

# Justice Watch Newsletter

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## THE FIVE FINGER CHALLENGE

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We often complain about prison life. Much of prison life is beyond our control and must be left up to God to "fix". Yet there are many ways each of us can improve the world we inhabit. Whether in a super-max or a pre-release, we can reclaim our power and serve God by helping others, if we stop thinking about "ifs" and "whens" and accept this challenge: Count on one hand (or two, and your toes, if you please) little things you can do to make life better. Each day those who take this challenge solve daily problems.

Examples: volunteer for church services; make a weekly listing of TV shows to post to help others choose decent shows. What I am most glad for at GRCC is the opportunity to build flower gardens, one seed at a time. In two years we've seeded 4,000 plants on once barren ground. More ideas: help illiterate and non-English speaking inmates fill out forms, and legal work or write home; set up new intakes with essential goods (deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc.), share a Bible; maybe just crack and peel a hard boiled egg for a one armed man; read to a blind man, carry a heavy parcel for an elderly friend---even help staff members with clerical duties! The list is as long as the thousands of trivial tasks we all encounter each day. Too many of us have given up on helping others.

### JEREMIAH 29:7

SEEK THE PROSPERITY OF THE CITY TO WHICH I HAVE CARRIED YOU INTO EXILE. PRAY TO THE LORD FOR IT, BECAUSE IF IT PROSPERS, YOU TOO WILL PROSPER.

(SUGGESTED BY PRISONER, PEEFLY, PA)

You can be instrumental in getting your buddies to take the five finger challenge. Think of all the ways life can improve times five. Five people can do 25 tasks, 20 can do 100 good things, etc. They all add up!

As time goes by the administration will not only approve of your actions, they'll support you, as they do with my gardens. One key is to do things that won't cost the prison a dime, but enhances the facility. The better you behave, the more it will show and the more others will join you in accepting the challenge of change. The choice of how you do this is up to you--change for the better—or not! But, just so you know--there is something wonderful that comes upon us when we do good for goodness sake—a little smile that emerges on our lips after a day of accomplishment. Do your job better than it's ever been done before, set a new record, or cheer up someone whose eyes have been empty for far too long--you'll be glad you did!

Prison life will never be a bowl of cherries, but we all can make it a bit more livable. How your world is shaped is up to you as the sculptor. Try all 5 fingers!

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### ANYWAY

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNREASONABLE AND SELF-CENTERED.  
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.  
IF YOU ARE KIND, PEOPLE MAY ACCUSE YOU OF ULTERIOR MOTIVES.  
BE KIND ANYWAY.  
IF YOU ARE HONEST, PEOPLE MAY CHEAT YOU.  
BE HONEST ANYWAY.  
IF YOU FIND HAPPINESS, PEOPLE MAY BE JEALOUS.  
BE HAPPY ANYWAY.  
THE GOOD YOU DO TODAY MAY BE FORGOTTEN TOMORROW.  
DO GOOD ANYWAY.  
GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE, AND IT MAY NEVER BE ENOUGH.  
GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.  
FOR YOU SEE, IN THE END, IT IS BETWEEN YOU AND GOD.  
IT NEVER WAS BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY!



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### CHANGES ARE HAPPENING AT GARDEN STREET HOUSE!

We regret to announce the resignations of Garden Street House Director, Andrew Stallworth, and Administrative Assistant Mike Haverkamp. Both are great guys and we will miss them greatly. Fortunately, we have an Interim Executive Director, Michael Howard, who is already taking charge at Garden Street Transitional House which Justice Watch operates for homeless men coming from OH prisons on parole. We offer a home, a family of friends, help finding a job, required programs, and set them up with an economic plan to give them a new start. Prisoners may request an application from address above.

**DOWNLOAD THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE JUSTICE WATCH WEBSITE!** [www.justicewatchinc.org](http://www.justicewatchinc.org) (click on Newsletter and there it is--for free!) **PRISONERS! IF YOU CAN'T SEND \$3.00 IN STAMPS OR MONEY ORDERS--ASK FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO DOWNLOAD IT FOR YOU. SEND AN EMAIL ADDRESS AND WE'LL NOTIFY YOU WHEN IT IS READY. THIS WILL SAVE PRINTING & POSTAGE.**

**THIS MAY BE OUR LAST PRINTED NEWSLETTER!!** MANY ASK IF THERE IS A REASONABLE COST. **YES! A \$3.00 DONATION COVERS THE COST OF 3 ISSUES.** (Stamps accepted). SHALL WE CONTINUE SENDING YOUR NEWSLETTER? We are very grateful for individuals, churches and organizations who donated to Justice Watch and Garden Street House, but times are tough, and due to a shortage of funds we have cut the Newsletter to 16 pages and 3 issues per year. Our mail list has tripled in two years, so we have to cut back on "free" issues. Prisoner donors who will receive the Autumn edition, due to their contributions are:

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IF YOU ARE INDIGENT, NOTIFY US. WE WILL TRY TO FIND DONORS TO COVER YOUR COST. AFTER THIS ISSUE WE ARE OUT OF FUNDS, but we keep a list of those who are indigent and ask to be kept on the list. Because some donors have given beyond the \$3.00 minimum, some of those indigent will get the Autumn newsletter. Others sending \$3.00 will be put on the Autumn mail list.

(Jails, Federal Prisons, and those in states with no internet sites to check for updated addresses will be dropped first, UNLESS they send a donation, because they are most likely to be returned due to outdated addresses at a cost of 70 cents in return postage.)

\$234.82 has been donated by Newsletter readers since the Spring edition was mailed. The cost of that mailing was approximately \$2,800.00. If you can't send \$3.00, send what you can, even a few stamps. UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS--PLEASE--AND SEND THE PRISON NAME AND CORRECT ADDRESS AS WELL AS YOUR FULL COMMITTED NAME AND NUMBER.

HEY GUYS AND GALS! WHEN YOUR PRISON PICTURES ARE TAKEN, REMEMBER IT MAY BE

POSTED ON INTERNET SITES WE USE TO UPDATE OUR MAILING LISTS, SO, SMILE! SAY CHEESE, THINK OF JUSTICE WATCH! SOME OF YOUR POSES ARE SCARY--PUT ON A HAPPY FACE FOR THE CAMERA--NO SCOWLING!



Thanks to all who send info and writings. We use as many as we can fit into the Newsletter and regret we can't use them all, or reply to each of your letters and requests. We try!

## OHIO NEWS

"In the interest of justice" charges will be dismissed against Gary James after he passed the OH State Highway Patrol's polygraph, says Franklin Co. Prosecutor Ron O'Brien. James has served 26 years in prison for murder, but the lie detector shows he was telling the truth when he said he did not kill a security guard.

Timothy Howard was released in April when his conviction was overturned by a judge citing fingerprints and conflicting witness statement evidence not made available to defense attorneys during his 1977 trial.

Attorney James Owen and attorneys of Centurion Ministries of Princeton NJ mounted a 7 year crusade to free James and Howard. James will be the 31st inmate freed with Centurion's help. (Associated Press)

EASA (Educating Against Sexual Assault), a non-profit organization plans to base a halfway house for sex offenders from Butler, Warren, Hamilton and Montgomery counties, in Butler County OH. Butler Commissioner Mike Fox said, "I don't want Butler County to be a repository for everyone else's problems." Warren County Commissioner Pat South echoed that opinion. "There is going to be a zoning battle no matter where it is" said Marty Kohler, Middletown planning director. Counties have turned down contacts seeking a site and funding although officials acknowledge there is a need for services. Ohio DOC currently funds 2 halfway houses for sex offenders--Volunteers of America in Mansfield and Cincinnati. Judge James Flannery of Warren County Common Pleas Court supports the idea for offenders who have committed less serious crimes (collecting child porn or trying to lure children over the internet for sex).

A state official said "the state's funding and licensing requirements might be too tough for a new organization. You have to be in operation for a year before the state will license and fund such. It's very unlikely new businesses could meet 150 standards that the facility has to abide by. We wouldn't be contracting with an agency like this." (Enquirer 4/25/03)

OH State Rep. Bill Seitz proposes new legislation to give repeat offenders additional prison time. Under the bill, judges will have to impose max sentences on third-time felons for the current charge, and add 1 to 10 years for repeat offenses. Most states use the law if the third crime is a serious felony. Ohio's law, if passed, will target only first and second-degree felonies in which weapons and/or drugs are involved.

ODRC chief, Reginald Wilkinson, was at a recent Open House for "Crayons to Computers". He explained to guests that shelves of well-crafted products on display were made by Ohio prisoners to donate through this Free Store for teachers in certain Cincinnati schools. There are plans to expand the program to include Cleveland schools.

A Lebanon CI guard was arrested on a felony drug possession charge by State Troopers, preventing 1/2 pound of marijuana from being distributed at LCI. At LCI there was a food poisoning incident when old stew and ground meat was served. Pepto-Bismol was issued! Activists attempts to investigate foul smells and dark color of the water at LCI haven't succeeded. Thousands of dollars from the I & E fund were spent on LCI lawn mowers and a new Commissary door and windows. WHAT IS THE I & E FUND? Isn't that from commissary proceeds and to be used for inmates, not for buildings and lawns? Where does I & E money come from and what rules cover its use? Info please!

SHORT NOTICE! Art Exhibition, "Art by Incarcerated Americans" will feature paintings and drawings by inmates of the USA at Antioch College's Herndon Art Gallery in Yellow Springs OH, Nov. 6-Feb 6, 1904. Send any artwork you can fit in an envelope, in any medium that can be delivered by mail to: Envelope Art, PO Box 123, Yellow Springs OH 45387. There are 3 prizes of Art Supplies, based on originality. Amateurs and experienced artists are invited to enter. Send SASE if you want your work returned.

Justice Watch thanks those who wrote ODOC regarding the plight of Josh and Jack Patterson. Terry Collins of ODRC replied that there is a formal process for inmates to report conditions of confinement and perceived threats against their personal safety. Investigations are done promptly! That's one side of the story.

**ADVOCACY INFO**

"Porque de tal manera amo Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo ungenito, para que todo aquel que en el cree, no pierda, mas tenga vida eterna." John 3:16 (Spanish)

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**ADVOCACY ADDRESSES!**

(NOT checked out, but these are from good resource lists) Some tell us they've had no response from an address we listed. 1. It is possible the address is incorrect and we apologize. 2. Most prison activist organizations are run by volunteers and are unable to send immediate responses due to overload of requests, and lack of funding. Most cannot help with legal questions or cases. Ladies and Gentlemen, we beg your patience and understanding. Many thanks to D Shaw for sending many of these addresses.

For free copies of Supreme Court Decisions on *Overton v. Bazzetta*, (visitor visitation); *Ewing v. California* and *Lockyer v. Andrade*, (upholds three strikes); and *Demore v. Kim*, (legal immigrants may be jailed while awaiting deportation decisions); and other recent ones, contact Public Information Office, Supreme Court, Washington DC 20543, Phone: 202-479-3211, [www.supremecourtus.gov](http://www.supremecourtus.gov). There is a limit of 5 separate decisions per request.

TELE-NET HAS APPARENTLY MOVED--WE HAVE NO UPDATED ADDRESS

For a copy of The Nebraska Criminal Justice Review, send a donation to NCJR, Holy Family Church, 1715 IZARD St., Omaha, NE 68102. Make checks out to Holy Family Church.

ARTS IN PRISON, INC, 1444 Southwest Boulevard, Kansas City, KS 66103; (913) 403-0229. Sponsors Bell Choirs, Creative Writing, Guitar, Literature Discussion, Gardening, etc. in Kansas prisons. Could use funding and volunteer help.

SEE PROOF OF POLICE CORRUPTION in framing innocent people in capital cases: <<http://www.injusticeline.com/bout.html>>.

JEWISH INMATES! MISHPACHA-YISRAEL--an organization for Jewish inmates. Write to: Temple Bet Shalom Israel, Rabbi Jacob Feinberg, 2901 Oaktree Ave. #607, Norman OK 73072.

Beth Tikvah Jewish Prisoner Outreach, 10188 Winter View Dr., Naples, FL 34109-1502--an outreach agency for Jewish prisoners and their families.

Prison Congregations of America, PO B 415, Vermillion, SD 57069. They seek to establish mainline congregations in at least one prison in every state.

Reconciliation Ministries Inc., 702-51st Ave North, Nashville, TN 37209. For families of TN prisoners.

Stop Prisoner Rape, 6303 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 204, Los Angeles, CA 90048. Seeks to end sexual violence against men, women and children in all forms of detention.

Prison Focus works on behalf of prisoners in CA's control units. Newsletter is \$5.00 for prisoners. For info, call 415-252-9211

National Fatherhood Initiative, c/o Charles Stuart, PO Box 126157, Harrisburg PA 17112-6157; For info on Long Distance Dads and incarcerated fathers program, send SASE.

The JUSTICE LOBBY, PO Box 55070, Pittsburgh, PA 15207

For an application form to participate in the teaching/mentoring program of Hongaku Jodo of America, write to the Dharma study group, THE BUDDHA INSIDE, PO BOX 3910, BRANDON FL 33509-3910

NEW ADDRESS for CURE-Ohio: PO Box 14222, Columbus OH 43214. New Phone: 614-261-7128  
Illinois-CURE, c/o Maria Rudisch, 3134 E. 92nd, Chicago, IL 60617  
National-CURE; PO Box 2310, Washington DC 200137, [www.curenational.org](http://www.curenational.org)

**ADVOCACY INFO**

"Want alzo lief heeft God de wereld gehad, dat hij zijn eniggeboren Zoon gegeven heeft, opdat een ieder, die in Hem gelooft, niet verloren ga, maar eeuwig leven hebbe. John 3:16 (Dutch, especially for Harry Bount, MI prisoner)

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RAZA PRISONER ISSUES: Contact Chicano Mexicano Prison Project, PO Box 62095, San Diego, CA 92162. A project of Union Del Barrio, Las Calles y La Torcida is the official organ of the CMPP and a member of the Chicano Press Assn.

**OHIO HALF-WAY HOUSES**

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ASSO INC., 1608 Market Street, Youngstown, OH 44507

COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER PROGRAM EFFORT INC., Alvis House, PO Box 6868, Columbus OH 43205

CROSSROADS CENTER FOR CHANGE, 244 West Fifth Street, Mansfield OH 44903

HARBOUR LIGHT, THE SALVATION ARMY, 1710 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland OH 44115

COMMUNITY TREATMENT AND CORRECTION CENTER INC, 1432 East Tuscarawas, Canton OH 4470

~~WIOP (Women in Ohio Prisons); a support group which offers clothing, transportation and job info for recently released women prisoners. See web site: [www.geocities.com/pecluvjoy](http://www.geocities.com/pecluvjoy). The web site also contains petitions for issues affecting women prisoners (sign a petition on the cut-back of monthly allotments of sanitary napkins) and information on rallies. You may donate clothing or services or volunteer to help!~~

Compassion, 140 w. South Boundary St., Perrysburg, OH 43551. Death Row Prisoners may send articles for this publication written by those on the row. 400 word limit, enclose your photo, and your attorney's name & address.

Human Kindness Foundation, PO Box 61619, Durham NC 27715.

Website: [www.humankindness.org](http://www.humankindness.org) offers books, tapes, etc.

"Create Me Free", PO Box 26044, Tucson AZ 85726-6044 A program for prison artists and writers to express themselves and gain an audience for their work (no compensation). Create Me Free considers art a tool for growth and a way of raising public awareness of the issues relevant to prison life.

Journey of Hope...From Violence to Healing! September 26-October 12, 2003 visit to OH.

National Contact: Bill Pelke, PO Box 210390, Anchorage AK 99521-0390; Ohio Contact: Jana Schroeder, 915 Salem Ave, Dayton OH 45406; (937) 278-4225 or see [www.OTSE.org](http://www.OTSE.org)

Fortune News Subscriptions, c/o The Fortune Society, 53 West 23rd Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10010 (Free to prisoners)

Federal Bonding Program, 1725 DeSales Street NW, Suite 900, Washington DC 20036; Hotline Assistance: 1-(800)-233-2258 To help secure the job placement of ex-offenders and others at risk this program gives an employer, free fidelity bond, providing insurance protection against the employee's dishonesty. Very helpful for parolees.

THE BOOKS 4 PRISONERS CREW, C/O MONKEYS RETREAT BOOKSTORE, PO BOX 19065, CINCINNATI OH 45219  
Paperback books sent to prisoners in OH, IN AND TX. Death row, supermax/SHU prison requests take precedent. Free resource guide is included with every book package, or may be ordered for 60 cents. Make Money orders out to Books for Prisoners. List requests by subject. There is no guarantee of a specific book in stock. List alternative titles/subjects. BACKLOGS CAN BE 2-4 MONTHS--don't send multiple requests unless it has been over 5 months. All books for this program are donated. Prisoners may DONATE their poetry, writings or art for fundraising. DO NOT SEND RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL WRITINGS. Print info CLEARLY! See <[books4prisoners@hotmail.com](mailto:books4prisoners@hotmail.com)>

## ADVOCACY INFO

The Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law is compiling info on potential cases of the wrongfully executed. A searchable database of these cases will be posted on the Center's website, [www.law.northwestern.edu/wrongfulconvictions](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/wrongfulconvictions). So far, there is info for 18 cases. Check the web site! Additional information on another case of potential innocence not included in the list would be greatly appreciated. You may call the Center at 312-503-3291 or email Matt Lewis at [<mml@dartmouth.edu>](mailto:mml@dartmouth.edu)

Rocky Mountain Innocence Center, 358 South 700 East B 235, Salt Lake City UT 84102

Prisoner Information Network, PO Box 165171, Salt Lake City UT 84116

HAS THERE EVER BEEN A BOOK PUBLISHED ON INMATES RIGHTS? How does an inmate summons an officer to take a lie detector test? How does he get legal counsel against the abuses heaped upon him by prison employees? How can an inmate get help from "outside" to pursue legal litigation against prison administrators? PROBABLY NOT GONNA HAPPEN--A VERY GOOD REASON NOT TO BREAK A LAW, USE DRUGS, DRINK TOO MUCH, BE TOO JEALOUS OF A WOMAN, ABUSE YOUR CHILD, OR STEAL ANYTHING! The abuse of prisoners is supposed to be bad enough that no one wants to go back if they are once released. So why all the recidivism? Why do so many return to a place that is so abusive? Any answers we can print?

Coalition for Prisoners Rights Newsletter, Box 1911, Santa Fe NM 87504  
A newsletter on politics and prison conditions. Free to prisoners.

Office of Correctional Education, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave SW, Washington DC 20202, Information about educational grants to federal and state prisoners.

Nlada Directory, 1625 K Street NW 8th Floor, Washington DC 20006  
National listing of free legal services.

Legal Bulletins, Lewisburg Prison Project, Box 128, Lewisburg PA 17837,  
Free catalog of Federal prisoners rights.

People Against Injustice Nationwide, RD #1, Box 723, Alexandria PA 16611  
Helps draw petitions & offers some legal advice.

National Lawyers Guild, Prison Law Project, 558 Cap Street, San Francisco CA 94110  
A national legal agency helping jailhouse lawyers

Prison Legal Aid Network (PLAN), 1521 Alton Rd, Suite 366, Miami Beach FL 33139  
Made up of attorneys and paralegal that provides low-cost legal assistance to those in need.

P.A.I.N., Rd #1, Box 273, Alexandria PA 16611  
Provides support to those denied justice. Request their newsletter, \$2 to all prisoners.

N.Y. Express, PO Box 532, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971  
Gifts: Write to request a flier. This group sends gifts paid for by you to loved ones at good prices.

A GOOD IDEA! PIZZA SCHMIZZA, a Portland OR pizza chain, pays homeless people to hold a sign for 40 minutes which reads, "Pizza Schmizza paid me to hold this sign instead of asking for money." They are paid in pizza, soda and a few dollars. Andre Jehan, founder of Pizza Schmizza, said "People don't have to feel guilty, while still appreciating the person is homeless. It's a gesture of kindness more than anything." Perhaps Cincinnati should try making jobs for the homeless, rather than getting them to apply for panhandling licenses or arresting them!

## THE HIDDEN COST OF PRISONS

Call 800-233-4830 or write to The Sentencing Project, 514 10th St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC 20004, to order "Invisible Punishment: The Collateral Consequences of Mass Imprisonment." \$26.95.

Hamilton County, OH is paying \$437,500 to the family of a woman who was badly injured when a Sheriff's Deputy driving a van with female inmates ran a red lights and hit a truck. The woman was to serve a 6 month sentence for marijuana sales but died March 2002. Her son filed a lawsuit resulting in the award. (Cincinnati Enquirer, 06/05/03)

A Kentucky inmate released 02/02 goes on trial September 22, 2003 for the slaying of his wife. After he killed her, he shot himself in the face, but did not die. His face needed reconstruction, and two more surgeries scheduled. His jaw is wired shut. He has a tracheotomy, but 68% of the county's overtime budget is being spent for "required" round-the-clock guards for him. "We could send a whole bunch of kids to Harvard for their degrees" (with that money) said County Commissioner Mike Kilburn. (Enquirer)

A Florida inmate who the guards said was "faking" his seizures, drooling and pain, was finally sent to a hospital. Two guards watch his unconscious body while his hands and feet are shackled to the bed. His parents travel a whole day by bus to "see him" 1/2 hour every 2 hours.

The mother of a young man killed in a drunk driving crash recommended alcohol treatment and probation for the driver of the car. He was her son's best friend and she does not want the weight of his impending sentence to be on her shoulders. Judge Melba Marsh quietly stated to the defendant: "You used very poor judgment. You have to make a commitment to refrain from all alcohol in the future." The victim's mother said, "I pray that he chooses the right path to take and can start to rebuild his life."

Visit ACLU of Ohio website, [www.acluohio.org](http://www.acluohio.org) for up-to-date information on the Journey of Hope, coming to Ohio Sept. 26-October 12. Hear stories of forgiveness--far better than tales of vengeance.

From an article by Jeanne Boylan, facial identification specialist who worked on the Elizabeth Smart abductor picture ID, as written in Oprah Magazine, June 2003:

"As of this writing, 127 people have been released from prison after DNA testing--which was not available at the time of sentencing--proved them innocent. The primary reason for most of the initial convictions was erroneous identification resulting from skewed eyewitness recall. On the average, the wrongly convicted prisoners spent 12 years in jail, WHILE THE REAL PERPETRATORS WERE FREE TO REOFFEND.

The accuracy rate of composites is estimated to be 20% at best. But old-school cops and die-hard sketch artists fiercely cling to the outdated techniques, claiming, "That's the way it's always been done."

A KY inmate has been jailed for 50 years, longer than all but 5 other inmates in the nation. Some experts say the 69 year old is mentally retarded and mentally ill, and should never have been prosecuted. He lives in a wing for prisoners with psychiatric problems and earns 80 cents a day picking up trash.

PRISON LEGAL NEWS reports the OREGON DOC has settled their second lawsuit about wrongful censorship of prisoner mail. Between the 2 lawsuits taxpayers have paid attorney fees and costs over \$100,000. for petty mail rules.

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*Grapevine*, a bi-monthly newsletter for Lifers and their families may write: Grapevine, PO Box 256, Wellsboro PA 16901 or phone 570-376-2489. Prisoners cost, \$2.00.

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## PATRIOT ACT II WARNING

### PATRIOT ACT II (Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003)

Secret arrests; unrestricted Wiretaps, DNA Databases—these could become all too real under the Bush Administration proposal. It would permit government to engage in unchecked surveillance, secretly access credit reports, and catalog genetic information about any American. 67 organizations from across the political spectrum have sent a letter to Congress asking that this proposal be eliminated. TAKE ACTION NOW, BEFORE IT IS PASSED. Contact your U.S. Representative and Senator urging them to oppose this Act.

The currently proposed Patriot's Act 2 could affect anyone the government deems a threat to status quo, including environmentalists, etc. It is important to note that no member of Congress was allowed to see the first Patriot Act before its passage and that no debate was tolerated by the House and Senate leadership.

90% of the Patriot Act has nothing to do with terrorism. It gives Federal powers tentacles reaching into every facet of our society, stripping citizens of their rights and granting the government total immunity.

#### Examples:

Section 103 allows the Federal government to use wartime martial law powers domestically and internationally without Congress declaring that a state of war exists.

Section 106 states that government agents must be given immunity for carrying out searches with no prior court approval. This section throws out the entire Fourth Amendment against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Section 109 allows secret star chamber courts to issue contempt charges against anybody who refuses to incriminate themselves or others. This section annihilates the last vestiges of the Fifth Amendment.

Section 122 restates the government's power of "surveillance without a court order."

Section 123 restates that the government no longer needs warrants. (Section 802 of the first USA Patriot act states that any crime is considered domestic terrorism).

Section 126 grants the government the right to mine the entire spectrum of public and private sector information in banking, educational and medical records. This law allows ECHELON and Total Information Awareness Network to end all hopes for individual privacy.

Section 128 allows the Federal government to place gag orders on Federal and State Grand Juries and to take over the proceedings. It also prevents individuals or organizations from trying to quash a Federal subpoena.

Section 201 states that federal law enforcement does not have to tell the press who they have arrested and never has to release the names.

Section 205 allows top Federal officials to keep all their financial dealings secret, and anyone investigating them can be considered a terrorist.

Sections 301 and 306 set up a national database of "suspects" including anyone deemed to support any domestic group that the government doesn't like. These sections also set up a national DNA database for anyone on probation or who has been on probation for any crime, and orders State governments to collect DNA for the federal government.

Section 311 provides businesses with liability protection when spying on customers for Homeland Security.

Section 312 gives immunity to law enforcement engaging in spying operations against the American people.

Section 321 authorizes foreign governments to spy on Americans and share information with foreign governments.

Section 322 removes Congress from the extradition process and allows officers of Homeland Security complex to extradite American citizens anywhere they wish.

Section 402 is titled "Providing Material Support to Terrorism." In this section there is no requirement to show that the individual even had the intent to aid terrorists.

Section 403 expands the definition of weapons of mass destruction to include any activity that affects interstate or foreign commerce.

Section 408 creates "lifetime parole" for a whole host of crimes.

(adapted from an analysis by Alex Jones, printed in Post Amerikan, Spr. 2003. See: [www.inforwars.com](http://www.inforwars.com))

## DEATH PENALTY NEWS

"Want so lief het God die wereld gehad, dat Hy sy enigge bore seun gegee het, sodat elkeen wat in Hom glo, nie verlore mag gaan nie, maar die ewige lewens kan he." John 3:16 (Africaans)

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**GOOD NEWS!** GOV. BOB TAFT SPARED THE LIFE OF JEROME CAMPBELL. Less than 24 hours before execution, Jerome's sentence was changed to life without parole. The Gov. said he still holds Mr. Campbell responsible for a murder, but there was nothing but circumstantial evidence to prove the case against Campbell. Jerome has maintained his innocence, but was convicted by jail house "informants" and falsely presented blood evidence which was recently DNA tested.

Three NY men imprisoned over 16 years for rape and murder had their convictions thrown out after advanced DNA testing failed to link them with the crime.

In December, Texas murder defendant Leonard Rojas' appeals ran out. He was executed. 68 days later, 3 members of the state's highest court for criminal cases concluded that Rojas' appointed lawyer was woefully incompetent and that the court's majority had ignored that incompetence while Rojas was alive. Attorney David K. Chapman had never handled a death-penalty case, failed to investigate the Rojas' case, rarely met with Rojas, and admitted he missed filing deadlines (one of which barred Rojas from any federal appeal). His license was suspended three times by the Texas Bar (once during the time he was representing Rojas). (Independent Weekly, 3/5-11/03, indyweek.com)

Illinois Governor George Ryan said in his Commutation speech, "Another issue that came up in my case-by-case review was that of international law. The Vienna Convention protects U.S. citizens abroad and foreign nationals in the United States. It provides that if you are arrested, you should be afforded the opportunity to contact your consulate. There are 5 men on death row who were denied that internationally recognized human right. Mexico's President Vicente Fox contacted me to express his deep concern for the Vienna Convention violations. IF WE DO NOT UPHOLD INTERNATIONAL LAW HERE, WE CANNOT EXPECT OUR CITIZENS TO BE PROTECTED OUTSIDE THE USA."

### CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IS THE ULTIMATE DENIAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS

There is irrefutable evidence that the way in which the death penalty is applied is unfair and discriminatory.

There is a double standard for rich and poor. The quality of legal representation is a better predictor of whether or not someone will be sentenced to death than the facts of the crime. The quality of legal defense depends on whether or not you can afford a lawyer. Almost all people on death row could not hire a qualified attorney.

Race/skin color and where a death sentence is sought determines whether a defendant is sentenced to death, more than the circumstances of the crime. 43% of death row inmates are black, although African-Americans constitute only 12% of the U.S. population. (Info from ACLU, 4506, Chester Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103)

It was 3 hours before Bobby Swisher was to be (legally) murdered by the state of Virginia. A huge prayer vigil group gathered. Suddenly swirls of storm "Bill" hit. A lightening bolt hit near the Death House, and the whole place was instantly flooded, the drains were whooshing like volcanoes. With 3 hours to go, the Governor called it off, due to "court irregularities". An observer called the day "a pretty rude mind trip!"

### **Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty, PO Box 1362, Lanett, AL 36863.**

Since 1976 Indiana has killed 9 men. Indiana has one of the longest waits in the country for executions to be carried out. The delays mean the state faces executing inmates with health problems or those who have slipped into mental illness. Some argue their deaths will no longer "serve a purpose". The Indiana Supreme Court has been setting a schedule for appeal hearings to standardize the time taken to review the cases.

## PRISONERS REPORT

### ***BREAD LOAF RECIPES***

Indiana "BREAD LOAF"--made of leftovers processed into a thick gruel, baked, served reheated, mushy and moldy--given in retaliation when prisoners respond to any abuse by the guards.

Pennsylvania "FOOD LOAF"--dry oats, shredded carrots, cooked rice, leftover vegetables, water and flour mixed to "Play Doh" consistency. Baked in loaf pans, frozen until needed. (recipe from a prisoner who was taught "how to" in a prison cooking program). Experience says it is inedible, so it is saved for 3 days so it can be thrown at a C.O.'s. A 56 year old was put "in the hole-on the loaf" because his food tray was missing the toast. He asked for toast—got "the loaf" for 7 days. Legally you get 3 days, but with the Superintendent's permission you get up to 21 days. The PA DOC handbook, DC-ADM 610 on page 4, #c, says "Food shall not be used as a disciplinary measure. However, Behavior Modified Meals (BMMs) may be served to inmates whose current behavior is such that service of hot food or use of standard service wares presents a danger to inmate or staff, etc. etc."

Washington C/O's smelled smoke on a prisoner so he must have "smoked", though no smokes or matches were found. He was sent to the Hole and put "ON THE LOAF" for a week.

Texas FOOD LOAF--a small, hard, brick of something. You must kneel and face the back cell wall when fed.

### ***THE PRISON HEALTH SYSTEM vs. MRSA***

The Los Angeles County jail system suffered the largest outbreak of drug-resistant staph infection in the country last year, and hasn't done enough to address the problem, (County Health Department report). Among the 165,000 inmates who spent time in LA County's eight jails last year, 928 tested positive for methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). Medical personnel initially believed the problem was due to spider bites. Steps have been taken, but progress reports show 358 new cases in March and 105 in April.

MRSA is a pernicious strain of common staph carried on the skin of 20% or more of all people. It can lead to serious effects if it enters the body through an open wound, is orally ingested, or is spread through sexual contact. The infection can cause pimples, abscesses, oozing boils, blood infections, or pneumonia. In most cases, the problem can be treated by draining wounds and applying antibiotics, although some victims must be hospitalized. Several inmate deaths have been attributed to staph infections in the past year.

A group of PA inmates filed a lawsuit in federal court over alleged failure to treat an outbreak. Medical officials said the rashes didn't require treatment.

In Ohio, the C.O.'s union recently criticized state officials for not doing enough to stop staph infections, which have been reported at 14 prisons there. An Ohio inmate died in April of complications from an MRSA infection that he reportedly contracted when he got a prison tattoo. In Ohio, correctional health officials initially attributed the incidence of infected abscesses to spider bites. (Corrections Journal),

Regarding the death of an Ohio prisoner due to a Staph infection, ODRC spokeswoman Kay Northrup (Kay Northrup@odrc.state.oh.us) submitted a response to the "ohio-prisonact@yahoogroups.com". Basically it stated that there will be "renewed emphasis" on education on good hand-washing, not sharing personal items, not getting tattoos, cleaning exercise and other shared equipment and notifying medical staff IMMEDIATELY of any red, painful, swollen or draining sores. There will be epidemiological investigations when "an outbreak" occurs, and treatment will be adjusted if medically necessary. "We are aggressively going after illegal tattooing equipment and providing inmates more educational materials regarding the link between tattooing and the spread of this infection."

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MORE ON SEROTONIN SYNDROME NEXT ISSUE--THANKS FOR ALL YOUR LETTERS, INFORMATION AND INTEREST!!

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"Kindness and compassion are extremely important whether we are prisoners or corrections officers. The hostility and negativity of prison life will not change until both staff and inmates can improve their attitudes toward each other." (The Dalai Lama)

## PRISONERS REPORT

### ***RULES FOR PRISONERS***

TEXAS changes the rules: Prisoners may not correspond with any other prisoners unless they are immediate family members, have a child together, are co-parties in a current legal matter, or prisoner is providing a relevant witness affidavit in an active case. Other states also have this rule. No writing pads with stapled binding are allowed. ALSO: THE DENIAL OF PUBLICATIONS MAY BE APPEALED TO THE DIRECTOR'S REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Information please: A TX bill regarding "Administrative Segregation" to go into effect Sept. 1, 2003--what is it going to do, and why? Any answers for us?

OREGON prisoners are celled 2 men to a 5 1/2' by 7 1/2' "room". Sixty year old men have to climb up the bars to get on a top bunk. Food served is very outdated. Some is "Use by" dated 2 years earlier!

ALABAMA is putting 3 inmates into 8 x 10' cells.

OHIO is rationing sanitary pads to women prisoners; there are rumors of limiting meals to 2 per day.

INDIANA is from going from 4 to 2 toilet paper rolls per week per 2 man cells. Chicken/processed turkey, served twice a week is the only meat being served.

An AZ prisoner, put on report because he had his legal boxes out for use, asked if he had a right to study them. The guard changed the subject to the issue of his light being on the waste can instead of in place. "Everything in prison is a major issue, and I am exhausted from each and every thing I do being turned against me".

In MICHIGAN a man is in prison because the police forced a confession from him. How? With no "probable cause" the police arrested his pregnant wife and four other family members and paraded them past him. He was told that they would not be released until he admitted involvement in a triple homicide. The confession was the sole evidence in the case and he is serving an unparolable life sentence.

An IL prisoner warns the public: STAY OUT OF TROUBLE, DON'T BREAK THE LAW--PRISON WILL BREAK YOUR SPIRIT, NOT REHABILITATE YOU! He dared to laugh at a TV show. A guard rushed to his cell warning he would lose all of his personal property for 72 hours and be given a disciplinary report to keep him in prison longer if he laughed again. Others who speak to each other are also being warned due to a "new policy" against "free speech".

A PA prisoner has tried numerous time to help his brother by asking for a transfer so that he can care for him. The "official runaround" that bureaucrats can create in order NOT to be of any help is astounding!

A TX prisoner reports being purposely exposed to radiation by DOC staff in 1991. Today his bones are deteriorating. He warns "any inmate who has a 1-2 month period of nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, cramps and headaches after radiation punishment will suffer (within 5 years) bone loss, cancer, gastrointestinal track failure."

CO inmate Robin Darbyshire, a victim of a forced sexual assault by a prisoner transport agency employee, sued Extraditions International, in May 2001. The case was settled in April 2002. Robin is now working closely with "Stop Prisoner Rape", an Los Angeles agency. Many changes have been made in the inhumane and barbaric treatment of prisoners being transported. If you are a victim of sexual assault by your keeper or other inmates write to: SPR, 6303 WILSHIRE BLVD #204, LOS ANGELES CA 90048

H.R. 1993, a bill sponsored by Ohio's Ted Strickland and 11 others, creates an Office of Correctional Health Care for C.O.'s and inmates within the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. The Office would be similar to the Office of Correctional Education now within the U.S. Dept of Education. Also, funding for treatment of Hepatitis is authorized through this office.

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"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

"My grandmother got arthritis, and she can't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

## LEGAL NEWS

PRISON LEGAL NEWS, PO Box 1684, Lake Worth FL 33460. Non-profit monthly newsletter published and edited by Washington state prisoners with coverage of prison related news and analysis from across the country. Cost to prisoners-\$10.00 per year. All contributions are deductible from federal income taxes.

According to law enforcement officials the FBI is looking into about 50 criminal cases involving Sandra Anderson and her world famous cadaver-sniffing dog, Eagle who live in Michigan. They have been called the best human-remains search team in the world, involved in over 1,000 cases for the FBI and police departments across the country, in the last 17 years. Last month federal prosecutors filed a 5 page indictment in US District Court in Detroit charging that Anderson planted evidence at 3 crime scenes in Michigan. If charges are proven it will cast doubt on countless other murder cases around the country. (Enquirer, 7/10/03)

In June, U.S. District Judge John Martin told the Associated Press he is fed up with Congress' quest to boost prison sentences and prevent judges from deciding how long someone is imprisoned. Of an unjust criminal justice system, he said, "Congress is mandating things simply because they want to show how tough they are on crime with no sense of whether this makes sense or is meaningful. The result is a slew of lengthy prison sentences for low-level drug dealers `whom society failed at every step'. Sentences should be just. We shouldn't be putting everybody in jail for the rest of their life"... "I no longer want to be part of our unjust criminal justice system". (New York Times.)

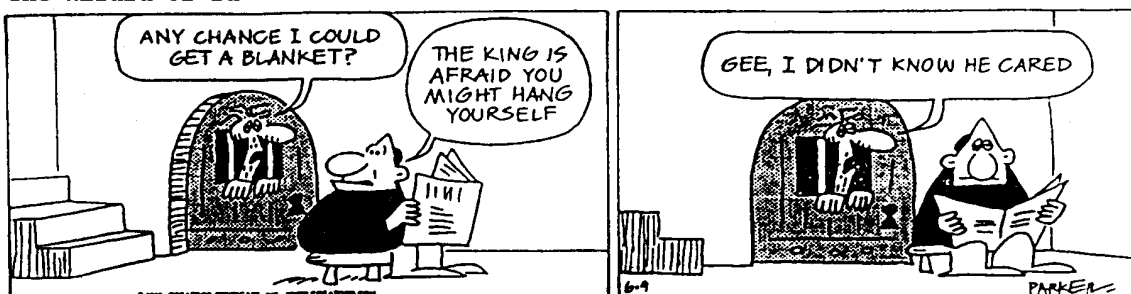
Middle Ground, CURE's Arizona chapter, was granted the Motion for Preliminary Injunction against Maricopa County and Sheriff Joe Arpaio. It prohibits him from operating internet web cameras inside holding cells and booking areas of the county jail and from "broadcasting" any such images on the Internet. (Images have included female prisoners using the holding cell toilet and in stages of undress).

Tulia, TX--13 people imprisoned on the testimony of a discredited undercover officer were to be released June 16, nearly four years after they and dozens of others (mostly black residents) were arrested on drug charges. 38 were convicted on the uncorroborated word of undercover drug agent Tom Coleman who is now under indictment on perjury charges. Coleman claimed he bought drugs from the defendants, but he worked alone and used no audio or video surveillance. No drugs were ever found during the arrests and no other evidence was introduced--but they were found guilty anyway. State District Judge Ron Chapman recommended that the 38 convictions be overturned and new trials ordered, but a special prosecutor has said there will be no new trials. Gov. Rick Perry signed a bill June 2 allowing for 12 to be released on personal recognizance bonds during the appeals. It could take as long as two years for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to rule on their cases.

Rosa Parks won the right to sue the rap group OutKast for using her name as the title of one of its songs.

"Person of interest" a new police buzzword, although it has no legal basis, has become a new part of law enforcement vernacular. While not in law books or manuals, the expression has popped up since John Ashcroft used it to refer to Steven Hatfill, an ex-Army scientist in the anthrax-by-mail case. Hatfill, who has not been charged, denies any involvement in the unsolved attacks and says Ashcroft's characterization of him has destroyed his life. A former White House lawyer said it is a catchall phrase to describe non-suspects. "They're saying, We're worried about this person, we're suspicious of this person, but we don't have any hard evidence that they've done anything wrong."

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## LEGAL NEWS

Oregon Judicial Watch, PO Box 58, Vernonia OR 97064, sent Governor Kulongoski a petition for an independent review of the Parole Board's Decisions, stating the 3 most egregious violations as:

- using ex post facto law in refusing parole
- making their own diagnosis of a 'severe emotional disorder' when there is no such medical diagnosis
- denying a Parole Violator his Morrissy hearing before returning him to prison

### OHIO SUPREME COURT DECISION TO CHANGE PAROLE BOARD HEARINGS

The OH Supreme Court ruled: The Parole Board MUST focus on the offense that a person was convicted of, instead of considering the original charge when deciding when an inmate should have a parole hearing. Judges make the sentencing decision, not the Parole Board. In 1996 sentencing law went from "Indefinite Sentences (Example, 1-5 years) to a "Definite Sentence" for specific crimes. (6 months, or 10 years, etc. with no early parole, but definite release after sentence completion). For those sentenced pre-1996, the Parole Board has guidelines per crime, adding in a "risk score", cooking numbers on when to consider a hearing. Many inmates are held to their pre-1996 max prison time, longer than current sentencing laws allow. David Singleton, director of Prison Reform Advocacy Center, said, "It makes perfect sense. There is a fundamental premise in our justice system that the time you serve is based on the offenses for which you are convicted. Before this decision, the Parole Authority took into consideration offenses that inmates were charged with, but not convicted on. That runs counter to fundamental fairness in the justice system."

Hal Arenstein, president of the Greater Cincinnati Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers says, "I've been in many jurisdictions where charges are inflated against people in hopes that something can be proven. When nothing is, you wind up pleading to low-level felonies or misdemeanors because of the grand jury system. What kind of society punishes people for what they 'might' have done?" Many people accused of crimes, especially those without good defense counsel, are told, "take a plea bargain, you can't win", Or "if you plead guilty, we'll go easy on you". Some, who are innocent, take a plea bargain and plead guilty due to interrogation tactics, to spare their family publicity, or to get a lighter sentence. While prosecutors stress "high offense" crimes such as murder and rape, the majority are for less serious charges.

Over 18,000 inmates are affected by this ruling, with 2,100 due to have 'immediate' hearings having served far over their minimum years, but paperwork takes time, and there will be no mass exodus from OH prisons. Prosecutors and "victims" are very concerned that prisoners will get out and return to re-commit the same crime on the same victim, or others. They are demanding that they be informed of all parole hearings so they can try to prevent anyone from being released who might re-offend.

While some prisoners have family to help them, many have been in for years and have no resources upon release. Thus the Parole Board often holds up a release, even after granting Parole, because the parolee has no post-release plan. Those who have been "drug/alcohol free" in prison, are likely to succumb to temptations. The mentally ill have no resources and may re-offend due to lack of housing and meds.

Meanwhile, Transitional Houses, such as Justice Watch's Garden Street House, are trying to stay alive financially . We are deeply grateful to the donors who have been faithful in helping, but costs are going up. Our plea is that the state will provide help for those being released, that all "GOOD" transitional houses will be funded and allowed to continue their work. At Garden Street House we provide basic needs, info on transportation, budgeting, mental health services, health needs, job contacts and a chance to get back into society without committing a new crime or a parole violation. That is much less costly to our city, to the prisoner and family, than keeping a person in prison because he has nowhere to go!

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### **QUESTIONS!**

WHAT LIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN AND TWITCHES?  
 WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ROAST BEEF AND PEA SOUP?  
 HOW DO CRAZY PEOPLE GO THROUGH THE FOREST?  
 HOW DO YOU CATCH A UNIQUE RABBIT?

(Answers next page)

## LEGAL NEWS

The U.S. Supreme Court, July 26 2003, struck down a Texas law (Lawrence v. Texas) and also 12 other states laws that banned sex between two men, saying that such laws violate privacy rights. The decision was an unprecedented show of respect for gays and lesbians. The laws were rarely enforced but have been cited by courts to deny gay parents custody of their children or to reject bias claims by workers.

One of the first consequences of this landmark decision was the setting aside of a lengthy prison sentence imposed on a gay Kansas teen for having had sex with a younger boy. The court's directive ordered Kansas to reconsider the case. A 17 year sentence had been given to a boy who was one week past his 18th birthday when he gave oral sex to a 14 year old at a center for developmentally disabled youth where both lived. No violence or coercion was involved.

If the 14 year old had been a girl, the sentence would only have been 15 months or probation. Instead the boy has already served 3 years in an adult prison. The ACLU says the decision wasn't based on the state's right to punish older teens for having sex with younger ones, but rather that the rules should not be different for same-sex couples and heterosexual couples.

PA DOC has installed pre-paid options for calls reducing costs by about 30 percent, due to "Sandra Feigley vs. AT & T", a lawsuit against the high cost of phone calls from prison.

PA struck down a law which prevented ex-felons from voting there, and has passed Senate Bill 589 which makes available post-conviction DNA testing to all crimes. It is free and can be sought despite prior Post Conviction Relief petitions.

PA Prison Society, in conjunction with DOC, offers \$5.00 rides from Philadelphia to 24 state prisons, and has initiated the virtual visitation program. Family members who have difficulty traveling can go to PPS's office in Philly and visit their loved one, via video, at no cost.

SCI-Pittsburgh and SCI-Waynesburg housing about 4,000 prisoners are scheduled to be closed. (Thanks GJ!)

In Ohio, Lima CI may remain open until October, costing the state about \$7 million it didn't expect, due to negotiations with prison guards over procedures for the shutdown. Allen County Judge Jeffrey Reed's order to halt laying off workers and moving out inmates will continue during negotiations.

Suggestions for those in prison needing a free attorney for family matters: National Prisoner Resource List, 31 Montford Ave., Asheville, NC 28801; National Advocacy Counsel for Children, Imhoff Pavilion, Ste. 340, 1825 Marion St., Denver CO 80218; or ask AFSC, 915 Salem St., Dayton, OH 45046, for its pro bono list. (Thanks RG)

A Volunteer for Para-Legal Help for state or federal cases: Benjamin J Biese 282726/050202-090; Green Bay CI, PO Box 19033, Green Bay WI 54307-9033. He was transferred so if you wrote before, write again--much of his mail was lost.

The Centers for Disease Control has requested all states to screen total prison populations for Hep-"C" infections. At a Texas conference for medical officials, CDC released a study showing, "that the nation's prisons are primary incubators of the worst diseases afflicting the national population". Dr. Greifinger, formerly of the NY Depart. of Correctional Services and commissioned by Congress to study prison health problems, reported in 2001 "A growing health problem exists. But we are reluctant to do anything about it. After all, these are the bad guys. But we forget that most prisoners return home."

In May 2003, a TV station of Richmond VA reported that approximately 12,000 of over 30,000 VA prisoners now have Hepatitis! But in one prison, for example, the prisoners are only allowed prisoners to clean their "two-man" cells once a week, and then only if they are on lockdown. Otherwise, possession of cleaning supplies in the cells will, has, does result in an "Institutional Infraction", with penalties of \$12.00 fines to loss of good time.

Each day thousands walk in and out of prisons—those transferring in, those released, employees, guards, teachers, doctors, lawyers, visitors. All are potential transporters of communicable diseases.

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### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 13

1. A NERVOUS WRECK; 2. ANYONE CAN ROAST BEEF; 3. THEY TAKE THE PSYCHO PATH; 4. UNIQUE UP ON IT

**ENLIGHTENMENT**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (English)

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**READ:** "Prison Nation: The Warehousing of America's Poor," edited by Paul Wright and Tara Herivel. It unlocks a world many Americans don't know. Section heading include, "Making a Buck Off the Prisoner's Back," "The Private Prison Industry," "Malign Neglect: Prison Medicine," "Rape, Racism, and Repression," and "The Bars to Prison Litigation."

**READ:** "Women on the Row: Revelations From Both Sides of the Bars" by Kathleen O'Shea, a social worker who does research on female offenders, particularly women on death row. As she got to know the women what became clear was not their differences, but how, in many ways, she and the women in prison were alike. She is the only person to have contacted every woman currently in U.S. prisons with a death sentence. She focuses on the interconnectedness of women's lives. (Publisher, Firebrand Books.) From a review in The Justice XPRESS, PO Box 1226, Occidental CA 95465—1 year subs. for prisoners \$10)

**ATTEND:** A PRECEDENT-SETTING NATIONAL CONFERENCE on the role of the Church, Family and Community in the Ex-Offender Reentry Process. Planned for October 22-25, at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington DC!

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**NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY???** While Cincinnati prosecutors still try to put photographer Thomas Condon in prison for taking artistic pictures at a morgue, the U.S. government has released photos of men purposely killed by our army in a barrage of bullets. Perhaps it is politically necessary to show photos of Saddam's bloody sons. Is it politically necessary to lock up a photographer when ODOC is so short of money that meals are being cut back and many other restrictions are ordered?

**VISITING RULES**  
 (shared on the internet)

I empty my pockets and take of my shoes  
 then I enter the world of visiting rules  
 My dress can't be short nor my blouse cut too low  
 the time will move fast while the guards will move slow

I can't kiss him too long or hold him too tight  
 hands shall stay on the table clearly in sight  
 At the end of our visit, a five minute goodbye  
 I tell him I love him, vow not to cry

I may take nothing in I must take nothing out  
 though there's one thing I leave they know nothing about  
 No search can reveal that each time we part  
 he keeps some of my soul and all of my heart.

PRISON DOES NOT TEACH WHAT UPPER AND MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE ASSUME THAT IT TEACHES. THEY THINK IT TEACHES RIGHT AND WRONG. IT DOES NOT. (Emmett Solomon, Restorative Justice Ministry, phone # 936-291-2156)

DID YOU KNOW? 80 percent of Ohio's women prisoners are mothers? Most are single with children under 18. Over 60 percent of Ohio's prisoner Mom's are women of color—a higher proportion than among male prisoners. Most of these women are serving time for nonviolent offenses and many of their children are in foster care while they are locked up.



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#### EXPECTATIONS

sent by Ellis Chen, CA

The man whispered, "God, speak to me"  
A meadowlark sang, but the man did not hear.  
So the man yelled "God, speak to me"  
Thunder rolled in the sky, but the man didn't listen.

He looked around and said, "God let me see you"  
A star was shining brightly, but the man didn't notice.  
The man shouted, "God show me a miracle"  
And a life was born, but the man did not know.

So the man cried out in despair,  
"Touch me God, and let me know you are here"  
Whereupon God reached down and touched the man,  
But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on alone.

Don't miss out on a blessing  
because it is not packaged  
the way that you expected.