

Portland City Council
Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Resolving Portland's Dysfunctional Police Bureau

It is ironic that Portland's high definition assaults, killings and immorality emanate from our own police department.

The former chief of police had to be forced out of office by a sensational sex scandal involving a police subordinate, as luridly revealed in the pages of The Oregonian.

A citizen who was assaulted trying to film a police action was awarded \$50,000 for being attacked by a police officer. A slight 21 year old PCC student was pummeled by an officer for walking in the middle of a deserted street.

Kendra James, James Jahar Perez, James Chasse and most recently Aaron Campbell- all unarmed citizens of this city have died at the hands of the Portland Police Bureau.

It is also ironic that this City Council has failed to rein in an out of control police force and police union-despite two major critical reports by the Los Angeles based Police Assessment Review Commission (in 2003 and 2005) - Jesse Jackson, national political activist had to be called in by desperate citizenry demanding a radical change in the philosophy and practice of our tax paid police force.

Some major reforms should include:

- 1) A change in State Law denying the authority to kill based on fear or imagination.

- 2) Appointment of civilians (preferably social-psychologists), instead of police officers to be, to be chiefs of police.
- 3) Screen out sadistic, racist, and emotionally unstable police applicants, and
- 4) Require all police officers to be residents of this city.

Benefits would include:

- a) The presence of 400 or more police officers and their patrol cars would provide a significant deterrent to criminal activity.
- b) It would tend to foster a more ethnically diverse police force, and
- c) More resident police officers would be paying property taxes and help support our local economy.

The City Attorney's office told me, contrary to Commissioner Dan Saltzman's denial, this positive change that can be effected simply by passing a city ordinance.

It's time for the City Council to stop dallying and start taking control of the dysfunctional Portland Police Bureau from the president of the Portland Police Union.

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cent, as the pace of job losses continued to drop, employers gave more hours to many workers, and manufacturing payrolls grew for the first time in three years.

The encouraging signs reported Fri-

day by the U.S. Labor Department were tempered by newly revised data that showed the country lost a staggering 8.4 million jobs in the past two years. That's about four times the net job losses in the deep recessionary period of the

Oregon's January unemployment data won't be released until March 2. Factoring in the growing U.S. population and new entrants to the job market, Shierholz estimated that em-

ing, albeit by just 20,000 in January. Despite the distance still to travel toward full recovery, the monthly report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Please see **RECESSION**, Page A4

'I felt like I had been violated'



JAMIE FRANCIS/THE OREGONIAN

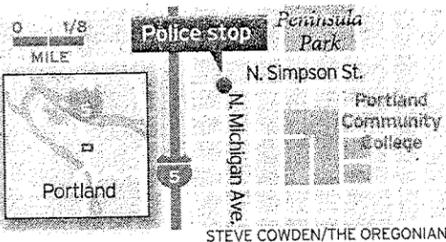
Delease Carter, 21, demonstrates her Jan. 28 encounter with Portland police where it occurred, at North Michigan Avenue and Simpson Street. Carter called the officers' supervisors to complain. Five days later, she heard from Sgt. Tony Passadore. "I wish this hadn't happened to you. Trust me," he said, in a phone call. "As an officer, I can see how it did. As a citizen, I can see how you think it shouldn't have."

Use of force | Portland police say they took an unarmed PCC student to the ground because they feared she had a weapon

By MAXINE BERNSTEIN
THE OREGONIAN

One minute, Delease Carter, a guard on the Portland Community College women's basketball team, was walking home with two friends in North Portland. The next thing she knew she was facedown with a cop's knee on her head with the sound of guns being cocked.

The three friends were eventually let go, but the 21-year-old PCC student says their biggest crime appears to have been walking down the middle of the street with one of them wearing a blue Kansas City Royals baseball cap.



STEVE COWDEN/THE OREGONIAN

Portland police say they were intent on suppressing gang activity in an area known to be Kerby Blocc Crip territory and took Carter to the ground when she didn't follow their orders, moving one of her hands from her head when they patted her down for weapons.

She says she was following their orders but couldn't answer their questions with her cigar in her mouth. When she tried to pull it out to

respond, she found herself slammed to the pavement.

"I felt like I had been violated," she said. "I was naive to the whole situation."

Now the city's Independent Police Review will investigate the Jan. 28 incident.

About 9:45 that night, a patrol car pulled alongside the three African Americans walking south on North Michigan Avenue, and two gang enforcement officers asked, "Where you guys headed?"

Carter and her friends said they were going home. The officers asked if they had any weapons or sharp objects. They said no. An officer pointed to the blue Kansas City Royals cap and asked Carter's friend if he was a Crip gang member. He said no.

Suddenly, two more police vehicles arrived.

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To see a video of Delease Carter describing her encounter with Portland police and to hear a cell phone recording of the incident, go to oregonlive.com/portland



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A mother holds her baby before the infant is weighed Friday at a health care center in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Haiti's capital faces a new hurdle

Port-au-Prince | The return of residents who fled complicates plans for rebuilding the shattered city

By BEN FOX
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A half-million Haitians who fled their shattered capital after the earthquake are starting to return to a maze of rubble piles, refugee camps and food lines, complicating ambitious plans to build a better Haiti.

Haitian and international officials had hoped to use the devastation of Port-au-Prince — a densely packed sprawl of winding roads and ramshackle slums that is home to a third of Haiti's 9 million

people — to build an improved capital and decentralize the country.

An estimated 500,000 people fled to the countryside in the days after the quake, many on buses paid for by the government to move quake survivors away from the heart of the destruction. Hundreds of thousands more are camped atop the rubble of their homes, or packed into makeshift camps.

Now some of those who fled are beginning to return from the countryside.

"I didn't like it there," said Marie Marthe Juste, selling fried dough on the streets near the capital's Petionville suburb after returning from La Boule, in the mountains 20 miles to the north.

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PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION REQUEST
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM

Council Meeting Date: February 17, 2010

Today's Date January 26, 2010

AUDITOR 01/26/10 AM 11:13

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Reason for the request: Why all Portland police officers should be residents of Portland.

Charles E. Long
(signed)

- Give your request to the Council Clerk's office by Thursday at 5:00 pm to sign up for the following Wednesday Meeting. Holiday deadline schedule is Wednesday at 5:00 pm. (See contact information below.)
- You will be placed on the Wednesday Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken promptly at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

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Request of Charles E. Long to address Council regarding why Portland Police officers should be residents of Portland (Communication)

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