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**P-I SPECIAL REPORT**

## Badge of dishonor

### Cops who abuse their wives rarely pay the price

BY RUTH TEICHROEB AND JULIE DAVIDOW  
P-I reporters

Their wedding cake shimmered with pearls, symbolizing marital bliss. Armfuls of roses, in shades of lavender and cream, scented the hall.

During the June 2000 ceremony, Phil Rees vowed to "love and cherish" his bride.

Less than two months later, the Seattle police officer found himself under investigation for domestic violence.

That night at their Burien home, Jenifer Rees watched in disbelief as King County sheriff's deputies handed her intoxicated husband back his gun and let him drive away - so he wouldn't miss work in the morning.

"It was like, 'You're one of us, so you can leave,'" Jenifer Rees, 34, recalled. "He could have come back and blown my head off."

He'd flown into a rage and slammed her into a wall, she told deputies, according to the police report. She showed them a scrape on the side of her head and said he had hurled a dresser drawer at her. But rather than further incite his wrath, she refused to cooperate in the investigation.

Phil Rees denied the allegations. No charges were filed. The Seattle Police Department didn't discipline the veteran officer, who had been accused of domestic violence before, in 1998 and 1999.

Today, it could be Officer Rees who arrives at the door when a battered woman calls 911 in the city's Southwest Precinct.

It's a scenario being repeated every day in Western Washington.

Over the past five years, 41 officers in King and Pierce counties alone have been accused of assaulting, stalking, threatening or harassing their wives, girlfriends or children, a five-month investigation by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer has found.

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Jenifer Rees says she was the victim of abuse at the hands of her former husband, Seattle police Officer Phil Rees. She is shown with her 7-year-old daughter, whose image is obscured to protect her identity. Jenifer said she knew her husband was armed and could track her down anywhere.

**THIS SERIES**

**TODAY:** Abusers are on police forces throughout the Puget Sound region. And even when abuse allegations surface, officers suffer few consequences.

**TOMORROW:** Police who batter their wives and girlfriends know better than most how to intimidate and use force without leaving telltale marks.

**FRIDAY:** Advocates for victims of domestic violence say the time has come to hold abusive officers and their departments more accountable.

## Saddam's sons slain in assault

### Acting on a tip, a U.S. force of 200 attacks house in Mosul

BY LARRY KAPLOW AND GEORGE EDMONSON  
Cox News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Two of Saddam Hussein's sons, among the most wanted men in the world, were killed yesterday in a firefight with U.S. troops who had gotten a tip hours earlier that the brothers were hiding in Mosul.

The sons, Qusai and Odai, were listed by the United States as the second- and third-most wanted among Iraqis from Saddam's regime. A reward of \$15 million had been posted for each.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, who made the announcement at a Baghdad news briefing, said that multiple sources were used to identify the two and that the condition of their bodies was adequate for determining who they were.

"Four persons were killed during that operation and were removed from the building, and we have since confirmed that Odai and Qusai Hussein are among the dead," Sanchez said.

The head of the U.S. civilian authority in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, was in Washington briefing U.S. senators when Sanchez announced the confirmation.

"The only comment I will make about the death of the sons is that it's a great day for the Iraqi people

SEE SONS, A8

**WHO THEY WERE**

**QUSAI SADDAM HUSSEIN**  
Saddam's second-oldest son, Qusai was groomed to succeed his father and was a powerful behind-the-scenes figure during Saddam's rule.

At 37, he supervised the Republican Guards, Iraq's best-trained troops, and was in charge of his father's personal security. Critics linked him to brutal crackdowns on opponents. Qusai, who studied law, married the daughter of a senior military commander.



**ODAI SADDAM HUSSEIN**  
Saddam's eldest son was shot and badly wounded in 1996. He had a reputation for brutality, having killed several men and wounded others. In contrast to Qusai, the 39-year-old Odai was known as a womanizer with a flamboyant wardrobe, including cowboy boots and flowing, gold-embroidered Arab robes. Odai held a seat in Parliament and ran Iraq's most popular newspaper, Babil, and the popular Youth TV channel.



## Hero's homecoming for Jessica Lynch

### Hundreds line the streets to salute rescued POW

BY JAMES DAO  
The New York Times

ELIZABETH, W.Va. - Pfc. Jessica Lynch, whose ordeal as a wounded prisoner of war in Iraq made her a symbol of American bravery - and also stirred complaints of Pentagon media manipulation - returned to a hero's homecoming in this tiny Appalachian town yesterday.

Lynch, whose leg was badly

fractured in a vehicle crash just before her capture in March, looked briefly stunned as she was wheeled before a bank of television cameras under a huge white tent here.

But she seemed to gather strength and poise as she read a short statement, giving most Americans the opportunity to hear her waiflike voice for the first time.

"I'm happy that some of the soldiers I served with made it home alive," Lynch, 20, said. "It hurts that some of my company didn't."

Riding atop the back seat of a red Mustang convertible, her blond hair tucked under her black Army

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## Thief captures every keystroke to access accounts

### Victims used Kinko's computer terminals that were modified

BY ANICK JESDANUN  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - For more than a year, unbeknownst to people who used Internet terminals at Kinko's stores in New York, Juju Jiang was recording what they typed, paying particular attention to their passwords.

Jiang had secretly installed, in at least 14 Kinko's copy shops, software that logs individual keystrokes. He captured more than 450 user names and passwords, and used them to access and open bank accounts online.

The case, which led to a guilty plea earlier this month after Jiang was caught, highlights the risks in using public Internet terminals at cybercafes, libraries, airports and other establishments.

"Use common sense when using any public terminal," warned Neel Mehta, research engineer at Internet Security Systems Inc. "For most day-to-day stuff like surfing the Web, you're probably all right, but for anything sensitive you should think twice."

Jiang was caught when, according to court records, he used one of the stolen passwords to access a computer with GoToMyPC software, which lets individuals access their own computers from elsewhere.

The GoToMyPC subscriber was home at the time and suddenly saw the cursor on his computer move around and files open as if by themselves. He then saw an account being opened in his name at an online payment transfer service.

Jiang, who is awaiting sentencing on five counts relating to computer fraud and software piracy, admitted installing Invisible KeyLogger Stealth software at Kinko's as early as

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**TRANSIT**

### Original Monorail closer to death

It's been around since the 1962 World's Fair, but the Seattle Center Monorail might not live forever. A City Council committee yesterday recommended the original line not get landmark status. The whole council will vote Aug. 4.

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**COMING UP**

### Don't scale back on this action

Out on the water it's solid fish, birds, boats and bait. And the silvers and kings are seriously biting. La Push has become a hot spot for angling, and the scenery is stunning. Plus salmon populations are rebounding.

TOMORROW'S GETAWAYS

**UPDATES**

**Presidential race:** Republicans now say they're worried about Bush's chances. **A3**

**Liberia:** Rebels declare a cease-fire after hundreds killed in Monday's fighting. **A5**

**Airport costs:** South wing construction has risen by \$90 million. **B4**

**Porpoise deaths:** A research team begins doing necropsies. **B8**

**Amazon.com:** The retailer cut its second-quarter loss in half. **C1**



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