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A 'zine by Prisoners

Thanks to all of our readers and thanks for all of the positive feedback. Let's get to it:

- Deebz's Tech Corner is still on hiatus. Deebz is a bit preoccupied worrying about his pending rendition to a CIA black-site prison for enhanced interrogation regarding his knowledge of car stereo installations. We wish him all the best!

- We're featuring some profiles on some of our regular contributors this month so that readers might get a better idea of who they are. I should point out that they didn't write their profiles, Editor Charlie wrote them. They may not be how the contributors see themselves but its probably pretty close.

- A big thanks to all of the readers that have been sending us their 'zines. As you might imagine, it gets really boring around here seeing and doing the same thing everyday so we appreciate receiving 'zines from the outside world.

- Just to clarify, the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections doesn't allow us to send mail to prisoners in other prisons, so we can't send copies of this 'zine to people that are incarcerated. But if you're reading this, the 'zine belongs to you. And if you just happen to want to send it to somebody in a prison, that's your prerogative. Now, we're not telling you or asking you to do that; we're merely informing you that you could do that...

Enjoy the 'zine and keep in touch.

Legal Update

Picarella v. Wetzel, et al.

No. 1:20-cv-1440, Md. Dist. of Penns.

Suing various DOC officials for violation of rights pertaining to incoming publications.

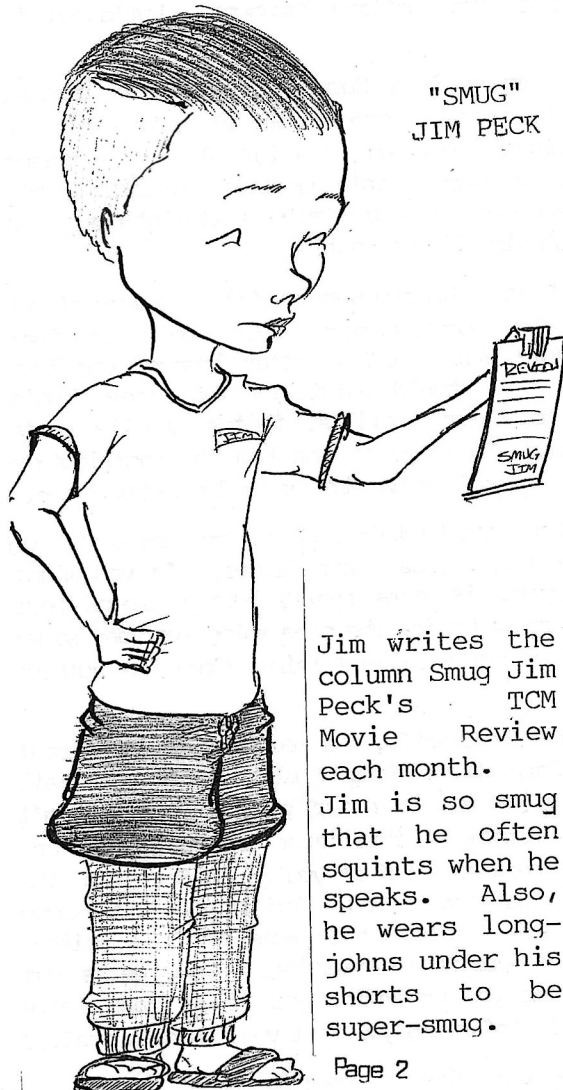
No action this month.

Picarella v. Mason

No. 812-CN-2022, Commw. Court of Penns.

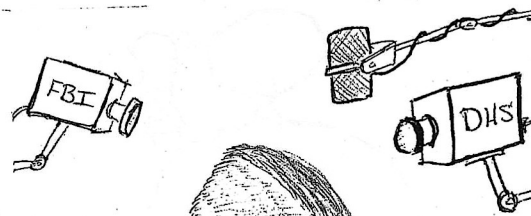
Seeking to compel the prison warden to provide the opportunity for 2 hours of daily yard time as mandated by 61 Pa.C.S. §5901.

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Jim writes the column Smug Jim Peck's TCM Movie Review each month.

Jim is so smug that he often squints when he speaks. Also, he wears long-johns under his shorts to be super-smug.



Daniel
"DEEBZ"
Bertholf

For now, Deebz's Tech Corner, is on hiatus.

His hobbies are bad posture, being surveilled by the deep state, and carrying a Bible while panhandling eCigarettes.

Reader's Questions

John: There is no "lights out" time at night. Prisoners control the lights in their cells and can stay up and watch television all night if they want. Some prisoners do stay up all night and sleep all day.

Rab: Yeah ... we're not that excited about the World Cup. I mean, women's soccer is watchable but 11 guys jogging around a field for an hour and a half just isn't our thing.

Bolo: We can receive visitors during scheduled visiting hours. This prison has round tables in the visiting room where groups sit together. Other prisons only have rows of chair and no tables.

Knutkin: The food is generally pretty bad. Its mostly highly processed garbage with low nutritional value. Its a shame that prisons can't manage to provide prisoners with decent food, even if just to save money by promoting better overall health.

Raisin: Yes, prisoners write books about their lives and most are awful.

Prison Reform

Some readers have given us some pushback on the Prison Reform column. That's entirely fair and we'll address those arguments. We're not advocating for the abolishment of the entire criminal justice system. We understand the need for law and order in society and the resulting need to have deterrents to anti-social behaviors. Sometimes, individuals will need to be removed from the community to protect its welfare. It is our position that this is not currently the driving factor for most incarceration. Anybody that has been incarcerated knows that jails and prisons are full of people that struggle with addictions and/or mental health issues. The question is whether we need to be incarcerating these people to protect the welfare of communities, or would it be more beneficial to try to assist those people so that they are no longer committing antisocial behaviors. We feel that it is better, and more cost effective, to help people that are struggling instead of simply locking them away.

The intent of this column is to try to rise reader's awareness about these issues. We feel that people on the outside should care about this issue because they are the people paying the financial costs. It's not cheap to build and maintain prisons that house millions of Americans.

Of course, you're welcome to reach whatever conclusions your conscience may dictate but we're certainly going to advocate using the realities of incarceration. We only ask that you take the time to read the column with an open mind.

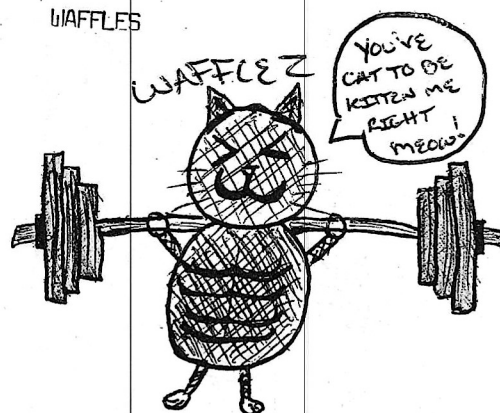


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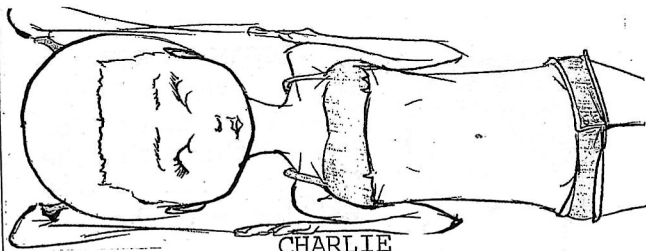
Logan draws the "Waffles" comic for us. I think that he had a cat named Waffles when he was a kid, so that's where the cat comes from.

Logan's hobbies are having a lot of tattoos and being tall. Logan joins me in the yard for weightlifting. He is making good results in becoming obnoxiously strong. Logan would be interesting in corresponding with women, unless they are poor and/or unattractive. Then, you know, not so much interest ...

WAFFLES



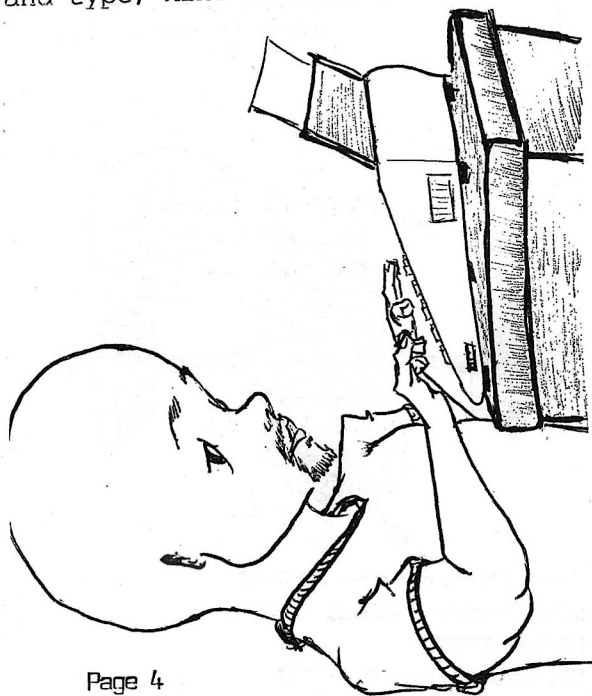
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Charlie is a writer, editor, publisher, copier, and just about everything else that makes this 'zine happen.

Charlie will be interviewed for release on parole sometime this month. He estimates his chances of being granted parole at about 50%. Charlie's hobbies include being a know-it-all, projecting his unhappiness at others, and prosecuting litigation against penal institutions.

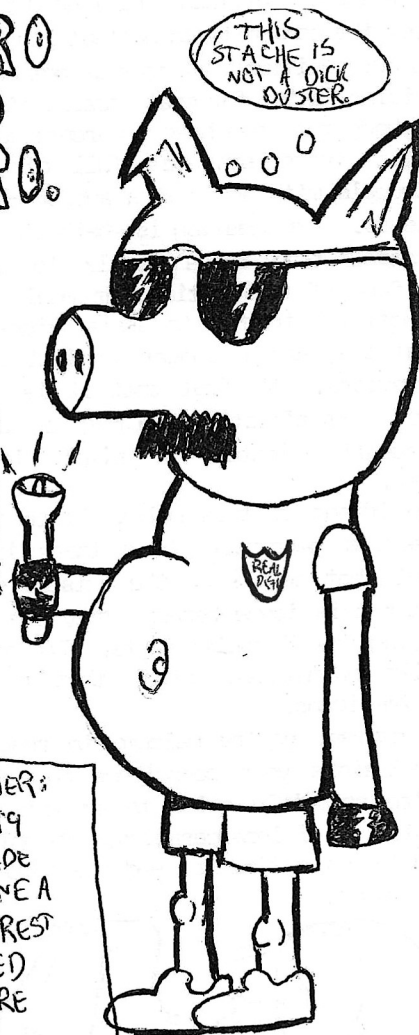
Below is a drawing of me working at my Swintec 2416DM word-processor. I like to put it on a box on top of my in-cell table so that I can stand and type, kind of like a Vari-desk.



You have received an early edition of this month's issue. We have not been able to compile the TCM movie guide at this time. Sorry, we'll do better next month.

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