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Once again, we apologize for the difficulties caused by the Department's mail system. As a reminder, all mail sent to us must include a complete return address, meaning a name and street address. I don't think that they actually check the names or addresses; its probably more so that they can keep records in cases where people try to send contraband into the prison.



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A 'zine by Prisoners... KOPIMI

First, thanks to our readers and everybody that has helped to spread the circulation. We're sending out over 80 copies this month. We had to reduce the size to eight 3" columns to save on the cost of copying. As prisoners, we have pretty limited financing. We'd like to get back to 12 columns next month; we'll see how it does.

Finally, keep those questions and comments coming! Please do not hesitate to submit artwork, we'll publish just about anything.



Artwork
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Scumbag Informant of the Month

This month, we feature Stacy Rudy, last known address being 33 N. Seventh Street, Shamokin, Pennsylvania, 17872. Stacy was a typical heroin user that prostituted herself to get high. It is unknown when she first gave information to law enforcement.

On July 3, 2012, Stacy prostituted herself to get heroin, shared some with her "boyfriend", he overdosed, and when first responders arrived she wrote a statement for the police identifying the individual that sold her the drugs. We note that Stacy omitted any reference to her trading sex for dope.

As a fun side story, Stacy lost a defamation suit in 2014 relating to her slandering the editor of this 'zine, having falsely accused him of sexual assault. We believe that she concocted those lies because she was embarrassed about hooking for smack. A \$500 judgment remains pending against Stacy, with interest accruing. That reminds me, I need to renew that judgment soon so if anybody can find me a current address for Stacy, I sure would appreciate it!

Prisoner of the Month

Francis Smith, 97 years old, was recently released from a Connecticut state prison after serving nearly 72 years. Smith was convicted of the murder of a security guard at a Greenwich yacht club in 1949.

There is strong evidence that Smith is actually innocent. Both of the witnesses that testified against Smith at trial recanted their testimony and a prisoner in Alabama later confessed to the murder. Unfortunately for Smith, he was never able to get any traction on appeals and remained incarcerated.

Smith was paroled to a nursing home in Rock Hill, where he will spend the rest of his life on supervised parole.

Source: Prison Legal News

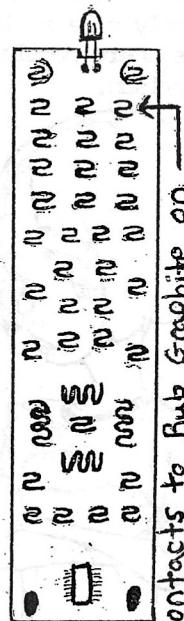
DEEBZ's TECH CORNER

D.I.Y. Instructions for In-Cell Repairs

* * Remote Controls * *

Over time, the buttons on televisions remote controls can lose connectivity with the contacts on the circuit board, making it difficult to operate the controller properly. Use the following steps to restore your remote control.

1. Remove batteries.
2. Gently pry the plastic housing apart to expose the circuit board.
3. Gently wipe the circuit board with a damp cloth or alcohol pad.
4. Soak and scrub the rubber pad using soapy water.
5. Using a pencil, lightly shade the black contacts on the circuit board. The graphite will help with the connectivity between the rubber pad and the contacts on the board.
6. Re-insert the circuit board into the plastic housing and ensure that the rubber pad is properly centered for optimal contact.
7. Close the plastic housing and insert batteries.



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One may ask why this rehabilitation cannot be done in prisons. Prisons are not designed for rehabilitation; prisons are designed to hold people in punitive incarceration. Rehabilitation must be done in a manner that allows an individual to be integrated into the community during recovery through a gradual process. That simply cannot be done with a person who has been incarcerated for a significant period of time.

Mr. Fetterman is correct. They are far too many prisoners sitting in prisons at taxpayer expense that can, and should, be released to a more meaningful form of treatment. Doing so will not adversely affect the safety of the Commonwealth but, if done properly, could actually enhance its safety.



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TCM Viewing Guide for November

1st	12:15a	Cinderella Liberty (Nudity)
4th	2:00a	Heathers
7th	10:30a	The Sting
14th	1:00a	Barbarella (Nudity)
	10:00p	The Player (Nudity)
20th	10:15p	Philadelphia
26th	8:00p	An Inconvenient Truth
	10:15p	Boys Don't Cry (Nudity)
27th	8:00p	Supersize Me
	10:00p	Brokeback Mountain (Nudity)



Smug Jim Peck's TCM Movie Review

The Parallax View (1974)

Get out your tinfoil hats and put on your best Q-Anon shirts, its conspiracy theory time! Lead character Joseph Frady (Marlan Reatty) is an investigative journalist. After the mysterious death of a colleague, Joe dives into a story concerning the assassination of a U.S. Senator and other deaths tied to it. As Joe falls down the rabbit hole, he is not only exposed to the dangers of this dark enterprise, he is brought within to see its shadowy, devious hand at work.

In many ways, this film is much like a conspiracy theory. It may catch your interest at the start but it quickly begins to fall apart. Ultimately, neither lead anywhere and leave you completely unsatisfied. Its like going into a bar and ordering a glass of milk.

Smug Jim will be here for a while because the Department won't schedule him to complete the programs he needs to be paroled so write him a letter!

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Readers' Questions

Mike D.: Yes, prisoners can get musical instruments. Guitars are fairly popular and I've known several guys that have become excellent guitarist while in prison.

Bex: Pennsylvania doesn't really have low, medium, and high-security prisons. Almost all of the state prisons are designed as high-security facilities although they hold a mix of all levels of prisoners. I was actually going to write about this in next month's Prison Reform column.

Poppet: I don't think that I'm left-leaning nor right-leaning. I would support any policy relating to prison reform that helps to correct what I see as an excessive and wasteful system that has overgrown any meaningful purpose. It wouldn't matter to me where that policy came from, left or right.

Rich: We can keep up with outside events but I would guess that a lot of prisoners aren't really interested. For example, I watch some NewsNation and have a subscription to The Economist, so I pretty much know what's going on out there. Some prisoners sit around here all day, smoke eCigs, chase suboxone, and couldn't care less about what's going on around here. Its not much different than people outside of prison; some know and some don't.

Showtime: We don't have group showers in this prison. Most prisons in Pennsylvania has individual shower stalls, kind of like the bathroom stalls in public restrooms but with showers. They are usually located between cells in the middle of the block and have a curtain or half-door.

Kevin: Yes, we have electronic tablet devices. Its not really like an iPad, its much more limited. We can send and receive emails and download music but not much more. If you want to email me, go to www.offenderconnect.com and set up your account there.

Prison Reform

Readers of this 'zine know that we encourage voting for political candidates that have real, progressive plans for prison reform. Just such a candidate is running for U.S. Senator in Pennsylvania, Democrat John Fetterman.

Fetterman has made comments supporting ideas about reducing the amount of people in prisons. Although his opponent, carpetbagger Republican Mehmed Oz has been critical of these comments, Fetterman is correct to support these ideas and we'd like to explain why.

Incarceration entails a balance between the how much time a prisoner is held and what happens to a prisoner during that time. Despite all of the fear-mongering advertisements this election cycle, most prisoners are not violent and/or sexual predators. They are going to be released from custody, many within a relatively short amount of time, and they are going to return to their communities. We must consider whether it is more important to simply hold them for a certain amount of time or if that amount of time may be shortened by improving the way we incarcerate prisoners.

Sentencing an offender to a term of incarceration and then releasing them does nothing to make the community safer. In fact, it may make a community less safe if the offender loses those things that had previously tied him to the community. However, sentencing an offender to a shorter term of incarceration and quickly moving them to partial confinement in a rehabilitation facility would make the community safer. Rehabilitation would help to prevent an offender from returning to the lifestyle that lead to the initial offense in the beginning. Further, allow them a partial return to their community would encourage them to maintain the bonds that link them to that community. (continued on Page 6)