LAW & JUSTICE

Job Bias Charges at Five Year High

coming charges since 2002.

the largest annual increase since all individuals.' the early 1990s, the federal agency reported last week.

Eeoc.gov, also shows that the the most frequently filed charges, EEOC recovered \$345 million in continuing a long-term trend. Ad-

do a better job of proactively preventing discrimination and addressing complaints promptly

BUSINESS

The Equal Employment Oppor- and effectively," said Commistunity Commission received 82,792 sion Chair Naomi C. Earp. "To discrimination-charge filings dur- ensure that equality of opportuing the last fiscal year in the private nity becomes a reality in the 21stsector, the highest volume of in- century workplace, employers need to place a premium on fos-The complaints were also nine tering inclusive and discriminapercent higher than a year earlier, tion-free work environments for

According to the latest data, allegations of discrimination based The data, available online at on race, retaliation, and sex were monetary relief for job-bias victims. ditionally, nearly all major charge Naomi C. Earp "Corporate America needs to categories showed double digit percentage increases from the prior year -- a rare occurrence.

The jump in charge filings may



be due to a combination of factors, including greater awareness of the law, changing economic conditions, and increased diversity and demographic shifts in the labor force, officials said.

Last year, for the first time, retaliation was the second highest charge category (behind race), surpassing sex-based charges in total filings with EEOC offices nationwide. Historically, race has been the most frequently filed charge since the EEOC became operational



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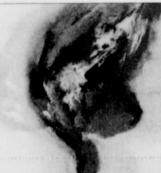




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Discussion on Police Accountability

ability in Portland on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the attend.

Portland's first police oversight system grew out of the racial tensions of the 1980's between the police and the African-American community. It survived a police-unionled referendum and remained in place for nearly 20 years with mixed results.

The present system, the Independent Police Review division, currently is steeped in controversy after a perfor-

The League of Women oversight, Eileen Luna-Voters of Portland will host a Firebaugh, revealed its lack of panel to discuss police account- transparency and independence from the police bureau.

Participating in the discus-Board Room of the sion will be Gary Blackmer, Multnomah Building, 501 S.E. Portland City Auditor; Michael Hawthorne. The event is free, Bigham, Chair of the Citizen and the public is invited to Review Committee; Dan Handelman, co-founder of Portland Copwatch; Alejandro Oueral, former director of the Northwest Constitutional Rights Center; and Darleane Lemley, League member and longtime citizen activist on police oversight issues.

Portland Community Media will broadcast the forum live on Channel 30. Repeat broadcasts will be aired on Channel 30 on Friday, March 14, at 5 p.m.; Sunday, March 16, at 6 p.m.; mance review by a nationally Tuesday, March 18, at 3 p.m.; recognized expert on civilian and Friday, March 21, at 11 p.m.

Prison Population, Costs Grow

Tough sentencing measures blamed

(AP) - For the first time in his- Texas as states which have acted tory, more than one in every 100 American adults is in jail or prison, according to a new report tracking the surge in inmate population and urging states to rein in corrections costs with alternative sentencing programs.

The report by the Pew Center role and probation rules. said the 50 states spent more than \$49 billion on corrections last year, up from less than \$11 billion 20 years earlier. The rate of increase for prison costs was six times greater his budget speech last month. than for higher education spending, the report said.

data, the report said 2,319,258 adults or in the nation's overall populawere held in U.S. prisons or jails at tion. Instead, it said, more people the start of 2008 — one out of every are behind bars mainly because of 99.1 adults, and more than any other tough sentencing measures, such country in the world.

The report cited Kansas and in longer prison stays.

decisively to slow the growth of their inmate population. Their actions include greater use of community supervision for low-risk offenders and employing sanctions other than reimprisonment for ex-offenders who commit technical violations of pa-

The largest percentage increase — 12 percent — was in Kentucky, where Gov. Steve Beshear highlighted the cost of corrections in

The report said prison growth and higher incarceration rates do Using updated state-by-state not reflect a parallel increase in crime as "three-strikes" laws, that result

Cold Cases

There is no statute of limitations for the crime of murder



Unidentified Remains Case #: 2000-46109

Victim: African-American male, 6" tall, 25-35 years old.

Location: The unknown person's remains were found near the Silver Fox RV Park in a wooded area, near 40505 E. Hwy 224, Estacada. Date: Nov. 11, 2000

Details: A forensic artist used clues from the skull of the unidentified man to create a sketch

of his face. The state medical examiner's office analyzed the bones to determine his height, race and approximate age. Evidence suggested his body had been there for less than a year. There was no indication of trauma, so investigators don't know if he died of natural causes, took his own life or was murdered.

To Report Information: Call the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Tip Line at 503-723-4949.

Murder Victim

Case #: 2006-36655

Victim: Andrew William Corpe Suspect: Unknown

Details: Sometime in the hours prior to 8 a.m. on Oct. 20, 2006, Andrew William Corpe

was murdered while traveling down the Springwater Trail in the area of Southeast Johnson Creek Boulevard and Bell Avenue.

Corpe was shot several times in the head, and neighbors in the area reported hearing shots at approximately 4 a.m. His body was discovered

dumped in Johnson Creek. To Report Information: Anyone with information about this crime is urged to call the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Tip Line at 503-723-4949.

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