portland Police Bureau members for their individual contributions which helped make this experience happen: John Cordell, Cordes Towle, Tim Sukimoto, and Cheryl Kanzler, Teresa Utike.

Again, thank you to all that provided me the opportunity to further my goals in higher education.

Kimberly Lawrence
Daughter of Detective James Lawrence
Robbery Detail
Treasurer’s Report

2006 PPA Golf Scramble — looking forward to next year

The inaugural PPA Golf Scramble was a huge success. Over 120 golfers participated in the tournament, which was held on perfect late August afternoon at Persimmon Country Club. Approximately $5,000 was raised to benefit the PPA’s Officer Assistance Fund. The event brought together current PPA members, retirees, and supporters in the business community for a great day of golf and camaraderie. Thanks to all of you who made the 2006 PPA tournament a success!

The first place team, who shot a 60, included Mike Lee, Jason Lobaugh, Charlie Fender and Jim McMurray. They each won a $150 gift certificate to Morton’s Steakhouse.

Second place went to the team from Danner Boots, one of our hole sponsors. The Danner team shot a sixty-one and each member received a Sayler’s Country Kitchen gift certificate.

Third place went to the team of Ray Tercek, Galan Tercek, Ron Tercek and Joe Mitcham. They shot a sixty-two and they all received a gift certificate to the Olive Garden.

The long drive winner was local attorney John Powers, and Tom Fennel won the closest to the pin competition. The biggest winner of the day was newly retired Greg Nado who made a gutsy decision to spend his wedding anniversary with us at the course. Thankfully, he redeemed himself at home by winning the grand prize in the drawing, a forty-two inch plasma television donated by Quadrant Systems.

And a special thanks to Stuart Palmiter and Bob Miller, tournament volunteer’s.

In early 2006 I presented the idea of a charity golf tournament to local Nationwide Insurance agents David Jenkins, Bruce Farrer, and Lance Sivertsen from the Nationwide corporate office. They enthusiastically agreed to be the title sponsor for the event and made a huge commitment to make our tournament a reality. The support we received from Nationwide is truly appreciated.

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The Lending Source offers a variety of mortgage loan solutions for PPA members. The Lending Source has closed millions in mortgage loans for Portland Police Officers and business is based on referrals. When you are considering a new home loan, or are refinancing, contact Lending Source manager Rob Ketler at (503) 796-0763.
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When the staff from Advantis heard the PPA was having a golf tournament, I was contacted immediately and they offered their support. Advantis was founded in 2005 by the merging of two strong Portland area credit unions, PACE and Electra Central Credit Union. Advantis is highly ranked by independent auditors, and the Board of Directors includes three former PPA members. There are now six Advantis branches to serve our members.

Bob Wentworth, president of Wentworth Chevrolet-Subaru, has been a supporter of the Portland Police Bureau for many years. Wentworth Chevrolet generously sponsored our Hole-in-One contest with the prize a two-year lease of a Chevrolet Tahoe. Please consider Wentworth Chevrolet the next time you’re in the market for a new car or truck.

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Treatment by other means

I sympathize with all police officers and their families when a death results from a police action. No officer desires this kind of outcome when responding to a call. In fact, such a tragic result causes the officers who were involved incredible stress and sorrow, although you’d never know that from the press coverage, the complaints that are filed with the independent review board, or the particularly vituperative screeds of self-appointed police watch groups.

I have watched police officers subdue various individuals over the years. The intensity of the interaction can be shocking. However, I have never been in a street fight and don’t have firsthand experience. I know, from my participation in the Portland Police Bureau’s Citizens’ Academy, that officers are not trained to fight using the Marquis of Queensberry rules. Such interactions are not meant to be an equal contest between the officer and the person s/he is confronting. Officers are trained to subdue the person with whom they are fighting as soon as possible and by using just “that level of force necessary” to succeed. We need to keep this in mind when we see police officers handling someone who is violently resisting arrest.

I do know firsthand what it is like to deal with mentally ill individuals, specifically schizophrenics who refuse treatment for their illness—and the legal issues involved in dealing with the mentally ill.

Consider the following case: A very bright and talented (albeit difficult) woman has become increasingly delusional. Her family members try to convince her to seek help, which she refuses. She comes to believe she is secretly married to NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw. She decides that her loving and tolerant (real) husband has conspired against her, leaves him, and moves to an apartment. Here, she intentionally leaves the doors and windows propped open—not just unlocked—because “the archangel Michael” told her to do so. She winds up with bruises and other mysterious injuries which she claims are due to an assault. She spends her meager retirement income. She had been found in a park by a kindly deputy sheriff, who noted that she was not your “usual” street person. He had helped to settle her in a motel for tranquillizers, where she shared one bathroom and one kitchen with 17 other people.

This is a true story. I am one of this woman’s five children, and it was my sister who courageously took her through the court system to try to get her help—a court system which failed to help her, and instead, by upholding her “right” to her paranoid beliefs and subsequent actions, assured that she would become destitute.

Is this justice?

Consider another real-life example from downtown Portland:

One day, when leaving Meier & Frank, I came up behind a man pushing an overflowing grocery cart into the crosswalk on 5th Avenue. The cart was so full of trash bags that he couldn’t see over the top of it, and he plowed it directly into someone crossing from the other side.

That man spoke sharply to him, saying “Watch where you’re going!” and then turned left to cross Morrison Street. The first man pulled a long piece of conduit from the cart and, muttering angrily, started after the man who had crossed Morrison Street—clearly intending to hit him from behind. Before I could stop myself, I yelled “Hey!” He turned, glared at me and muttered, and shuffled off across 5th Avenue with the cart.

This man was obviously angry and dangerous, and this incident is only one of many such interactions I have witnessed in downtown Portland.

I absolutely agree with Chief Sisk and Mayor Potter that mental illness treatment options are totally inadequate here. Mentally ill people are wandering around untreated in this city every day and the City Council hasn’t considered this problem a priority.

Now, the mayor is saying that it is the County and State government’s responsibility to provide adequate funding for treatment. I do agree that funding is necessary, but that is not the only issue that must be addressed. I believe the most important issue to be corrected is the legal definition of who one becomes a “danger” to one’s self or others or is considered “gravely disabled.”

The bottom line for me is this: Can we compel the mentally ill to accept treatment, why is funding necessary? Schizophrenics are notorious for refusing treatment. They apparently feel hyperaware and superior when they are not on medication. And, once they have been on medication for a time, they may decide they don’t need to take it anymore—even and they have the legal right to make that decision.

The present legal standard which allows the mentally ill to refuse treatment focuses on an individual’s right to believe whatever he or she chooses. This had been an inviolate right in our country (contrary to, this same country in which politically correct restraints are now being placed on free thought and speech). As we have seen in recent months, the delusional person is finally deemed to be a danger only after s/he has injured or killed another person. By then, it’s too late—for the mentally ill person—and for the police officers who are required to intervene.

I do understand the need to protect an individual’s right to believe what he or she chooses. However, if someone is clearly delusional, why is it impossible to overrule these beliefs long enough to get the individual treated, and to allow a family the right to monitor ongoing treatment? If my mother had been in her right mind, she would not have wanted a narrow legal focus on her “right” to believe things that weren’t true to cause her to lose everything she treasured. Now that she is medicated, she can’t believe that she did lose it all, and she intensely mourns that loss.

Something needs to change—now. As a culture, we should be adjusting the laws. We need to allow these tortured people to end up on the streets, victims of our complacency, our lack of compassion, and our own tolerance of their “right” to wind up homeless.

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Some of the letters to the editor come from well meaning but naive citizens. The social environment within our country has changed drastically in the past 40 years. The conventional wisdom in police circles in the 1950s was that “professional criminals don’t want to kill a cop. They would do hard time for that.” But both society and crime have changed. Drugs, automative weapons, and gang warfare have made police work drastically more dangerous. Officer survival training and bulletproof vests for police officers have become necessities in today’s world.

Then on Sunday, September 24, The Oregonian published an exceptionally thorough and objective account of the Lukus Glenn shooting. The piece carried the by-lines of Kate Taylor and Dana Tims. Somebody at the paper apparently decided that a change in direction was in order.

What about Steve Duin’s question in his opening attack? “What mother or father would expect help to arrive with the sheriff’s deputies of Washington County?” The answer seems obvious. People with a violent family confrontation who are unwilling to call the police should call The Oregonian office, which ever the hour of day or night, and insist that they send Steve Duin and Maxine Bernstein to the scene immediately to deal with the violence. They apparently have all the answers for effective conflict resolution.

Lessons Learned

1. Today the mainstream media often cover events with a bias that may reveal a personal or even organizational slant which should not be confounded by the public with an objective account of what actually happened.

2. When there were two daily papers in Portland, there was a chance for greater care in reporting facts, since the opposing newspaper may challenge the work done by the other. What ever happened to the Oregon Journal?
OCPA announces candidate endorsements

The Oregon Council of Police Associations (OCPA) is bi-partisan in its endorsements, in that the OCPA Executive Board votes to endorse candidates who have supported Public Safety Labor Legislative Goals in the past and/or commit to supporting them in '07. Here is the list of endorsed candidates:

**Oregon House**
- House District 5 (Ashland) - Rep. Peter Buckley (D)
- HD 7 (Roseburg) - Rep. Bruce Hanna (R)
- HD 8 (Eugene) - Rep. Paul Holvey (D)
- HD 9 (South Coast) - Rep. Arnie Roblan (D)
- HD 10 (Newport) - Jean Cowan (D)
- HD 11 (Eugene) - Phil Barnhart (D)
- HD 12 (Springfield) - Rep. Elizabeth Beyer (D)
- HD 13 (Eugene) - Nancy Nathanson (D)
- HD 14 (Eugene/Junction City) - Rep. Debbi Farr (R)
- HD 16 (Corvallis) - Rep. Sara Gelser (D)
- HD 18 (Molalla) - Rep. Mac Sumner (R)
- HD 21 (Salem) - Rep. Billy Dabs (R)
- HD 22 (Woodburn) - Rep. Betty Kom (D)
- HD 27 (SW Portland) - Tobias Read (D)
- HD 28 (Aloha) - Jeff Barker (D)
- HD 29 (Hillsboro/Corvallis) - Rep. Chuck Riley (D)
- HD 30 (Hillsboro) - David Edwards (D)
- HD 31 (St. Helens/Scappoose) - Rep. Brad Witt (D)
- HD 32 (Tillamook) - Rep. Deborah Boone (D)
- HD 33 (NW Portland) - Rep. Mitch Greenlick (D)
- HD 34 (Beaverton) - Suzanne Bonamici (D)
- HD 35 (Beaverton/Tigard) - Larry Galizio (D)
- HD 36 (Lk.Oswego/West Linn) - Scott Brunn (R)
- HD 37 (SW Portland/Lk.Oswego) - Rep. Greg Macpherson (D)
- HD 40 (Milwaukie/Oak Grove) - Dave Hunt (D)
- HD 41 (Milwaukie) - Carolyn Tomei (D)
- HD 42 (SE Portland) - Diane Rosenbaum (D)
- HD 43 (NE Portland) - Rep. Chip Shields (D)
- HD 45 (NE Portland) - Rep. Jackie Dingfelder (D)
- HD 47 (Portland) - Rep. Jeff Markley (D)
- HD 48 (Portland/Happy Valley) - Mike Schaufler (D)
- HD 58 (Pendleton) - Rep. Bob Jenson (R)

**Oregon Senate**
- Senate District 3 (Ashland) - Sen. Alan Bates (D)
- SD 4 (Cottage Grove) - Sen. Floyd Prozanski (D)
- SD 6 (Springfield) - Sen. Bill Morrisette (D)
- SD 7 (Eugene) - Sen. Vickie Walker (D)
- SD 10 (S.Salem/Polk Co.) - Sen. Jackie Winters (R)
- SD 11 (East Salem) - Sen. Peter Courtney (D)
- SD 15 (Hillsboro) - Sen. Bruce Starr (R)
- SD 16 (Astoria/St. Helens/Tillamook) - Sen. Betsy Johnson (D)
- SD 17 (NW Portland - Brad Avakian (D)
- SD 19 (Tualatin/West Linn/Lk. O.) - Sen. Richard Devlin (D)
- SD 20 (Canby/Oregon City) - Sen. Kurt Schrader (D)
- SD 24 (East Portland) - Rod Monroe (D)
- SD 26 (Sandy/Hood River) - Sen. Rick Metsger (D)

**Opposed Ballot Measures**

**Measure 40:** Requires Oregon Supreme Court Judges & Court of Appeals Judges to be elected by district.

**Measure 41:** Allows income tax deduction equal to federal exemptions deduction to substitute for State tax exemption credit.

**Measure 48:** Limits biennial percentage increase in State spending to percentage increase in State population plus inflation.

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Special Details: An Ocean of wisdom

Years after my initial adventure as a uniformed guard for the Prime Minister of Japan, I thought it would be interesting to go to a dignitary protection school put on by the Special Intelligence Division (S.I.D.) who were responsible for assisting various federal agencies like the State Department and the Secret Service when foreign dignitaries or political figures came to town.

We spent a couple of days at the Portland Air National Guard Base learning how to watch and work crowds, how to get protected parties in and out of vehicles, and how to shield and protect a person from nefarious attackers and protesters. It was pretty fun. I met a guy with the Beaverton Police Department who worked as a freelance bodyguard for Scottie Pippen, a pro basketball player with the Trailblazers. He had good stories about going to Europe and traveling to vacation hot spots with the stars. In exchange for going to the school, we got put on a list of officers who would be willing to assist S.I.D when visiting dignitaries needed transportation and protection. S.I.D called me a few times. I worked with the FBI during the Dalai Lama’s visit, secreted in a 2nd floor office at Nordstrom’s Department Store overlooking Pioneer Square. Several of us scanned the crowd with huge sets of motion stabilizing binoculars and radioed descriptions of suspicious people or packages to undercover agents in the crowd who would approach and deal with these possible threats. I’ve never seen a more peaceful crowd as was in the square listening to the Dalai Lama. It was as if his presence emitted a tactic force around him, calming, forgiving, and knowing, I could feel it from where I was. This little bald guy in an orange robe with big glasses. I wanted him to see me and speak with me. Maybe he did.

Protests

Most of the times I worked with S.I.D they used me as an undercover set of eyes in the crowd. I had limited experience with this type of thing. As a young detective I was asked to participate in a gay rights demonstration and march arising from the closure of a number of establishments catering to homosexual youth. The march was to go from SW 10th and Stark, where there are a number of bars catering to the gay community, to the Justice Center where demands for equality and inclusion were to be made.

My male partner and I were asked to give periodic updates on the location and direction of the marchers and to estimate numbers and report any hostile intentions or problems along the way. At one point we estimated the number of marchers at about 25 people, but when the head of the march turned and corner and went out of our view, they were joined, unbeknownst to us, by another group of about 200.

The police sergeant who stopped to chat with the “25” marchers and remind them to obey the pedestrian signals at crosswalks, was overrun by the 225 protesters that enveloped his police car and slapped bumper stickers on it reading, “I’M HERE! I’M QUEER! I WILL NOT DISAPPEAR!” The police sergeant was not amused and questioned our ability to estimate crowd size.

We cut through a store to get catch up with the lead elements of the march and quickly found out WE were leading the march! My partner grabbed my hand and we skipped along, singing and chanting all the way to the Justice Center.

When the United States invaded Afghanistan there were the expected protests in downtown Portland. Most of these protests began as marches through the streets for which organizers had obtained the required permits from the City of Portland due to potential disruption of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Most of the participants were concerned citizens expressing their opinions against the war, the government in general and the current Bush administration in particular, and for the troops going into combat. There were lots of signs, lots of costumed children, lots of laughter, bands, drums, noise, people of all ages and descriptions, (although a vast majority were white) and the march marches closely resembled parades. It was easy to get caught up in the atmosphere, and easy to begin feeling a sense of empathy with the marchers. It was much harder to do the job I was being paid to do.

A minority of the marchers were there to cause problems, to gain attention, to destroy property, to hurt or be hurt. These people were our focus. A number of us were in the crowds, marching with the protesters, armed with radios and Nextel phones we used as semi-secure walkie-talkies. We watched for signs on sticks that could be used as weapons. We looked for bulging bags used to conceal items to throw at the police. We were alert for people wearing hoods or gas masks to conceal their identity and to protect themselves against tear gas or pepper spray.

We watched for long poles used to erect 3 legged platforms in intersections with a protester who dangled from the center with a rope or chain around the neck which he pulled as the crowd pulled it. We taunted if the contraption was torn down by the police. We looked for suspicious cars parked on the perimeter of the event which might be used as supply or escape vehicles.

I marched down Broadway and got stopped by a uniformed bicycle cop who had been instructed not to acknowledge our presence in the crowd. He rode up behind me, tripped me, muttered “asshole”, and rode away.

The next 3 bikes that rode by all laughed at me, but nobody said anything to indicate I was the police.

I marched across the Morrisson Bridge with the crowd as the “leaders” directed them to, “Take the bridge!” I think the plan was to fill the bridge with people so 5 o’clock commuters would be stranded in the resulting traffic jam. The news media, both local TV and independent internet providers, were covering the demonstration and were everywhere.

As the police reacted by blocking off the east end of the bridge so the marchers wouldn’t go into SE Portland, a group of the protesters split off and needed to crawl down the ramps onto I-5 and shut down the northbound lanes, filled with semi trucks and cars going 70 MPH. Members of the black clad riot police, the Rapid Response Team (R.R.T.) responded to curb that threat.

As RRT massed up again on the east side of the bridge they formed a line stretching from one side of the bridge to the other. Behind them were big Suburban trucks with running boards so they could ride on the outside, and vans with loudspeakers to give orders, ultimatums, and directions. The cops all looked alike and wore black helmets, face shields and balaclavas to hide their faces, black pads on their shoulders, chests, elbows, knees and shins, black gloves and boots. They started to beat their nightsticks against their shin guards in unison, and slowly started walking forward.

The crowd panicked. People started running back to the west side of the bridge, screaming and stampeding. It was scary. I saw a bearded guy with a bright orange reflective vest standing in the center of the bridge with his arms yelling, “They’re not chasing you! Slow Down! Walk!” I stood by him and saw that there were several more men in orange reflective vests doing the same thing, trying to calm the crowd and stop the stampede. He worked. Nobody got hurt. The police slowly cleared the bridge. It was frightening pulling up to a group of 3 people sitting by the police. We watched for long poles used to erect 3 legged platforms in intersections with a protester who dangled from the center with a rope or chain around the neck which he pulled as the crowd pulled it. We taunted if the contraption was torn down by the police. We looked for suspicious cars parked on the perimeter of the event which might be used as supply or escape vehicles.

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Rules of modern law enforcement
from Command Magazine

Traffic units
Write tickets to EVERYBODY.
Spend every weekend cleaning your bike and polishing boots.
Annoy everyone on the radio calling out your stops.
Talk about nothing but how many ‘beans’ you wrote in one day.
Ride by a building with big windows to see your reflection.
Golf is lame, motor rodeos are cool.

Administrative Units
Three-hour lunches everyday, tell everybody it’s a meeting.
Upgrade department cell phone every month. Tell everybody you are published in a national law enforcement magazine.
Update your revenge list on a weekly basis.
Golf Rules! Play lots of golf.

Patrol Units
Has nerves of steel.
In a terminal state of nausea from department politics.
Inability to keep mouth shut.
Is respected by peers.
Beats the crap out of his caddy on any bogeyed shot.

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that was serving in the military. On either side. For any country. I doubted they thought about who the police were, or why we were there, or understood any consequences of their actions, our actions, or of anybody’s failure to act.

After dark the feelings I had were of hunting kids who believed a suspension of laws was in effect, for their actions, and the police were still governed by societal restraints.

I had a conversation with a kid one time who had been arrested for vandalizing a downtown business by throwing a steel garbage can cover through a large plate glass window. He described himself as an anarchist and said he believed that society should not have any rules. I told him the only reason he was there talking to me was because society had rules and that if society didn’t have rules, the guys with the guns would be in control, or at least kill all the little shit heads who didn’t have guns, and the guys with the guns were the police. He told me I “should quit listening to National Public Radio and start listening to KBOO, man.”

I have no idea who the brains were behind the organized protest marches and the “spontaneous” acts of civil disobedience. I do know that I saw people who were well organized as a medical response team, clearly identified by red crosses, who assisted those who had been sprayed with pepper. I saw a communication network used with flags and banners to direct the paths of marchers. I saw observers with cameras, and legal representatives offering advice and phone numbers. I hid in buildings and watched the crowds, trying to identify leaders by their actions and then having uniform officers find a reason to ask what their names were so we could identify them. I took photos of people I saw and passed them on to SID to attempt to identify those who might be traveling and organizing with a more sinister overtone. I saw lone men watching the crowd from a distance, speaking on cell phones, then always appearing where an action or confrontation would happen. I don’t know if they were, “in charge”. I don’t know what their “motivation” was. I’m not sure I really care.

The police arrested a bunch of people for various charges. Those people met a few days later for a planning session at a small brew pub in lower southeast Portland. I was there. I got to see some big name lawyers. I got to see some stupid white kids. I didn’t see any huge conspiracy against the citizens of the United States. I saw a bunch of people hungry for attention and the power they felt unlawful behavior afforded them.
Policing the mentally ill

Many of the violent individuals with whom police deal are mentally patients whose treatment plans have lapsed

Recently, two Virginia police officers met violent deaths following a shoot-out with a young man who, by all accounts, was mentally deranged. Mary Zdanowicz, the executive director of the Treatment Advocacy Center (TAC), a national non-profit headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, says many confrontations like this one could be prevented. This is both good - and puzzling - news for police executives.

Zdanowicz, an attorney who now works full time for the TAC, brings special insight to her opinions - two siblings have been diagnosed as schizophrenic. Her personal experience makes her an outspoken critic of the widespread failure to embrace the concept known in New York as "Kendra's Law."

Kendra Webdale, an aspiring writer, died when she was pushed onto the tracks of an oncoming train by Andrew Goldstein. Goldstein, who was subsequently convicted of Webdale's murder, suffers from schizophrenia and had been hospitalized for treatment. At the time of the murder, though, he was on his own and not taking his prescribed medication. Even more significant, testimony during Goldstein's trial indicated he'd sought help at several hospital emergency rooms and been turned away.

Many of the most violent individuals with whom police deal are mental patients whose treatment plans have lapsed. They've stopped taking medication that controls their illnesses, foregone appointments with psychiatrists, and otherwise put their recoveries and abilities to reason in jeopardy.

Compounding this failure are the mass closures of mental hospitals across the country, shrinking funding for state mental health facilities, and nonperformance by traditional medical practitioners and institutions. The result is a greater number of people living without the care they need to protect them, their families and others in the community.

Family members or friends seek help, but appropriate caregivers won't intervene until the individual reaches a crisis point. Who gets called when the situation spins out of control? The police, of course.

Police receive some training in these situations, but face it - cops can't do it all. There's not enough time to train comprehensively for every potential police situation. And what happens when police confront a violently mentally ill person?

Some, like Det. Vicky Armel and Master Police Officer Michael Garbarino of the Fairfax Police Department, pay with their lives. The two were killed in August during a shoot-out directly in front of their precinct.

Zdanowicz says such confrontations are simply "another prescription for disaster." This is why the New York legislature implemented Kendra's Law. The statute, which the TAC stands behind, fast tracks treatment for mental illness either as assisted outpatients or in mental facilities. But fast-tracking only cuts down on process - it doesn't eliminate the problem.

To date, 42 states have passed similar laws. These laws, if adhered to and used appropriately, can reduce police deaths. While these laws help, they're not a cure. The mental health community and our state legislators must recognize that the rights of others to stay alive should trump the rights of the violently mentally ill to actively determine their own treatment.

Zdanowicz says, by her calculations, police are 5 1/2 times more likely to be killed by a person with a mental illness than is someone in the general public.

Mental health officials generally oppose laws like New York's because fears the mentally ill will be further stigmatized. I sympathize. But I reserve most of my sympathy for the Armel and Garbarino families. This country needs to put more value on the lives of its officers. Police shouldn't pay with the ultimate price when the system refuses to act. (TAC is on the Web at www.psychlaws.org.)

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President's Message: Inquests unfair method

tatives from Human Resources, Commanders, Assistant Chiefs, the Chief and our Commissioner, Mayor Tom Potter. If citizens do not agree with allegation findings they can appeal to the Independent Review Division, Citizen Review Committee. The City's auditor, an independently elected city official, oversees this committee.

We voluntarily cooperate and participate in each process. Along with citizens, we believe in and support transparency. Our process is probably more citizen interactive and responsive than any other I know of.

We expect our actions to be reviewed with the purpose of ensuring compliance with all Laws, Bureau Rules and Orders. We expect that.

We have a problem when, after high profile cases like the recent in custody death, media and single-issue special interest groups request inquests.

The in-custody death of Mr. Chasse is a tragedy and, yes, as the Chief reported, the officers are devastated. But we cannot step on to a playing field where our split second decisions are made political and we are assumed to be guilty and presumed wrong. It is fundamentally unfair. There is no scenario where we would support an inquest. We are responsible for our actions under the law and policies of our Bureau. The current process does get at the truth about what happened without creating a public spectacle or worse, creating a scapegoat.

We can have no confidence in a process that was created over a hundred years ago to determine basic questions such as the identity of the deceased, when and where the death occurred, and the manner and cause of death. These questions have already been answered. A member of the DA's office said, "the inquest is a clumsy tool that is poorly designed to accomplish public oversight".

In this case The Oregonian's Editorial Board demands an inquest with the purpose of placing the blame on officers while ignoring the broader context officers cannot avoid. There editorial concludes it "should not have happened" which only demonstrates their ignorance to the realities street officers are tasked with responding to. Without knowing all the facts they conclude we need more training and need to be taught to be "smarter, safer and low key". They conclude by finding fault and insulting all officers by saying "it would be better for everyone-the officers, the community-if the police really knew what to do". With that as the context and the stage we are expected to walk onto we can never have confidence our actions will be reviewed fairly.

Above: Sgt. Maj. Robert Foesch (NE Nightshift) along with two British soldiers and Foesch's commander take some time off to climb "The Ghar". Ghar is Dari for mountain. The base lies at an elevation of 6,000 feet and "The Ghar" is another 6,000 feet. Photo courtesy of Bob Foesch.
MEMORANDUM
August 28, 2006

TO: All Bureau Employees
SUBJECT: Disciplinary Action

As Chief of Police, it is my responsibility to ensure accountability for our individual actions and to improve employee behavior and performance. In doing so, we reinforce our organizational values and maintain our credibility and trust with the citizens we service.

Typically, disciplinary action is used as a means to change unacceptable behavior and as a tool in setting and enforcing Bureau standards. When making recommendations to the Commissioner-in-Charge for discipline or imposing discipline, I ask for and receive input from a wide variety of resources, including the Performance Review Board, the Use of Force Board, union representatives, and other management and advisory personnel such as the Bureau of Human Resources.

Our goal is to apply discipline standards in a fair and consistent manner. However, whether discipline is appropriate and, if so, the level of discipline will be based on the individual circumstances of each particular case.

While disciplinary decisions of former chiefs may be instructive, I do not consider myself bound by those decisions. As example, sustained violations of the following directives will cause me to consider serious disciplinary action:
- Employment: Laws, Rules and Orders—Directive 315.00; Truthfulness—Directive 310.50; Use of Force—Directives 1010.10, 1010.20, 1030.00 1040.00, 1050.00 and other applicable directives;
- Prohibited Discrimination—Directive 344.00, and City Administrative Rule 2.02; Retaliation—Directive 310.20 and City Administrative Rule 2.02; and Unsatisfactory Performance—Directive 315.30.

Of particular concern will be situations in which members perform in an unsatisfactory manner over time and have received prior discipline, but have not demonstrated a sustained ability or willingness to change their behavior.

My perspective is that members who receive discipline short of termination should not believe that they are somehow so stained as to have no future opportunities for assignment, transfer, and promotion. It is key that members who receive disciplinary action change unacceptable conduct and work hard to restore the Bureau’s and, in some cases, the community’s confidence in them.

For our sworn members, keep in mind that we are individually responsible for maintaining DPSST certification. DPSST standards are set and administered by the State of Oregon and are independent of Bureau policies, collective bargaining agreements, and grievance procedures. More often than not a disciplinary decision is made independent of and prior to any DPSST decision. However, de-certification by DPSST will obviously be an event that disqualifies an individual from working as a Portland Police Officer. Recently, DPSST has been more aggressive about decertifying officers on ground that they lack moral fitness. DPSST ethics bulletins are available on-line at www.oregon.gov/DPSST/index.shtml.

In addition, it is my intent to adopt a policy where the maximum level of an unpaid disciplinary suspension is 30 working days. I am, however, open to any input you may have regarding this direction.

The disciplinary process can be difficult and emotional for the member, the organization, me, and, at times, the community. My hope is that as we all continue to support one another in meeting expectations, there will be fewer disciplinary decisions that will need to be made.

ROSANNE M. SIZER
Chief of Police

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Re: Your Memorandum of August 28, 2006 Concerning Discipline

Dear Chief Sizer:

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If the implementation of your memorandum of August 28, 2006, in fact results in any changes in disciplinary standards, procedures, or penalties, and if the PPA has not agreed to such changes in advance, the PPA will consider addressing the changes through Article 3 of the grievance procedure in the collective bargaining agreement. Further, as outlined by the arbitrator in the grievance filed on behalf of Officer Edgar Mitchell, attempts to change disciplinary standards may be ineffective for reasons unrelated to Article 3.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Robert J. King
Portland Police Association

Bureau’s “Clean Slate Memo” and the PPA’s response

Portland police officers,

thank you for what you choose to endure each day on our behalf.

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PoliceOne.com acquires The Police Marksman

30 Year old publication joins Calibre Press as part of the PoliceOne team

San Francisco, Calif. – PoliceOne.com, the leading online information and training resource for law enforcement, announced that it has acquired The Police Marksman, one of the nation’s most respected and recognized law enforcement magazines. With this announcement, The Police Marksman will join Calibre Press and the Street Survival Seminar under the PoliceOne umbrella further reinforcing PoliceOne’s leadership position in the arena of officer safety and training and strengthening its ability to deliver the most timely and relevant information to law enforcement.

“For more than 30 years, The Police Marksman has consistently provided officers and trainers with the kind of timely, practical articles they need to stay safe and be more effective on the street,” said Alexander S. Ford, President and CEO of PoliceOne.com. “The magazine’s mission falls squarely in line with that of PoliceOne.com and Calibre Press. The addition of this publication to our organization represents a powerful step forward in our efforts to keep law enforcement safer and more informed than ever before.”

Supported by an impressive team of expert advisors and authors, The Police Marksman focuses primarily on topics related to firearms training, defensive tactics and officer survival. The magazine’s article topics range widely, from preventing accidental discharges, training for real-world deadly force encounters and strategies for off-duty survival to rescuing downed officers, responding to mass emergencies and tactics for firearm use and edged weapons defense.

Additionally, The Police Marksman introduces officers to the latest in law enforcement firearms and equipment and provides them with candid evaluations of their effectiveness and practicality.

“The Police Marksman is the ideal organization to pick up the reins of The Police Marksman and carry on its three-decade history of quality and service to law enforcement,” said the magazine’s founder Leslie Dees. “After 30 years of building our strong reputation, it was extremely important for us to find a market-leading, forward-thinking organization that could not just support the mission of the magazine, but take it to the next level. PoliceOne is in a perfect position to do that.”

“I have always admired The Police Marksman’s tireless dedication to officer survival,” said Chuck Remsberg, Senior Contributor for PoliceOne.com and co-founder of Calibre Press and the Street Survival Seminar. “They’ve done an outstanding job of going beyond superficial treatment of critical survival topics and delivering practical, substantive articles that keep officers alive. They take the time to tap the leading experts in law enforcement, which is crucial to producing the kind of high-quality, potentially life-saving publication they’re known for.”

A robust plan for heavily integrating PoliceOne feature articles and expert columns into Police Marksman, and visa versa, has begun and a program for including a free subscription to Police Marksman magazine for each Calibre Press Street Survival Seminar attendee will be launched within the next month. Additionally, enhanced packages for advertisers and Street Survival Seminar sponsors interested in exposure across all of the group’s electronic, print and on-site channels are now being offered.

Plans are now in motion to integrate Police Marksman with PoliceOne and Calibre Press through content sharing efforts, offering magazine subscriptions to Street Survival Seminar attendees and working with manufacturers and trainers to introduce new product information and research.

About PoliceOne.com

PoliceOne.com is the leading law enforcement web site in the country with more than 120,000 registered members. PoliceOne provides law enforcement-specific resources designed to help officers be safer, be more effective and better protect their communities. Resources include expert articles, training information, law enforcement news, officer safety alerts, secure forums, and an email newsletter sent to more than 75,000 law enforcement officers nationwide. PoliceOne also offers nearly 150 product categories which cover law enforcement essentials such as body armor, communications equipment, duty gear, tactical products, vehicle equipment, and the latest technologies. For more information on PoliceOne, visit www.policeone.com.

About The Police Marksman

Founded in 1976, The Police Marksman is distributed nationally to law enforcement professionals of all ranks. For 30 years, the publication has focused on topics that directly impact police officers’ work including firearms skills and effectiveness, defensive tactics, search techniques, legal issues of note, off-duty survival strategies and tips for special assignments including SWAT and undercover work. The magazine boasts some of the country’s top law enforcement writers and an impressive Advisory Board of leading law enforcement experts.

The Portland Police Highland Guard is proud to serve the members of the PPB and our community with the provision of music in the tradition of Scottish military and police bands. Our organization is comprised of Portland Police officers, firefighters, dispatchers and family members of the same.

The Highland Guard seeks new members. Interested parties should contact the Director of New Member Training, Officer Brian Kelly at East Precinct 503-823-4800.

The Highland Guard is a 501-c3, not-for-profit, organization. Your contributions are our primary funding resource and they are greatly appreciated!

Please mail them to: PPHG, PO Box 4072, Portland, OR 97208

Photo courtesy of Q Madp
Clackamas County declines to GJ Suran shooting

From Clackamas County’s memo declining a grand jury regarding Suran’s shooting on August 28, 2006

This case involves robbery, flight and capture of Scott Vincent Suran. He was ultimately shot by PPB Officer Passadore when taken into custody. After a thorough investigation, it is clear that Officer Passadore was justified in using deadly physical force in making an arrest of Mr. Suran. ORS 161.239 authorizes deadly physical force when making an arrest when an officer reasonably believes that a suspect has committed a felony involving the use or threatened imminent use of physical force against a person. In this case Suran was known to be a suspect in a series of armed robberies. He had been identified by a fingerprint left at the scene of one of the robberies. His method of operation was to come into a tavern, play video poker, approach the employee, expose a handgun concealed in his waistband, then demand money. Officers had been briefed on the suspect and he was known to carry a weapon. He was known to be associated with a red Ford Aerostar 197-ABK. On August 28 at 3:14PM, a 911 call reported a robbery at the Galaxy Restaurant located at 909 E Burnside. The victim reported that a white male entered the restaurant, played video poker, approached her to cash out, then showed her a handgun tucked into his waistband, and demanded money. The victim fled from the room while screaming. The suspect then ran out of the restaurant. The physical description provided by the victim matched Suran. The victim later identified Suran from a photo throwdown. Officers immediately began looking for the suspect and the red Ford Aerostar. A few minutes later the Aerostar was seen SB on I-205. Suran attempted to elude police. This ended when Suran rolled the Aerostar, kicked out the back window and fled on foot in a residential neighborhood. The Aerostar burst into flames. A foot pursuit ensued. Officers ordered Suran to stop. He failed to do so. Officers observed his hands near his waistband. Suran was shot twice. He was not armed at the time of his arrest. Animation handgun was found in the charred remains of the Aerostar. It matches the description of the weapon he used to threaten the robbery victim. Officer Passadore was aware that Suran was a suspect in the armed robbery at the Galaxy Restaurant. He was aware that Suran threatened the victim with what appeared to be a handgun. Passadore knew that Suran fled from police by vehicle, he fled by foot when the vehicle crashed, he was ordered to stop, he refused to stop. Officer Passadore was clearly justified in using deadly physical force. Of note, at the time Suran was shot, he was only a few feet from entering a large wooded area with heavy brush. The difficulty and danger of capturing Suran would have dramatically increased had Suran made it into the heavy brush. The wooded area provided as a safe a backdrop as came be found in an urban area. In conclusion, Officer Passadore was justified in using deadly force in arresting a dangerous robbery suspect who was known to have threatened force in the course of committing a felony.

PPB officers carry unfair burden

Chief Sizer’s statement to the media following the in-custody death of James Chasse

Editor’s Note: These statements were read to the media by Chief Sizer. Only a fraction of them were reported in the mainstream media. PS

“Detectives are continuing to investigate the circumstances of officers’ contact with James Chasse and his death. They have interviewed all police personnel involved, many witnesses, jail personnel. Physical evidence has been examined. Medical records will be subpoe-naed.

“The Police Bureau has a duty and an obligation to fully investigate this matter and we are doing so.

“I am committed to releasing as much information as we can about this incident and as soon as possible. This will include a timeline and statements by the officers, witnesses, and others.

“I think that it is important that the community knows that the officers involved are devastated by Mr. Chasse’s death.

“Finally, I think it is important to understand the larger context of this incident. This larger context is a burden that police officers carry with them each and every day. They carry this burden to an extent unparalleled in my twenty-one year tenure in the Police Bureau.

“Our mental health system is inadequate. When the Multnomah County jail system is the largest provider of treatment to the mentally ill in the State of Oregon, you know the system will break down.

“Although some strides have been made in the last few years, statistics show that they are more homeless people on the streets of Portland than ever before.

“Recent cuts to the Corrections Health system have created confusion about who will be accepted into the jail and under what circumstances.

“Within this larger context, I can think of few jobs that are more important, more difficult and more subject to scrutiny than that of a street police officer.

“We will rigorously examine our actions, our policies, and training procedures.

“I ask Portlanders to examine if our safety nets for the disadvantaged meet their needs and our community’s expectations.”
Bureau Supervisors attend federal training in Clackamas

The week of August 7 through 11 was a busy one for many Bureau Supervisors. They attended the US Department of Homeland Security “Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents” (MCATI) Command course at the Monarch Hotel. This five-day course is designed to get those officers, above line troops, who will be making decisions in command posts thinking about the myriad of details that are involved in a large incident. Several new Lieutenants, some Sergeants on the list, and many RRT sergeants attended all or part of the training.

Modules included blocks on the History of Protests, Legal Perspectives, PPE, Crowd Dynamics, Less-lethal weapons and Chemical agents and others. My small segment to teach was on Force Multipliers using fences, barriers, horses, etc. to increase your abilities to secure areas. For some, much of it was old news, but for some of the attendees out of the immediate urban area, it was an eye-opener.

PFB’s Hazardous Materials unit set up camp on Thursday was Command Post Exercise day. Students had been broken into groups of about five or six, and they were playing Heads of Departments that reported to an incident Commander. A scenario was presented to them, and they had to move assets around to counter various problems that occur in the City of Generica. For most Bureau members, it was a new experience to think like a Chief or an Assistant Chief, or maybe a Police Chief, or Head of Public Works.

MCATI Training is free to First Responders. The Center for Domestic Preparedness website spells out all of the classes. Some are taught on the road, others are held at the Center, on the grounds of the old Fort McClelan in Anniston, AL. The Center will fly you down for free, pick you up in Atlanta, and bus you out to the Center. All meals and lodging are covered; you just need beer money for the pub after class is done for the day. Several Bureau members have attended different classes. I teach the Protester Devices, Command, and Basic (a five-day basic crowd control class).

If you have any questions on the Center or classes, please contact me at sjohnson@portlandpolice.org.

Self Defense Class for Street Officers

When: Wednesday and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Where: Academy of Kung Fu
SE 21st and Powell
3128 SE Powell
Cost: $20.00 a month
Contact: Randy Butler learnintl@aol.com
Mobile (503)302-6785

The Location: The Academy of Kung Fu location provides a great environment for training. The school is well equipped with training bags, striking shields, mats, showers, weights, and aerobic equipment. The school owner is very pro police and has welcomed local law enforcement officers into his school for many years.

The Training: The training I provide is simple but effective. You can progress at your own speed. The techniques are a combination of a variety of martial arts with a focus of techniques that are practical and effective.

Class Structure

A typical class consists of the following:
15 minutes of warm ups
30 minutes of techniques standing and groundwork
15 minutes of focused striking and kicking
30 minutes of focused groundwork to include standing to the ground and ground to standing recovery

How to win $1 million

Who buys ads in the Rap Sheet? Why aren’t all the donut shops in the city advertising in the Rap Sheet? Will this newspaper survive? Why is there such a controversy over Robert King’s hair? When will the city hire the additional 200 officers that are needed? Didn’t the Mayor used to be a cop? Is it true that Rap Sheet readers are 20% happier? Why doesn’t Angelina Jolie return our calls?

All these questions are important, but for today we are only concerned about the Rap Sheet advertising situation. Many companies and individuals pay for the privilege of advertising in the Rap Sheet. The smallest ad costs about one hundred dollars per issue. Without our faithful advertisers, the Rap Sheet would have to depend on union funds, or go out of business. Our union money should be spent independently and pay for itself.

We have spoken with a lot of our advertisers. To be honest, they love the police and support the work we do, but they also hope to generate business from their ads. Unfortunately, even the nicest business people and professionals decide to discontinue advertising if it is not helping their bottom line.

Our plea to the members of the PPA is this — visit those advertisers who support us. Buy their products and services. Tell them you saw their ad in the Rap Sheet. Or just let them know they are appreciated. Additionally, if you know of a company that may benefit from being in the Rap Sheet or who just want to support the PPA, give them contact information (ad sales phone 503-225-9757). Our readers consist of thousands of well paid police officers, firefighters, other city employees and countless others via the internet. Thank you for your help. (p.s. if you figure out how to win $1 million, please let Sgt. Pat Kelly know).
Movers & Shakers

Recent appointments, promotions, resignations and retirements

Police Officer Tracy BERTALOT (DPSST # 28920) Southeast Precinct transferred to School Police.
Lieutenant Mark BIGEAGLE (DPSST # 1440) Tri-Met Division transferred to the Detective Division.
Lieutenant Edward BRUMFIELD (DPSST # 15398) Detective Division transferred to the Tactical Operations Division/SERT/EDU.

Police Officer Amy BRUNER-DEHNERT (DPSST # 44735) North Precinct transferred to Central Precinct.

Police Officer Jeffrey ELIAS (DPSST # 29338) Central Precinct transferred to the Tactical Operations Division/K-9 Unit.

Police Officer Ryan GRAICHEN (DPSST # 36238) School Police resigned from the Bureau effective August 24, 2006.

Detective Willie HALLIBURTON (DPSST # 24585) Southeast Precinct has been promoted to Sergeant and assigned to East Precinct.

Detective Erik KAMMERER (DPSST # 29988) Detective Division has been assigned to the Hostage Negotiation Team (detached).

Detective Susan KRUGER (DPSST # 13798) Detective Division has been assigned to the Hostage Negotiation Team (detached).

Detective Officer Jared LAWS (DPSST # 44738) North Precinct transferred to East Precinct.

Sergeant Michael MARSHMAN (DPSST # 25056) East Precinct transferred to the Chief’s Office.

Police Officer Scott MARTIN (DPSST # 34353) Central Precinct has been promoted to Sergeant and assigned to North Precinct.

Police Officer David MICHAELSON (DPSST # 23060) Central Precinct has been promoted to Sergeant and will remain at Central Precinct.

Police Officer Robert MILLER (DPSST # 38512) Southeast Precinct transferred to the Training Division.

Police Officer Craig MORGAN (DPSST # 38846) East Precinct has been promoted to Sergeant and assigned to Central Precinct.

Sergeant Tim MUSGRAVE (DPSST # 20110) Family Services transferred to Central Precinct.

Sergeant Bryan PARMAN (DPSST # 28328) Central Precinct transferred to the Training Division.

Police Officer James POWELL (DPSST # 21311) Southeast Precinct/TDY TRU transferred to Central Precinct.

Sergeant Brian SCHMAUTZ (DPSST # 15907) Drugs and Vice Division transferred to the Chief’s Office / PIO.

Detective Jeff SHARP (DPSST # 34582) Detective Division has been assigned to the Hostage Negotiation Team (detached).

Police Officer Erik STROHMeyer (DPSST # 38637) Southeast Precinct transferred to the Tactical Operations Division/K-9 Unit.

Police Officer R. Scott WESTERMAN (DPSST # 25880) Central Precinct has been promoted to Sergeant and assigned to Southeast Precinct.

Police Officer Fred WIECHMANN (DPSST # 30431) East Precinct was placed on Leave of Service.

Police Officer Laura WILEY (DPSST # 39651) Central Precinct/PPI transferred to the Drugs and Vice Division.

Police Officer Anthony ZANETTI (DPSST # 40588) Southeast Precinct transferred to Central Precinct/PPI.

The following Police Officer appointment was effective August 17, 2006:

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Retirements

Police Officer Garth EDWARDS (DPSST # 12372) Training Division retired from the Bureau after twenty-six years of service effective August 29, 2006.

Lieutenant Steven HOLLINGSWORTH (DPSST # 6653) School Police retired from the Bureau after five years of service (twenty-nine years with School Police) effective August 4, 2006.

Police Officer Marvin LABSCH (DPSST # 14910) Training Division retired from the Bureau after twenty-four years of service effective July 31, 2006.

Police Officer John LAWS (DPSST # 13996) Drugs and Vice Division retired from the Bureau after twenty-five years of service effective August 29, 2006.

Sergeant Timothy O’DWYER (DPSST # 7365) Southeast Precinct retired from the Bureau after twenty-eight years of service effective August 3, 2006.

Police Officer John PAYNE (DPSST # 10285) Detective Division/Court Services retired from the Bureau after twenty-six years of service effective July 28, 2006.
Can Blazers and police coexist? Blazers ‘say no’ approach wearing thin

The meeting was called three years ago, in the main conference room of the Trail Blazers’ practice facility. Players and coaches packed the room. Someone handed out sandwiches and paper cups filled with juice.

Two people who were in the room recall Steve Patterson, fresh on the job as team president, saying, "Remember, the police are not your friends.'

The meeting was one of three that help explain how the latest controversy involving a Blazers player has unfolded.

That 2003 meeting was a seminar on traffic stops and probable cause given by a group of legal consultants the Blazers hired.

The consultants instructed team personnel on what they should do in the event they were ever pulled over in a traffic stop or sought by detectives for questioning in a legal matter.

If police ask you if you’ve been drinking, 'No matter what the circumstance, say no,' they were told. If police ask you if it’s OK to take a look inside your automobile, say no. If they asked you anything at all, those in the room were advised, the answer is always no.

Then-Blazers guard Derek Anderson asked, "What if the police get a search warrant?"

The lawyers told the Blazers that if it were the middle of the night, and police were instructing a player that he could either let them search or wait a couple of hours to get a warrant, well, make them wake up a judge and get the warrant.

This prompted a second veteran Blazers player to make a 'Just Say No' joke, which caused the room to bust up giggling.

Anyone still laughing? The second meeting you need to know about took place in downtown Portland on June 8 when police pulled over two automobiles allegedly speed racing on Southwest Broadway at 3:15 a.m.

Zach Randolph was a passenger in a Dodge Magnum he owns that was driven by a friend. They were racing against a Cadillac Escalade, also owned by Randolph, with the cars going 50 to 60 mph in a 20 mph zone.

After police pulled both cars over, they found the Dodge locked, with the windows rolled up. They planned to impound the car and wanted to provide an inventory, but when police asked Randolph for the keys, he told a sergeant on the scene, 'I don’t know who has the key.'

When the officer informed Randolph that not cooperating could have an effect on his concealed weapons permit for the two guns they already knew were kept inside the vehicle, according to the report, Randolph responded, 'You gotta do what you need to do.'

Portland police officers waited for a tow company to come unlock the car.

When former teammates read news accounts of the incident, they nodded. It wasn’t Anderson’s search warrant question, but Randolph had apparently been listening to the seminar three years ago. And he’d followed orders.

Also, two years ago, in an Indiana incident during which three men were shot, police charged Roger Randolph, Zach’s younger brother, with three counts of battery with a deadly weapon. Zach initially refused to communicate with investigators there, who eventually got an interview with the power forward, but not before threatening to charge him for his lack of cooperation with authorities.

This isn’t to say that the Portland police department retaliated against Randolph by issuing a news release this week. He’s part of an investigation. Everything cited in the release is true. But when it comes to sexual assault, even if your involvement is, say, as a potential witness, you have to wonder if the public will make that distinction.

The third meeting you need to know about went down Monday afternoon in the fourth floor conference room of The Oregonian. Senior editors met with reporters working Day No. 6 of the latest story involving Randolph.

It began with someone at one end of the room asking, 'What do we know?' This was followed by a lengthy discussion about ethics, journalism, fairness, basic decency and some of the details of the police investigation involving Randolph.

The police news release changed the dynamic of the story. It was decided that the paper would print a direct account of the afternoon police statement that confirmed Randolph was part of an ongoing investigation. The investigation apparently stems from a complaint by one of two women who were with Randolph and another man at the downtown Hotel Vintage Plaza.

Kindergarten teachers tell their students that the police are our friends. Parents tell kids, if in trouble, find the first person in uniform, because they’re here to help. But when it comes to the Blazers, somehow, the 'Serve and Protect' message got fuzzed up.

In an e-mail, Patterson said the purpose of the seminar was to "...educate the players about what is required of Oregon citizens on a number of issues including drivers license requirements, insurance, etc. "...In response to player questions those attorneys, the presenters, answered questions pertaining to a citizen’s legal rights and obligations at a traffic stop and emphasized the need to be courteous to an officer at such a stop."

According to multiple people in on the seminar, one of the lawyers interrupted the PowerPoint presentation portion and said, 'Here’s an example of a trick the police will use to get you to cooperate.' Then, the attorney went into a traffic-stop role play.

Soon after, one of the Blazers veterans began softly singing N.W.A lyrics from the rap song from 1989 titled, '(bleep) tha police.'

That one got laughs, too.

That the Blazers have assumed an adversarial position with the men and women who are here to serve and protect is disappointing. It’s weeks like this one that we wish the seminar had been on civil behavior and not civil rights. The players needed a talk on good, sound judgment, not on damage control.

What we really have is a case study in relationships. The Blazers. The police. You. Me. Us. The best advice left is simple: There is no better substitute for ethical, reasonable behavior combined with good relationships.

Mixed into all of this is a trade that was considered in the last two weeks that would have sent Randolph to Denver for Kenyon Martin. A Nuggets source said the deal died in its infancy, perhaps when the team thought hard about drag racing and gun permits and worried about what kind of incident Randolph might end up surfacing in next.

The police might have issued that news release Monday to shake the trees and pressure Randolph, who has not consented to an interview, to cooperate with the investigation. Or maybe they’d just heard "no" one too many times. Randolph stopped casting a likable figure long ago, and the Blazers, who gave him $84 million two years ago and legal advice three years ago, are left feeling vulnerable.

What do we know? It can always get uglier.

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Catch him on the radio on "The Bald-Faced Truth," KFXL (1080), weekdays at 5:25 p.m. This article originally appeared in The Oregonian on Wednesday, August 23rd, 2006.

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6th annual

Count Rosenbaum’s Halloween Ball

Saturday, October 28, 2006
the party kicks off at 8:00 pm
at the Metro Police Club
618 SE Alder Street

Count Rosenbaum’s Halloween Ball is a Fundraiser for Camp Rosenbaum, a Youth Citizenship Camp.
See www.camprosenbaum.org for pictures and camp details.

"Civil Disturbance", the Vancouver Police Benefit Band will entertain the masses with live party music this year! As always the night will be filled with door, costume and raffle prizes!

The Oregon Culinary Institute, www.oregonculinaryinstitute.com, Portland’s new professional cooking school, will donate food for the event. Drink specials will be provided by the Metro Police Club. BE SAFE. Select a Designated Driver!

The Party is open to all! A Costume and a tax-deductible donation (ID#: 93-1263998) of, $25 per person (minimum donation) are all you need to attend the Party of the Year! Make a night of it at The Marriott Residence Inn, River Place. Call 503-552-9500 and mention The Camp for an excellent discount and details. FREE SHUTTLE INCLUDED!
2006 Columbia River knife sale to honor PPB citizen-soldiers

Sgt. Daren Roeser, Southeast Precinct, is pleased to announce that orders are being taken the 2006 annual Columbia River Knife and Tool pre-holiday group purchase. Included on this years order form will be a space for a suggested minimum donation of $5.00 to go toward the purchase of specially engraved knives for presentation to the 14 PPB Officers who are currently on, or have returned from extended deployment or activation in support of the War on Terror.

These Officers have served not only the citizens of Portland, but all Americans as Citizen-Soldiers. These Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines have volunteered for the Guard and Reserves, hoping for “One weekend a month, two weeks per year,” but with the full knowledge that activation could come at any time. Since September 11, 2001, many of our guard and reservists have spent as much time overseas as they have at home with their families and “regular” jobs. This level of commitment demonstrates the highest American ideals of patriotism and volunteerism. It is my hope that the small gift of a commemorative knife will serve to remind them that they are appreciated and not forgotten.

Columbia River Knife and Tool shows its corporate support for uniform, and public safety services by offering their full line of products at substantial savings off MSRP through this annual group purchase. In case you have not participated in previous years, CRKT offers dozens of different knives designed by world renowned knife makers and designers. Names familiar to knife aficionados such as Elshewitz, Ryan, Van Hoy, Lake, Crawford and many others all contribute variations of their handmade, custom knives to CRKT that can be produced commercially at affordable prices.

Of particular interest this year is the new TAILWIND™ series of assisted opener knives designed by Pat and Wes Crawford. Not a true automatic, the user starts the blade via a thumb stud on the blade, when the blade reaches 30 degrees an internal spring forces the knife open. The WILD WEASEL™ and the VOODOO™ are not only CRKT’s first assisted openers, they are the first CRKT knives made in the USA.

Expanding on the TAILWIND™ series of assisted openers for 2006 is the “OUTBURST” line. Also “Assisted Openers”, these knives feature an assistant mechanism that can be easily removed, if you prefer regular thumb stud opening, or replaced in case of breakage, by a single set screw. The “KOJO HARA ICHI” is a Japanese inspired small knife that rests easily in the pocket and features a removable clip for attachment to the pocket, belt or bags. The “MY TIGHE” line is a commercial interpretation of one of famous knife maker Brian Tighe’s exciting designs. A hefty, full size knife that bridges the gap between tactical and utility knives, I recently acquired one and find it to be the best CRKT knife I have had to date. Its combination of heft, grip and stout blade have made it my instant favorite. The “KOMMER FULL THROTTLE” is a stylish, trim full size knife that should prove popular with those who want a full size assisted opener with a more upscale, less “tactical” look. Featuring a lightly textured blue/black polyurethane hard enamel finish over a stainless steel frame with gold anodized accents, this classy folder has what it takes to stand up to corrosion, abrasion and impacts.

Returning for 2006 are the value priced Kommer designed SIGNATURE HUNTER™ line of fixed blade knives for the hunter and outdoorsman. This line offers features to enhance grip, traditional tool leather sheaths and three different models to suit every kind of hunting or camp chore.

If you have been looking for a true dagger style “boot” knife take a look at the new for 2006, “A.G. RUSSEL STING”. Featuring a thick spine, dual cutting edges and one piece hot forged 1050 carbon steel, this knife can dish it out as well as it can take it. A non-reflective black powder coat finish and multi-position Cordura-Zytel sheath round out this tough, hefty personal defense package.

For those who study knife fighting, or just have need for a big, hefty tactical knife, take a look at the new ULTIMA™ series. The ULTIMA™ features a blade 6.75 inches long, an overall length of over 11.6 inches, a butt pry tip and a grip specially designed to offer maximum purchase even in the wettest, dustiest or greasiest circumstances.

11 inches of knife just a little bit more than you need? Looking for something durable, but classy and unobtrusive enough for formal occasions? The Van Hoy designed SNAP FIRE™ and SNAP LOCK™ might be just your style. You’ve never, ever, seen knives like these.

If Japanese martial arts interest you, the HIJUSSATU™ and FIRST STRIKE™ lines of tactical fighting knives are inspired by the ancient designs of Japanese knife makers and sword smiths. These sturdy fixed blade knives come with black ZYTEL™ sheaths that are designed with a belt clip and variety of holes and slots that allow for mounting on almost any kind of belt, vest or gear.
Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “Beautiful young people are accidents of nature. But beautiful old people are works of art.”

We had our “Over the Hill Gang” lunch on July 26th at the Refectory. I picked up Randy Tucker and arrived to find several already there. Randy Pulley, Glen Griffiths, Harry Boggs, Bud Bladow and Mace Flye were there. Dina Lauren was back after a long absence, and Kim Keist joined us also.

We also had Bob Benson, Bob LaGae, Lloyd Nelson, Ed Clark, Dick Kunz, Lowell Amundson, Walt Martin and Norm Rosenbloom. Norm said he visited our new Police Academy and it was nice.

Retired Sheriff, Fred Pearce was with us again. Since we had no agenda, it was mostly a gab fest, with a few jokes thrown in. The food was good, as usual. Remember, this is always on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

The 2ndMonday of August was the 14th, so I picked up Randy Tucker and we headed for the breakfast at Denny’s. George Porter and Bruce Sherman, traveled from Lincoln City again, to be there. Peter Bates, Gene Thoning, “Tootsie-Roll” Bob Sivilar, Bob Dorney and Don Seamster were early, as was Randy Pulley. Henry Groepper joined us again, and so did Jerry Klinger.

Ray Gericke drove in from Sherwood, and Mace Flye beat us too. Then we had Scott Field, Ken Zapp, Bob McPhail, Dallas Taggart, Glen Griffiths and Howard Soumie.

It was a good crowd, with many conversations going, until the food was served. Dallas is quite interested in family history, and has been successful in researching his lineage.

The annual PPA picnic was held on Sat. Aug. 5th at The Oaks Park. It was a fairly decent day, a little warm, but the older retirees have learned where the shade will be at 1pm or 2pm. We really appreciate the PPA inviting us again.

The crowd seemed diminished, even from last year. It was good to see many old friends that we only see once or twice a year. Audrey and Clyde Sinner were able to attend, even with Clyde’s recent gallbladder surgery. Donna and Bob Bertalot came in from Maupin and Donna was looking good, after all her Chemo and radiation treatments. Bob is scheduled for some work on his knee.

We were able to talk briefly with Chief Rosie Sizer, and a few of the other unretired police officers. There was plenty of pre-lunch food, such as hotdogs, beer, wine, and pop, and the museum was doing a brisk business in t-shirts, sweat shirts, cups etc.

The main course was hamburgers and BBQ’d ribs. These were prepared by Gerald Anderson and his crew again. I would hate to have his job on a hot day.

The drawing was held last, after the ice cream orgy, and there were several bikes given to some of the young folk. Many toys and games were passed out also. Our retiree’s did quite well in the drawings, with many gift certificates distributed. Our Association donated $100 in gift certificates.

As I said, the attendance was down, including some of our retiree’s, some of this due to attrition. But everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, especially the kids.

Linda and I were invited to attend the Retired Firefighters picnic on August 8th, by Beth and Joe Gray. Joe is the President of the Retired Firefighters Association. They held theirs at the same place we hold ours. They also cater Chicken and BBQ ribs from Albertsons. It might be noted that they had over 175 attending theirs. The covered area was packed full, as well as the parking lot, which was filled with cars. The weather was quite warm, and we really enjoyed the visit.

Our thanks to Beth and Joe, and the others who were such gracious hosts.

We have over 600 paid members in our Association. On August 15th, we held our general meeting at the VFW Hall, SE 87th and Powell, at 7:30pm. We had 19 souls there. 16 of these were Board members or officers, and their wives.

We opened with Howard Soumie leading us in the pledge of allegiance. Next we feasted on fresh fruit and cookies, before taking care of business.

We discussed the retiree’s picnic, and what to change next year. Everyone seemed happy with the catering, so we will do it again.

Sally Bible gave the treasurer’s report, and Susan Nilsen read the minutes of the last meeting. We discussed the rising cost of health insurance, from the city, but it is scary to think about changing. If you opt out of the city plan, I don’t think they will let you back in. I have received inquires about us having a say-so in the PPA’s negotiations on the subject, but that is not possible.

Next, we drew names for the door prizes. Bob Warner passed the hat, and collected name tags. The 1st one was Dorothy Lindholm for $25. The next one was Barbara Zapp, who also collected $25. The meeting was then adjourned.

Bright and early on August 15th, we fired up the Harley and sidecar and headed for Redmond. The Central Oregon Retiree’s were having their luncheon.

It was a little chilly going over the mountain, plus a little smoke and fog going through Government Camp. The weather warmed up by the time we reached Redmond.

The luncheon was again held at the new Juniper Golf Club on SE Elkhorn, near the airport. There were 19 attendees. Evelyn and Dave Holmes, and Kathleen and Greg Phuchos had made the arrangements for this one.

The food was excellent again, and was enjoyed by Theron and Marilyn. They also cater Chicken and BBQ’d ribs. These were prepared by Jack Norrenberner, Bob McPhail, Mel Nilsen and Bob Svilar. Bob Cosby made it to a few also. If you want to join us, drop in.

The coffee pot is always on.

I chatted with Ken Lowery recently, and he is back at home in Newport. He is recovering from surgery regarding an aneurism, which got complicated. He is doing therapy, but is not able to walk yet. He hopes to bounce back soon.

I had a nice talk with Jack Fawcett a short time ago. When we were in Redmond, Bob Aichele mentioned that Jack had recently purchased a new Harley. Jack confirmed that he was the proud owner of a new Police Special Harley.

Jack said that he is doing better, but it takes a little time to bounce back after each treatment. Hang in there buddy!

Taps

Irene Hochstetler, wife of Marion S. Hochstetler. She was born September 28th, 1926, in New York City, died July 19th, 2006 at age 79. She was a homemaker and a foster parent, through Oregon Adult Family Services. She and Marion were married in 1946.

Survivors include her husband; sons, Stan and Dale; daughter, Rosemary Heacock; foster daughter, Virginia Snyder; brothers, Max Yuchniuk and John Yuchniuk; 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.


He was a member of the Portland Junior Symphony, playing the sax and the clarinet, and graduated from Benson in 1943. He was in the Coast Guard in WWII. He married Evelyn O’Donnovan in 1948. In 1950 he was called up by the Marines and served with the 1st Marine Division at Inchon and Chosin Reservoir.

Larry returned to school later and certified in Building Design and Drafting, and began a second career as a self employed designer, retiring from that in 2000. He was a member of Kiwanis, and was president of the Hollywood Club. He served as Director and President of the Law Enforcement Camps. He also served as Juvenile Advocate for Yamhill County Family Court. He is a member of St. Pius X Parish.

He is survived by his wife; children, Joyce, Katy and Mary; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A son, Donovan predeceased him in 2003.


After the war he traveled around the country as a catcher for the All Marine Corps Base ball team. He was drafted by the Yankee’s, but declined the offer to be with his family. He served as MCSO Deputy before joining the PPA in 1989.

He coached various teams for 18 years. From 1979 to 1981 he worked for BPST in Monmouth. He also served as branch manager in charge of security for the Trojan Nuclear Plant.

In 1989 he moved to Central Oregon. While in Mitchell he served as full-time substitute teacher, teaching every level from kindergarten to 12th grade. He had obtained a B.A. in Criminal Justice and a Masters degree in Education.

He was a member of the Mitchell Lions Club, a charter member of the Milwaukee Elks, and a member of the Gladstone Christian Church, and served on the Lutheran Church Council.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; sons, Christopher of Gresham, Bruce Rudy Ritschard of Portland, and Lieutenant Brad Ritschard of Gresham; daughters Suzanne LaBaron of Milwaukie and Heidi Campbell of Portland; brother, Robert R., of Seaside; 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. A brother, Ronald preceded him in death.

Rebecca Caroline “Carol” Steele, wife of Robert Steele. Rebecca Donnell was born February 25th, 1922 in Winnnett, Montana and died August 4th, 2006 at age 84.

She graduated from Silverton High School and Married Robert in 1941. She was a homemaker, seamstress, and a musician.

Survivors include her husband; sisters, Jean Nelson and Jewell Healey; brother, Nile Donnell.

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The price of public education

Recently I had occasion to see a copy of an 8th grade test from Salina, Kansas. The test was a final exam for students in 1895. Some of the questions were: Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications; Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic; Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War; and, mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: Call, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.

When I think back to 1971, when I was in 8th Grade, I doubt very much if I could have passed this test then. And I doubt I could have passed it in 1977 when I graduated from high school; and I know I couldn’t when I was in 8th Grade, I doubt I could have passed it in 1895 when I graduated from Portland State. And I know I cannot pass it now. What about you? Could you have ever passed this test? And for those of us that can’t, why is that? The question we need to ask ourselves and our school administrators is why were 8th graders in Salina, Kansas in 1895 better educated and therefore better prepared academically for this century, than we are?

I believe that one of the main reasons for the growing economic disparity in this country is an educational system that teaches kids what to think rather than how to think, and fails to impart the knowledge to them that they need to succeed. The end result is a work force that cannot meet the demands and expectations of the employers that are looking to hire them. So the employers look to other countries to supply the qualified workers they can’t find here.

In the last two years I have been fortunate enough to meet a half dozen foreign exchange students from Europe. Every one of them has told me that the year they spend here is an academic wasteland. It does not count towards their education requirements to graduate in their home country, because they have already covered much of what they “learn” here years ago. My daughter, who attended a private elementary school, experienced the same thing this year when she starting attending public high school. She was doing work there that she had already mastered in 7th grade.

We lag behind every other industrialized nation in the world in academic skills, and even the schools in the third world are catching up to us. U.S. typically our students score dead last or close to it on an international achievement tests. It’s pathetic. U.S. schools focus on self-esteem rather than academic skills, and we will suffer for it as a country as the rest of the world passes us by. Never in our history has Johnny felt so good about doing so poorly.

And keep in mind that the 8th graders in Salina, Kansas did it all without computers, calculators, palm pilots or a massive educational bureaucracy. The Portland Public School system receives over $12,000 per child per year from the state. Even when adjusted for inflation, I doubt the schools in Kansas in 1895 received anything close to that. So the next time you hear the bureaucrats whining about the need for more money to educate our children ask them about Saline, Kansas in 1895, and how come they did better with less than we have?

What does all of this have to do with the men and women of the Portland Police Bureau? Only this: We lack adequate facilities, equipment, training and personnel to do our job properly because we are under funded. And this isn’t just our problem. Every other agency in the state faces the same challenges...to do more with less at the expense of the officers and citizens. The lack of jail beds in Multnomah County is a prime example. A new jail stands ready to go, but the politicians won’t set money aside for its operation. They claim lack of funds, yet they don’t blink an eye when pass new taxes or cut other budgets to pour more money into an educational system that has failed.

The problem with the educational system in Oregon isn’t lack of funding, but misguided methods, policies and philosophy. If those three things were more in line with the real world the education system would do fine as is, and any additional money not spent there could instead be used to help fix the law enforcement system in Oregon.