



IN CARCERATED TIMES

Friends and Family of Incarcerated People (FFIP)

Fall 2007

Calendar and Congrats

Congrats!!!

To the 33 recent graduates who obtained degrees and completed High School requirements. Well Done!



Thanks is not enough!

To who are in camps that have assisted with firefighting efforts. Good Job!

Welcome Home

Who?



Fall Picnic

When: Sat., October 27th @ 11:00
Where: Jay Cee Park (Eastern and St. Louis)
Bring: A dish to share. There will be pumpkins to take home and fun for everyone. Please come join us!

Mark your calendars for the holiday party—Saturday, December 8th. Please let us know if you have anything to donate for prizes and/or raffle; *We especially love handmade craft-work from inmates! Hint, hint.*

Guests and Quests!

K.A.R.E.

K.A.R.E Counseling specializes in a range of counseling issues, particularly those dealing with addiction. They offer evaluations, assessments, individual, and family therapy on a sliding scale fee in order to help people regardless of their income.

Because of personal experiences with family members who have been incarcerated, they wanted to extend their services to F.F.I.P. K.A.R.E believes people need a confidential outlet to deal with the struggles that occur due to this situation.

For further information, questions or to make an appointment please do not hesitate to contact them at: karecounseling@yahoo.com
Phone: 702-622-1105

Neighborhood Justice Center

Barbara Timmons Strahl is a Senior Mediation Specialist for Neighborhood Justice Center which is a conflict resolution & mediation agency. She can be a resource for conflicts such as neighbor to neighbor disputes, landlord disputes, parent and youth issues, etc. She also is involved with the FORUM program which is a re-entry mediation program for inmates and their families. Dr. Barbara Timmons Strahl can be contacted at: timmonsstrahl@nafcm.org
Please also visit: www.nafcm.org

Stay In the Know with NDOC

If you have a loved one in the Nevada Prison System, please check the NDOC website frequently. There is new information which is continuously updated and added.

Nevada Department of Corrections
www.doc.nv.gov

AVP NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) began in 1975 in the NY State Prison system and is now a successful program in over 40 states and over 40 countries. This program is facilitated by volunteers and currently is only available at NSP (in Nevada). AVP is praised by participants as being a program that really can make a difference in changing the lives of offenders. AVP uses participant role-playing exercises as building blocks to show how difficult situations can be resolved peacefully.

Please contact the Prison Director and the Wardens where your loved one is held, as well as your legislators to encourage that this program be in EVERY prison.

As we all know, most inmates will be released back into society. Lets ensure they have the skills needed to STAY in society.

<http://www.renofriends.org/avp.html>

Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience. - C. S. Lewis



Angels



Clint and Kim

Thank you for creating and sharing the Parole Plan Package; it has helped many on the path to a new beginning. Thank you for starting the birthday and holiday cards to the inmates which really brightens their day. We also appreciate all your work on the FFIP website. You both have done so much with FFIP and we are forever grateful.

Cleone Johns

Barbara Beardsley

Julia Barish

Fae Rider

Do we want to include last names? I need 'stuff' about these guys...

Kim Bakken

Shavna Rossin

Friends of FFIP

" I think that one can judge a country by the way they treat their incarcerated persons. To that end, we want to make a difference and help families stay together, even through the hard times. I've learned that offering a helping hand, helping someone else climb the ladder of success in their life, is the greatest reward we can have as human beings. It would be my hope that every incarcerated person would return to their family, their wives or husbands, children, parents and siblings, and that they can now give those people the love that we all deserve. " - Wayne Bridge, CEO of Sin City Chamber of Commerce.

Wayne has been very generous to FFIP including providing presents for the children at our holiday parties.

www.sincitychamberofcommerce.com

Visit The Brake Shop

Not just a brake shop, but a total repair facility. Services include, but are not limited to: smog failures, supercharger sales and installation, transmission rebuilding, carburetor overhauls, performance timing/fuel injection specialist, engine repair/installation, electrical wiring repairs, free towing with major repairs within 5 miles. All service contract warranties accepted, fleets welcome, foreign and domestic, factory trained and ASE Certified Master Technician.



See Glen at The Brake Shop on: Decatur just North of Vegas Dr. and before W. Lake Mead
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and parole board issues.*

Lets get at least one more? I hear Jonelle Thomas is good?



We are each of us angels with only one wing,
and we can only fly by embracing one another.
— Luciano de Crescenzo

Prisons thus perform a feat of magic . But prisons do not disappear problems, they disappear human beings. And the practice of disappearing vast numbers of people from poor, immigrant, and racially marginalized communities has literally become big business. -- Angela Davis "Reflections on the Prison Industrial Complex"

So YOU say

??? TOP FIVE ???

Last issue we asked: "What do you think are the TOP FIVE biggest problems with the Nevada Justice System?"

The most received answers were:

- Over burdened Public Defender's Office
- Parole Board acts as additional sentencing judge
- Parole Board not accountable
- NRS 174.060-Plea Agreements (catch 22)
- Over criminal charging/lack of effort to search for the truth by the DA's Office
- NDOC improper budget spending and interpretation of laws
- NDOC Administration not accountable/not questioned on reports to legislation
- NDOC Staff not accountable; they do what they want because no one believes a convict
- Inadequate Appellate Review/District Court Judges/Medical Services

Additional responses included:

- Lack of education and training for staff
- Lack of programs that provide job training useful upon release
- Lack of fact checking/correcting mistakes; (PSI is created from Police Report)

- Unequal/Mandatory sentencing
- Justice is based on what you can afford
- Racial bias
- Pedophiles released with minimum terms of prison and inadequate supervision
- Difficult to re-establish yourself upon release – employment/housing discrimination
- Short-timers don't learn, return, and destroy credibility for long-timers who have learned
- Total lack of oversight/Archaic thinking philosophy
- Complete functional incompetence

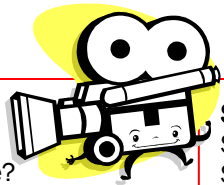
NEXT TOP FIVE QUESTION

What are the top five things you miss about being home/having your loved one home?

-responders will be confidential-

Inmates: Send your answers to: Teresa's Top 5
3312 S. McCarran Blvd #107
Reno, NV 89502

FFIPers: Write, or e-mail answers to: ffigffip1@cox.net



This and That

From Prison to MTV?

Are you leaving prison after serving your time?

What will you be doing once you've regained your freedom? Will you be going home to your family and friends and trying to assimilate back into your old life? Or will you attempt to rebuild your life from scratch in a whole new place? Are you worried about what the world beyond the fences and walls might have to offer you? Are you afraid to face the people you left behind? How will you handle this new-found freedom and the past you must revisit?

If you are getting out of prison soon, and are between 18 and 28, have someone send an email to: prison@mtvstaff.com with all of the details of your story. Please be sure to include your name, location, and a photo, if possible.

Second Chance Act

Senate Judiciary Committee Passed Second Chance Act On August 2, 2007. The bill will now be sent to the Senate floor for consideration, which sponsors say will take place shortly after the August recess.

The committee accepted an amendment, which excludes sex offenders from the early release program for elderly prisoners.

The Second Chance Act would authorize a \$65 million re-entry grant program administered through the Department of Justice for state and county re-entry initiatives and a \$15 million re-entry program for community and faith-based organizations to deliver mentoring and transitional services. The bill also includes drug treatment and mentoring grant programs.

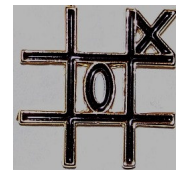
"No, I like it for the 'articles', really!"

Try bestdealmagazines.com to find discounts on magazine subscriptions to send loved ones inside.

Beyond the Bars Awareness (BBA)

Help raise awareness by wearing a BBA pin. The bars represent the loved ones in prison and the "X" and "O" represent our love for them. Let's help the children and families of loved ones in prison know they are supported and not alone.

Pins are available at FFIP meetings for free, however donations are always gladly accepted.



On the Move

Inmates: Keep those newsletters coming by letting FFIP know when you have moved or are being released. It helps us keep costs (and frustrations) down. Thank you!



Who Said That?

Good works are links that form a chain of love.
– Mother Teresa

Odds and Ends

Members Include...

The Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice members include:

Justice James W. Hardesty
Senator Mark E. Amodei
Senator Steven Horsford
Assemblyman John C. Carpenter
Assemblyman David R. Parks
Catherine Cortez Masto, Attorney General
Larry Digesti, Representative, State Bar
Gayle W. Farley, Victims Rights Advocate
Raymond Flynn, Assistant Sheriff
John Allan Gonska, Parole and Probation
Judge Douglas W. Herndon
Phil Kohn, Public Defender
Arthur E. Mallory, District Attorney
James Miller, Sheriff
Dorla Salling, Parole Board
Richard Siegel, ACLU/Inmate Advocate
Howard Skolnick, Director, NDOC

For upcoming meetings and minutes of past meetings, go to:
<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/Interim/StatCom/AdminJustice/>

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Parole Board Commissioners include:

Dorla Salling, Chairman
Connie Bisbee, Co9mmisioner
Thomas D. Goodson, Commissioner
Mary Vieth, Commissioner
Maurice Silva, Commissioner
Michael Keeler, Commissioner
Eddie Gray, Commissioner

In the Role of Life...

Jamie was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother knew he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen.

On the day the parts were awarded Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement.

"Guess what Mom," he shouted, "I've been chosen to clap and cheer."

Art Thief

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings. I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."

(and you thought I didn't have DeGaulle to put this in the newsletter)? Well, I figure I have nothing Toulouse.

Wondrous Words

- Police were called to a daycare where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
- When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.
- The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.
- Thieves who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking.
- We'll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply.
- When the smog lifts in Hollywood, U C L A.
- The dead batteries were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.
- Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
- I'm tired of sit-ups... The waist is a terrible thing to mind!
- A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.
- When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
- Santa's helpers are subordinate Clauses.
- A calendar's days are numbered.

Oops, I was wrong about a few things...

"Nolan's 26 months in prison ended a red-hot political career but spawned a fascinating personal odyssey. Once a fiercely ambitious Assembly minority leader, considered a promising candidate for governor, he morphed into a humble, Bible-quoting ex-con who travels the country denouncing the American penal system as a failure.

Today, Nolan says most prisons are human warehouses that squander billions of tax dollars by doing nothing to guide inmates toward a productive future. The sad result — in California, 70% of inmates are re-arrested within three years of release — means more crime victims and fewer state dollars for schools, healthcare and other priorities, he says."

To read the entire article
(or print one for a loved one inside), go to:
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-nolan5jul05,0,7088238.story?coll=la-home-local>

