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## Behind the wall

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O.S.P. inmates catch a quick call home.

CONGRATULATIONS TO VERNELL FRANKLIN, JR. for the appointment of assistant correspondent to the "Behind the Wall" column's staff.

Franklin was born in Fort Worth, Texas, attended I.M. Jr. High School in Fort Worth before moving to Berkeley, California, where he attended high school in 1965. In 1970 Franklin joined the United States Marine Corps and for the following four years participated in "special search and rescue" operations with the 33rd Marines Air Unit in Viet Nam. He received the following service medals for his heroic duties: Viet Nam Service Medal; Phillipines Presidential Unit Citation; National Defense Service Medal; and Gold Jump Wings Medal.

Discharged in 1974, Franklin settled down in Klamath Falls, Oregon, but there was only one thing wrong. While in Nam Vernell Franklin became addicted to drugs but returning to the States Franklin tried to

curb his addiction by obtaining employment as a counselor for one year with the Klamath Alcoholic Drug Abuse Program. After the funds ran out for his position, Franklin began working at various saw mills until many employees were laid off. It wasn't long after Franklin started back using drugs and became involved with those within the drug traffic atmosphere, which eventually brought about his arrest and conviction. He was sent to O.S.P. for five years.

Franklin immediately enrolled within the O.S.P. Educational Program and with the help of their instructors soon became aware of his abilities to write. Franklin contributes much of his motivation for being successful in writing to the patience and guidance of the educators at O.S.P. It is we, the staff of the "Behind the Wall" column who now are grateful to have the talents of Vernell Franklin, Jr.

Commands  
and  
bells  
ring you  
aline  
sleepwalker  
prison  
life is  
cell in, cell out  
yard line  
pill call  
aspirin cures all  
commands  
and bells  
you wash  
ya arse  
2 days  
a week  
mail call  
best  
thing  
being here  
lock  
up  
who needs  
yellow  
pages,  
tier  
runners  
do the  
walkin'  
life  
here  
is RAW.

Vernon Broadnax

Justice is not blind  
the bombing of a church  
in Alabama . . . four  
little girls dead  
Meger Evers  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Malcolm X, Robert L. Jackson  
Fred Hampton, Mark Clark  
George & Jonathan Jackson  
But these don't count

Tricky dick got richer  
writing his memoirs  
And My Lia is as  
real as Nagasaki  
Hiroshima, Angola  
Mozambique  
the Antipathy in South Africa  
But these don't count

Like those left over from 'Nam  
the armless, sightless  
legless, drug addicts  
the one who remember bombs  
dropping . . . the flashes when  
they hit, the screaming  
and dying  
waking in a cold  
sweat, still remembering  
But these don't count

Ask Dessie Woods, Joan Little  
the Wilmington 10, the Jackson  
Brothers, Leonard Peltier  
the Jobless, homeless  
the boasted life of a  
child who came to be  
because of want  
or was it greed  
But these don't count

A mis-used and abused  
prison system  
political system  
prison system  
ecology  
over-crowded  
prison  
money pockets  
systems  
life death  
life death life death  
life and  
money in pockets and

death 'n prison  
system 'n  
politics 'n pocket  
of many systems  
and justice ain't blind  
and justice ain't blind  
and justice ain't blind  
. . . . only cripple.

by Julius Snowden



Peggy Lansverk, retiring Vancouver PTA council president, and Ed Mitchell, administrator at Pan Terra School, were recipients of PTA award for their dedication to young people. Mitchell is a former director of the North Branch YMCA in Portland and was Northeast Quadrant Director for Multnomah County.

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## Direct farm to consumer selling increasing

Farmer to consumer marketing is creating a great deal of interest throughout the country as food prices continue to rise.

"Direct farm marketing may be one avenue for reduced food costs," suggests Roland Groder, Oregon State University Extension horticultural marketing specialist.

Direct marketing includes roadside markets and stands, u-pick operations, farmer's markets, rent-a-tree operations, farmer and consumer cooperatives, and gift baskets or mail order gifts.

At a direct market, consumers may choose from a wide array of high quality, farm-fresh produce, says Groder. For home canning and other uses buying directly usually means fruits and vegetables are fresher.

In addition to cost savings and freshness, Groder believes many consumers now buy directly from farmers because they like the personal attention the farmer gives them and because they like to make such a purchase an outing.

Consumers must weigh their produce costs against the time and cost of traveling to the farm outlet, he adds. In some cases, it may not be any cheaper to buy fruits and vegetables directly from the farmer.

Consumers should also guard against buying produce that has been held at warm temperatures, Groder advises. "Even if the produce was picked just a few hours ago, it loses quality when held at warmer temperatures," he says. Once fruits and vegetables are picked, the natural sugars begin changing to starches.

Refrigerating the produce increases its shelf life by several days. However, some products, such as bananas, cucumbers, squash and tomatoes, must be kept at warmer temperatures.

As part of a nationwide effort to encourage farmer to consumer marketing, Groder and Harvey Meier, OSU food distribution specialist, recently received a \$61,000 grant through the federal government's Farmer-to-Consumer Marketing Act of 1976.

Their grant is part of a regional project involving the state departments of agriculture in Washington and Oregon and the Extension Services at Washington State University and OSU.

As part of the project, Groder, Meier and their assistants will inventory existing direct markets and study the economics involved in starting one. They will also look at ways state agencies can participate in

marketing schemes and develop teaching aids to help farmers.

Working with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, they will assess the needs of consumers and commercial farmers, and will begin working on a statewide directory to list market locations, their products and dates available.

Although Groder is just beginning to collect data, he believes direct farm markets now distribute only one or two percent of the product sold in Oregon. "That figure is now likely to rise above five percent in the near future," he estimates.

## Through the Eyes of Mr. W

by Harold C. Williams

Today's society has many faces. Unfortunately, for racial minorities, they are struggling with one face and that is the face of survival. It has caused a division of power instead of people of color pulling together, they are divided. This adds fuel to the flame of chaos and distrust. What I worry about most is not the division between the people of color but the division between the Black woman and Black man. It is time that the two strongest people that walk the face of this earth become united as ONE. Individually they give the best of themselves to other people but when it comes to giving to one another they seem to drop the ball. The Black man appears to smile with a gleam in his eyes when he's with women of other races but when he's with a Black woman the sparkle seems to fade away. The Black woman can applaud the victory and triumph of men of other races but sit silent when the Black man has achieved.

The Black woman and Black man can't continue to make excuses and give the blame of fault to one another. Time won't wait, children need to see that the Black woman and Black man can love and care for one another. It is important that Black women and Black men be able to embrace in public as well as in the room of privacy.

Every race of people on the face of the earth copy the good graces of the Black woman and Black man. It is time that the Black woman and Black man copy themselves and give the best of giving to one another. Love and peace to the Black woman and Black man, there is none greater than you.

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### FACTS OF IMPORTANCE

The business community has recently acknowledged four specific facts about alcoholism:

1. Alcoholism is an illness, not a moral problem.
2. It can be treated successfully.
3. Many alcoholics are worth treating.
4. Persons afflicted with the disease of alcoholism are often the last to recognize or to accept their problem.

Five to ten percent (5% - 10%) of the employed population are in trouble with alcohol. In a large proportion of these cases, the problem has existed for five to seven years before becoming so obvious that action is required. Alcoholism has been identified by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare as the number one public health problem in the U.S.A. Only three percent (3%) of these alcoholics are on skid row, the other ninety-seven percent (97%) are found in homes, offices and factories.

Alcoholism turns out to be the billion dollar headache. Alcoholism costs industries \$15,000,000,000.00 (fifteen billion dollars), not to mention human suffering to the alcoholic himself, his family and his employer. Much of the inferior workmanship in many of our domestic products and services may be due directly or indirectly to the disease of alcoholism.

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The House of Exodus was incorporated on the 9th day of August, 1977, in the State of Oregon as a non-profit corporation for the sole purpose of establishing an alcoholism educational and treatment center. The goals are to improve the health, physical and mental well-being of its clientele. The primary objective is to educate and treat, through counseling and other supportive activities, persons afflicted with the disease of alcoholism. Secondly, our objective is to further research the social and metabolic effects of alcoholism and other substance additives in order to find causes, cures and preventive controls.

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