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INDIA

- Off-campus criminology graduate program planning new cohort for 2014
- New B.S. in Criminology degree completion program classes begin 5 August
- **Rick Chavez** selected by Fresno Superior Court as the new Chief Probation Officer

Acid attacks against primarily women in India are a pressing problem, amidst common complaints that government or police are dragging their feet in responding to an estimated 1000 or more cases per year. Only a small fraction of offenders are tried and convicted. The actual number of offenses may also be substantially higher due to a reluctance of victims and their family members to report the incidents to police.

What is unique, however, is that the Indian Supreme Court has issued a temporary order that acid sales be restricted and this order is to be in effect until each of the states or territories in India pass their own laws restricting the sale of acid, as one step in curbing the problem. The Indian Supreme Court takes a substantially more active role in the justice system than, for example, the U.S. Supreme Court.

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ACID ATTACKS AND THE INTERNET...

Noteworthy is also how the age of the internet has facilitated greater transparency and thereby placed more pressure on government institutions to properly execute their duties and responsibilities.

Amar Singh Rathi of New Delhi and the father of 23 year old Preeti Rathi, a female victim of an acid attack in 2012, who died after 3 months of pain and suffering, posted a petition on the change.org website, asking for 50,000 signatures to implore the home minister to have police investigate his daughter's murder.

<http://www.change.org/en-IN/petitions/justice-for-preeti-rathi-acidattack-cbimustinvestigate>

Other action currently being contemplated by the government includes a renewed look at the penalties for acid attacks, and the reclassification of such offenses as "heinous crimes", which would provide for a maximum penalty of life in prison.

The Indian Supreme Court has also raised the compensation for victims of acid attacks to 3 lakh (Rupees) for medical care and rehabilitation. (3 lakh or 300,000 rupees= \$5,047 US)

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/supreme-court-directs-states-uts-to-regulate-acid-sale/article4927343.ece>

The seemingly rampant problem of sexual assaults on women in India is also attracting increased attention and generating public outrage. The internet is again very useful in bringing information to the public and pressuring politicians and government entities to address this and a variety of other social problem.

● TATOOS? ●
Sorry, can't come in!



A recent visit to Japan has shown that the country's antipathy towards tattoos and related gang attire or behavior is not acceptable in some business sectors and the excuse of "just a little" tattoo is no excuse. A woman with a „cute“ butterfly tattoo on her ankle is banished just like the man above.



NO ENTRY WITH TATOOS...

Such a ban is particularly common in the traditional Japanese hot spring bath houses (Onsen). Considering that men and women do not wear any bathing attire in these "Onsen" it would therefore be difficult to even hide tattoos on intimate parts of the body.

This restriction is typically posted at the entrance to the Onsen, such as the one in below in Nagasaki:



While it is not essential for people to visit an Onsen, customers in Nagasaki can enjoy a great view while sitting or standing in the mineral bath. Below is the view from the Onsen that people with tattoos are missing:



Another Onsen in Miyazaki Prefecture has the same prohibition but a different type of sign, showing a police officer and notifying customers that police routinely come by the Onsen as a public service.



GANGS AND EXTORTION RACKETS

Extortion or the payment of protection money is a major income source for Japanese gangs or organized crime (Boryokudan). Over the past few years, however, police have significantly reduced the ability of gangs to collect protection money through the criminalization of making a payment to these gangs. When business owners pay off a gang to keep gang members from disrupting their business, they are themselves committing a crime.

Not wanting to be considered a criminal, they now quickly report extortion attempts to police.

LED TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN JAPAN



Save money and prevent accidents.

Traffic control through traditional traffic lights using conventional bulbs has been very costly, both due to maintenance issues

and the cost of replacing burned out bulbs. This problem has been abated with new LED type traffic lights with several side benefits. The lights no longer burn out at a rate after only one year of use, the lights are more visible in all types of day or sunlight, and electricity usage is greatly improved, thereby saving a substantial amount of money.

A secondary benefit is that with the increased visibility of these LED based traffic lights, roadway accidents at lighted intersections have also been noticeably reduced.



At the Okinawa Prefecture Police HQ- Traffic Division

The traffic status display is much larger than in the picture above. Live video from traffic cameras is displayed on Super High Definition LCD panels. Remote sensors show traffic buildup (green, yellow, red lines). Police vehicles also have 360 degree cameras integrated into the roof lights and can be monitored from HQ.

OKINAWA POLICE



Prefectural Police HQ in Naha

Okinawa has a population of about 1.3 Million, and as of 2012, it was served by 2,585 police officers. American military bases occupy about 18% of the landmass of the main island.

Just as police in other prefectures have their own and unique mascot, so does the Okinawa police. Everywhere you go in Okinawa you can see a strange looking (Shisa) creature that appears to be a mix between a lion and a dog. This phantasy creature is thought to keep away evil spirits (not to be confused with “alcohol”)away. Below a police Shisa:



Shisa at the entrance to a police koban (post)

Guns and Police in Japan

Japanese police officer are not permitted to carry their sidearm off duty. They must secure it at the police station or their office before going off duty. This rule applies to all ranks. The only exception would be for officers who are on call for special assignments and who must be able to respond quickly.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Donating money for victim assistance has become easier in Nagasaki, Japan. People need to send in any money or visit a victim assistance office to pay in person. In the city of Nagasaki, some of the ever present vending machines for non-alcoholic beverages bear a sign that part of the proceeds from the sale of beverages would be used to specifically provide assistance to crime victims.

VENDING MACHINE TO HELP VICTIMS...



Vending Machine in Nagasaki

FRESNO AREA C. J. NEWS

Fresno Superior Court Announces New Chief Probation Officer

Rick Chavez

The Fresno Superior Court Judges have selected Rick Chavez as the Fresno County Chief Probation Officer. They were impressed with his education, his leadership skills and his nearly 30 years of experience with the county probation office. Mr. Chavez started his career as a group counselor at Juvenile hall and oversaw the construction of the Juvenile Justice Campus.

His selection and appointment is a joint process by the Fresno Superior Court, the

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County Administrative Office and the Juvenile Justice Commission.

Mr. Chavez will be formally appointed after a background investigation and approval of the final report submitted to the Presiding Judge. He is expected to assume his new role on 5 August 2013.

CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS OFF CAMPUS PROGRAMS

B.S. in Criminology

ELIGIBILITY:

Any current or retired government employee, including members of the armed forces, with about two years of prior college coursework. Other applicants with full time professional employment in organizations or firms focusing on the security of the country's infrastructure (technology, ISPs, financial institutions, etc.) or working under contract with government agencies may be admitted on a case by case basis. Persons can join the program any time new classes begin. Additional information can be obtained from Dr. Schweizer at haralds@csufresno.edu

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2013

New courses begin in Fall as indicated. **Students must register/pay on or before the official start of the class.** Internet use is required for all courses. All students taking Aug/Sep courses must attend one of two orientation meetings at the Fresno County Sheriff's office training room at 1800 hours as indicated:

Mon 5 Aug 13 or Wed 7 Aug 13

This meeting is in addition to regular class meetings.

Crim 102 Criminal Justice Organization and Administration

(7 August-25 September) taught by Dr. K.J. Ryan (kjryan@csufresno.edu)

Orientation meeting Wednesday 7 August at the Sheriff's Office. Also meets Wednesday evenings at the Sheriff's office as follows:

21 & 28 Aug and 4 September.

Additional on line activities are scheduled for 7 & 14 Aug, 11 & 18 Sep.

All day (8 hours) meetings are scheduled for the following Saturdays: 17 Aug and 21 Sep

Crim 001 Success in Crim (7 Aug-25 Sep) taught by Dr. E. Hughes (emhughes@csufresno.edu)

Meets on two Saturdays from 0900-1630. The first meeting is on 24 August. The second Saturday is tentatively scheduled for 14 September. No text is required.

Crim 100 Criminology (Theory) taught by Dr. G. Kikuchi (gkikuchi@csufresno.edu)

5 August – 30 September.

This course is fully on line except for a face to face meeting at the beginning and end of the course. 1800-1900 Monday 5 August; Monday 30 September.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2013

Crim 109 Comparative C.J. Systems

(2 October-20 November) taught by Dr. H.O. Schweizer (haralds@csufresno.edu)

First meeting on 2 October with three additional Wednesday evenings and two Saturdays (0900-1630) on 15 Oct/20Nov.

OCT/NOV CLASSES...

Geog 115 Violent Weather

(7 October-20 November) taught by Dr. S.

Omolayo (samualo@csufresno.edu)

Meets on the following Saturdays: (0900 to 1700)

5 Oct

2 Nov

And Mondays from 1800-2200:

Oct 14, 28

Nov 18, 25

First meeting is on Saturday, 5 October

Actual time may be less depending on class activity and/or breaks.

Additional instruction will be web-based.

2014 Master's in Criminology Cohort

The second graduate cohort is completing its coursework and comprehensive examination later this year. A third cohort is currently being considered and accepting inquiries/applications from qualified active or retired government employees.

THE MOST IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IS TO TAKE THE GRE General Exam with the writing component.

Admission Requirements

- A four year degree from an accredited college or university at the time the program begins.
- Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater, or during the last sixty credit hours of college.
- Submission of scores from the General Records Examination (GRE), including the writing portion.
- Submission of a criminology department application.
- Completion of an on-line application for university graduate study
- Three academic references

M.S. in Criminology Off Campus Program

Additional requirements for university admission and the criminology department application for graduate study can be found at:

http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downto_wngraduateprogram2014.htm

Course work is a blend of ten courses in criminology, public administration and business, including such areas as project management, crisis management, management information systems, homeland security, and criminological theory.

Past and current students in our off campus programs have come from a multitude of agencies, including ICE, US Marshal's Service, DEA, and municipal police of Bakersfield, Fresno, Madera, Visalia, Hanford and Clovis. Also represented are Fresno County, Tulare County, Kern County and Merced County Sheriff's Departments, Fresno County Social Services, the state hospital in Coalinga, CDCR, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the Superior Court and the District Attorney's office of Fresno.



ESCAPE FROM CAMP 14

A biography of the only North Korean born and raised in a political prison camp who escaped the camp under horrendous conditions. This New York Times Bestseller is a depressing read and the story as told by

the North Korean escape has been vetted and verified. Conditions in the camp are brutal beyond belief and more than 100,000 North Koreans languish and often die in these camps. Children turn in their parents who are then tortured or killed for what to us be minor violations. One girl was beaten to death because she had a few kernels of corn in her possession.

The daily or even life long torturous conditions reduces inmates to automatons and no one is trusted. The camp's rules are strict and enforced by camp guards. Some of them are as follows:

You are shot immediately if you:

- Steal or conceal any foodstuffs
 - Have sexual relations without prior approval (if it results in pregnancy the mother and baby are usually killed)
 - Attempt to escape, or witness an escape attempt and fail to report it
 - Congregate with more than one other prisoner without prior approval
 - Do not unconditionally obey a guard
 - Fail to meet your daily work quota
- Prisoners work 12-16 hour days, seven days a week.

If you commit suicide, your surviving family will be punished.'

While you can read the book on line for free, you should purchase a copy as a valuable and handy reference to what is really going on in North Korea and why we (the US Govt) has done nothing to stop it.

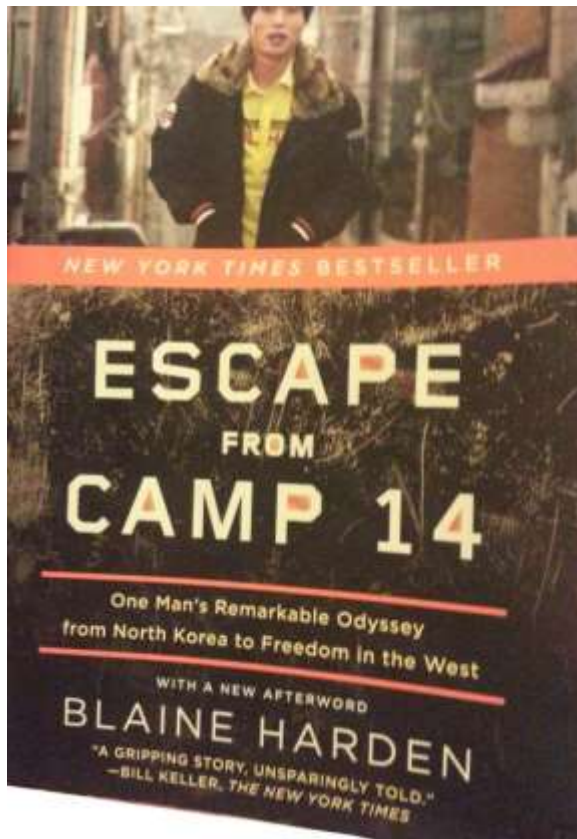
http://www.e-reading-lib.com/bookreader.php/1010812/Harden_-_Escape_from_Camp_14.html

The author hoped that the book would be instrumental in changing the prevailing sit back and do nothing attitude of most

Interesting Photos

NORTH KOREA...

governments in the West, by illustrating the hard to believe ongoing human rights violations in North Korea which continue on as we read this newsletter. While much of the information on conditions in North Korea has been available through news and other media outlets, it appears that the average person in the street is oblivious to it or has no idea where North Korea is even located. Western Governments focus on North Korea's nuclear weapons and threats but ignore the enslaving of an entire nation.



Swiss citizen taking his "assault rifle" to the shooting range on a Sunday morning.



"Catch-u-kun" the alien mascot of the Nagasaki Police at Police Headquarters.