

Police bureau to absorb human service cuts

The Portland Police Bureau is asking for an additional \$5.2 million dollars in the upcoming city budget for mental and social services, saying that if everyone else would just let them be in charge, the city would be swept clean of crime.

"We are tired of being put into the position of being social workers every day," says a police spokesperson. "It makes sense that the police budget absorb any number of human services cuts that will take place. Our track record speaks for itself."

After legislators with the State of Oregon slashed a number of social service programs, including assistance for homeless families in exchange for keeping as many prisons open as possible, the Portland Police say it's time the city followed suit.

"Look, let's be honest — those pencil pushing social workers and doctors with the health department don't have a clue how to deal with people experiencing

poverty," says one insider with knowledge of the new proposal. "We learned in high school and community college how these kind of people think. It's not pretty."

It's thought that overtime paid to the police to help addicts and people with mental health into the criminal justice system will one day time pay off. "Our plan is simple. We catch the bad guys, make them get clean or throw their ass in jail. It's not complicated at all. It's called public safety. Ever heard of it, Street Roots?"

The new plan is expected to catch at least 100 criminals and will help pad the pockets of the local district attorney's office by tenfold.

Asked how this plan saves the city money over time and will help curb the large amounts of drugs and addiction in the community, one spokesperson said, "You just hate the police, don't you? We don't do anything right, do we? This conversation is over."

Haters Club forms to ignore Street Roots vendors

Street Roots vendors are reporting a new group who has formed in Portland called the "Hater's Club."

"It's like when a squirrel notices a hawk," says one vendor. "They kind of forget how to act and move as fast as they can past us."

One person who is thought to be forming the new Haters Club, says that the best way to deal with Street Roots vendors in the city is to walk fast and ignore the hell out of them.

"We work hard for our money," says one hater. "These guys and gals stand out in the elements 365 days a year hawking a street newspaper. They aren't working, they are professional beggars pushing a lefty socialist-rag that wants to

destroy the very foundation of the American way."

The Hater's Club will be meeting on Wednesday nights, before an anti-government group that hopes to end government-sponsored fire fighting and dismantle street lights. The group is thought to be an off-shoot of a larger organization who says that we really don't need bridges to get from one point to another, especially across large bodies of water, like rivers.

"You can't sell a newspaper to get ahead in this world," says one member of the group. "If we can get enough people engaged to ignore our communities responsibilities, we believe that freedom will prevail."

Social Darwinist realizes he is alone

A social Darwinist who believed he was building an empire of money and success by starting his own company, realizes the rest of the world couldn't give two shits about him or his products.

"I can't understand why weak people won't get behind my new line of camouflage survival pills," says Charles Tough-Head, "I know that I'm smarter and more equipped and tougher than most of these people who believe in community and group effort. What I can't understand is why they don't want to be strong and self-motivated like me."

Tough-Head's company, "I am Man!" is offering camouflage survival pills, taken twice a day to prepare individuals for anything from living day-to-day in a weak society to being prepared for the end of times.

"I know that when the end of times comes, we'll be ready," says Submissive Wife, Tough-Head's partner. "I've been

taking two pills a day, and already I can see that I am ready for anything, especially living with a controlling, manipulative, arrogant and self-absorbed husband who believes that people actually care about anything he says."

Tough-Head realized his "I am Man!" pills may be in trouble when no one in Portland actually bought the pills. "Not to worry though, I've developed a new marketing plan aimed for the South and I believe "I am Man!" will rise again.

Tough-Head did admit that not having people purchase the pills has affected his moods and he does feel depressed at times, but makes sure to note that doesn't make him "weak" and there's no way in hell he'll ever see a counselor about it.

The new line of "I am Man!" is expected to hit the market in Arkansas this summer, with a new tag-line: "Strong = Man!"



Free-speech hoodie a win-win

A woman tries to answer her phone wearing the new "Free Speech Zone Hoodie" at a recent demonstration in Downtown Portland. The new "hoodies," which are actually sound proof helmets, are intended to give people the freedom to exercise their First Amendment rights to free speech without disturbing anyone else. Police tested out the helmets last week and said they worked well, although some people had difficulty seeing where they were going and staying on the permitted marching route. A few were lost to side streets.

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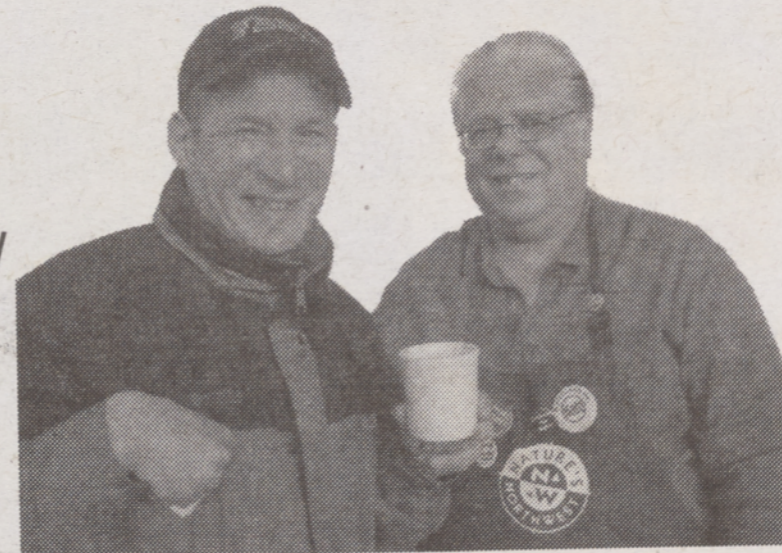
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vomiting," Normand said, who offered these precautions for Portlanders until water service can be restored: If you run out of stored drinking water, strain and treat water from your water heater or toilet reservoir tank (except if you use toilet tank cleaners). You cannot drink swimming pool or spa water, but you can use it for flushing toilets or washing.

Treatment: Begin by straining any larger particles of dirt by pouring the

water through a couple of layers of paper towels or clean cloth. Next, purify the water either by boiling it for 3 to 5 minutes, or using a disinfectant.

To disinfect: If the water is clear, add 8 drops of bleach per gallon of water. If it is cloudy, add 16 drops per gallon. Make sure you are using regular bleach rather than ultra or color safe bleaches. Shake or stir, and then let stand for 30 minutes. A slight chlorine taste and smell is normal.



Office Cat Rooty says thank you to everyone for sharing our little joke. Happy April Fools! Thank you!