

# Opinion



## County streets to remain safe with 'yes' vote

How much do you value police protection and what would you do if you didn't have it? These are very important questions to ask yourself as the Clackamas County Sheriff's Levy comes up for voter approval May 19.

The new levy is replacing the current three year levy which ends June 30. The new levy, also for a three year period, is for \$33,826,755 which will be an increase of only .14 cents per thousand dollars of assessed evaluation. The new levy is to continue the existing staff levels and programs and does not include additional personnel, equipment or programs.

During 1986 the Sheriff's Department performed many important duties for the public including responding to 44, 069 calls for service, investigating 13,148 criminal cases and reducing the incidence of crimes against persons over 1985 such as sexual assaults, robbery and assault. If this levy fails there will no longer be deputies patrolling the streets and stopping the crimes listed above.

Is Clackamas County prepared for such a thing to happen? Probably not. Crime is not something to be ignored because it will only increase with time. Clackamas County needs to feel safe and without this levy how can it?

As a voter it is your duty to keep the streets of Clackamas County safe. You can do this by voting 'yes' on ballot measure 3 - 9 on May 19. How safe do you want to feel? Think about it.



## Parents - what a concept

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### Passing the 'Dad' test

It's 7:00 on a Saturday night and your date is going to be picking you up at any moment. You are dressed to kill and you are really excited about the night to come because it will be the first time this guy has taken you out. Then it happens. Dear old Dad drags himself out of the workshop to come meet his "little girl's" new boyfriend.

If you are a girl, I'm sure you have had this same frightening experience happen to you. Boy meets girl. Boy asks girl out. Girl says "yes." Boy picks girl up. Girl's father picks boy apart. It's a typical scenario.

Fathers need to feel that their little girls are safe at all times. They know that no matter how much they may like to they cannot be there to protect them from all the crazed lunatics in the world. So they do the next best thing, they find a boy to take care of their little girl.

Meeting new guys isn't too difficult and getting asked out is just a little harder, but the hardest thing to do of all is to keep a boyfriend after they meet your father.

Fathers know just what questions to ask when their daughters bring home what they consider potential sons-in-law.

"Well, son, how do you plan to support my daughter once you are married?"

"Daddy please, we haven't even been on a date yet!"

Our reactions are usually ignored and the interrogation continues....

Questioning is not the only part of the interrogation, tolerance is tested by the telling of jokes and stories of Dad's childhood. If the poor guy can pass this test he may then be forced to tour the father's workshop. If the guy can correctly name and give the use for at least 10 of the tools, he passes yet another test.

But what happens if the guy passes all of these tests?

Well, that means that we finally get to leave on our date. Of course by this time the guy is so frazzled by the long interrogation that he can barely enjoy himself on the date. Many guys may bring you home early so they can return home or go out for a few beers to relieve the tension that has built up inside them. If a guy asks you out after this point, he is either crazy or very brave, most likely a little of both.

By the time of the second date, if luck has it that there is one, the father has already chosen a nickname for the guy and begins calling him the name from that point on. If the guy can keep a straight face while father is calling him this name, he wins, if not, there will probably not be a third date.

Anyone who lasts through three dates can be considered "marriage material" and father may begin suggesting just that. When this point is reached many guys will not ask a girl out again, they are too afraid of losing their freedom and the girl goes out to look for yet another brave soul.

No matter how long time goes on, as long as there are fathers and as long as there are potential sons-in-law there will always be this process of elimination called, "So you want to date my daughter, well, we'll see about that."

Dads don't mean to make it difficult on their daughters dating lives, they just want the best for their little girls. They want to make sure that the guys aren't as dangerous as they were when they were dating. So, Dad, next time go a little easier on the guys, and daughters bare with Dad because there will be at least one of them out there that even he can't scare off.

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### Virginity: not just a word

by Dean Grey  
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Virginity.

Concept? Emotion? Reality. According to the dictionary to be a virgin is to never have had sexual intercourse. It adds that this is especially for women. Of course it was written by a man. Is virginity a thing of the past? Or is it a hidden occult practiced by those whose parents drilled such a fear of immediate destruction into their children that the thought of loss was equal to death. Virginity isn't just the thought of intercourse; it encompasses much more.

In the past, to be a virgin was to be pure, untouched, chaste. It was regarded by men with the utmost respect and women stayed chaste until marriage. The idea of

virginity was a nonmentioned requirement of marriage. That's nice. After all isn't the idea of making love to one who has never been with another before you pleasant? Of course it is, you chauvinist pig. But mostly what you want is your cake with the ability to have another piece later.

A lot of women want to share that special moment with someone who is going to care for them, love them for life, maybe a husband? A good deal of men just want to share that moment with whoever will let them and are relatively free of disease. To be male and be a virgin takes a lot of courage and self control. It's almost a nonexistent thing.

The concept is not any longer a reality. Those who are get

teased by those who aren't. Why? Possibly because the men who went ahead and had sex want to relieve their guilt by making it a mandatory thing to have had sex. They tie it in with being a true man. Well thank God there are a lot of true men in this world. It's time for some lesser men to take a stand and show that abstention is better than sex that goes no further than the nearest bed or couch or back seat, etc.

Virginity, as I began, may not be the quality of how it is given (taken), and it is definitely not the quantity since it is a one time thing (something to keep in mind), but more importantly it must be put into perspective. If it is lost it can be regained in the mind.

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