MOUNTAIN VIEW YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Music Program
By Michael Cushman

Over the last month-and-a-half, music students at Mountain View have been attending performances of the summer Arcady Music Festival Series. The first performance was the Ragtime Revue, where students heard Ragtime and unusual instruments, like the Theramin, washboard, and musical saw. After the performance, students had the opportunity to play the shamisen, mandolin, and a three-manual organ.

Other performances were the Forte String Quartet, with a 16-year-old guest violinist from Maine; the Western Winds, a cappella vocal ensemble from New York City; and the Mindanao Kulintang Ensemble from the Southern Philippines. Founder and Creative Director, Masanobu Ikemiya, has brought a variety of music from around the world to the State of Maine through the Arcady performances.

On Tuesday, August 26th, Director Ikemiya visited Mountain View to speak and perform for students at the facility. Nominated for a Grammy Award in 1994, he often performs with the New York Philharmonic and Japan Philharmonic Orchestras, and is the director of the New York Ragtime Orchestra. Students were amazed by his talent, and pleased that a world-class musician would spend the time to visit and perform for them, and allow them to perform for him.
COMMISSIONER’S CORNER

On September 6-10, 2003, the 10th National Workshop on Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders will be held in Portland, Maine. The conference is coming at a good time. The numbers of females in our correctional systems in Maine and nationally has grown, and at a faster rate than the male prisoner population. In Maine’s state prison system, the female population has doubled in two years. Yet, we have also achieved some successes, the number of committed females in our juvenile correctional facilities has declined.

The conference will provide an opportunity for criminal justice policy makers and practitioners who work with female offenders from across the country to meet one another, exchange ideas, deepen alliances, celebrate successes, and promote promising practices on behalf of women and girls in the correctional systems. The conference theme, Charting a Course – Lighting the Way, recognizes the strengths female offenders have to chart their own life course, and recognizes the role we have in lighting the way.

Nationally recognized leaders and experts in the field will present in intensive workshops, panels and presentations. Topics to be addressed during the conference include gender responsive policy and services, developmental aspects of girls’ aggression, classification and assessment of women offenders, women’s health and transitioning female offenders from institutional life to community life. A tour to the Women’s Center at the Maine Correctional Center is a featured event.

The Maine Department of Corrections is proud to host this important conference. And I look forward to continuing our effort to improve our policies, programs and practices on behalf of female offenders.

Martín A. Magnusson

Food for Thought

“There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

-- Albert Einstein

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A batterer's unemployment, access to guns and threats of deadly violence are the strongest predictors of female homicide in abusive relationships, according to a study in this month's issue of the American Journal of Public Health (July 2003, Vol. 93, No. 7). *Risk Factors for Femicide in Abusive Relationships: Results From a Multisite Case Control Study* finds that a combination of factors, rather than one single factor, increases the likelihood of intimate partner homicide involving an abusive man who kills his female partner.

Study researchers interviewed family members and other acquaintances of 220 female victims of intimate partner homicide from eleven cities across the country, as well as a control group of 343 women who reported being the victims of physical abuse in the past two years. The researchers – all carefully chosen for their close collaborations with domestic violence advocates as well as knowledge of domestic violence and interview skills – asked questions about the victim and the perpetrator, characteristics of their relationship and details about the abuse including type, frequency and severity of violence.

"In the United States, women are killed by intimate partners more often than by any other type of perpetrator, with the majority of these murders involving prior physical abuse," said *Risk Factors for Femicide* 's lead author, Jacquelyn Campbell, Ph.D., R.N., Anna D. Wolf Endowed Professor at The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and Family Violence Prevention Fund board member. "Determining key risk factors, over and above a history of domestic violence, that contribute to the abuse that escalates to murder will help us identify and intervene with battered women who are most at risk."

*Risk Factors for Femicide* was supported by funding from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institutes on Aging, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institute of Justice.

The "strongest" contextual risk factor for intimate partner homicide is an abuser's lack of employment, finds *Risk Factors for Femicide*. In fact, unemployment increased the risk of intimate partner homicide fourfold. The study notes that instances in which the abuser had a college education, compared with a high school education, "were protective against femicide."

Other factors that can help predict homicide are an abuser's access to firearms and use of illicit drugs. Access to firearms increased the risk of intimate partner homicide more than five times more than in instances where there were no weapons, according to *Risk Factors for Femicide*. The findings also "suggest" that abusers who possess guns "tend to inflict the most severe abuse." Illicit drug use also was "strongly associated" with intimate partner homicide, although the abuser's use of alcohol was not, finds the report. In addition, neither a victim's alcohol abuse nor drug use "was independently associated with her risk of being killed."

*Risk Factors for Femicide* also explores relationship variables that can increase a woman's risk of becoming a victim of intimate partner homicide. Never having lived with an abusive partner "significantly lowered" a woman's risk of becoming a homicide victim, according to the report. Separating from an
abusive partner after having lived with him, leaving the home she shares with an abusive partner or asking her abusive partner to leave the home they share were all factors that put a woman at "higher risk" of becoming a victim of homicide. Having a child in living in the home who was not the abusive partner's biological child also contributed to intimate partner homicide – more than doubling the risk, according the Risk Factors for Femicide.

An abuser's behavior also is a factor in predicting homicide. The risk of homicide "was increased nine-fold by the combination of a highly controlling abuser and the couple’s separation after living together," finds Risk Factors for Femicide. An abuser's threats with a weapon or threats to kill his victim also "were associated with substantially higher risks" for her murder. But stalking and threats to harm children or other family members were not "independently associated with" homicide. The study also found that an abuser's previous arrest for domestic violence "actually decreased the risk for homicide." Risk Factors for Femicide concludes that, under certain conditions, "arrest can indeed be protective against domestic violence escalating to lethality."

PREVENTING INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE

According to Campbell, the study suggests that steps such as increasing shelter services for battered women, increasing employment opportunities, and restricting abusers' access to guns can potentially reduce intimate partner homicide.

The study also highlights the critical role health care professionals can play in identifying victims of abuse and helping to increase the safety of battered women who are at increased risk for homicide. "It is important to consider the role medical professionals might play in identifying women at high risk of intimate partner femicide," concludes the study. It encourages health care providers to screen female patients for domestic violence and assess their danger by asking questions about abuse, such as "Does your partner try to control all of your daily activities?" and "Is there a gun in the home?"

"These are all relatively simple questions that can help assess the level of risk," continued Campbell. "In cases of extreme danger, such as a situation where the abuser is highly controlling and the woman is preparing to leave him, it is important for practitioners to warn the woman not to confront the partner with her decision and to alert her of the risk of homicide and the need for shelter."

Campbell also has developed an instrument, the Danger Assessment, to help women assess their own risk of homicide in abusive relationships. The Danger Assessment can be accessed through the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women's web site <http://www.nnvawi.org>.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jane Farmer of Victim Services and her husband David are pleased to announce the birth of their first Grandson, Michael Geronimo Boardley, Jr. Michael was born to Robyn and Michael G. Boardley, Sr. at 10:40 PM on June 10, 2003 at the Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Massachusetts. He also has a big sister named Riley Madison who is finally growing very attached to him. Michael weighed in at 7 pounds even and was 19 ½ inches long. He is a little over 2 months old now and Mommy is very pleased to announce he’s already sleeping through the night.
Although the problems are complex and there are no magic answers, one of the ways to counter these trends is to make Maine a welcoming place for individuals and families of all backgrounds to live and work. Cultural diversity and economic vitality go hand in hand. Maine has benefited economically and culturally from the arrival of immigrants in the past, and will position itself well for the future by being a welcoming, diverse and inclusive community.

Leading public and private sector employers, including Maine State Government, have formed the Diversity Hiring Coalition to provide leadership in the area of employment diversity. The DHC is a resource to employers and job seekers, providing information, networking opportunities, lists of openings and resumes of interested candidates. The coalition partners recognize the need for leadership in this area as well as the connection between profits, mission success and hiring practices that bring in the broadest range of talent. The DHC is working to create an economic and social climate where people from all backgrounds feel welcome and have the opportunity to work and live in Maine.

Diversity Hiring Coalition partners include:

- Maine State Government
- UPS
- Key Bank of Maine
- Maine Medical Center
- L.L. Bean
- J.M. Huber
- The City of Portland
- MBNA
- Colby College
- Bates College
- The University of Maine System

The Department of Corrections is proud to be a partner with other agencies of Maine State Government as one of the founding members of the Diversity Hiring Coalition. The Diversity Hiring Coalition has teamed up with JobsinMaine.com to be available to an even greater cross section of job seekers. Check out the DHC website at www.diversityjobsmaine.org.

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Maine played an important role in underground railroad, assisting slaves fleeing captivity in the south. Between the American Revolution and the Civil War, between 30,000 and 100,000 slaves fled the South via the Underground Railroad.

Although Maine was geographically distant from slave states, its proximity to Canada proved to be a key component of the escape from captivity. This was because slaves weren’t really free even in the non-slave “free states.” The fugitive slave law of 1850 required the return of slaves to their waiting masters if they were captured in non slave states. Maine’s coast and borders made it a good point of departure to Canada.

The Underground Railroad was, of course, not under ground or a railroad. It was a network of contacts, locations and means of transport for ushering slaves out of slave states. The Underground Railroad was patched together from barns, attics, secret rooms, lights in the window, signals, songs, and most of all, people of different races and religions who believed slavery was totally incompatible with the young nation built on principals of freedom and equality.

Underground Railroad “stations” were safe locations for slaves to hide in transit. There were somewhere around 130 such stations in Maine. A monument to one of those stations was recently constructed in Brewer after a tunnel was discovered during highway construction. The tunnel led from the site of the John Holyoke House to the Penobscot River. This discovery and further research led to the creation of the Chamberlain Freedom Park at the corner of State and North Maine Streets in Brewer on the site of the John Holyoke house. The park features a statue of Joshua Chamberlain, a replica of the Little Round Top battle area in Gettysburg and a statue of a runaway slave emerging from a tunnel.

The Maine Community College System is offering the "2nd Chance Scholarship Fund". This program is specifically designated for selected offenders in the criminal justice system who are interested in going on to higher education in the Community College system statewide.

There were two 2nd Chance Scholarships awarded this year to offenders within the MDOC adult correctional facilities. Both of the award recipients were women housed in the Women’s Unit at the Maine Correctional Center in Windham. The scholarship recipients were Robin Lozier, who was awarded $500 and will be attending the Central Maine Community College in the Fall and Kelly Nichols, who was awarded $1,000 and will be attending Southern Maine Community College in the Fall.

While not "billions and billions of dollars"...yet! This scholarship is a small but important aspect of what we'd all like to see grow as the links grow between the Maine Department of Corrections and the Maine institutions of higher education. The hope of the program is to craft strategies that will generate scholarship programs for BOTH offenders and correctional staff to pursue higher education.
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

FROM THE MDOC ARCHIVES

Maine Correctional Center—The Superintendent’s House
By Brad Fogg

Sitting on High Street, overlooking the Maine Correctional Center is the Superintendent’s House. Now known as Oak Haven, the house has been the home to several superintendents, most notably Perry Hayden and Merton Johnson, the last two to occupy the house. After Supt. Johnson retired, the house became the office space to the district office of Probation and Parole; and with the closing of the Stevens School for girls and Women’s Reformatory in Skowhegan, it became a pre-release center for women and was named Oak Haven. The pre-release closed in the mid nineties and the house served for a short time, once again, as offices for the Superintendent.

The stone, other than some large cedars shrubs which now conceal the stairway opening remains as it was fifty years ago. Large oak trees have grown to provide shade to the house. The sun porch has been enclosed which allowed for enlarging the living room, which now serves as a small conference room. Other renovations were made to accommodate other offices. The two car garage has been renovated into a modern air conditioned classroom.

The Superintendent’s house now serves as MCC’s Staff Training, Development and Conference Center. It also holds space for the Training Officer and Health Services Administrator. Built in part from used lumber from the old Martin’s Point Bridge in Portland, Oak Haven has served the state well!

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS WITHIN THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

MEASURING CLIENTS ON PROBATION WHO REOFFEND AND ARE RECOMMITTED INTO A STATE OR COUNTY ADULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The performance measure of determining the number of client’s on probation who reoffend and are recommitted into a State or County adult correctional facility is an important tool that the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) uses to assist in the evaluation of the Department’s adult community services. These clients who are on probation have been charged with the commission of a new crime which may result in additional jail, prison and/or probationary time.

The number of probationers who have had their probation either partially or totally revoked and are recommitted into a State or County adult correctional facility since the baseline measurement year of 1998 is illustrated in the flowing chart.

The goal of the Maine Department of Corrections is consistent improvement and the ongoing goal is to continually decrease the number of client’s on probation who reoffend and are recommitted into a State or County adult correctional facility.
**Did you Know?**

* During 1996, crashes involving drivers who ran off the road, resulted in the highest number of injuries, hospitalization, hospital cost, and death compared with any other type of crash on Maine roads.

* Forty-one percent of these crashes occurred at a curve in the road.

* The drivers of these vehicles were twice as likely to be male as female, and the rate of injury from these types of crashes was 6 times higher for young drivers age 16-24 than for older drivers.

* Per licensed driver, young drivers were 15 times more likely to be injured in a non-alcohol related crash resulting from excessive speed than older drivers. They were also more likely to run off the road on a curve and be on a local road.

**The final traffic fatality research released recently by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration brings good and bad news. The good news is that last year alcohol-related traffic deaths were lower than previously estimated. The bad news, however, is that 17,419 people died in preventable tragedies accounting for 41 percent of total traffic fatalities. This makes three years in a row that alcohol-related traffic fatalities have increased - a sad chapter in U.S. history.**

We cannot overlook an epidemic of alcohol-related deaths, equivalent to two 757 passenger jets crashing each week for an entire year. Today alone, an estimated 48 people in the U.S. will senselessly die - and not because of terrorists attacks or terminal illness; the culprit is alcohol-impaired driving. Each year half a million other people are injured in alcohol-related crashes.

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**Would you like a tour of the Maine State Crime Lab in Augusta?**

Please contact the lab by phone or e-mail to set up an appointment. Appointments are available in the last Friday of every month, with the exception of July and August. To minimize the potential to compromise evidence and scientific integrity, tours are limited in the areas they may enter. To arrange for the tour, call 624-7017 or e-mail to webmaster_crimelab@maine.gov

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**Constance R. Hinkley †**

1917-2003

WEST GARDINER—Constance R. Hinkley, 85, of Lewiston Road died Thursday, July 10, 2003, at Maine General Medical Center in Augusta.

She was born in Randolph on Oct. 1, 1917, a daughter of William and Margaret Dowling Shea.

Connie loved to travel. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family and her boys.

She was predeceased by her husband, John W. Hinkley Sr., who died June 27, 1973.

She is survived by three sons, John Hinkley and his wife, Sandra of West Gardiner, Peter Hinkley and his wife, Kathleen of Vassalboro, Paul Hinkley and his wife, Cheryl of Farmingdale; her brother, William Shea of Randolph; her sister, Christine Benner of Randolph; brother-in-law Richard Hinkley of Randolph and sister-in-law Lucille Peacock of Gardiner; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 122 State St., Augusta 04330. Arrangements are under the care of Staples Funeral Home, 53 Brunswick Ave., Gardiner.
“What Works” is a term used nationally by correctional agencies in reference to researched principles and practices common to effective public safety and offender programming. “What Works” research has also identified the offender attributes, “Criminogenic Risks and Needs,” that successful correctional programs must target. (Gendreau, P. & Andrews, D. A. 1990)

The mission of a “What Works” system states that public safety and offender change are accomplished by risk control and risk reduction through an integrated system of sanctions and interventions. A “What Works” environment means that everyone who has anything to do directly or indirectly with an offender, from entry into the system to completion, is focused on assisting that person to be successful and is consistent on how they do that.

Effective treatment based on “What Works” must address:

- Criminogenic Risk
- Criminogenic Need
- Responsivity
- Relapse Prevention Strategies

Criminogenic Risk

Attributes associated with criminal behaviors and recidivism include (Gendreau, P. & Andrews, D. A. 1990):

1. Anti-social attitudes, values, and beliefs (criminal thinking);
2. Pro-criminal associates and isolation from pro-social associates;
3. Particular temperament and behavioral characteristics (e.g., egocentrism);
4. Weak problem-solving and social skills;
5. Criminal history;
6. Negative family factors (i.e., abuse, unstructured or undisciplined environment;
7. Criminality in the family, substance abuse in the family);
8. Low levels of vocational and educational skills;
9. Substance abuse.

The more risk factors present, the greater the risk for committing criminal acts.

The Risk Principle

The risk principle embodies the assumption that criminal behavior can be predicted for individual offenders on the basis of certain factors. Some factors, such as criminal history, are static and unchangeable. Others, such as substance abuse, antisocial attitudes and antisocial associates, are dynamic and changeable. With proper assessment of these factors, researchers and practitioners have demonstrated that it is possible to classify offenders according to their relative likelihood of committing new offenses with as much as 80 percent accuracy.

Application of the risk principle requires matching levels or intensity of treatment with the risk levels of offenders. High-risk offenders
require intensive interventions to reduce recidivism, while low-risk offenders benefit most from low intensity interventions or no intervention at all. (Gendreau, P. & Andrews, D. A. 1990)

**The Criminogenic Need Principle**

Most offenders have many needs. However, certain needs are directly linked to crime. Criminogenic Needs constitute dynamic risk factors or attributes of offenders that, when changed, influence the probability of recidivism. Non-criminogenic needs may also be dynamic and changeable, but they are not directly associated with new offense behavior. (Gendreau, P. & Andrews, D. A. 1990) Effective treatment should be targeted toward these criminogenic needs. Any treatment not targeting criminogenic needs is counterproductive to efficiency and effectiveness.

**The Responsivity Principle**

The Responsivity Principle refers to the delivery of treatment programs in a manner that is consistent with the ability and learning style of an offender. Treatment effectiveness (as measured by recidivism) is influenced by the interaction between offender characteristics (relative empathy, cognitive ability, maturity, gender, race, motivation, etc.) and service characteristics (location, structure, skill and interest of providers, counselor characteristics, etc.)

Client responsivity factors can include:
- Mental Health
- Age, gender, race, ethnicity considerations
- Readiness & motivation to change
- Levels of psychological development
- Developmental issues
- Cognitive functioning
- Learning styles

To maximize treatment effectiveness it is important to match:
1. The learning style and personality of the offender with the treatment approach
2. The offender characteristics with the therapist characteristics
3. The skills of the offender with the type of program

Application of the Risk Principle helps identify who should receive treatment, the Criminogenic Need principle focuses on what should be treated, and the Responsivity Principle underscores the importance of how treatment should be delivered. (Gendreau, P. & Andrews, D. A. 1990)

**The Backbone of “What Works”**

**Social Learning** - The primary tenet of social learning theory is that people can learn new behaviors, attitudes and feelings by observing other people and events followed by individual practice of appropriate thoughts and behaviors.

**Cognitive Programs** - Are based on the theory that how people think determines how they act and that all people are capable of changing their thought processes and thereby, their behaviors.

**Essential Components of a “What Works” System**
- Leadership models competent in data driven service approaches
- Evidence-based practice
- The availability of a full continuum of services from assessment through aftercare/discharge
- Community collaboration and partnership
- Balanced decision-making
GOVERNOR LAUNCHES CITIZEN CORPS

Citizen Corps is an initiative designed to provide support for resource-constrained law enforcement agencies by tapping civilian volunteers to supplement their community’s law enforcement professionals in order to free up officers for front line duty.

Jackie Charity, a member of the Fairfield Community Resolution Team, the oldest established team in the state, took part in the launch of the Citizens Corps on July 15 in Skowhegan. As part of the Governor's press conference announcing the initiative, various volunteer groups in Somerset County were invited to set up displays promoting their organization. Jackie was invited to participate at the recommendation of Fairfield Police Chief John Emery. The Fairfield team was established by former Chief Jean Pouliot, and Jackie is one of the original board members. Jackie is also a former intern at the Office of Victim Services.

COMMUNITY RESOLUTION TEAM INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

By Tessa Mosher

The Department of Corrections Office of Victim Services recently conducted a survey of law enforcement and juvenile community corrections officers who are involved with the active Community Resolution Teams. The goal was to determine if the CRT contacts were finding the CRTs to be useful and if the effort to promote and expand the CRTs is justifiable since there have been few cases that have gone through the CRTs in the past year. Victim Services is interested in increased involvement and satisfaction for victims of crime, and whether or not the CRT process is considered worthwhile by the victims.

Cases that are referred to the CRTs are generally theft, criminal mischief, non-violent first time offenders and minor assaults. The majority of the responders said they refer to the CRTs and find them useful. Most contacts were involved in the initial organizational/developmental process for the CRTs. The majority of the contacts do not attend the board meetings. The contacts were evenly divided regarding CRTs being time saving or time consuming. Over half of the contacts were aware of cases of at least one juvenile who recidivated after going through the CRT process. The various alternatives for first time misdemeanor offenses include CRT's, Jump Start, informal adjustment and community service. We asked if the contacts believe that the Department of Corrections should make building and using the CRT’s a priority over other alternatives and the contacts were again equally divided in their opinion.

CRT QUARTERLY MEETING

JULY 17, 2003

Attendees: Denise Giles, Tessa Mosher, Jim Doherty, Cathy Gilmer, David Daigneault, Karen Estes, Ann Luther, Joe Brennan, Sue Rudalevige, Karen Tucker and Eileen McHugh (Elydiam@hotmail.com 939-5443 772-1918)

Team Updates -

Jim Doherty - Brunswick had a meeting with the Police Chief. The team will be getting referrals for the younger kids not eligible for Jump Start.

Karen Estes - Waterville has recently had 1-2 referrals a week which are run mostly by Rick Stubbert, Oakland Police Officer. There are more cases from Winslow and Oakland based out of the Alfond Youth Center. Rick (paid employee from the grant funding) has involvement with the PD’s and that helps with getting more referrals.
Cathy Gilmore - Waldo County has had meetings trying to get up and running. They have shown restorative justice movies trying to get more people on board and have had informal trainings trying to get more interest in the community. Waldo County SO has initiated efforts for a combined restorative justice effort. They had a meeting scheduled with law enforcement, but had to cancel. Cathy will be having an Interdependence Day on September 12, 2003 called the Next Day, Next Step. You can contact her for more information.

Tessa Mosher - Farmington. Only one conference since the last meeting, the contact from the team has not had time in her new position to work on referrals.

Sue Rudalevige - OOB had a case dealing with a Bomb threat at the school. The school was involved with the conference. The case was actually sent to court to begin with and then was referred back to the team. The judge originally wanted 20 hours of Community service work.

The juvenile was suspended from school but not expelled. He had lost credits because he had lost so much time from school. It has been very quiet other than that.

Karen Tucker - Parkside - Seven cases were referred and four were accepted. One offender had re-offended before the people were contacted. One didn’t fit the guidelines. One case actually had two offenders with the same victim and one juvenile didn’t have any contact information for the juvenile so it went to the JCCO. The group is very open and has expanded to the other JCCO’s in the Portland area. Matt Ward conducted a training on cultural competency and the different ethnic groups in the Portland area from 6-9 PM on the 29th of July at PROP in Portland on Cumberland Ave and Melon Street.

The teams requested that the Referral Form from Parkside to be sent out.

Denise Giles – Boothbay Harbor has had no appropriate referrals. There was one that didn’t apply. The investigating Officer makes the decision on whether to refer the case or not.

Joe Brennan - The Lincoln County Committee for a CRT has just started. They have had four meetings in the last four months. There was a training a few years ago and they are considering having most of them trained again. The Damariscotta Chief has now been elected as Sheriff so he is on board. They are attempting to spread the knowledge of the CRT to other areas and invite them to become involved.

Ann Luther - MDI. They have had no cases. They have been in contact with the MDI High School Hearing Committee, and have become a Communities for Children site.

Denise Giles - Handout on the Governor’s Press Conference announcing the Citizen Corps. The Fairfield CRT was invited to have a table at the press conference representing their CRT. Jackie is a volunteer coordinator and facilitator for the team. The CRT’s can refer to the website for the volunteer programs. This can strengthen the relationship between the Police and Community in your area. The initiative was promoted by the Governor and the need for volunteers. Website can be viewed at http://www.policevolunteers.org/

Reminder to report statistics online and if you can’t access the site send them in the mail and I will enter them. There was a small number of reported statistics for this year. These can be reported at the following site: http://www.state.me.us/corrections/VictimServices/CRTReportForm.htm

We did a survey and summarized the JCCO and Police Involvement Survey. Summary was handed out and discussed.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2003 at 10:00 AM in the Tyson Building, Tyson Conference Room, AMHI complex, Augusta, Maine.
BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAMS’ SURVEY

By Jane Farmer

In May, 2003 Victim Services sent a survey to 15 of the 16 Batterer Intervention Programs in Maine. The sixteenth program was newly certified this year. The purpose of the survey is to monitor how clients are being referred to BIPs, to find out where judges are sending batterers, and to see what problems BIPs are having throughout the state.

All of the surveys were returned by the end of July and a tally was done. The total referrals to BIPs ranged from a low of 10, in Oxford County and the Dover Foxcroft area, to as high as 300 for one program in Cumberland County.

The highest percentage of batterers are referred to BIPs from Probation and the Court system, DHS was second, very small numbers are referred from mental health providers and bail commissioners, there were also a few partner referrals and self referrals that sign up pre-conviction.

When asked about other specific referral sources used in their counties, out of the 15 BIPs surveyed the following number answered yes to the following:

- Mental Health – 11*
- Substance Abuse – 11*
- Domestic Abuse Counseling – 5
- Anger Management – 13
- Partial Attendance at BIP – 2
- Other, please specify: Alcoholic Anonymous *(often in addition to BIP)

The specific major obstacles identified in the survey were as follows:

- Judicial
- Prosecutors
- Correctional
- Community

Other - Attorneys; money; rides; employer problems; outdated philosophies; consistency among all the players; don’t complete due to finances, transportation, and other probation violations; limited interaction with substance abuse and individual counseling providers; follow-up and slow response are big factors.

One BIP in Cumberland County believes they’re doing a good job and working together.

When asked to explain the obstacles the answers were as follows:

- Plea bargains to anger management, judges “feeling sorry” for financial impact on offender to attend BIP;
- One program asked the offenders what their attorneys say about BIPs and every offender had the same response, attorneys consider our program to be a complete waste of time, but “it will keep them out of jail”;
- The degree of difficulty experienced with the identified agencies varies over time, perhaps as a result of training and presently we are experiencing an increased percentage of anger management referrals;
- Referrals are being made to anger management instead of BIPs;
- Judges and defense attorneys need to be trained;
- Judges tend to order anger management or give light sentence for non-compliance with the BIP;
- A closer working relationship with our clients and other service providers would be helpful in working with the groups and determining appropriateness for group;
- Historically we have had a problem getting men to the initial Intake, it takes some 6-8 months after being sentenced to enroll, but the Judicial Monitoring program has taken care of this problem;
- In two of the courts there is a long period of time between offense, conviction, and follow-up.

The information is gathered for two reasons. The first is for the Annual Legislative Report and the second is for the Maine Association of Batterer Intervention Programs. MABIPs will review the survey results to help them determine what issues need to be addressed by the Association.
**Administration:**

The American Correctional Association Standards Project is moving forward in a positive way. This has been a very enlightening time for all of us. The process to complete this project allows us to perform an internal audit of ourselves, our practices and outcomes.

We have 244 standards to meet. The end results have been very helpful as a tool to show us how and where we can improve what we are doing. We will continue to step forward to meet our milestones along the way knowing this is a worthwhile project.

**Community Programs:**

Our Local Work Release Program is going well. We currently have close to 20 prisoners that are able to take advantage of this opportunity. The number of local employers that can provide this service with us has grown also. Mae Eichens Worcester continues to coordinate this part of our community programs.

Our work crew has been working at the Rockland Lobster Festival again this year. Our crew goes in before to set things up, returns to take things down and clean up. The total donated time and manpower equaled 35 hours each for 5 prisoners. This does not include the time by the crew boss to prepare, travel and supervise the prisoners. This year, according to the Rockland Courier Gazette newspaper, was the most successful on record.

Our vocational programs and work crews have also been working diligently with the Lincoln Center for Arts in Rockland. Our efforts have produced almost 5,000 hours for this local project.

The Phase I (bringing the building up to code) part of the project is nearing its close. This included work involving concrete, fire doors, walls, sheetrock, electrical, refinishing hardwood floors, painting and steel stair rails, to name a few. Phase II, which will include work on the elevator and bathroom renovations, will be starting soon. We expect to continue our commitment to this community project as long as we are needed.

The Lincoln Center for Arts is planning a recognition luncheon this early fall to honor all that has worked so hard to continue the successes of this project. Without the efforts of the prison and the community working together, this may not have been possible. Thank you to the Coordinator Lynn Donovan for making all of the bridges possible for us to help.

**Mental Health:**

We are looking forward to the next Impact of Crime Program. This is a series of modules to educate our prisoners about the impact of crime regarding a variety of crimes. Jane Farmer and Denise Giles have coordinated these classes in the past at the Bolduc Correctional Facility.

The prisoners have benefited greatly from this project. This allows the offender to be accountable for his crime at a different level and also helps the future offender to realize the impact crime has on everyone.

We are looking forward to another session this fall. We believe the class will be at the capacity level once again.
The Great Escape Golf Tournament, sponsored by Brad Fogg, Don Jacobson and Bud Knowles of MCC, was a great success. Teams from MCC, MVYDF, MSP and Central Office joined with police departments from around the region for a day of fun and relaxation. Several hundred dollars worth of prizes were awarded as well as gift certificates for Bull Moose Harley Davidson and from Biddeford/Saco, Nonesuch River and Bar Harbor Country Clubs. Hartford Deferred Comp was also represented and had door prizes to give away! Mark your calendars for next May 24th!

NEW OFFICERS AT MCC

Left to right:
Jeremy Stieben;
Tim Stevens;
Corey Mason;
Robert Crook;
Dave Gott;
Mary Edwards;
Steven Morse;
Dennis Veno; and
James Giardino.

NEW HIRES:
Doug Wheeler – Account Clerk I

...more new CO’s:
Matthew Day; James Grovo; Wayne Trunk, Jr.; Brett Bissonnette; Troy Roma; Steven Gagel; Matthew Miller; Laura Kimball; Aaron Monty; Eric Lagassie; and Bill Paradis.

MCC would like to welcome all of our new employees!

PROMOTIONS:
Daniel Landry from MSP, promoted to Sergeant.
Lester Baker, promoted to Sergeant
Kenneth Reed, promoted to Sergeant
Brian Libby, promoted to Captain
Peter Turner, promoted to Acting Sergeant
Monty Williams, promoted to Acting Captain

Congratulations to all on your promotions!
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Thank You To CCF Sergeant Jim Chase!

Director Steve Berry and Captain Rick Laliberte recently presented a certificate of appreciation to Sergeant Jim Chase for EIGHT YEARS of perfect attendance. Jim has only utilized sick time on one occasion in his 14+ year career, and that was after a K-9 took Jim off his feet while he was "tracking" down a steep slope! Thanks, Jim for your true dedication to CCF!

We would like you all to join us in welcoming our newest canine member to the CCF K-9 Team -

Pictured above "K-9 KADO"

a ten-week-old male Bloodhound named “Kado". He was flown in from Missouri on August 14th with members Randy Knowles and Joe Riitano picking him up in Portland. Randy and Joe will be co-handlers of Kado, and are alternating time at their home residences for him until he is old enough to join the team. This situation is working very well as it provides Kado the familiarity with both members, the opportunity for daily exercise and all the puppy obedience training that many of the older dogs have lacked. This is the first puppy the team has had an opportunity to train since our very first hound, Jethro. Both handlers have been reading up on their knowledge and looking forward to this challenge. Joe informed us Kado already is demonstrating his potential to be a tremendous asset to the team, as he is naturally sniffing things out and doing a great job of following commands so far. Best of Luck to Kado and Team!!

Thumbs Up!!

Pictured above: Steve Berry, Jim Chase, and Rick Laliberte
Correctional Sergeant Harry “Sonny” Beal Jr. will be a contributor for future inputs replacing Jim Raymond who will continue to assist. Sonny is a contributor to the local Downeast Coastal Press and has over 18 years of correctional experience.

Congratulations to Correctional Cook Denise Sullivan and Stephanie Wood for completing the MCJA correctional officer’s course. Stephanie will be transferring to Correctional Officer, filling a recent vacancy.

Our vacant teacher’s position has finally become unfrozen and is now filled by Ann Hayward from Northfield. Ann brings with her many years of teaching experience and is very familiar with our programs as she has been the GED representative from Machias Adult Ed. We all give her a warm welcome.

CTI Jeff Mason’s crew built floating docks and helped install them for the town of Pembroke. The docks rise with the extremely high tides here in Washington County (full lunar is 1”/minute). The posts are installed by a well drilling rig and the docks are tethered to the posts.
On August 3, 2003 fog, rain, and drizzle provided the backdrop for the 6th Annual Beach-to-Beacon 10k run in Cape Elizabeth. Our own TJ Whitcomb (JPW) participated in this event and finished with a time of 54:38 (2506 of 4273). This was slightly off of TJ’s usual pace as he was slowed by a nagging back injury. TJ’s wife Patty also took part finishing with a time of 54:25 (2472 of 4273). Congratulations to both TJ and Patty.

EDUCATION

Once again, the Pathfinders program has been booming along. For those of you who do not know, Pathfinders is an adventure-based off grounds program run by our education department. Canoeing Southern Maine’s rivers, boating around our coastal islands and trail hiking are only a few of the “adventures” our residents are enjoying. LCYDC would like to thank Teachers Chris Tilton, Jane Pate, Rich Leclair, and Eric Reburn and Rec Supervisor Kim Shaw for their constant contributions to the cause.

TRAINING

As this is written LCYDC is in full training mode with everyone being trained in the ways of the new information system (CORIS) that will soon be available to us all. It only took a few minutes of training to show how important and useful to the State this system will be. LCYDC would like to acknowledge the outstanding job our very own JFOS Steve Hasson has done in helping to create this technological tool.

Critical Incident training has been on going here at LCYDC. Practice makes perfect and we are striving to be just that.

We are preparing for the next class of new employees. We have some fine candidates and we will enjoy announcing to DOC TALK who they are when the time comes.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW HIRES

NEW JPWS

Nicki Charette; Matthew Magnusson; Jonathan Parker; Emily Smith; Dee Baker

Congratulations:

JPW Pam Stevens and Tony Irish of Dexter were wed on July 4th in Niagara Falls to the great surprise of everyone. Congratulations Tony & Pam, may you have many years of happiness together.
SPECIAL BOARD OF VISITOR’S MEETING

For the summer meeting of the Board of Visitors, a special luncheon was arranged through the Culinary Arts Program. Chef Spahr, helper Sherri Welts-Murphy, and a class of new students (in training for only two weeks) prepared and served an elegant luncheon with dessert for our guests. Chef Spahr gave an excellent presentation of program academics, training methods, entrepreneurship, with explanation of how cog skills were incorporated. The students, dressed in semi-formal attire, demonstrated the success of the program through their very professional catering skills! The board members thoroughly enjoyed not only the pleasure of the meal, but the chance to fully observe the rehabilitative achievements of the residents. Member Jim Davitt, who was absent, really missed out on this meeting.

Congratulations to Dan Delahanty & wife Linda on the birth of their first child, Michael Patrick, born June 27, weighing 7 lbs. oz and measuring 20.5" long. Best wishes to all.

To Deputy Superintendent Larry Austin on becoming a new grandfather! Daughter Nicole gave birth to her son, Ethan Michael on August 22nd. Mother and son are doing just fine. It has been reported that Larry’s feet are still off the ground!

TRANSFER

Dan Delahanty has transferred from Teacher at MVYDC to JCCO for Region III, where he has been assigned to the Waldo County Caseload. Congratulations to Dan on his transfer and his new baby!!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

By Julie Harrington

JPW Kevin Perry recently displayed quick responses when he provided assistance to the medical staff involved with a female resident in the cafeteria who had started choking. The nurses and others attempted to help her, but were unable to, as more strength was needed. Kevin quickly stepped in, applied the Heimlich maneuver, and eventually freed her of the object. Everyone, staff and residents alike, were deeply moved and greatly appreciative of his quick response and his determination to not give up! Clearly, without his efforts, it is quite possible this young lady might not be with us today. She will never forget him and what he did, and neither will anyone else.

Thank you Kevin!

Pictured above: Terri Hall, David Preble, Sherri Welts-Murphy, Mark Spahr, Brian Welch, and Eric Hansen
The 65th National Folk Festival, held in Bangor again this year, was a treat for seven students who were able to attend on August 23rd. Students heard Irish, Korean, Comanche, Chinese, Russian, Mariachi, and American music during the afternoon.

Field trips and enrichment opportunities like these have allowed our students to see and experience various musical styles, cultures, and traditions throughout the summer months. Our hope is that these experiences will increase students’ appreciation of the creative process, thereby allowing them to gain a greater respect for others and their skills. As a direct result of the field trips, students seem more willing and open to try new things.

LCYDC and MVYDC JMG
Team Presented with an Award
By Kathy Kemp

In July, Chris Bicknell, Jobs for Maine’s Graduates Program Manager/Educator for Long Creek Youth Development Center and Kathy Kemp, Jobs for Maine’s Graduates Program Manager/Educator for Mountain View Youth Development Center attended the Jobs for America’s Graduates National Training Conference in Chicago.

Chris and Kathy conducted a seminar of the JMG Corrections Model to an audience of national attendees. The model provides a curriculum of national attendees. The model provides a curriculum of life, work, and survival skills, as well as job preparation and placement. The team has also established various systems that assist residents with successful transitions back to society.

Kenneth Smith, President of Jobs for America’s Graduates and Pete Thibodeau, President of Jobs for Maine’s Graduates, presented Chris and Kathy with an award for their innovations in corrections and for their leadership in creating the JMG Corrections Model Program.

VOLUNTEER NEWS
By Sheena Lundin

On Thursday August 21st and Friday August 22nd, the Volunteer department had a basketball clinic for the residents provided by a team from New Jersey. The Calvary Chapel of Orrington assisted in making this available.

Ms Pam Belisle will be presenting a workshop to the youth about Shaking Baby Syndrome named “Don’t Shake Jake”, scheduled for September.

On August 30th there will be a Celebration of Family and Spirit in our recreation field for residents and their families. The Calvary Chapel of Orrington will be the hosts of this picnic, providing a barbeque and music by the Christian rock group “Not by Works”.

UNUSUAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES

As an addition to local county fair activities, an unusual interest has added certain appreciation of the “old ways” of farming in Maine and across the U.S. Food Services Manager Bill Wilkins enjoys displaying and demonstrating his “threshing machines” at the Piscataquis County Fair. Through the assistance of CO John Grabofsky of CCF using his team of horses, the oats are harvested in the field with an early 1900’s reaper/binder, dried, and transported to the fairgrounds. The oats stalks are then threshed (separated from the straw) using the huge complicated threshing machines. Most of the fairgoers really enjoy learning how their fathers and grandfathers worked to farm their lands/crops, while many of the older generation reminisce about family and events from treasured memories.
By Susan A. Carey

Well, gang, this is my last issue of DOC Talk....no really, it is! And by the time that you are reading this, I will be basking in the sun in FLORIDA....ahh...and thinking of you all....and if the truth be known, missing you too...In my 19 years with the Department, I have seen many, many changes take place. And as history has a way of repeating, there will always be changes!

Changes to report, after her almost 20 years with the Department, BARBARA MASCETTA is retiring and moving to Florida too.....Barbara will probably be joining me at the beach...she is actually retiring, so she will really be enjoying the sunshine...I, on the other hand, will have to find a job! Minor detail....

Another escapee is our Brian Eggert...the Feds have snatched him up, will put him to work as a Federal Probation Officer...we wish him all the best life has to offer...he will truly be missed by all of us...and, I hope he will miss us a little too...

Don Parsley is already planning his "retirement"...Don't panic, he will be around until next spring...but you know, he is starting to talk about it and you can see that small grin just start...

Our Ron Sagner (who has been with the Department since the Pony Express delivered our paperwork) keeps whining to me, "Su, don't leave me, take me with you!"...you know Ron, I don't know who the heck is going to make me laugh as hard as you do...

All right, now for the news about the people who are STAYING!

Our Charlie O'Roak's son, Jonah, is now working as a Deputy for the Waldo County Sheriff's Department and will be attending the Academy in February...congrats, proud Papa!

Also a proud Papa, our Paul Kelly's 22 year old son just enlisted in the Army and leaves for Ft. Jackson, SC on 10-22-03!

Dave Cyr can share in the pride as well, his daughter just got married! Congratulations to all!

There has been a lot of movement within Region IV, people selling homes, buying homes, moving into new places, getting new office spaces. I suppose now I have to tell you who did what, well I hope I get this right! Barbara Mascetta and I sold our home on Yankee Ave., Dan Dickson not only has a new office in Dover, he bought a camp in the area on a lake, Eric Harvey moved into a new home, Leah Priest moved from Bangor to Enfield, Leo Collins has sold the house he was building and has designed a new house which he will hopefully occupy in October...Laurie Scott is just enjoying her new home.....I think that I have it all!

For those of you who are moving, stay moving, because our Greg Locsin has taken two first and one third place slot in "Gunfighter" class at Cowboy Action Shoots...he sent a photo to me and he looks like he is right out of the Old West! Don't anybody give him a target!

Well, I think that is all the news that is fit to print...well, hold the presses!

I just wanted to add, that I am so grateful for the friendships that have developed over the years, and that will endure beyond state service, and while I am so looking forward to my next life chapter, I will miss you all ....rest assured, I will take my memories of you with me as I go...and when, in Maine, the cold winds blow...and there is a blizzard outside...and it gets dark at noon...I will bring all of my memories of you to the beach!

Well, as I always say, it is far better to laugh, than to cry.

I wish you all the best, goodbye for now.
Another summer come and gone, it goes by too fast. Region 3 has been busy lately. The best thing to happen is Martha-Jo Nichols became a Grandmother. Baby David Wesley was born July 30th, she is so proud!

Martha has been busy working with our local service providers too. She has contracted with the Spurwink School to provide DOC with Rapid Screening/Consultation Evaluation for juveniles. Rapid Screenings can be done at our Attendant Care site or in an office and have a 48-72 hours turn-a-round. The Core Battery Evaluations are done over 2-4 weeks. This has already proven to be an invaluable service for assessing the strengths and needs of the juveniles in this region and getting those needs addressed in a much more timely and less restrictive manner.

As I am sure most, if not all, of you know by now Hamilton Richards has left state government to accept a full-time position with the Maine National Guard. His experience and humor will be sorely missed. We have however, hired 2 new JCCOs. Daniel Delahanty (Pat’s brother) will be covering Waldo County; he comes to us from Mt. View where he was a teacher. Rana Brace will be in Northern Kennebec County; she came to us from Penobscot Job Corps. Both are very welcome additions to the Region.

Also the Region 3 office will be at a new location as of October 1st. The new location will be across the street from the present one, so it will be an easy move. Good-bye to the great view of the Kennebec River but hello to a brand new office that is more accessible and cozy. All are welcome to stop by for the nickel tour.

Updated pictures will be in the next issue.
By Alison B. Smith:

This is my favorite time of year, summertime. The roadside stands are selling fresh vegetables, the blueberries are ripe for picking and I’m spending every weekend on the lake. On my way home from camp, I stopped in Albion, Me. and found the best tasting corn I’ve ever had. Chris Ross has been most generous in sharing her harvest with us all. Chris and her husband Glenn, grow the best cucumbers and broccoli in the State of Maine!

We have another Donna Miles fun story! She and her husband Ron, just returned from a weeks vacation. They, along with their four children, spouses and nine grandchildren spent the week on Sebago Lake. It is well known that you never take a vacation the same week as Donna, as it most always rains. True to this fact, she reports they did see a little sunshine, despite the clouds, rain and major humidity. The story goes like this: The first night at their campsite, around 3:00 am, Donna decided she needed to see what the inside of the bathhouse looked like. In her checkered orange night dress, covered with a floral bathrobe, Donna ventured out into the darkness, a small flashlight in hand. After visiting the bathhouse and being very careful not to step in the puddles of water, she soon discovered she had no idea where she was! The flashlight’s battery started to fade.... Realizing she had missed their campsite and was lost, she was lucky enough to see a passing park ranger. Listening to Donna tell this story makes tears run down ones eyes from laughing so hard. Donna said she took a deep breath and flagged down the ranger, wondering if he was going to think she was missing from a nursing home. The ranger was very understanding and returned Donna to her camper, safe and sound. From that day on, the story goes, her husband Ron went with her every night thereafter. :)

Sue Colson, husband Greg and daughters Danielle and McKenzie, went on their vacation the same week as Donna. They enjoyed day trips and fun times in Portland. Sue says she will check with Donna next year, as to the week she goes on vacation, and Sue will take a different week. (It’s that “rainy weather” jinx).

Chris and Glen Ross spent a week in Canada, bringing back natural treasures from the Canadian shores, to add to their already beautiful landscaping. I understand a lot of lobster was consumed on that vacation. Yum!

During the “National Correction’s Officer Week”, we were all fortunate enough to spend the day at Roxann and Larry Austin’s beautiful home. It was a very hot day and most everyone kept cool in their swimming pool. Larry has a gift with a hammer and saw and had recently put the finishing touches on a deck around the pool. To try and describe what Roxann and Larry have done to create the landscaping around their home would not do it real justice. For me, it was like walking into House and Garden magazine. Larry built a potting shed that gave me a feeling of going back in time. The quaint, architectural quality was warm and magical. The flower gardens were beautiful. No matter where you looked, there was some unique and fanciful creatures; i.e., a six inch rod iron ant, sitting on a tree limb. Everyone liked the sweatshirts that we all received as well. It was one of those fun, carefree summer days, enjoyed by all.

Bill Francis is still overseas, in Kuwait. He may be home by October. Bill keeps in touch with us, via e-mail. He reports the temperatures are in the 100 degrees range every day. Bill enjoys e-mails from home, so if anyone wants to write him his address is: William.Francis@arifjan.arcent.army.mil

Mary Jones is proud of her son Ryan, who recently graduated from high school and will be attending the University of S. Maine in September.

-OVER-
We have two new JCCO’s in Region 4! Brenda Kimball, who was my intern 12 years ago, comes to us from DHS. Brenda will be covering the area that Sherri Root covered in the Ellsworth area. Renna Hegg will return to her RC position. By the time this article is printed, we may have a third JCCO as Dave Barrett was told we can now hire a person to fill the vacancy left when Bob Boober went out on disability. It will be nice to be back to full capacity. Kelly Lizotte, who is “acting capacity” at the moment, is helping Gary Sanfacon and Julie Leavitt while Elaine Sosebee is out on medical leave and Bill Francis is in Kuwait. Thanks to the support and great work of Carolyn Chandler and Jane Lenentine, Aroostook County is keeping up with all the personnel changes.

It is mid-August as I write this article an the humidity has been at about 75% for a while now. I’m not sure, but I may be the only person in the State who loves this weather. While others are cranking up their air conditioners, I am opening my windows and letting the heat in. After this past Winter, I am finally warm! Hope you enjoy the rest of the summer....

The Maine Adult Correctional Education Association (MACEA) has set the bi-monthly meeting dates for 2003-2004. The date and locations are as follows:

- September 12, 2003
  Maine Correctional Center in Windham
- November 14, 2003
  Maine State Prison in Warren
- January 9, 2004
  Location to be determined
- March 12, 2004
  Location to be determined
- May 13, 2004
  Annual Adult Correctional Education Conference - Location to be determined

Contact Bob Aubrey at esi@somtel.com or 474-6086 for more information

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