



Understanding the Justice and Corrections System in Oregon

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On Saturday, April 11, 1987, a day-long seminar titled, "Understanding Justice and Corrections Systems in Oregon" will be unveiled. The following topic will finally be exposed that has left questions in the minds of the public (particularly students) for a great time: How is their money being spent in Oregon concerning jails, prisons, police and the courts? These subjects, and the discussion thereof, should be of special interest to black citizens of Oregon.

Questions such as the following should be considered: Why is the second-largest black population in the state directly under the control of the State Corrections Division? Are the courts and the judicial systems in Oregon unaware of the rapid rate of arrest, conviction and incarceration black people are being subjected to? Are young, black men and women represented equally and fairly by their attorneys? Is our education system functioning properly in Oregon by deterring the crime committed by blacks in Oregon? This seminar's main focus is not aimed at black people specifically. Rather, it will open up an avenue that such questions might be addressed.

Understanding the justice and corrections systems in Oregon is a very complicated task. It (the seminar) does not expect to answer all questions in just one day. At least, though, it is a beginning. The following topics, specifically, will be discussed, and the public officials, educators, the media and citizens have volunteered to take part in moderating and paneling such discussions: What happens as a result of prison? What comes after prison? What goes beyond the system? What will happen if the system does not improve? What is

rehabilitation? What are the costs? What are the general responsibilities? What can be improved and not improved by simply giving tax money to the system? What are the problems of overcrowding? Is there racism and discrimination in the criminal justice system? Presentations, questions and interactions will include members of the general public, students, educators and a specially selected group of experts including judges, police and parole officers, the press, legislators, district attorneys, prison superintendents and inmates.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Richard Sainte-Middleton, the manager of KWAX-KWBX at the University of Oregon, and the Welcoming Address will be presented by Oakley Glenn, the Director of University of Oregon Security. The agenda is as follows:

8:45 a.m., Rehabilitation: Murders, Robberies, and Sexual Assaults.

10:00, Arrest Through Sentencing.

11:00, Insanity Plea and Plea Bargaining.

1:00 p.m., Racism and Discrimination.

2:00, Prison Overcrowding vs. Parole and Release.

3:00, Prison Is a Place.

3:30, Building Prisons vs. Closing Schools.

4:30 to 5:00, Summary Judgment of Seminar.

This seminar is being sponsored by Innovative Educational Development at the University of Oregon, Room M110 EMU, Eugene, Oregon 97403. Credit is being offered through Portland State University, Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College. There is a fee of \$12.00, and pre-registration is preferred. If you have any questions, call us at 686-4305.

"Preview Screening to Benefit Portland Poetry Festival"

The Portland Poetry Festival will host a special preview screening of Jill Godmilow's new film "Waiting For the Moon" Sunday, April 12th at 7:00 pm at the 5th Avenue Cinemas (S.W. 5th and Hall). "Waiting For the Moon" is a fictional account of the lives of Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas in Paris in the 1930's and stars Linda Bassett and Linda Hunt. Admission to this event is \$5.00 per person with all proceeds going to benefit the Portland Poetry Festival. Tickets may be purchased at the door and the public is invited. A reception will follow in the theatre lobby.

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Ramona was one of six women entered in the national sweepstakes sponsored by King Cobra premium malt liquor. Consumers could vote for their favorite "Cobra Lady" using tear-off ballots contained in King Cobra in-store point of sale displays.

As national King Cobra Lady, Ramona received a cash prize and a new fur coat. She appears on the 1987 King Cobra calendar and will also make personal appearances on behalf of the brand.

Ramona was born in Georgetown, Guyana, South America and grew up in Toronto, Canada. She now lives in Los Angeles, where she is pursuing a career in singing and entertaining. Her other interests include tennis, dance, horseback riding and working with children.

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Owe No Income Tax? File to Get Refund

Filing a tax return may be a good idea for some Oregon taxpayers even if they are not required to do so, the Internal Revenue Service said. Many low-income workers—like students, retirees, and part-time employees—are entitled to receive a full refund of the federal income tax withheld during the year, but they must file a return to get it.

Taxpayers should check their Forms W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," to see if any income taxes were withheld. If taxes were withheld and no tax is owed, filing a tax return is the only way to recover the money.

For more information, call the Internal Revenue Service in Portland, 221-3960, in Salem, 581-8721, in Eugene, 485-5079 or toll-free elsewhere in the Oregon area, 1-800-424-1040.

File Now, Taking Your Time Helps Reduce Errors

Haste often does make waste, according to the Internal Revenue Service. When a person waits until the last minute to file a tax return, errors can be made that delay efficient processing of a return. Any refund due to the taxpayer is also delayed when there are errors on a return.

To help cut down on costly mistakes to both the taxpayer and the government, individuals are urged to file their tax returns as early as possible, after carefully reading the tax instructions.

Filing a tax return now, provided all the necessary records are available from employers and financial institutions, can save time and money.

Filing now can also help you get a jump on your tax planning. By reviewing your completed tax return, and noting the items that will be changing for tax year 1987, you should be able to project what next year's income and tax liability will be. By filing now, you'll have enough time to adjust your withholding or make estimated tax payments to assure that your 1987 taxes are properly and timely paid.

Don't forget that the IRS offers free assistance to help taxpayers prepare their own returns.

IRS telephone assistance is available in Oregon by calling Portland, 221-3960; Salem, 581-8721; Eugene, 485-8286; and, elsewhere in Oregon, the toll-free number is 1-800-424-1040.

Moving? Give New Address to IRS and Post Office

Have you moved? Is so and you are expecting a federal refund check, you need to notify your previous post office of your address change.

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