Welcome to issue seven. Winter is here! We have done a late release due to lower submission rates. Please remember that, if you want your items printed, they are more than appreciated and with our current backlog gone, we will print them quickly.

With the coming of the New Year we are in desperate need of funding as the application for non-profit status has taken longer than expected and we have not been able to raise much funding while in the process. Currently costs are mostly paid for by the editorial collective out of pocket. It is imperative to reach a larger group of inmates and more in the community so we need funding for mailing, and printing. I urge any reader who can, to make a donation to us at the address on the last page of this issue, so we may continue to be your main outlet for inmate issues and writing. When you give to us, we give back to you, so give yourself a gift this season by donating to ensure further issues for everyone!

We are currently in process for attaining full non profit status and being able to accept larger grants and donations!

How you can help:
- Please pass around the newspaper and encourage others to get on our mailing list
- Please send us your thoughts, letters, writing, art or prayers or anything that can fit within size constraints.
- Please send notices of any prison groups or meetings, allow a lag time of a month or six weeks ahead.
- Please feel free to donate as we are individuals not funded by or part of a larger group, as you are able including stamps for postage

Beyond The Bars is a bi-monthly newsletter which will increase communication among prisoners themselves as well as family members, friends, allies, and others concerned about the prison system, primarily here in Maine. Happy reading:

Kristine
Calvin
Forrest
Dave
Sandra
Upon My Release (So Far) By Ken Joondeph (Inmate MSP)

-A huge cup of Dunkin donuts hazelnut coffee and a box of Munchkins donuts
-Pick up and renew my driver’s license
-Take a pic of every sunrise for a year
-Eat a pint of Ben and Jerry’s ice cream – NYC Super Fudge Chunk or Cherry Garcia, or Phish Food or Cookie Dough – Which one?
-Have a “Ken’s Special” pizza for lunch – hand tossed dough, bacon, onions, sausage, extra cheese and anchovies.
-For dinner a 16 oz sirloin steak, on a Delmonico – rare to medium – with crumbled croutons and bleu cheese melted on top.
-Go to bed with my girl who has been right by my side through this nightmare of a trip down this rabbit hole – holding her all night long.
-Waking up with my girl the next morning in my arms, tell her “I love you, Mumma”, kiss her on the forehead, go down to the kitchen to make breakfast and bring it to her back upstairs so we can eat it in bed.

No More Pain By Harold Sanford Carter III

State prison of Maine why are you so cold?
The sounds of chains is punishment enough!
Steel doors crack and bang - hello thy torture.
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Inside a brick cage we have had enough.
Cannot taste, smell, see, or hear - yes torture.
Touch so foreign thy heart turns icy cold.
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Sensory deprivation this torture.
The soul wouldn’t burn in hell tiss so cold.
The brimstone of hell is not hot enough.
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Enough of this!
...And so a prisoner hangs.
His body is cold and free from torture.

Testimonial By Pedro Santiago (Inmate MSP)

Hello,
My name is Pedro E. Santiago. I'm serving a 40 year sentence at the Maine State Prison. I was recently ________ _______ by a Captain during a pat down search. I want the world to know.
The good old boy system is still alive and well even though there is a new Warden and Commissioner.

Prior to the incident, the head of security, who is an old employee, implemented a new pat search into the officer’s every day work. It quickly turned into a frisky pat down. Everyone at the time has to be pat searched on the way to chow. Even women guards pat frisk men.

On the 16th of April, 2012 at 06:40 the pod was released for breakfast. The Captain of __________ called me over. As he got to the lower section of my body, he ran his hand between my_______. He pushed up and fondled my_______. Then he placed his thumb on my_______ as he patted my legs down. I turned my head attempting to utter my discomfort. He ordered me to be strip searched. This was a repercussion to the guilt of unlawfully _________. Even the strip search was not normal. As he told me to lift my______, pull my _______ to the side and ______ for him. I questioned him if this was policy. He exclaimed "now it is ".
I reported the incident to the warden and commissioner. The
Deputy warden and the Head of Security summoned me and told me the investigation was moot because there wasn't any proof that this______ ______: had occurred, although weeks prior, another inmate had a similar ______ _______ and reported it to another Captain. I Grieved it within the 15 day limit from the time the Deputy Warden advised me it was moot and it was dismissed and I could not appeal his decision. So I am now going to fill out an Order of Protection against Captain_______ _________.

Pedro E. Santiago
M.S.P
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Warren, Maine

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Personal Identification for Community Reentry by Calvin Dube

Returning to the community following incarceration requires that certain documents be in hand upon release. Personal ID's are necessary in accessing all community and private resources. Many of the city and state agencies have tightened their policies regarding personal identification when applying for services. The following information is to help you facilitate community resources upon release and minimize frustration during the first few weeks back on the streets. This information is the most current that will support your transition back to the community smoothly.

1. Warden photo ID's are not accepted by the Motor Vehicle Registration and anyone applying for military veteran services.
2. The two most important forms of ID you will need upon release are:
   - A copy of your Birth Certificate from the city you were born in.
   - You will need your Social Security card.
3. If you are a U.S. Veteran your military discharge will facilitate the process of evaluating the status of any potential veteran benefits.
4. You will need your Birth Certificate & Social Security card in applying for a Maine State photo ID. A $5.00 fee is charged for the state photo ID.
5. Without a Maine photo ID you cannot access any state or federal programs.
6. A Baptismal Record is an accepted form of ID in addition to the above.
7. You will need something with your written signature in applying for your Maine State photo ID. Any document will do.
8. Funds are available to pay for the Maine State photo ID ($5.00) and fees for a birth certificate.

Please contact me at my mailing address if you have any questions or concern about getting your identification records.

Calvin E. Dube
Community Inmate Advocate
PO Box 631
Lewiston, Maine 04243
MY therapist said “grooming” is wrong!

No Stinking Thinking
Mental Illness By Harold Sanford Carter III

My antisocial ways bring me trouble,
A disorder of personality.
The cause of recidivism no doubt.

Prison and psyche rehab I do not doubt.
Along with alcohol there is trouble,
With against the norm personality.

Hate antisocial personality.
To fix life path there is so much doubt.
Against the grain brings me so much trouble.

I must conquer it or face mor pain no doubt,
This incarnation of personality trouble.

YOUR EDITORS ARE:
Calvin Dube - Directed Trinity Soup Kitchen for 12 yrs. He is involved in an inmate reentry program to help inmates and homeless on release; other community resources linked to inmate needs for hygiene items, clothing, medical care, psychiatric counseling, and job searches. Today, three churches in the Lewiston/Auburn area are involved in our reentry work.

Forrest Lancaster - Holds a BA in Anthroplogy, and one in English. He previously wrote for The Other Side and was active in the Prisoner Reentry Program.

David Wagner - A professor of Social Work and Sociology at USM who works with groups of homeless and poor people. He is also active in reentry work.

Kristine Catalogna - Has been working with homeless populations for five years and has worked with incarcerated women in Massachusetts. She also worked with pregnant women who were incarcerated and reunification with their children after prison.

Sandra Wachholz - A professor of Criminology at USM.
**Maine State Prison Civic Groups Meetings Calendar**

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