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A state report expects Oregon's prison population to grow 2.4 percent this year, but the figure could grow much faster in future years with initiatives on the November General Election ballot calling for the expansion of mandatory-minimum sentences.

Oregon Prison Population Grows

Could go much higher with new measures

Oregon's prison population was 13,405 on Jan. 1, having grown by 0.7 percent or 98 beds last year.

A state corrections population forecast expects the prison population to grow at a slightly faster rate this year, about 2.4 percent, or 317 beds to 13,722 inmates on Jan. 1, 2009.

The rate of growth in the prison population has gradually slowed from years earlier when Measure 11 imposed mandatory minimum sentences for

comparison, the prison popula- more offenders to prison rather tion grew by 15.7 percent in the than probation. 1999-01 biennium, 12.2 percent 05 and 4.9 percent in 2005-07.

Future changes to Oregon's or ballot measures, can have immediate and substantial ef- risk to this forecast. fects on correctional populations in the next few years.

property crimes.

initiative's impact is available, identity theft crimes committed but the measure would lengthen on or after Jan. 2, 2009.

certain violent offenders. By some prison sentences and send

Similarly, Initiative Petition 131 in 2001-03, 7.3 percent in 2003- would lengthen sentences for specified repeat sex crimes and for driving under the influence of sentencing laws—whether intoxicants. Initiative Petition 132 through the legislative process would restrict the early release of felons, and would pose a potential

Senate Bill 1087 may also exert an impact on this forecast, if it Initiative Petition 40, which receives voters' approval with will appear on the November more votes than Initiative Petition 2008 ballot, would substantially 40. It would increase terms of increase penalties for certain imprisonment for certain drugtrafficking crimes, as well as No official estimate of the specified repeat property and

Fair Housing Act Turns 40

Complaints show lasting discrimination

More than 10,000 people filed housing-discrimination complaints last year, according to an annual report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Forty-three percent of the complaints alleged discrimination against persons with disabilities while 37 percent alleged racial discrimination.

Most of complainants claimed to be victims of discrimination in the terms and conditions of the sale or rental of housing, or outright refusal to rent.

"Forty years after the passage



Kim Kendrick

of the Fair Housing Act, an alarming number of families are still being denied housing and still

need the protections this landscores the importance of HUD's dation for his disability. continued enforcement, education, and outreach activities to leased at the beginning of National ensure that all Americans have Fair Housing Month, which HUD equal access to housing oppor- celebrates every April to commemotunities."

settlement for an African-Amerito rent an apartment because of Act.

because she has children.

A third case resulted in a mark law offers," said Kim \$10,000 settlement for a man with Kendrick, HUD Assistant Secre- a disability in New Jersey who tary for Fair Housing and Equal was denied an accessible parking Opportunity. "This report under- space as a reasonable accommo-

HUD's annual report was rerate the anniversary of the signing One case resulted in a \$75,000 of the Fair Housing Act.

This year the release coincides can woman in California who was with the 40th anniversary of the allegedly denied the opportunity enactment of the Fair Housing

For those who believe they are Another case resulted in a the victims of housing discrimi-\$14,000 settlement for a woman in nation, they should contact HUD Illinois who was allegedly denied at 1-800-669-9777. Additional inthe opportunity to buy a townhouse formation is available at Hud.gov/





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Portland Woman Missing after Argument

Reward offered

Detectives from the Portland Police Bureau Missing Persons Unit are asking for the public's help in locating 32-year-old Heather Dawn Mallory.

On Friday, March 7, Mallory attended school and worked her entire shift. After work, she spent the night socializing with several friends and arrived home at about 10:30 a.m., where she became involved in an argument with her husband, 35year-old Brian Cole.

later and has not been seen or heard from since. She is the mother of a 3- tors believe it is highly unusual for year-old child and has no prior his- her to remain out of contact. She tory of being missing.



She reportedly left home awhile Heather Dawn Mallory

has been described as professional Based on information obtained and responsible in her work habits from family and friends, investiga- and having no history of mental illness.

Mallory's sudden disappearance hair and brown eyes. and lack of any contact to family or highly suspicious.

is a black-colored bike rack on top HELP(4357).

of the car and a child seat in the back At this time, detectives have no seat. She is a 5-foot-5-inch, 120evidence of foul play. However, pound white female with blonde

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash friends, whatsoever, is considered reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, Mallory was reportedly driving that leads to a resolution in this a bright red 2001 Ford Focus bear- case, and you remain anonymous. ing Oregon license 061BZX. There Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-

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No Charges against Deputy

Who bragged of beating inmate

(AP) - No criminal charges the case. will be filed against a Multnomah County sheriff's deputy who that he was attacked without boasted in an Internet chat room that he beat a jail inmate.

downtown jail.

Thompson had written of tors the comment was a refer- on the sheriff's office. ence to a 2005 incident in which in the head and face.

He said Baker initiated the attack, an account supported by witnesses, according to the district attorney's memo dropping

Baker protested at the time provocation but still pleaded no contest to attempted assault of But last week's decision from a public-safety officer. Interthe district attorney's office viewed again, Baker repeated clears the way for an internal- his claim that Thompson initiaffairs investigation into the con- ated the attack but declined to duct of Deputy David B. Th- take a polygraph examination, ompson, who works at the according to the district attorney's memo.

The internal investigation crushing an inmate's eye socket, will determine whether one of many statements he Thompson's conduct violated posted on an Internet site he restrictions on computer use accessed on his work computer. as well as general conduct He later confirmed to investiga- standards by bringing discredit

County Chairman Ted he hit jail inmate David M. Baker Wheeler will have the final say on any punishment.

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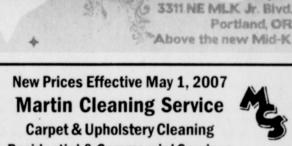
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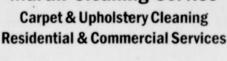






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