

Legal Update

Picarella v. Metzler, No. 1:20-cv-1440

U.S. Dist. Court, Middle Dist. Penns.

Various legal claims against the Department of Corrections, mostly that they keep interfering with my incoming publications. No action in the case this month.

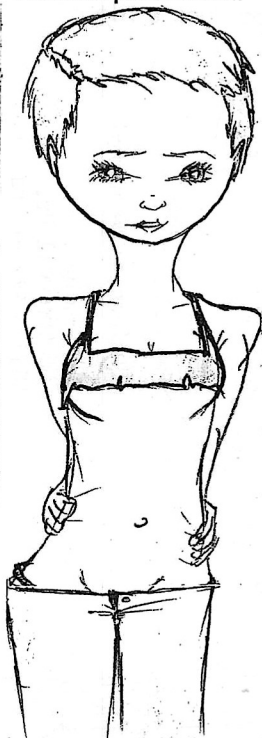
Picarella v. Mason, No. 812 CD 2022

Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

Lawsuit against Department of Correction officials attempting to compel them to provide me with two hours of outdoor recreation daily, as mandated by Pennsylvania state law. No action in that case.

Contact Us

Thanks to everybody that takes the time to send us correspondence and/or a 'zine. We really appreciate it. As always, we apologize for the overly complex mail system that the Department of Corrections has implemented. Here's a quick review.



To contact any of the artist, use the address listed by their artwork.

Correspondences (loose leaf paper) with any comments, questions, to submit artwork, to ask to be added to our subscriber list, or just about anything else, contact Charlie:

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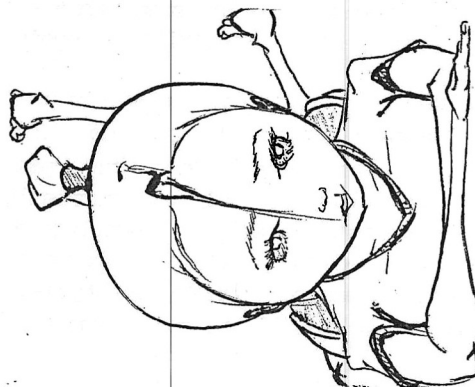
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A 'zine by Prisoners...^{KOPIMI}

Let's get started with a few small matters:

1. Deebz's Tech Corner is on hiatus. There is a massive conspiracy unfolding against him and he may be dead before the end of the year...
2. Send us a letter once in a while if you wish to continue to receive IB64. We're on a tight budget and we just can't afford to send the 'zine to dead addresses. So let us know a couple of times per year and we'll keep you on the mailing list.
3. The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections does not permit us to receive stamps. So thank you to everybody that offers to send self-addressed stamped envelopes, but we won't be permitted to receive them, so don't send them.
4. The current pamphlet style format is probably going to be permanent because it is the most cost-effective size for us to copy. I know that its a bit small and awkward to read, but that's the hand that we've been dealt.
5. Subscriptions are free but we ask that you pass the 'zine along to somebody else once you've finished with it.



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Scumbag Informant of the Month

This month we feature Michael "Linky" Linkhurst, a known scumbag informant from the northern part of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

Linky has been assisting law enforcement since at least 2010 when he set up Tater Fogarty on a controlled drug buy near Shenadoah, Pennsylvania. Linky currently resides in Lost Creek, Pennsylvania, presumably still being a scumbag informant. His last known Facebook handle was Milinko Linki. Drop him a line if you get a chance!

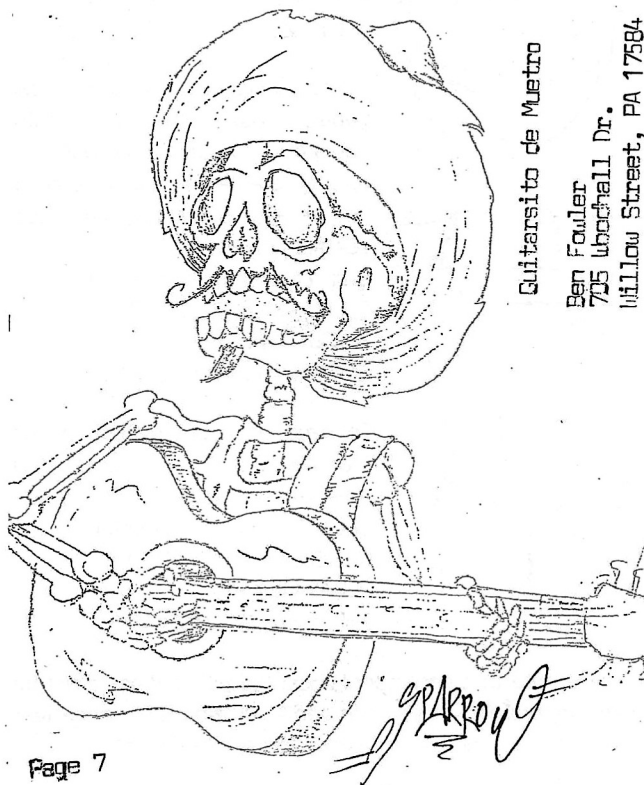
Smug Jim Peck's TCM Movie Review

Alice, Sweet Alice (1976)

Its like a Catholic version of Psycho ... without the charm. The best part of this film would have to be the musical score, it certainly elevates the suspense of this thriller to a place it would have been without it. Unusual for a drama, there were numerous comical scenes of a great lover of cats and a few questionable scenes with priests, nuns, and police officers.

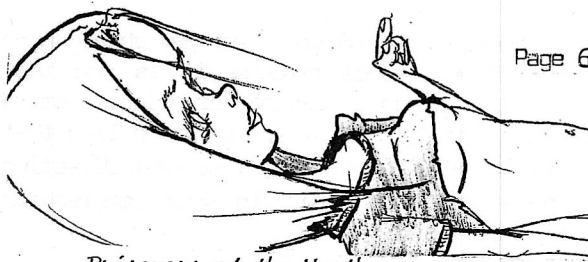
The only element of horror this film has is the great shame carried by Catholics, especially when it comes to pre-marital sex and divorce. The film really makes that a point to drive home ... like a knife to the chest.

Overall, this film left a bad taste in my mouth. I thought that I would be getting the body of Christ but it was just a bit of cheap wafer.



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Prisoners of the Month

This month we feature Steven Hayes, Anthony Lamar, and Winston Holloway of the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress enacted legislation to give Americans economic stimulus checks totaling \$3200. The Arkansas DOC decided that its prisoners shouldn't have that money, so they confiscated it. The confiscated funds were first applied to any outstanding court costs and fines a prisoner may have had, and the remaining funds were then placed into the DOC's "Division of Correction Inmate Care and Custody Fund Account."

Dozens of prisoners sued with Hayes, Lamar, and Winston's suits being decided as test cases in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. The result was a victory for prisoners. The Federal Court directed the DOC to return any confiscated money to prisoners which may have been remaining after court cost, fines, and restitution had been paid.

Source: Prison Legal News



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TCM Movie Guide for December

- 3rd 2:00a Zardoz (N)
- 10th 2:00a Heavenly Bodies (N)
- 10:00a Something Wild (n)
- 12th 4:00p Five Days One Summer
- 14th 2:00a Farewell my Lovely (N)
- 10:00p Out of the Blue (N)
- 15th 1:45a The Swimmer (N)
- 17th 2:00a Silent Night, Deadly Night (N)
- 23rd 4:00a The Silent Partner (N)
- 27th 3:30a The Liberation of LB Jones (N)
- 29th 11:30p Sisters (N)



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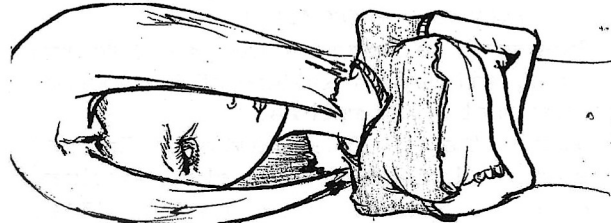
Prison Reform

The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections uses a one-size-fits-all approach in nearly all of its prison facilities. This approach is wrong.

In the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, prisoners are assigned a classification level of 1-5. Level 1 is used for prisoners released on parole and Level 5 is used for prisoners in restricted housing situations. The vast majority of prisoners are assigned Levels 2, 3, or 4, depending on the seriousness of their crimes and their conduct while incarcerated. It would seem like a reasonable idea to separate those prisoners into prison facilities designed for their appropriate levels. Instead, Pennsylvania has simply designed nearly every prison to be maximum security so that prisoners of all custody levels can be mixed together. This presents several problems.

The most concerning problem is that many low-level, non-violent prisoners are mixed in with prisoners that need close supervision. For example, an 18-year old kid that is serving a sentence for selling a handful of Xanax may find himself living next to violent murderer serving a life sentence. It is not difficult to see the dangers this may present. Further, in many instances, housing low-level non-violent prisoners in maximum security settings is a waste of resources. There is no justification for spending over \$40,000 a year to house a prisoner when that prisoner could be held in a half-way program or reentry facility for far less. Finally, one must consider that most people in prison will be released at some point in the future. It is very difficult to make the transition for being housed in a maximum security prison to being released into the community. Low-level offenders would have more success in that transition if they were held in minimum security facilities with opportunities for community interactions.

As always, I remind you that you should care about these issues because it is you that bears the burden of paying for prison systems through your tax dollars. If you'd like that money to be spent better, I suggest directing a phone call or email to your congressmen asking for change.



Reader's Questions Answered

Stan: Yes, outside musicians do come into the prison for performances but I assure you, none of them are anything like Johnny Cash!

Rich: I've never really kept up with people that I met in prison once we were both released. I have kept in contact with people I met in prison once I got out and they were still in, mostly through correspondence, sending them magazines, or sending them a little money. But once they get out, I've never had anything more than a few messages on Facebook or something like that.

Blue: Yes, there are some people from other counties here but they aren't in here for being undocumented aliens. This is a state prison and that is a federal issue so undocumented aliens would go to the federal system. Those that are here are incarcerated for violation of Pennsylvania state law.

Tex-Mex: We do have something like rehabilitational programming but I don't know how effective it is. We have something titled "Therapeutic Community" for drug offenders that is suppose to be Cognitive Behavior Therapy but is mostly just guys sitting around talking about when they got high before getting locked up. I don't know the exact numbers but it doesn't seem to do much to prevent recidivism.