Sketches bring artist acclaim



MANHATTAN BEACH. Calif. (AP) — An Oregon artist helping investigators locate the killer of a local policeman says psychology is as important as the pen in rendering

accurate suspect drawings

Jeanne Boylan, who won kudos for her work last month in the Polly Klaas kidnap-murder case, said she takes time to get to know witnesses before searching their memories for details.

"My background is in psychology and counseling," Boylan said. "I don't want to make a direct reference to the suspect because it will bring the emotional trauma back, and then the drawing may not be accurate."

Sometimes she gets too close, as in the Klaas case, and the emotional toll can be devastating.

Boylan, of Bend, became counselor and confidante to friends and family of the 12-year-old Petaluma girl while working on that case.

"That one just absolutely gutted me." Boylan said. "You can't go into these situations and not be affected by these cases."

Boylan's already created a bond with the friends and family of Officer Martin Ganz, who was shot dead Dec. 27, and stayed away from the officer's funeral Monday because it came too soon after Klaas' service.

Authorities were struggling with a generic composite of an Asian man in his late 20s or early 30s in the Ganz case when Manhattan Beach police suggested using Boylan, Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Frank Merriman said.

"She did such an excellent job on the Klaas case. It was so strikingly accurate," Merriman said.

Boylan also came recommended by the Los Angeles Police Department, which recruited her during its investigation of a serial child molester in the San Fernando Valley.

Through a technique she calls investigatory interviewing, Boylan produced a composite in the Ganz case that revealed a suspect with fleshy cheeks and styled hair.

Since the composite's release over the weekend, the number of telephone tips to police have picked up, Merriman said.

To recreate the killer's face. Boylan spent a total of eight hours on New Year's Day with two witnesses, including Ganz's 13-year-old nephew, who accompanied Ganz on the traffic stop that led to the policeman's death.

Boylan, who has had no formal art training, says the key to her work is to remember how fragile human memory can be, especially after witnessing a violent crime.

"When police go to a crime scene, they pick up the smallest thing with a tweezer and put it in a plastic baggie to protect it," she said. "And yet something as fragile as an eyewitness memory, they don't protect that. I don't think they realize how susceptible it is to suggestion." International Students Get to Know Us – Your Before you Need Us. Student Health Center x4441



Drug overdose deaths set new Oregon record

PORTLAND (AP) — A highly potent form of heroin contributed to about two-thirds of the record 131 drug overdose deaths in Oregon last year.

"It's tar heroin," said Dr. Larry V. Lewman, the Oregon state medical examiner. "It's usually 40 to 80 percent pure, but you don't know which. It's Russian roulette with a needle."

There were 100 deaths in Oregon from drug overdoses in 1992.

Portland police Lt. Ed May says new heroin supply lines are bringing in batches with widely different potencies. If addicts are expecting heroin that is less than 20 percent pure, they can easily overdose if the batch turns out to be 40 percent pure.

The traditional supply lines go from Mexico to Los Angeles to Portland. Several times along the way, the heroin is "cut," or mixed with something else to increase the amount of the drug and therefore the profits.

But a way for some heroin

runners to increase their profits is to bypass the supply lines altogether, bringing it straight from Mexico. Because fewer people handle the drug before it is sold, it is cut less, and stronger. With old suppliers and new suppliers, addicts have a difficult time telling how strong the drug is.

May doesn't think more people are using heroin, nor does he believe that more heroin is available in the city. "It's cyclical," he said.

The total number of drug overdose deaths reached 70 in 1986, then dropped more than half the following year. Deaths rose again during the next three years, peaking at 83 in 1990, then dropped more than half the next year.

Law enforcement officials attribute both drops to the arrest of two major heroin dealers, Pamela Mejia Armenta in 1987 and Carlos H. Orantes-Arriaga in 1991. The year of each arrest, heroin overdoses dropped about 60 percent.



Second man sentenced to life for jogger slaying

MADRAS (AP) — A judge has sentenced Roger Dale Beck to life in prison with a 20-year minimum for the 1978 Christmas Eve slaving of a woman jogger in the Camp Sherman area.

The sentence, imposed Monday by Jefferson County Circuit Judge Gary Thompson, followed Beck's conviction on two counts of aggravated murder and three counts of murder in the killing of Kaye Turn-

Thompson previously sentenced John Arthur Ackroyd to an identical sentence in the case.

Prosecutors say the men kidnapped and raped Turner and then fatally stabbed and shot her.

Turner, 35, of Eugene, disappeared when she went jogging in the community of Camp Sherman, about 10 miles from Santiam Summit. She had been vacationing with her family.

The sentences against Ackroyd and Beck were the maximum that could be handed down under laws that existed at the time of the killing.

Dressed in a blue jail jumpsuit and wearing handcuffs, Beck appeared angry when the judge asked if he wanted to make a statement.

"Yes, your honor," Beck said. "I'm not guilty. All I'm going to say is everybody gave me the shaft."

Beck also blasted the method in which he was questioned about Turner's murder.

"Nobody will let you tell the truth." he said. "How are you going to tell the truth if you have to answer yes or no? You can't tell the truth."



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