

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Police News

Jollota to serve sixth term on national committee CrimeStoppers

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Vancouver Councilmember Pat Jollota has been selected to serve on the National League of Cities (NLC) 2000 Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee. The mission of the NLC is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. The Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee is responsible for policy in the areas of crime prevention, corrections, substance abuse, municipal fire policy, juvenile justice, and disaster preparedness and emergency response. In a letter to Jollota, NLC President and Mayor of Wichita, Kansas noted, "I selected the steering committee members based primarily on expertise and interest in the subject area." Jollota has served on the steering committee since it was formed in 1995. "This is very exciting for me," exclaimed Jollota, "each year I have been pleased to be re-appointed." Last year, the committee worked on and published a report for cities to address the issues of domestic terrorism and disaster planning. Previously, the committee worked to implement "Operation First Strike", an early intervention program that identifies and treats potentially violent youth in the community. The committee advocated for federal legislation that enabled Vancouver Police Services to use thermal imaging helmets. Other topics have included community policing, court systems, gun control, regional approaches for public safety resources, and sentencing guidelines and mandatory sentencing. In her role as committee member, Jollota will attend the Congressional City Conference, the Congress of Cities, and two annual meetings. She stated, "I hope to bring back tools for the City of Vancouver to implement in as we strive to increase public safety and reduce crime in our community." Jollota is in her third term as a Vancouver City Councilmember, serving continuously since 1990. She is employed as a curator for the Clark County Museum. To leave a message for Councilmember Jollota, contact the City Manager's office at (360) 696-8121 or send an email message to pat.jollota@ci.vancouver.wa.us. For more information about the National League of Cities and the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee visit them online at www.nlc.org.

Cops Found Guilty of Louima Coverup

NEW YORK - Three officers were found guilty of conspiring to conceal one policeman's role in the torture of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima. Former officer Charles Schwarz, and officers Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder were found guilty of conspiracy to obstruct justice because they had claimed that Schwarz was not present during the brutal attack. Schwarz already faces a possible life sentence for his 1999 conviction of violating Louima's civil rights by holding him down as fellow Officer Justin Volpe sodomized him with a broken-off broom handle.

Gunman Shoots 5 in Pa. Restaurant

WILKINSBURG, Pa. - Five people reportedly have been shot at two fast-food restaurants outside Pittsburgh. A gunman walked into a McDonald's restaurant this morning and shot four people before going to a nearby Burger King and shooting a person there, KDKA-TV reported. The conditions of those shot were not immediately known. Police told KDKA-TV they believed they had the assailant confined in an office building near the McDonald's in Wilkesburg, nine miles east of Pittsburgh.

OPEC Boost May Not Help Gas Prices

WASHINGTON - The Energy Department predicted sharply higher gasoline prices this summer even if the world's oil producers agree later this month to increase production. The forecast by the Energy Information Administration said gasoline prices, nudging near \$1.50 a gallon on average nationwide, easily could jump another 20 cents a gallon by May and June.

Feds To Buy Back Some Public Debt

WASHINGTON - The Treasury Department will buy back a part of the national debt for the first time in 70 years. The initial repurchase operation will cover only \$1 billion and will be limited to 30-year bonds issued between 1985 and 1990. Treasury officials said they kept the initial operation small in an effort to test the market response.

House Passes Social Security Bill

WASHINGTON - In a rare show of bipartisan unity, the House unanimously passed legislation lifting the earnings limit for 800,000 Social Security recipients age 65 through 69. President Clinton endorsed the bill. By a 422-0 vote, the House sent the bill to the Senate, where it has equally strong support among Republicans and Democrats eager to accomplish something in this election year for the important senior citizen vote - especially since longer-term Social Security and Medicare reforms are unlikely.

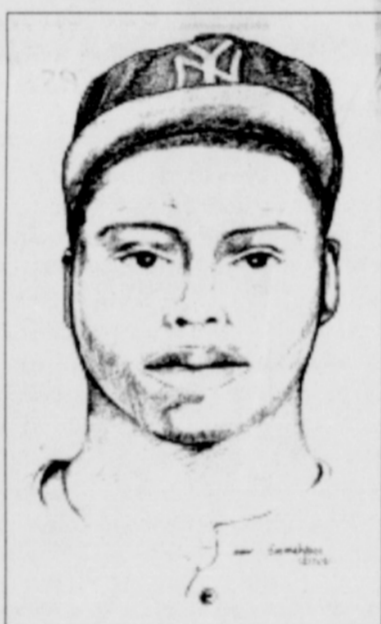
CrimeStoppers

Assault/Rape
The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect in a sexual assault.

On the evening of Sunday, January 30, 2000, the victim, a 28-year-old female who had been staying at the YWCA, stopped to ask the suspect for directions. The suspect led her to Lincoln High School, located at 1501 Southwest Jefferson Street, where he kicked her down a flight of stairs, and continued kicking her until she became unconscious. She was then sexually assaulted and badly beaten.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 26-years-old, 5'7" to 5'8" tall, weighing 160 pounds, clean shaven, with a medium complexion and short hair. He was wearing a light gray sweater, white shirt, a "New York Yankees" baseball cap with the bill pushed up, and yellow or orange work boots.

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reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Crime Stoppers Case #00-08 Robbery
The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect in a robbery.

On Wednesday, February 9, 2000, at approximately 2:00'clock in the morning, a lone male suspect walked into the 7-Eleven store located at 1705 Southeast 122nd Avenue. He

approached the counter, displayed a handgun, and told the clerk to open the register and give him the money. The suspect was last seen southbound from the location.

The suspect is described as white male in his early 20's, 5'7" to 5'8" tall with a thin to medium build. He was wearing a black and gray stocking cap with a pom-pom on top and white lettering on the front, a black waist

length hooded jacket with the words "Perry Ellis" printed on the back, and black shoes. He was armed with a black, long barrel revolver.

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Police arrest inmate erroneously released

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Fast, coordinated effort by area's law enforcement leads to arrest
On February 22, 2000 Amos Lee McLemore was erroneously released from the Multnomah County Detention Center. An error by the Records Unit transferred McLemore to Washington County before his local charges were demised. The charge in Washington County was theft II. Washington County did not know

about the charges in Multnomah County.

McLemore was being held on Robbery I and two charges of Kidnapping II resulting from a Portland arrest. Multnomah County Sheriff's Office became aware of the error when Portland Detective Dan McGetrick called for a status report on McLemore. Multnomah County detectives were dispatched immediately when the error was discovered.

Due to the fast, coordinated effort of the Multnomah County Sheriff's

Office, Portland Police, Washington County Sheriff's Office and Hillsboro Police, McLemore was apprehended within hours. Hillsboro Police Officer Stephen Beaver made the arrest at McLemore's residence.

According to Sheriff Dan Noelle, "we consider any mistakes in release a very serious matter. Despite a double check system we have in place, a dangerous offender was released when he should not have been. We have a committee that review all release errors and this case will go through that process"

Information sought in homicide

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On Thursday, March 2, 2000, at 8:31 p.m. Northeast Precinct Uniform Officers responded at a call of shots fired in the general area of N.E. Rodney Avenue and Failing Street. A few minutes after arriving in the area,

officers heard two gunshots coming from the area of N.E. Mallory Avenue / Shaver Street.

At 8:52 p.m. a citizen called in a "man down" at N.E. Rodney Avenue/ Failing Street. Discovered and deceased at the location was 21 year-old Henry Jay Johnson of Northeast Portland.

An autopsy conducted on March 3, 2000, by the Oregon State Medical Examiners Office determined that Johnson died of multiple gunshot wounds.

The investigation is continuing and anyone with information is asked to call the Portland Police Bureau's Detective Division at 823-0400.

Free trigger locks still available

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Free gun trigger locks are available to the public through the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. The locks work like a traditional padlock and are placed through a firearm barrel on magazine holder. The weapon cannot be fired until the lock is unlocked.

The public can come to Multnomah County Sheriff's Office at 12240 N.E. Glisan between 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. The office is open Monday through Friday. Locks are limited to one per person.

Surfs up at the new, improved Community Development web page

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Clark county residents now have an easy way to find out about licensing their pets, filing a nuisance complaint, getting a building permit, or reading about other services offered by the Community Development Department. All this information and much more is available through the county's Internet home page at www.co.clark.wa.us. Questions and answers are included for each of the department's six divisions: Animal Protection and Control, Building, Code Enforcement, Development Services, Fire Marshal, and Long Range Planning.

"The web page allows us to provide folks with current information on new programs," says Director Rich Carson. "At the moment our page also includes information on our annual report, performance audit, strategic plan, and building remodeling."

Eventually, the department's new Tidemark computer software may make it possible for people to apply and pay for permit applications online. "Ultimately, our goal is to offer as many services as we can via the web 24 hours a day, seven days a week," says Joe Gall from Customer Service. "Then our customers will have an option besides driving down to our offices on a rainy day."



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