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partment of Corrections and

Rehabilitation, starting in 1987

when he worked as a correc-

tional officer at Folsom State

Prison. Chappell rose through

the ranks, eventually gaining

the associate warden position

at the department's head office

in Sacramento before going to

Chappell graduated from the

University of California at Da-

vis and volunteers as a youth

basketball coach, according to

the Marin Independent Journal.

the state is downsizing its prison

population to comply with a fed-

eral court order. Currently, San

Quentin is in transition from a

reception center to an almost

complete mainline prison. The

conversion, and subsequent in-

flux of inmates, has resulted in

a slew of complaints by prison-

ers housed in the old reception

The appointment comes when

Warden Chappell

## **Death Penalty Halted**

#### By San Quentin News Staff

A new roadblock has halted executions in California for at least another year.

Marin Superior Court Judge Faye D'Opal ordered state officials back to square one in creating a new lethal-injection protocol.

The state's 2010 re-designed execution protocol was an attempt to satisfy U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel's finding that the three-drug execution method amounted to cruel and unusual punishment. Fogel suggested that executions should be done with a single drug in order to avoid the unconstitutional dilemma that has held up executions for nearly six years.

"I don't think it is working. It's not effective. We know that," said state Supreme Court Chief

Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauve in an interview with the Los Angeles Times.

California voters may have the final say in whether the death penalty is worth its legal and financial difficulties.

Opponents to the death penalty have gathered nearly \$1.2 million for a 2012 ballot measure that would replace capital punishment with life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"I've killed four people for the state of California, and it didn't make anything better for anyone," said one of the measure's supporters, Jeanne Woodford, executive director of Death Penalty Focus. She is a former San Quentin warden and once headed the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.



California Supreme Court Justices

## **Court Defines Evidence** Standard for Lifer Parole

#### By Stephen Yair Liebb Legal Writer

A new California Supreme Court decision clarifies the scope and proper application of the "some evidence" standard used by courts to review parole suitability determination.

The Supreme Court reversed a decision by the 4th District Court of Appeal that found the Board of Parole Hearings had improperly denied parole to Richard Shaputis at a 2009 parole hearing.

The Supreme Court's decision also offered guidelines to appellate courts reviewing a petition for writ of habeas corpus challenging board denials of suitability, or parole reversals by the governor.

The Supreme Court affirmed

say that "the paramount consideration for both the board and the

governor...is whether the in-

mate currently poses a threat to

The decision made clear that

reviewing courts may overturn

a decision by the board or gov-

ernor when the evidence only

leads to a conclusion that the in-

mate no longer presents a risk to

The Supreme Court found that

the board's decision denying pa-

role to Shaputis was based on

a long history of domestic vio-

lence, and his inadequate insight

as well as his failure to accept

In re Richard Shaputis on Ha-

beas Corpus, Case No S188655.

responsibility for his crime. The Dec. 29, 2011 decision is

public safety."

public safety.

and non-sexual.

Stanford University law professors David Mills and Michael Romano drafted the language for the ballot measure and estimated that between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners would be eligible for re-sentencing. However,

data obtained from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) last December suggests the real number is much lower.

The data shows that 4,501 three-strikers are convicted for non-violent, non-serious, and non-sexual crimes. However, 3,187 of them have prior convictions termed "crimes against persons," such as murder, robbery, and many sex offenses - making them ineligible for re-sentencing under the ballot measure. That leaves 1,314 third-strikers who have no prior "crime against persons" on their records. But, if any of the 1,314 have certain gun, drug, or gang involvement

Takes Over at S.Q center building (West Block) without power or television re-

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ception. The new warden will also have to contend with the nation's largest and growing Death Row, resulting from a court-imposed injunction by U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogle, which has halted executions since 2006.

The most recent hurdle against San Quentin's executions is a ruling from Marin Superior Court Judge Faye D'Opal, who found that prison officials failed to consider alternatives to the lethal injection of three drugs used to execute prisoners.

This is the seventh San Quentin warden since 2004. Chappell follows Martel, who held the position for 10 months, and Vince Cullen, who vacated the position in 2011.

### lengthy history with the De-Limited Three Strike Initiative

#### By San Quentin News Staff

Most imprisoned three-strikers will not be re-sentenced if voters approve the Three Strikes Reform Act, now gathering signatures to qualify for the November 2012 election, analysts

The measure is thought to target prisoners whose third strike was non-violent, non-serious,

prior convictions, they will be ineligible for re-sentencing. The measure excludes all sec-

ond-strikers from re-sentencing. The third strikers eligible for re-sentencing would still have to ask a judge to determine whether they pose an unreasonable risk to public safety, before their life

sentence would be lifted. "The language in the proposed Three Strikes Reform Act seems intended to open the door to the broadest possible consideration of evidence regarding the prisoner's future dangerousness," said Jonathan Simon of Berkeley Law. "The wide array of in-

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### Bill Limits Jailhouse Informant Testimony

#### By San Quentin News Staff

Gov. Jerry Brown signed two pieces of legislation that will significantly impact those behind bars, and a third that will provide aid to undocumented high school students.

Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) authored SB 687, which restricts the use of uncorroborated testi-

in criminal cases. The use of informant testimony has been identified as the leading cause for wrongful convictions in capital cases, according to a 2004 report examining California's justice system.

Mike Davis (D-Los Angeles) authored AB 420. It requires that prisoners be counted in their

mony by jailhouse informants home districts for redistricting purposes.

> Gil Cedillo (D-Los Angeles) authored AB 131, which makes undocumented students who have attended a California high school for three years or who have graduated from a California high school eligible to receive financial aid, if they apply for legal immigration status.



(A) Warden Kevin Chappell

**By Aly Tamboura** 

**Design Editor** 

comed a new warden after the

Acting Warden, Michael Mar-

tel, retired after only 10 months

Prison officials announced

that Kevin Chappell, who

served as chief deputy warden

at Folsom State Prison, took

over as acting warden for Cali-

fornia's oldest prison effective

Warden Chappell has a

on the job.

Jan. 3.

San Quentin State Prison wel-

Official Photo

Folsom.

#### SAN QUENTIN NEWS

## Oregon Author Visits S.Q. Writing Group

#### By San Quentin News Staff

Noted author Keith Scribner says he's gained new insights into the human spirit by two visits to San Quentin Prison.

"I've felt on both of my visits to San Quentin that the group is more engaged and thoughtful than nine-tenths of the other groups I work with," he said in an interview.

*I believe in the pow*er of literature, poetry, and all art to allow us to know ourselves better, to make us stronger and deeper.

"Your close attention to language, story, character, and the keen desire and passion the men have for becoming better writers and telling their stories isn't just refreshing to me - it's a thrill."

Scribner is an associate professor at Oregon State University who visited San Quentin's Arts in Corrections creative writing class.

"I believe in the power of literature, poetry, and all art to allow us to know ourselves better, to make us stronger and deeper, to elate and heal us. A lot like the power of love. It works on us from both directions – as we read or experience great art, and also as we create our own. I



#### Author Keith Scribner

hope that by visiting I can be of some service in bringing this to their lives," he commented.

"It's a privilege for me to meet you, hear your stories, and come to know about your lives."

Scribner's most recent novel is The Oregon Experience. His previous novels are Miracle Girl and The GoodLife.

## Volunteer Chaplain **On Transformation**

#### By Kenneth R. Brydon Journalism Guild Writer

"I never expected to meet the type of men I ended up meeting," said Mike Bonnel about prisoners he encounters at San Quentin as a volunteer. "There are a lot of people whose hearts God had touched, just like me."

After 29 years as a firefighter, he now enjoys a slower pace by serving San Quentin prisoners. "I always liked helping people," he said of his life then and now.

Bonnel oversaw five firehouses as a Battalion Chief Commander in the San Francisco Fire Department. He was instrumental in writing procedures for high-rise structure fires.

His involvement with San Quentin goes back to the '70s when he and his wife, Linda, visited prisoners under the M-2 Sponsor program.

M-2 was a faith-based program that provided visitors to prisoners who otherwise would have no visitors.

"When I first heard that he was going out to San Quentin, I wasn't too sure about it. But he loves people, and likes to fill that place of helping those people who others don't want to help," said Linda.

Mike was also involved in the Cell-to-Cell Ministry, which primarily brought religious services to the prisoners in the reception center.

## Wilkerson's 2012 Calendar a Hit

#### By Richard Lindsey Journalism Guild Writer

To the delight of many, on the first of January the eagerly awaited San Quentin calendar was once again proudly displayed on walls all around the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). It's regarded as a prized acquisition by many of the department's employees.

The calendar had been produced by San Quentin's vocational print shop for many years, but in 2009 the print shop was indefinitely closed due to budget cuts. Since then, former print shop instructor John Wilkerson, with the support of successive wardens, continued the longstanding tradition.

Many of Wilkerson's former students hope the print shop will one day reopen, although there is no current plan for that to happen. Richard "Bonaru" Richardson, a former print shop student, calls Wilkerson a "master printer." Richardson commented, "I actually got a trade from Mr. Wilkerson. He's the best instructor I ever had."

The print shop's closure has not deterred the efforts of Wilkerson to produce the coveted

calendar. Annually, in November, Wilkerson, and a crew of volunteers from the San Quentin News labor among the dusty printing presses of the closed print shop to prepare them for production of the following year's calendar.

This year Wilkerson, Larry Snyder of San Quentin Television, and a crew of inmate volunteers produced 10,000 calendars for San Quentin to distribute throughout each of CDCR's 33 prisons.

The calendar was designed by Aly Tamboura of San Quentin News and incorporated a pic-



John Wilkerson and crew in back of the printing press

ture of one of the historic wall murals found in South Dining Hall. Alfredos Santos, who was

a San Quentin prisoner during that time, painted the murals between 1953 and 1955.

### Inmates Cheer Patten University's Annual Open Mic Event

#### By San Quentin News Staff

Christmas Eve's annual open mic night brought out "a lot of hidden talent in San Quentin," said prisoner Ray Richardson. The prison's Protestant Chapel served as the venue for over 20 original acts, including slam poetry, comedy, and musical performances, performed by new and familiar faces.

Emcee Jonathan "JW" Wilson opened with a reading of Will You Die For Me Black Man, a poem about the historical plight of African-Americans

Angel Falcone, accompanied by Joe Mason on guitar, did a musical comedy bit, sounding something like Adam Sandler. Their ditty brought laughter throughout the audience as its esoteric prison jokes contrasted the benefits of obtaining a college degree with the frustrations of being incarcerated.

E. "Phil" Phillips' slam poetry sifted through the chaotic and unpredictable aspect of living in prison.

One of San Quentin's mosttalented hip-hop artists, Henry "MC" Montgomery, returned this year with a new addition. He and his friend "Nate" entertained the audience with a peppy piece that painted an optimistic view of the future.

Cornelius "Dicky" Wigfall followed MC with an ode critical of materialism. Dicky's encouragement for self-control resonated through the audience in Don't Let 'em Push Your Button.

Mike Tyler said he has been coming to open mic since 2004, but this was his first time performing. He read a poem inundated with seriousness and humor, called Where I'm From, in which he gave his perspective on growing up in rural California.

Adam Verdoux dedicated his musical piece to the teachers and administrators who venture inside prison to educate incarcerated students. Its bright rhythmic sound was reminiscent of a Disney instrumental in the movie Fantasia.

Troy Williams recited a poem he wrote while in county jail, prior to his conviction. As Williams read, the audience listened quietly to the sad words of estrangement of a father from his child.

Antwon Brown's poem, Forgive Me Not, gave insight to how corruption influences youngsters and can lead them to be incarcerated.

The hit of the night came from one of San Quentin's most-talented musical groups, Neu Dae, which features Richard Napoleon Brown, Rico Rodgers, Darryl Buckhana, and Darryl Farris. They treated the audience to two new gospel songs, I Heard Your Voice and I Can Feel Jesus

Jimmy Carlin read a philosophical poem that chronicled building of the Watts Towers in

birthday present to his sister, Teresa, who supports him "100 percent."

Humphrey read a poem that described how Islam saved him and made him right with God, which allowed him to "let go of the bad things that led me to prison."

D'Lafayette'spoem,"Through the Words of Our Ancestors," brought perspective of thought

A new arrival at S.Q., Williams, read a poem about selfunderstanding and recognizing himself and the meaning of his life.

Gary "Malachi" Scott did a

hip-hop piece, I Gotta Be Me. It communicated the message that self-image and self-esteem are derived from the individual, not peer pressure.

Rafael Colex dedicated a poem to the innocent people in prison, who must go through the same trials and tribulations that the lawfully imprisoned must endure: "What are the origins of human kindness, Born from grief and pain, Against the hardships, We strive – then we rise, Out of the ghettoes – Free from the prisons, Into a mastery of life."

Prison University Project (PUP), part of Patten College in Oakland, sponsors the event. It allows prisoners to express themselves to their friends and an audience of community volunteers. PUP is directed by Dr. Jody Lewen and offers access to higher education to hundreds of San Quentin prisoners.

and belief systems.

Los Angeles.

G. Wesley's poem was a

# Out of Prison After 33 Years Behind the Wall

#### By JulianGlenn Padgett Journalism Guild Chairman

After spending three decades incarcerated in California's toughest prisons, Nathaniel Rouse paroled from San Quentin with a message of hope through perseverance.

Nathaniel Rouse was sentenced to the California Department of Corrections when there were 13 prisons in the state. Today there are 33 prisons and great changes are still on the horizon within the prison system. "I've been incarcerated for 32 years, from 1978 to November 2011, and I've been here at San Quentin since April 13, 1993," Rouse said. Rouse, whose Muslim name Abdul Shahid Adil means "Just," has seen several changes in the prison system.

"There is less tension here between African-Americans, whites and Hispanics," he said. "Here you can intermingle with other nationalities as you would on the streets." He credits his positive transformation to the San Quentin programs in which he participated, including Trust Fellows, Impact, Alliance for Change and Restorative Jutice. "These programs succeed



#### Nathaniel Rouse

thanks to San Quentin's numerous outside volunteers, proactive correctional officers and prison staff who sponsor groups," he said.

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He credited Counselor C. Grant and Capt. S. Robinson, who sponsor San Quentin groups, and former Warden Jeanne Woodford. "Woodford understood men had to have more than \$200 upon their release to change them," said Shahid. "They had to have an education and Woodford was proactive in keeping programs alive."

He said the San Quentin educational environment should be expanded to all 33 prisons. "It should be the same in all institutions, but by design; it's not."

Shahid will be working with Vernell Crittenden for R.E.A.L. Choices (Reaching Expanding Adolescent Lives), a San Quentin program that mentors troubled youth. For 25 hours a week, he will tutor and mentor kids, teaching them the power of making positive choices. "For a person leaving prison, education is the key for a successful transition back into society--not merely academic, but a social education," he said. "That social education is our being in contact with society as a partnership," said Shahid.

### Two Key Personnel Depart From the Prison University

#### By Angelo Falcone Journalism Guild Writer

San Quentin's Prison University Project will lose two of its most valuable administrators.

They are David Cowan, who was assigned to the Prison University Project (PUP) clerk position in 2009, and Amy Roza, who came to San Quentin as a PUP volunteer in 2009 and became its program director in 2010.

Patten University accredits the PUP program at San Quentin. It's California's only on-site prison college program campus.

On Dec. 1, 2011, Roza announced that she will be transitioning from the college program at San Quentin in mid-January, just prior to the start of the spring 2012 semester. "I am extraordinarily grateful for this time volunteering and working with the college program. I have learned a tremendous amount from collaborations with faculty, in my work with San Quentin staff, and most of all, from our students." Roza indicated that she would stay in California. She said she might share her future plans with the college program shortly.

Roza is originally from New York. While working at the Center for Court Innovation as the director of Youth and Family Services, she designed and led prevention and intervention programs for criminal court-involved families.

Roza also volunteered by teaching and organizing other volunteers for the Prison Education Initiative—a group of educators leading academic classes at New York City's Riker's Island jail.

David Cowan earned his associate's degree from Patten University in 2007.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to work with PUP. The teachers were a great example for me," said Cowan. He was a role model for many of the men at San Quentin and considers "being helpful" as his greatest achievement. An avid volley-



David Cowen

ball player, Cowan was president of Alliance for Change and a member of many groups including the San Quentin T.R.U.S.T., Project CHOICE, and Reaching Beyond the Walls.

Cowan paroled from San Quentin last December.

Cowan, 43, now lives in San Francisco and is working for PUP—the first parolee to be hired at the non-profit organization. He also plans to enroll at San Francisco State University to earn his degree in public policy.

After serving time at other prisons, including Soledad and California Men's Colony at San Luis Obispo, he was transferred to San Quentin in 2002. He served almost 23 years on a 25to-life sentence.

### **Volunteers: A Key To Rehab**

#### By Richard Lindsey Journalism Guild Writer

California's recidivism rates remain among the highest in the country, but a majority of prisoners are not assigned to programs designed to address their criminality.

Prison officials tracked all offenders released during fiscal year 2006-07 for three years to determine if they returned to prison. Sixty-five percent were back in custody.

Part of the solution, according to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), is to require that prisoners be assigned to a job or participate in an educational program. However, under existing institutional regulations, prisoners cannot leave jobs to participate in a volunteer rehabilitation program.

In 2005, legislation was passed recognizing that volunteer rehabilitation programs are "an important component of an overall strategy" to "reduce inmate recidivism."

The legislation encouraged CDCR to provide prisoners rea-

sonable access to volunteer programs because it would reduce "violations of prison rules...prison costs, property loss and harm to victims"

However, CDCR has not changed its work rules to allow prisoners access to any volunteer programs that would gain the benefits of the 2005 legislation.

Currently, CDCR reports it offers substance abuse programming to roughly 8,600 of its 135,000 inmates and educational programs to around 37,000.

San Quentin is distinct among California's 33 prisons, providing over 70 rehabilitation programs staffed by over 3,500 volunteers from community-based organizations. Mathew Cate, CDCR secretary, has been quoted as saying he would like to implement the San Quentin model in all of the state's prisons.

A recent state report says if "rehabilitation programs are not available that the prisoners need to change their lives, and reentry plans not prepared, recidivism rates will continue to be the highest in the country."

## Foundation Seeks to Reduce Prisoner Recidivism

#### By Micheal Cooke Staff Writer

Two top officials of the Columbia Foundation conducted an exploratory visit to San Quentin Prison recently, looking for ways to help prisoners prepare for a positive life.

The foundation seeks to reduce recidivism and the number of those imprisoned in California. It does this through "second chance" education programs for juveniles and adults who are or have been incarcerated. It also documents the benefits of programs in terms of public safety, tax savings, and community healing. Visiting San Quentin were Board Member Madeleine Russell-Shapiro and Executive Director Susan Clark. They were guests of Prison University Project (PUP) Director Jody Lewen.

The purpose of their visit was to understand PUP's activities and assess the quality of the college program. Clark inquired into the criteria for attending PUP classes. It was explained that the primary requirement is having a high school diploma or GED.

Russell-Shapiro asked about the San Quentin News staff and what impact, if any, PUP had on their lives. Each staff member professed that their main goal for joining the newspaper was to become better writers. They were effusive in crediting PUP with giving them the fundamental skills of developing their abilities.

The men stated, to one degree or another, without PUP's help they would never have been able to afford the cost of the education they were getting, much less earn a degree through the program. They also expressed gratitude to Lewen for her efforts to bring higher education into San Quentin, along with the personal influence she had on each of their lives. They expressed the positive ripple effect that education has had not only on their lives, but also on the lives of their family and loved ones.

According to the Society of Human Resource Management, 73 percent of inmates that achieve an associate of arts degree or above are less likely to become recidivist, more likely to find better employment opportunities, and leave their lives of crime behind them.

Columbia Foundation is a philanthropic organization that began in 1940 by Russell-Shapiro's mother, Madeleine Haas Russell, and her brother, William Haas. The foundation has long-standing interests in world peace, human rights, and the environment, cross cultural and international understanding have evolved to reflect current conditions and opportunities.

The Columbia Foundation currently has three program areas: arts, human rights, and food and farming. The goals are tosupport art as a way of enriching life experience; to increase the sustainability of farming; and help protect basic human rights, economically, socially, culturally, civilly and politically.

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## **EDUCATION CORNER**

## Gary Shimel Speaks **On Prison Education**

#### By JulianGlenn Padgett Journalism Guild Chairman

"Educating the incarcerated is vitally important," said Gary Shimel. "The greatest safety that we have to offer society is men who have come out of prison with a G.E.D. or college education. They are more likely to better their lives." Shimel teaches K-12 classes at San Quentin State Prison.

He has been with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) nearly 14 years. "Before I came here I taught in Korea for a little over a year. I also have experience teaching Kindergarten here in California."

When asked how CDCR could improve their education of people in prison? Shimel said each institution must show their incarcerated residents that education is there for them; the department needs to think outside the box.

"We need to build a trust between ourselves and the residents held inside CDCR," said Shimel. "My vision of education for CDCR would be that we do everything in our power to help them achieve their educational goals to better their lives."

"I taught pre-release when they cut the program," Shimel said. "We lost a lot of amazing teacher's and friends, Chris Wittek, Diane Searle, John Wilkerson, Marcie Ficarra, Phil Leonida and Ms. Sufi.

"It's all about education and my teaching is never limited to inside these walls," he said. "For me education is the pinnacle of life because I've seen men change that have killed people. I've seen miraculous changes and many of the men who leave these walls will be teachers too."

### months ago. My vision is to see souls come to Christ

**By Forrest Jones** 

Journalism Guild Writer

been appointed San Quentin's

Protestant chaplain, the first

African-American female Prot-

estant chaplain at the prison's

Garden Chapel. She takes over

a position that has been vacant

since Morris Curry resigned 20

Mardi Ralph Jackson has

Pastor Jackson was the chaplain for a juvenile facility in Norwalk for 9 1/2 years. That facility was closed.

Prior to becoming a chaplain, Ms. Jackson volunteered for five years in prison ministry working with rehabilitation for at-risk youth.

She is a member of the Hillside Tabernacle Church (Church of God in Christ) in Altadena, Calif. where she was part of the ministerial staff. She attended Sonoma State University and California State Los Angeles, where she studied political science.

S.Q. Welcomes New Chaplain

"My vision is to see souls come to Christ," she said. "Incarcerated men are God's creation, created in his image, and in spite of our circumstances, can change."

She said her hope is to see men

in blue become more committed and God conscious.

Her father, Bishop Leon Ralph, led her to Christianity. She reported he was a guest minister at San Quentin in the 1980s and was a former member of the state Legislature.

She will oversee a unique Protestant Chapel program, the Garden Chapel Christian Fellowship, the formal name of the San Quentin church. It is chartered under the American **Evangelical Christian Churches** denomination.

It has a missions department (Reaching Beyond The Walls) that sponsors children from other countries. It also has an educational ministry with 27 classes; nine licensed and ordained inmate ministers, and a Christian leadership program sponsored by Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Pastor Jackson said she looks forward to facing challenges as she adapts from the juvenile system to the adult prison system, and addressing the needs of the congregation composed of a variety of denominations.

## California Losing Prisoner Firefighters

By San Quentin News Staff One of the major unintended consequences of realignment is loss of more than 1.500 critically important prisoner forest

firefighters. For more than 60 years, California has used nonviolent prisoners to clear brush and fight fires. Those eligible are wellbehaved nonviolent offenders serving time for such crimes as burglary, drug possession and welfare fraud.

"When things get busy, it's the first thing we run out of," said Andy McMurry, deputy director of fire protection for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, told The Los Angeles Times.

The Rural Fire Protection Working Group has been studying the issue of how realignment

**Three Strikes** 

discretion given to the court,

makes it hard to know who these

Simon noted that district at-

torneys "will be able to intro-

duce evidence from the original

He said prisoners "should ex-

pect to and be prepared to in-

troduce every evidence of their

own prison record available to

them, including participation

in programs, educational op-

portunities, testimonials form

staff, educators, and community

members, hopefully with the as-

sistance of counsel."

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(cases) will proceed."

trial record"

will affect the number of firefighters available to California's 39 prisoner fire camps. Many of the men would wind up in county jails instead of state prison fire camps.

State officials plan to charge counties \$46.19 a day for each prisoner they send to fire camps - which is more than the sheriffs expect to spend to keep them in jail. For example, under realignment the state is giving Solano County about \$21 a day for each prisoner housed in its jail.

On average, it costs over \$150 a day to incarcerate each of California's prisoners

The 4,500 camp prisoners are paid \$1.45 a day plus \$1 while they are on a fire line. They account for nearly half of the state's wildland firefighters. It would cost about \$100 million a year to replace them with civilian firefighters. The crews spend about eight million hours a year on conservation and community service projects for state, federal and local government agencies when they are not fighting fires.

The number of prison firefighters is expected to drop by nearly 40 percent next year, according to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, which operates the program jointly with Cal Fire.

To avoid the problem, state prison and fire officials are working with local governments on a training program for county prisoners.

Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries, R-Riverside, told the LA Times that maintaining inmate firefighting ranks is critical to public safety.

## **Medical Care: Your Right to Choose**

By Dr. Elena Tootell, **Chief Medical Officer** 

#### **Medical Care: Your Right To Choose:**

It is your legal right to choose the kind of medical care you want.

#### **Advance Directive**

This is a form that lets you choose the kind of medical care you want if you have a life-ending illness and/or are too sick or injured to communicate. You may have heard of this form called by the name of a Living Will.

You can continue to use this same form when you leave prison. It is a way for you, and everyone, to exercise their health care rights.

#### Why Is This Important?

- Unless you fill out an Advance Directive your wishes may not be known or honored by the medical team.
- It communicates your wishes if you are too sick or injured to tell your doctor or nurse.
- You can choose someone you trust to make decisions for you if you are unable.
- It empowers you to make your own decision about what you want for end-of-life care.
- Those who care for you will not have to guess what you want if you are too sick to tell them.

#### What If I Change My Mind?

You can change your mind at any time. Just change the form and tell those that care for you about your changes. Make sure to bring the form to have it signed by your primary care provider and placed in your medical record.

#### Court Rules Parole Can't Be Denied Solely Based on Past formation invited, and the broad

#### By Stephen Yair Liebb Legal Writer

The parole board or the governor cannot deny parole based primarily on a prisoner's past, a California appeals court has

The 6th District Court of Appeal held that it was inappropriate for the governor to reverse a parole decision for Johnny Lira in 2008 based upon 1980 factors. They were cited by the prison psychologist and used by the governor to reverse the parole board's decision to grant him parole.

The court ruled that in light of the age of the historical factors and Lira's "lengthy and undisputed record of rehabilitative behavior," these factors show that Lira no longer poses an unreasonable risk of danger to the public.

The court also ruled that Lira was entitled to credit toward his parole period for the time he spent in prison following the governor's erroneous reversal of his parole grant.

The case is In re Johnny Lira on Habeas Corpus, cite as DJ-DAR 17446, No. HO36162.

# **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**



## **Book Review**

By Randy Maluenda

SAS URBAN SURVIVAL HANDBOOK (By John Wiseman) Practical handbook on coping with the pitfalls of an urban environment.



DARK HARBOR (By Stuart Woods) Hot intrigue erupts when Stone and Holly hookup and unravel the twists in CIA agent's suicide.

#### **RATINGS:**

Top responses are four ribbons progressing downward to one: RRR

Responses which are two ribbons or less are not recommended reading.

### **Complete This Puzzle** and Win a Prize!

Which of the following words is different from the others, and why?

THEFT, WAIL,

#### **GROSS, LAKE, MILE**



Congratulations to Anthony Gallow and Gilbert Mendez for winning December's Puzzle. Honorable mentions to: Johnny Capistrano, J.L. Crummel, Skylar Deleon, , Gary Grimes, , R. Luna, Chris Schuhmacher, Brasure Spencer, and Bill L. Suff who also answered the puzzle correctly. December's Answer is "E."

#### Rules

The prizes will be for completion of brain twister puzzles. Prizes will be given to the first two inmates who respond via u-save-em envelope to San Quentin News/Education Department.

If there are multiple correct answers, the winners will be picked by drawing two of the winning answers from a hat.

First Place: San Quentin Fitness Gray Ball Cap

Second Place: 4 Granola Bars

Prizes will only be offered to inmates with privilege group status that allows for the prize items. Inmates transferred, sent to ad/seg, or otherwise not available to claim their prize will result in forfeiture.

The answer and winner's names will be published in the next issue of the San Ouentin News.



**By Daniel Trevino** Journalism Guild Writer

Native Americans from various tribes have launched a march from California to Washington, D.C. to bring awareness to the plight of Leonard Peltier. He is a Lakota and Cree Indian who was charged with aiding and abetting the murder of a federal officer at Wounded Knee, South Dakota in 1974.

Throughout his incarceration, Peltier has maintained his innocence.

The march began Dec. 12, 2011 at Alcatraz and the marchers expect to arrive in the nation's capital by May 18, 2012. They intend to petition Congress and the president for clemency for Peltier.

Peltier has been in federal detention for 38 years.

## **Snippets**

Native Americans repre-sent one percent of the United States' population; however, they encompass half of the languages and cultures of the nation.

dison invented the tattoo Egun in 1876, and patented it as the Stencil-Pens. The device was originally used as an engraving machine.

Weddings can be expen-sive. The most costly on record is the wedding of Sheik Rashid Bin Saeed AD Maktoum to Princess Salama in Dubai. Their May 1981 marriage cost a whooping \$44 million.

Yo-yos are derived from a hunting tool of a Filipino tribe. The orb was used to stun prey; the twine to trip. The weapon was turned into a toy in the 1920s by an American businessman.

Elder tree wood, tradition says, was used to construct the cross on which Jesus was crucified. In a strange twist of fate Judas, who betrayed Jesus, hung himself from an elder tree, according to tradition.

ntarctica's interior re-Aceives so little precipitation that it is considered the largest desert in the world. Antarctica also is the driest, coldest continent with the highest average elevation.

ats can live without water Klonger than camels can.

#### Last Issue's Sudoku Solution

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## Tech Tips for Appliances

This is the first in a series of columns to help with preventable damage to your personal appliances. This edition deals with headphones, adaptors, and hot pots.

#### **By Bob Martin** Journalism Guild Writer

The cords in our appliances are made of copper, a soft metal that allows the cord to bend, stretch and break. Improper storage is the main cause for failure in wires for headphones, adaptors and hot pots.

Break the habit of wrapping the cord *tight* around your appliance. That stretches and breaks the cheap tiny copper wires inside. The solution: loop cords loosely for storing.

Some headphone cords get stiff from natural body oils from hands and cheeks getting into the vinyl. The exception is Sony's silicone-coated wires. Covering new vinyl cords with tape or saran wrap near the cheeks looks hokey, but keeps them flexible. Also, gently washing the cord with warm water and shampoo keeps the bodily oil from building up.

While exercising, ear buds get sweaty inside and the magnet rusts. Repetitive movement while you're running stresses the wire at the plug. Rubber band a loop of wire near the plug to move the stress point and swinging slack. If you have a pair of earphone cup Koss CL-20, grab the sides of the band to take them off and on.

Turning your headphones up loud can cause the ringing tinnitus, which lasts a lifetime.

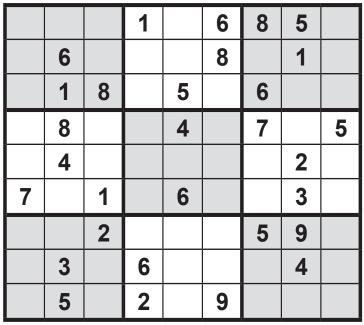
Wraping a folded towel around your hotpot helps it heat up faster.

You can send questions to CSI, Circuit Scene Investigators in care of the San Quentin News. Stay in tune.



Featured artwork of R. Sanchez

#### Sudoku **By ANTHONY LYONS**



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## **SPORTS**



Chris Schuhmacher serves to his opponent

## Filmmaker Rex Miller Interviews Tennis Team

The San Quentin tennis team offers prisoners a unique opportunity to connect with the outside community, filmmaker Rex Miller discovered after a return visit with the players. Miller, under contract with the Tennis Channel, had filmed the team's exhibition match against one of the world's top doubles team, the Bryan brothers, in September, and came back for a week in early January to interview the players for an upcoming documentary.

He captured a wide range of perspectives about tennis and about life in San Quentin. "I discussed why I was in prison and why it is important to be able to play sports in prison," said team member Chris Schuhmacher. "We are people who are going back into society."

Playing tennis with people from the outside "enables us to socialize with other people and teaches us values," he added. "We enjoy splitting up the teams because it removes the 'us verses them' attitude. It gets us ready for society."

The players know they are fortunate to have the opportu-

nity. "The difference between San Quentin and other prisons is it has lots of programs, and we're able to intermingle with members of society," said player Henry "MC" Montgomery. "We get to play the best players in the world and colleges. We receive training from professionals."

They're also hoping to extend their team spirit beyond the court. "On the surface, the perception of the tennis team is that we are a happy family," said Orlando Harris. "However, this is not the case. Rarely do we interact with one another after we leave the tennis court. We are attempting to change this attitude. We are supposed to be one team, promoting unity and camaraderie."

Miller said the time he spent with the team changed his perspective on prisoners. "Things aren't always what they seem," he said. "What is interesting is peeling back the layers - by the fifth or sixth day you learn that this place is far different than you originally thought."

-By Gary Scott

# Coaching Behind the Wall

#### By Gary Scott Sports Editor

Here are comments from incarcerated men who are coaches of the San Quentin sports teams. They report coaching challenges, the qualities that coaches should possess, life skills that men could learn through coaching, and their main goals through mentoring.

#### CHALLENGES

San Quentin Giants Infielder Coach Frankie Smith: "One of the biggest challenges is talent verses attitude. Another challenge is how to utilize each player to help benefit the team's success. There are three kinds of players: those who need to be pushed, those that need to be left alone, and those who cannot be coached."

San Quentin Warriors Interim Basketball Coach Daniel Wright: "Some of the challenges are dealing with different attitudes, trying to get everyone playing time, and trying to be understanding with players that may have issues going on in their everyday prison life."

#### QUALITIES

Karriem Shaheed, offensive coach for the San Quentin All Madden flag football team, explains the qualities that a coach should have. He said, "A coach should have patience, foresight, good communication skills and be a good listener."

Wright explained his opinion concerning the qualities a coach should possess: "A coach should

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One of the A's Baseball Coachs Jeffrey Evans

have patience, be authoritative and respected, and have understanding. A coach should have knowledge of the game, try to give guidance and help to some of the younger players that will be going home in a couple of years."

#### LIFE SKILLS

Coach John "Yahya" Parrett and Assistant Coach Jeffry Evans of the San Quentin A's expressed what they believe are the life skills men can learn through coaching. They said, "You can learn how to be a decent human being, to be focused and founded just as you would being a parent.

Orlando Harris, defensive coach for the San Quentin All Madden flag football team: "Some of the life skills one can learn through coaching are to have honor, respect and a good work ethic. However, the most important things one can learn are communication, sportsmanship, patience and the ability to listen to constructive criticism."

#### MENTORING

Harris discussed some of his main goals through mentoring: "Being a coach allows me to be me a molder of men. By coaching, I'm able to set a positive example, not for just young men, but all men. Some of the benefits I get from coaching are seeing men learn the meaning of teamwork, integrity and responsibility. These characteristics will enable them to utilize these qualities in their communities upon their release."

Shaheed said: "Coaching helps me to teach what I have learned to others and also to help them learn from the errors that I've made spiritually, mentally and physically. Coaching allows me to help each player find out what he is capable of, fine tune his talents and become the best that he can."

## 1000 Mile Club Holds The Annual Marathon

Members of San Quentin's 1000 Mile Club lined up for the ultimate challenge on Nov. 19, 105 laps around the lower yard, which is just about 26.2 miles the official marathon distance.

The annual event attracted 15 runners and several volunteer supporters.

Chief sponsors Laura Bowman Salzsieder, Jill Friedman, coach, Frank Ruona, and Diana Fitzpatrick volunteered time and coaching experience to help the runners make it through this endurance race.

Club chairman Stephen Pascascio gave special thanks to the following prisoners for their support by counting the runners' laps: Michael Villanueva, William Quinones, and Tim Fielder. Assistance Coach, Kevin Rumon set a pace of 8-minutes per mile for the runners.

Eddie Herena finished the race in first place, breaking the old record of 3:45:40, with a time of 3:35:27.

Finishing in respective order, Stephen Yair Liebb, Chris Schuhmacher, Larry Ford, Patrick Givens, Andre Battle, Bill Pillars, Andrew Gazzeny, Coey McNeill, Chris Scull, Alton McSween, Dee Whitaker, and Joey Mason. Ralph Ligons power walked 10 miles in the time of 3:00:42. Ligons said that he would go for 15 miles next year.

> -By Gary Scott and-Juan Haines

## Dons Overcome Netters

A duo from the San Quentin tennis team suffered an agonizing 4-2 defeat to the University of San Francisco Dons.

San Quentin players Ke Lam and Raphael Calix battled a team of the Dons' coaches, headed by Peter Bartlett.

Lam and Calix started out strong, volleying consistently. Lam's serve was difficult to return and perfectly placed. The coaches seemed a bit rusty, and lost the first few points.

But they eventually found their rhythm as Bartlett slammed

shots that Lam and Calix were unable to return. The coaches went on to win the match in comeback fashion. Coach Bartlett has been the

head coach of the USF Dons' tennis team for 15 years.

Also playing exhibition matches were five other Dons: Thai Tu of Alameda, Will Schmacher of New Orleans, Jonathon Knowlman of Brisbane, Australia, Richard Bucalem of Brazil and Germain Bahri of Belgium.

-By Gary Scott

**Tryouts** The San Quentin Warriors asketball team will conduct

basketball team will conduct tryouts for the general population on Feb. 4. The Warriors training camp will begin in the first week of March.

The San Quentin Kings basketball team will hold tryouts in the beginning of March.

The San Quentin A's baseball team will hold tryouts in late February and early March.

The San Quentin Giants baseball team will conduct tryouts in late February and early March.

The San Quentin Hardtimers softball team will conduct tryouts in March.

# **Words to My Father**

A daughter's struggle for her father's freedom and for family redemption

#### By JuliangGlenn Padgett Journalism Guild Chairman

As a little girl, Kishana Stiner fought to keep her family together after her father turned himself in to the American Embassy in Surinam. He had escaped from San Quentin Prison 20 years before and surrendered on the condition that his family be allowed to emigrate to the United States. Now she fights to free him from San Quentin.

Larry Watani Stiner scaled a fence and fled San Quentin after his 1969 conviction for conspiracy to commit murder. The charge involved the fatal shooting of two Black Panther Party members at the University of California at Los Angeles. At his two trials, no witness claimed Stiner fired a weapon.

#### When did you understand that your father was not coming back?

I was 11 and had just been placed in my first foster care home. On a visit, I asked my mother if my father was in jail and if he was coming back. She said keep praying. I began to understand it was possible he wasn't coming back.

#### How did your role change in your family when your father left?

Instantly, the need for me to care for my sisters and brothers became critical.

As a young woman growing up in America, what were your challenges once you found out



#### Kishana Stiner

#### about your father's socio-political struggles?

I had no real knowledge of America's socio-political history when I came here; a big challenge was staying balanced while my views were being formed. It would have been easy to have looked at his past struggles, assumed nothing had changed and lived with anger; I didn't want to do that.

### What did you do to cope when times got rough for you?

Prayed a lot for help. I focused on my education and employment. I thought about my father how things would be better once he was released. Sadly, I'm still waiting.

### What is the relationship now with your father?

It is as close as ever.

#### Is it justice to continue to keep your father in prison after so many years being that he turned himself in?

Certainly not! We are talking about someone that turned himself in and has spent nearly 23 years in prison. I feel he shouldn't have been convicted in the first place. Official Photo

How are your other sisters

It's very hard for each of

them. To make things even more

difficult, my father is now bat-

tling cancer and we can't stop

Explain how (your father's)

My father's life has been all

about sacrifices. It's helped me

to not be afraid to stand up for others and myself in situations

Education is important to

Our parents always encour-

aged us all and my father's sacri-

fice was done so we would have

What advice can you give to

young girls who may be going

through troubles of not having

Love yourself, spend as much

time as possible with family,

and surround yourself with posi-

tive people. Even without your

father's guidance, you can be a

leader and succeed in life.

their father to guide them?

access to a good education.

Where did that come

where things are not right.

life has influenced your char-

and brothers coping with their

father's incarceration?

worrying about him.

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#### Clase de Educación de Salud en Español

Clase de educación de salud en Español Centerforce esta poniendo (teniendo) clases de educación de salud los Lunes a las 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. en el edificio de la lavandería vieja.

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Si tienes preguntas, contacta: a Carranza 3N96L

## **POETRY** *From A Window In San Quentin*

By Fe P. Koons My tears will not bring back the hour of holding your tiny fingers in my palm or kissing your cheeks in the solitude of the night The dying moments of a mother behind bars are but pain that endlessly kill the joy of longing to touch your face mv child I ask for forgiveness that I cannot be there When you chuckle at the sight of a bubble bursting or running after the seagulls along the shore when you make sandcastles washed away in my dreams to see you. Do you ever call my name when you cannot have a lollipop? Your hair is probably longer

now with more pink ribbons.

Think of me. Each day I

pray that you are safe from the Cruelty of the world and that you grow like a beautiful flower Tucked in my diary forever. Walls and more walls are all I feel in here Voices of guilt and sorrow For the senseless passions of crime The angels weep for promise to be good for you Yes, your eyes are still hazel Mirror of your soul I wish I could see them And tell you how sorry I am. My baby you are always in my heart In the solitary isolation, you give me hope That everything will be all right. Wait for me, my child. I am a mother in prison.

SET ME FREE.

## We Can Use Your Help

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From its founding in 1940 through 2009 the paper was printed by prisoners in the print shop. But in 2010 the print shop was closed due to statewide cost cutting measures.

Since then the paper has been printed at Marin Sun Printing in San Rafael. The cost has been covered by private donations through a non-profit established for that purpose, the Prison Media Project.

Those donations are shrinking and if the paper is to continue, new support is needed. Please go to our website, www.sanquentinnews.com, to see how you can become a supporter. You get a tax deduction...plus a year's worth of copies of the newspaper mailed to you.

Many thanks, San Quentin News Staff and Advisors.

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# Asked on the Line

#### By Angelo Falcone Journalism Guild Writer

Think of all the things you plan on doing or accomplishing in the next 10 to 20 years. "Asked on the Line" conducted 41 random informal interviews with men in blue and teachers of the Prison University Project (PUP), and asked, "If you had the energy, time and resources to do just one of these things, which one would you do?"

For mainliners—after leaving San Quentin and getting off parole—70 percent would pursue personal interests. Spending time with family was the number one response, followed by traveling to various parts of the United States or to foreign countries. A three-way tie for third place went to embarking on a new career, starting a business, and earning a bachelor's or master's degree. In fourth place was devoting time to a religious faith.

Face would make up for lost

SACRAMENTO - Gov. Jer-

ry Brown's 2012-13 budget pro-

posals would reduce the state's

workforce by some 3,000 posi-

tions, mostly from the Depart-

ment of Corrections and Reha-

bilitation. The savings would fill

just a tiny fraction of the \$9.2

billion budget hole projected

**STOCKTON** - Construction

is under way on the California

Health Care Facility, a nearly

\$1 billion medical prison. When

completed by the end of 2013, the 1.2 million-square-foot fa-

cility will provide long-term

through June 2013.

time and treat his mother like a queen, David would like to be a father to twin boys, and Kenyatta would travel the world. Ray and Camacho would attain bachelor degrees, and Richard would "spend time and money to further the good news of Jehovah."

However, 30 percent of the men in blue would engage in altruistic activities involving social service, education, or prison reform. Ke would start a non-profit to help at-risk youth. Phil would start one to help children excel in academic subjects. Hop would produce children's books, Calvin would become a youth pastor, Malik would work towards ending the prison system, and Michael would help "to make sure there is love in every family."

Among PUP teachers, 40 percent would engage in personal interests involving their careers, education, or family. Rhiannon

medical and mental-health care

to 1,722 state prisoners. Con-

struction work is expected to

generate 5,500 temporary jobs

over the next two years. The fa-

cility will employ 2,400 doctors,

nurses and correctional staffers

with an annual payroll of \$220

MADERA COUNTY - State

officials are moving ahead with

plans to convert the Valley State

Prison for Women into a male

SACRAMENTO – A wom-

an imprisoned for shaking her

grandson to death has petitioned

prison to reduce overcrowding.

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would pass her comprehensive exams in Russian history, Emmett would start a business, Greg would be certified as a teacher while starting a family and Rick would write another book on mathematics.

Moreover, 60 percent of PUP teachers would engage in humanitarian activities. Kate would work to change the political and legislative systems and make them more inclusive, while Diana would participate in an AIDS bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Albert said volunteering for PUP has been "the best teaching experience" and would continue while earning his Ph.D. in European history. Finally, Michelle—a math, English, and Spanish tutor-would start "a comprehensive community center that would provide legal, health, and immigration services along with an on-site adult education program."

Gov. Jerry Brown for clemency.

Her conviction was overturned

by an appeals court and then

reinstated by the U.S. Supreme

SAN LUIS OBISPO - A

California Department of Cor-

rections and Rehabilitation

(CDCR) firefighter, Crisanto

Leo Lionell, died of presumed

natural causes in early January

during a training exercise with

the California Department of

Forestry and Fire Prevention.

Lionell was received by CDCR

on Feb.10, 2010, to serve an 11-

year sentence.

Court.

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- Know that articles may be edited for content and length.

• The newspaper is not a medium to file grievances. (For that, use the prison appeals process.) We encourage submitting articles that are newsworthy and encompass issues that

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- Please do not use offensive language in your submissions.
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# **Back in the Day**

#### Selected Stories From Past Issues of The San Quentin News

**OCT. 22, 1982** – An inmate attempting to scale a fence in the Badger Section exercise yard was shot in the back Oct. 7. The inmate was shot once with a shotgun, fell from the fence, then again climbed the fence. The con was then shot twice with a mini-14 before again falling to the ground. He was taken to the prison hospital.

**OCT. 22, 1982** – The governor signed into law the new one-for-one time credits law, which will become effective Jan. 1, 1983. The new system emphasizes participation in work and training programs.

OCT. 22, 1982 – San Quentin's ranch, located on the bay just outside the walls, is being expanded to add 110 more beds, bringing the capacity to 218. The ranch will include six new barracks, a new visiting center, a new laundry annex, a chow hall and a hobby and storage annex. Each barracks has 16 beds, each in its own cubicle – with no bunk beds.

**OCT. 22, 1982** – Two west Block cons were arrested after a large amount of weed was found in their cell. The alleged marijuana, stashed inside sealed cartons of Marlboro cigarettes, had an estimated institutional value of over \$10,000. The brand name of Laredo was found imprinted on each hand rolled cigarette. **OCT. 22, 1982** – Clinton T. Duffy, the famous warden of San Quentin prison, died after a long illness. Duffy, an advocate of penal reform and opponent of the death penalty, served as warden from 1940–1951. He was born at San Quentin prison.

**NOV. 12, 1982** – An inmate from North block was stabbed on the North Block exercise yard the morning of Nov. 4. He was treated at the prison hospital and returned to his cell.

**NOV. 12, 1982** – Ruth Rushen, 57, the first woman and first black to serve as the director of the CDC, is retiring after three years on the job.

#### **BEHIND THE SCENES**

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