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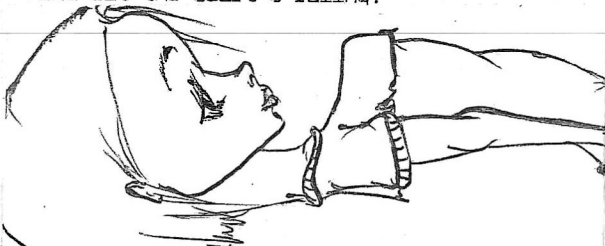
A 'zine by Prisoners...

We've made it to Issue #2. Thanks for all of the positive feedback. Let's get to it!

Legal Update

Picarella v. Metzel, No. 1:20-cv-1440 (M.D. Pa.)

This is me suing various officials in the Department of Corrections for several issues, including hasseling me about incoming mail and publications. The Department refuses to name its mail inspectors despite my efforts to seek information using the discovery process. Last month, the Court wanted to know why I failed to properly name several defendants. I filed a reply explaining that the Department has spent the last year stonewalling my discovery efforts. I included copies of said discovery interrogatories. Check in next month to find out the Court's ruling!



Scumbag Informant of the Month

Jordan Detalente of Shamokin, Pennsylvania
Jordan was a cheap, 'dope-fiend prostitute who's better days are far behind her. Despite multiple arrest, Jordan avoided any serious jail time by becoming a police informant, even going as far as to give information about her boyfriend! Jordan is currently employed by Performance Foods at their Coal Township distribution center. She can be contacted on Facebook.

About the Artwork

All of the artwork is original work done by prisoners. Right now, we're limited to people that I can access within the facility but I know that there are more around here that can contribute. We'd love to get some contributions from people outside of this prison so feel free to send them in and maybe we can use them. Please know that it will be a donation, we can't pay for anything. Some quality may be lost because we're working with cut-and-paste on an old copy machine. We can't do nudity because it has to be prison-friendly and we can't return any submissions. Thanks!

The half naked girls are drawn by Charlie, the editor and publisher. They are mostly drawn in the empty spots so there isn't any blank space.



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Reader's Questions Answered

Several readers responded to last month's issue and asked some questions. So here's the best answers that I can give you:

JR: No, I never saw Bill Cosby in prison. He was at a different facility. I did see Jerry Sandusky when he was at SCI Benner Twp. for court. He was being held in administrative custody so nobody really gets to talk to him.

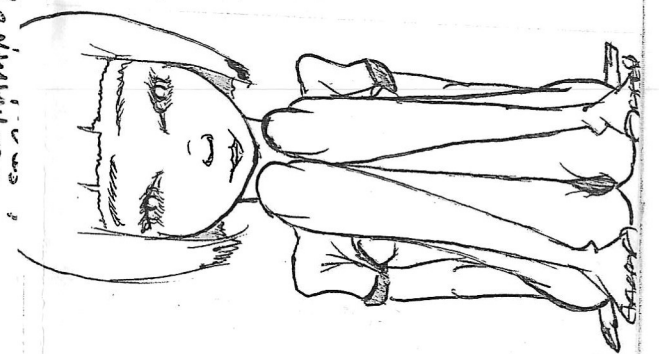
Steve: I'm in prison for selling drugs. I got a 10-20 year sentence but managed to get it reduced to 8-16 on appeal. I was selling heroin and cocaine. Drug distribution is a pretty common offense for people in prison.

Andrew: No, Pennsylvania does not offer prisoners conjugal visits. I'm not really sure that any state offers that anymore. Does anybody know if that's still a thing?

Sarah: I'm not really sure what you mean when you ask if prison is like on television. I'd say that its not because there is a lot of sitting in the cells doing nothing and they really don't show that on television. On TV they make it seem like prisoners are always out and around running around doing interesting things and that's not really accurate.

Turner Classic Movie Channel, May 2022

4th @ 8pm: Light in the Piazza
10th @ 10pm: Breathless (French w/ sub)
16th @ 4pm: Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner
19th @ 6pm: The Traveling Executioner
24th @ 10pm: Papillon



Prison Reform

A big part of the reason for starting this 'zine was to discuss the issue of prison reform. Of course, this is a pretty small 'zine and we really can't get into the nuts and bolts of it all but we want to encourage everybody to get involved. Incarceration is hugely expensive and don't do much to make anything better.

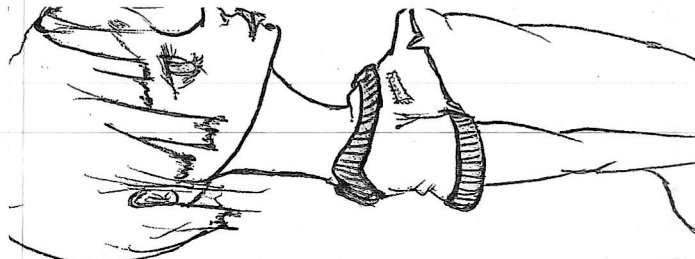
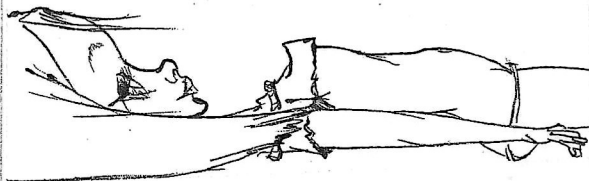
If you have some time, go online and check out the Human Rights Coalition, published of Prison Legal News. They do an excellent job of helping people to understand the problems surrounding incarceration and they offer viable alternatives to the business-as-usual approach to locking people up.

In Pennsylvania, where we're located, citizens can become Official Visitors and come inside prisons to inspect the facilities. Its fairly easy to apply. Contact the Pennsylvania Prison Society on their website and apply online. We think that it would be a real eye-opener for most people to come into a prison.

Finally, a couple of statistics:

1. The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (the state prison system) currently holds about 39,000 prisoners;
2. The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections' annual budget is about \$2.2 BILLION.

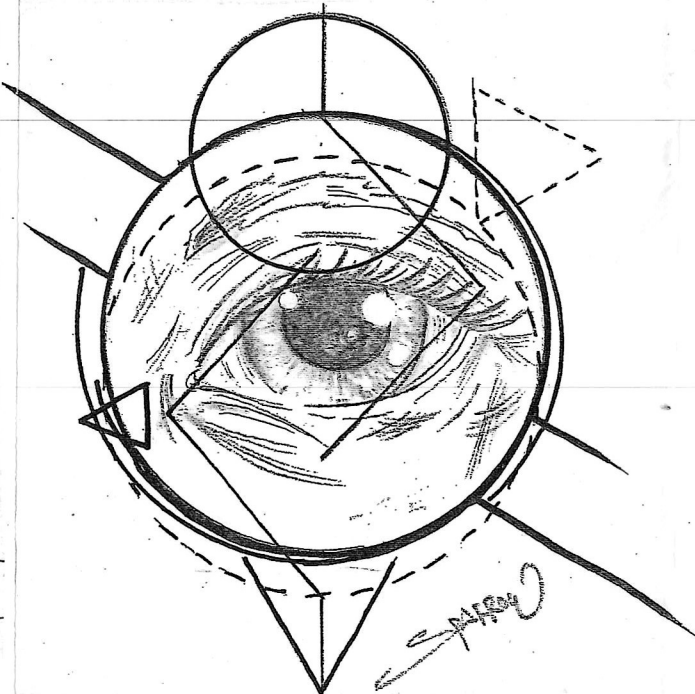
That's a lot of people & a lot of money.



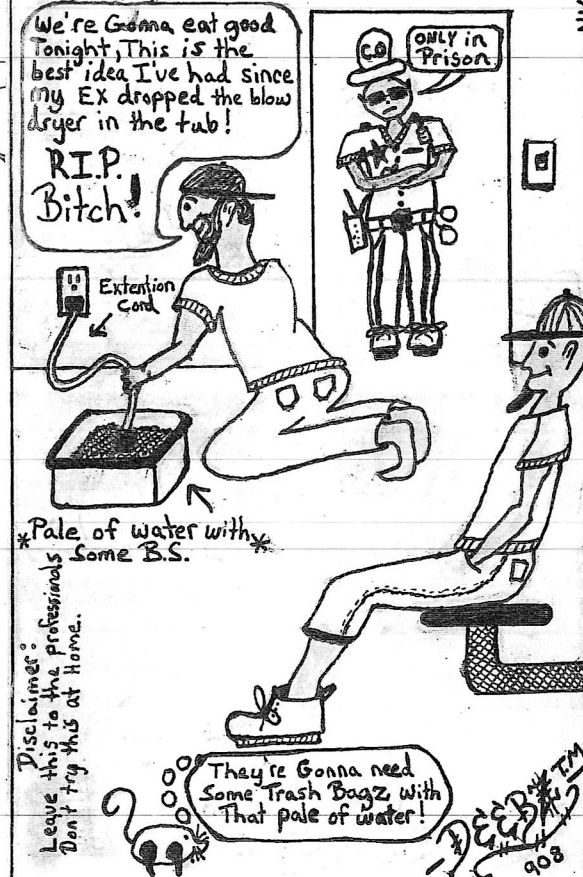
Distribute this 'Zine

Please pass this 'zine along when you've finished with it. If you want a few extra copies to send around, we can probably help you with that. You can send a friend's address to us and we'll send them a copy directly. We can manage postage, for now at least. We can't mail directly to prisons but if you happen to know somebody that is incarcerated and might like a copy, you can send it along. Thanks for any help that you can provide, once this 'zine gets going we'll try to remember those that helped us in the beginning.

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Prison Life!



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Supreme Court Draft Leak

IB64 is reserving comment until the final ruling is issued relating to overturning Roe v. Wade. We wish to note that IB64 supports women's rights to chose to do what is best for their bodies and their lives. We welcome comments and discussion about this matter.

War in Ukraine

I want to join the brave people of Ukraine in their struggle against Russian aggression. The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections maintains a policy that allows prisoners with foreign citizenship to be deported [Policy No. 11.3.1]. If anybody knows a Ukrainian woman that will marry me so that I can get citizenship, please let me know so that I can ask to be deported as soon as possible. I'm totally serious about this, I want to get over there and fight.

Prisoner of Month

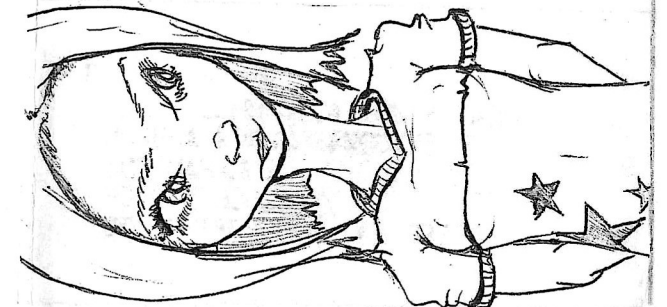
Jessica Reznicek is a brave land and water defender serving 8 years for damaging an energy facility. She owes about \$3 million in restitution so maybe send her a few dollars to help out. We applaud her actions and hope that the time passes quickly for her.

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