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Prison Investors Back Tough Laws

By Richard Richardson
Graphics Editor

Privately owned prison investors are banking on incarceration instead of rehabilitation by supporting politicians who are “tough on crime,” according to a new report analyzing how corporations affect U.S. prison policy.

From 1995 to 2010, the privately owned prison population in the U.S. rose from three percent to eight percent because more criminals are being sentenced under harsher laws and are receiving longer sentences.

Many states transfer inmates from overcrowded prisons to privately owned prisons instead of implementing evidence-based rehabilitation policies, according to the report. Those policies have shown to reduce overcrowding by lowering recidivism rates.

Corrections Corporation of America and the Geo Group are the two major privately owned prison contractors in the U.S. They grossed more than \$3 billion in 2011.

The report claims private prisons are plagued with a lack of oversight and poor medical conditions. It adds that women, the mentally ill or serious offender are not likely to be housed in private prisons because of the high cost it will take to care for them.

“Private prisons experience a higher proportion of Inmate-on-inmate assaults” due to the lack of oversight, the report says.

In 2008, the U.S. Immigration and Custom detained Hui Lui “Jason” Ng, and transferred him to a privately owned facility. Ng died while in the custody of the private prison because officials thought he was faking his medical condition, according to a lawsuit filed on his behalf.

Another report, by the Justice Policy Institute, details how corporations such as CCA, GEO and Cornell Company donated over \$3.7 million to politicians, party committees, and ballot

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Hamlet Production Captivates Crowd



Photo By Sgt. W. Baxter

Julian Glenn Padgett, as Hamlet, warns Horatio, played by Angelo Falcone, of impending doom

By Christopher Christensen
Journalism Guild Writer

More than 300 people packed the San Quentin Garden Chapel in June, transforming the space into a Danish castle awash with Hamlet’s anguish and anger over the murder of his father.

For approximately three hours, Suraya Keating and Lesley Currier of Marin Shakespeare Company treated prisoners and outside guests to a masterfully directed rendition of Shakespeare’s Hamlet. It was

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To read graduation Valedictorians speeches see our web site.



Photo By Sgt. W. Baxter

The 2012 Graduating Class Attentively Awaits their Diplomatic Awards

Fifty S.Q. Men Graduate

CEREMONY MEN HONORS THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

By Aly Tamboura
Design Editor

Prisoners, their families, education volunteers and staff got a special treat in June, witnessing 50 men reach significant educational milestones despite being behind bars.

“You have accomplished something remarkable, and for that we applaud you,” said acting Warden Kevin R. Chappell.

The 2012 San Quentin graduation ceremony kicked off with the Vietnam Veterans Group presenting the colors before a ju-

bilant crowd. Incarcerated men received their vocational training certificates, General Education Degrees and Associate’s degrees through the Robert E. Burton Adult School as well as Associate’s degrees from Patten University.

Vice Principal, Frank Kellum, addressed the crowd, making changes to the official program, bringing laughter and smiles to a packed Protestant Chapel before he introduced the warden.

“This milestone in their educational experience takes dedication and resolve and is

especially admirable when accomplished in the prison setting,” said Chappell. “They have achieved their educational goals, and we commend them for their success.”

Chappell lauded the collaborative effort between Burton and Patten, saying it “lends credence to the department’s continued goal of rehabilitation and positive reintegration into society.”

Keynote speaker Yolanda Jackson told the men, “do not let others validate your work. You

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U.S. Supreme Court Strikes Down Mandatory LWOP for Juveniles

By Stephen Yair Liebbs
Legal Writer

The nation’s high court said a juvenile who commits murder could not be automatically sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The Supreme Court held 5-4, in *Miller v. Alabama*, “that mandatory life without parole for those under the age of 18 at the time of their crimes violates the Eight Amendment’s prohibition on cruel and unusual punishments.”

The court affirmed that children are “constitutionally different from adults for purposes of sentencing.”

Children have less culpability and greater prospects for reha-

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At-Risk Youths Visit San Quentin

By Arnulfo T. Garcia
Editor-in-Chief

The S.Q.U.I.R.E.S. of San Quentin teamed up with the Los Angeles Police Department to give 32 at-risk boys a tour of the prison in hope of diverting them from future criminal activity.

The impact is illustrated by comments from two of the boys at the end of the tour:

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Photo By Sgt. W. Baxter

Correctional Officer J Robinson checks an at-risk youth at San Quentin’s main entrance.

Prisoners Join Amala Foundation in Peace Walk

By San Quentin News Staff

Amid tennis matches, basketball games, and inmates otherwise enjoying a warm Saturday afternoon, the Amala Foundation held its second annual Peace Walk for Children.

About 30 local community members joined hundreds of San Quentin prisoners to bring awareness to the displacement children undergo as a result of political strife throughout the world.

"This day is a day of unity for me," said Vanessa Stone, one of the organizers of the foundation.

"We get to touch lives from what we do, and it ripples throughout the world," said another foundation organizer, Kathy Harris.

The first lap around the prison yard was walked in silence. After the first lap, community members and inmates talked to each other about the significance of the event.

"I'm a refugee from Laos," said Boualay Sengsavang, a San Quentin prisoner. "When political actions happen and dislocate children, that resonates with me."

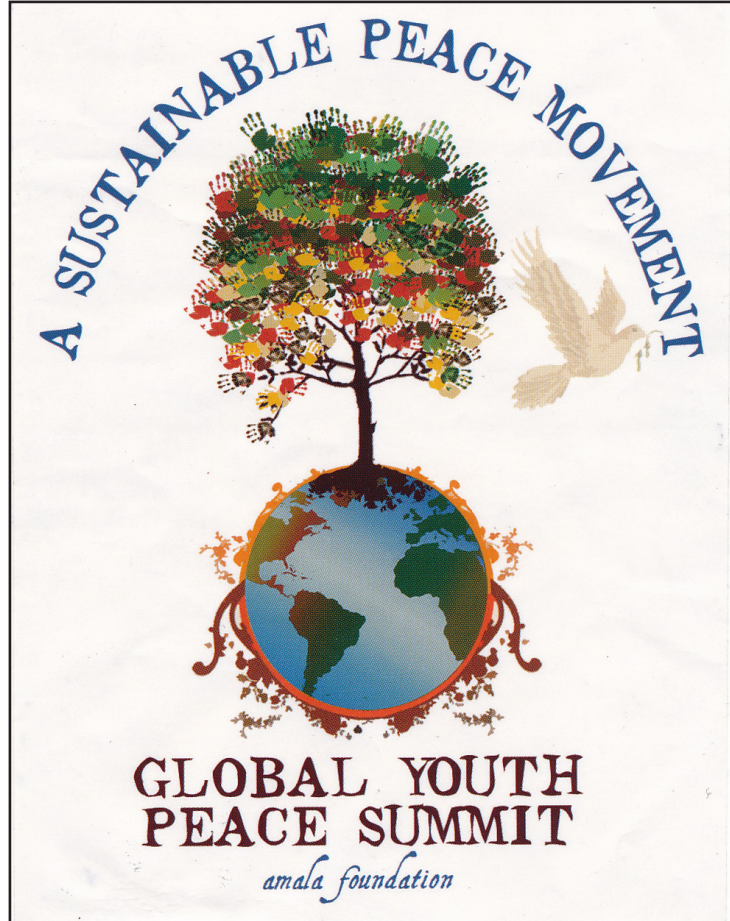
The community members and prisoners walked in pairs, threes and fours circling the softball-sized field of the prison's Lower Yard.

"I support peace," said 24-year-old Jahkeem Stokes-Gulley, an inmate at San Quentin. "I'm trying to get a better understanding of peace, a better definition of peace. I can do this by participating in this walk that has a lot of different people of different ethnicities."

"I support nonviolence throughout the world," added Sean Littlefield.

John Wilkerson provided easy-listening music from a variety of bands. A representative from Texas group, Mindz of a Different Kind, entertained the crowd by chanting, "Soul is the remedy," and the audience responding with, "I feel it in my soul."

Ebo Thorbas, a community member who describes himself as a "long-term societal planner," said, "I like to be a part of anything that breaks the monotony of prisons, because when any man is in prison, every man is in prison."



Troy Williams, 44, had just arrived at San Quentin three days before the event, after being transferred from Pleasant Valley State Prison. Williams was walking alone.

He said he's been incarcerated for 27 years, and felt that his incarceration has cost him his ability to socialize. He said the ability to interact with community

members helps him reconnect with himself. Williams said, "I feel like I've been in a long storm, and events like this let me know it's coming to an end."

At the end of the walk, all participants held hands to encircle the softball outfield.

The event continued with some participants going inside an air-conditioned building to tell stories of how the experience transformed their thinking or redefined their perspective about those living behind bars.

The room was filled with teary eyes, laughs, and stories about how the walk changed their lives.

The group chanted, "Love, respect, honesty, community, one village for children who can't find their voices," and the event ended.

Last year the walk collected more than \$12,000. This year's donations are close to \$10,000 in support of the annual Global Youth Peace Summit held at its headquarters in Texas. Next year the summit is scheduled to be held in the Bay Area.

Ramadan Starts this Month

Ramadan will begin on July 20 or 21, dependent upon the sighting of the new moon, starting a period of fasting and prayer practiced by over 1.6 billion of Muslims worldwide.

OFFICIAL SAN QUENTIN WARDEN'S BULLETIN

Effective immediately, Inmate CDCR 602s will not be forwarded to the Appeals Office via institutional mail. Inmate/Parolee appeal forms will be placed inside the green, secured, collection boxes identified as "Inmate Appeals" by inmates and/or staff members. The boxes are located at the following locations.

- Outside Four Post
- Across from Max Shack
- The CHSB entrance
- South Block rotunda
- Outside Wall Post 13
- Outside each tier in North Seg
- Inside the Rotunda of South Block
- Inside the door used as yard exits for the Adjustment Center, Carson, East Block, North Block, and West Block
- East Block (yard side) on grill gate as you exit East Block
- Inside the entrance to Dorms 1 through 5 in H-Unit.
- Outside Wall Post 13 (PIA side)

Staff are expected to collect and deposit appeal forms into secured Appeal boxes during institutional lockdowns. Appeal Coordinators and/or other Appeal Office staff will collect appeals daily from each site (except for holidays and weekends).

Prisoner Fire Fighters Work To Refurbish Bikes for Kids



Robert Henderson and Derrick Edgerly of the San Quentin Fire House

By Arnulfo T. Garcia
Editor-in-Chief

Every kid loves bikes and wants one—no matter where it comes from.

Derrick Edgerly is a San Quentin inmate firefighter who also is involved in the bike program.

Local police departments give the bike program broken down bikes. Inmates, like Edgerly, refurbish, then donate the bikes to needy children.

"It's always a pleasure when I see those bikes, because I know that they are going back to kids

that deservedly need them," Edgerly says. "Sometimes the bikes require a lot of maintenance. Each year we refurbish enough bikes to give about 20 to four or five different organizations that work with kids," he added.

Edgerly's latest work was done for an organization called Relay for Life. Correctional Sgt. Weaver asked Edgerly if he could build a mother/daughter bike set in support of an auction for breast cancer research.

Edgerly said the project made him feel useful. "I'm sure everyone knows someone that's

been touched by cancer," he added.

Inmates Glen More, Alcaraz Reyes and Armando Mendez assist Edgerly in refurbishing the bikes.



Memorial Honors Fellow Prisoner

By Journalism Guild Writers

The San Quentin community came together in the Garden Chapel to memorialize and commemorate Levelt Duverne, 39.

Duverne's April 25 suicide stunned the San Quentin population.

The memorial service for Haitian-born inmate was attended by about 50 men in blue, institutional staff, and the San Quentin Prison University Project volunteers.

The service began with a prayer led by Protestant Chaplain Mardi R. Jackson.

Following the prayer was a reading of Psalm 23 by Kara Urion, the Prison University Project administrator who worked with Duverne.

"He was one of the most brilliant students in the college program," remarked a tearful Urion prior to the service.

San Quentin's New Dae musical group sang, "Heaven is my Home."

Former cellmate Danny Cox eulogized Duverne. "He was a brilliant mind. He studied a minimum of 12-14 hours a day and spoke seven languages fluently. He often spoke of his family with a lot of love and affection," said Cox, breaking down several times. "It still weighs on my heart."

After the eulogy, a number of memories of Duverne were expressed by educators and men in blue.

"He was really open to being changed by things he learned," said Marianne Kaletzky, a graduate student from UC Berkeley who teaches Spanish at San Quentin. "There is that piece that's missing from my life now."

Alton "Coach" McSween recalled, "He always had a smile on his face."

"He was brilliant, as he was humble, and the best asker of questions I've had in the classroom," said one of his English 101-B instructors, Geoffrey O'Brien.



Official Photo

Levelt Duverne was found unresponsive in his cell

"Levelt was always incredible and intense, funny, and had a good sense of humor," expressed Victoria Kahn, another of his English 101-B instructors. She added, "I loved his personality. He didn't seem the type of person that would commit suicide. He was engaged in life, a critical thinker and extremely intelligent."

"Levelt always was generous when sharing his ideals with the class. He always asked instructors intelligent questions. In his final presentation to class, he expressed passion and rigor for topics, and inspired everyone," said Haley Pollack, his English 204 instructor.

Alex Miley, Spanish 102 Instructor, said, "We really missed him in the class and his contagious joy in learning. But I am glad we did get to have him at least for the time he was here, and I am so glad to have the opportunity to share his memory here today with the other students and teachers who knew and loved him. He was a very special student, and he touched us all."

Sam Aranke, program administrator for the Prison University Project, said, "I will always remember Levelt for his quietness and respectful ways. He had a way of asking questions that were generous, caring, and patient. His death reminds us of the need for support for those of us who might be suffering all alone."

Juan Haines commented, "He was a wonderful human being."

Jody Lewen, director of the Prison University Project, said of Duverne, "He was an extraordinary person...we were heartbroken to lose him."

The service concluded with another prayer led by Chaplain Jackson.

Duverne was 10 years into a 16-year-to-life sentence for second-degree murder.

Four Remarkable Years

San Quentin News Returns to Publication

By John C. Eagan
San Quentin News Adviser

It has been four remarkable years since the San Quentin News was rescued from the dustbin of history, and burst forth with a new vigor and vitality that pumped life into "The Pulse of San Quentin," the slogan of the newspaper.

Slowly but consistently, the quality of the prisoner-produced periodical gained in stature, respect, and professional quality, despite an enormous array of obstacles.

It was April 2008 when then-Warden Robert Ayres Jr. resurrected the newspaper after a hiatus of about 18 years. He picked Kenneth Brydon and Michael Harris as the inmate editors. He asked me, a retired journalist, to be the paper's volunteer adviser. I agreed, after he assured me he wanted the San Quentin News to be the voice of the prisoners, not the warden's mouthpiece. My concept was a paper that improved communication within and without the prison.

We started our ambitious adventure in the San Quentin print shop, with crude and outdated computers, software and printing equipment. Nevertheless,

we produced our first edition of the new San Quentin News in June 2008. Since then we have produced 35 editions, overcoming bureaucratic tangles, budget cuts, lockdowns, quarantines and a few hostile staffers. Unlike any regular news room, we operate without a telephone, a camera or internet access.

In those four years, we have labored under five wardens with changing prisoner staff and administrators, including three principals of the Education Department, where we are located. We have also added three other volunteer advisers – Steve McNamara, Joan Lisetor and Lizzie Buchen. Together we have more than 100 years of professional journalism experience. There are also new top editors: Arnulfo Garcia and Juan Haines. We get substantial help and stories from the San Quentin Journalism Guild, which is open to most any prisoner who wants to learn to write for the newspaper.

After about a year and a half, the print shop closed under the budget cutting axe, and Design Editor Aly Tamboura was loaded on a bus to transfer to another prison. We struggled for four months to retrieve a computer from the locked print shop, train

a new designer, working in little more than a closet. We arranged to print the paper at an outside printing plant – at our cost, because the prison system withdrew any money for printing.

It took about two years to get an adequate news room equipped with computers for writing stories and laying out pages. Along the way, Tamboura was transferred back to San Quentin.

Today things are running about as smoothly as you could expect inside a prison. The quality and professional level of the newspaper are remarkable – truly amazing when you consider it is produced by prisoners with no previous journalism training or background.

We believe, and many others agree, that the newspaper has a positive influence on the prison and on outsiders who learn about what prisons and prisoners are really like.

Without doubt, we are not perfect, but our goal is to make every edition a little better than the one before. We believe we have usually achieved that goal, thanks to a lot of hard work by a lot of people. We are proud to be the only prison newspaper in California, and one of the few in the world.

Banquet Held by Alliance Group

By San Quentin News Staff

Community volunteers and prisoner graduates were honored at a recent banquet marking the second year of a San Quentin program designed to change how inmates think about themselves.

"We need to change our perception that society is against us. That perception is what leads to a lot of crime," said R. Malik Harris, president of the Alliance For Change group. "We need to change the way parents treat their children – many of us are parents and many of us will be getting out some day."

About 100 prisoners and 50 community members attend the dinner, including eight inmate facilitators and 14 graduates.

"Alliance For Change is a self-help program that shows inmates the relationship between their feelings and their actions," said Harris. He quoted Frederick Douglass: "Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither person nor property will be safe."

AFC focuses on self-discovery, accepting responsibility and realizing the necessity for change with structured classes.

The program is developing classes to show inmates how to prepare for parole board hearings, how the justice system works, and show ex-offenders



Photo By Sgt. W. Baxter

President Malik Harris and Kim Richman presenting a plaque to Erica Duggen (Right)

how to reenter their communities safely, according to its public relations representative, Chris Deragon.

"Our program shows men how to change from the inside out; this will keep people from returning to prison," said Harris. "We teach men how to understand themselves. We're in the business of making better people."

Community volunteers met regularly with inmate facilitators four to five times a week, over a 16-week period.

"When I tell my friends that I come inside San Quentin to help them with their program, my friends cannot image the warm feeling that the men give me. The inmates treat me with more respect than people on the streets. They treat me like fam-

ily," said AFC community volunteer Kristy Ronnquist.

Community volunteer Samantha Epstein and inmate Felix Lucero were given awards at the banquet for developing AFC's mentoring program.

"The program teaches incarcerated men how to re-integrate back into their communities as an asset by focusing on all aspects of justice," said Deragon. "Once a person understands the justice system as a whole, the participant is able to understand what learned behaviors were most influential into their deviant behavior."

The program's chief sponsors are correctional Lt. Sam Robinson and community volunteer Romania Jaundoo.

www.alliance4change.org

T.R.U.S.T. HEALTH FAIR

San Quentin is scheduled to hold its ninth annual TRUST Health Fair in the Lower Yard on Aug. 17.

The theme of this year's event is T.R.U.S.T. CARES (Teaching Responsibility Utilizing Sociological Training — Collaborating for Access to Resources Education and Screening).

These information booths are scheduled to be available for prisoners:

- Centerforce
- Bay Area Black Nurses
- Asian Pacific Islanders
- Modesto Tai Chi
- Yoga with James Fox
- San Quentin Medical Staff
- Chiropractors
- Alameda County Public Health Department
- Urban Male Health Initiative

Class of 2012

Patten University Associate of Arts Degree

Stanley Baer, Danel Bass, Heracio Harts, Jorge Heredia
Richard Lindsey, Richard Richardson
Christopher Schuhmacher, Rodney Scott
Sajad Shakoor and Miguel Villanueva

Voluntary Education Program Graduates

Brian Carnes, Walter Frank, Jason Kish
Miguel Quezada and Tariq Shabazz

GED Graduates

Rosario Banda, James Bennett
Tim Fielder, Antonio Genovesi
Don Hinck, Wesley Langkamp
Gary Andre Patton, John Perez
Ricky Renslow, James Talley
Fabian Vasquez and Donavan Wilson

Vocational Certification Graduates

Eric Boles, Dexter Coleman, Adam Davis
Christopher Deragon, Eddie DeWeaver
George Greenwood, Ralph Hughes, Gary Kosta
Alejandro Lee, David Monroe
Calix Racimo, Richard Richardson, Sa Tran, Keung Vanh
Miguel Villanueva, Binh Vo, Duane Whaley
Van Wilson, Thomas Winfrey and Phouen You

GED Graduates in Absentia

Shannon Carson, Benjamin Goldman
Eric Reason II and John Santner

Miller v. Alabama

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bilitation and therefore are less deserving of the most severe punishment. The majority's decision was based "not only on common sense" but on science and social science.

The court, in a 5-4 decision, invalidated the sentences of two men who had committed murder at the age of 14 and were sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

In each case, state law mandated a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

The sentencing courts could not consider the youth of the offenders or the nature of the crime.

In 2005, the Supreme Court held in *Roper v. Simmons* that it was unconstitutional to sentence juveniles to death.

In 2012, the court ruled in *Graham v. Florida* that juveniles, who do not commit murder, could not be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. The court considered a juvenile's "lessened culpability" compared to an adult who commits a similar crime and greater "capacity for change." The court said the punishment of life with-

out the possibility of parole was compared to the death penalty.

The *Miller* ruling said for a court to impose the death penalty, it must consider the characteristics of a defendant and the details of the crime. Similarly, before imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole on a child, a court must consider the child's age and role in the crime.

The court relied on psychological and scientific studies used in the *Graham* decision, showing the difference between juvenile and adult minds, particularly in behavior control. The court also noted the susceptibility and vulnerability of children to criminal behavior by their peers.

The decision reiterated the reasoning used in *Graham* that "youth matters in determining the appropriateness of a lifetime of incarceration without the possibility of parole."

The court's decision requires that a juvenile receive individualized consideration when sentenced for murder.

The cases cited for this article are: Miller v. Alabama (No. 10-9646, June 25, 2012), *Roper v. Simmons* (543 U.S. 551), and *Graham v. Florida* (560 U.S. ___).

Tough on Crime Legislation

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measures. These corporations also spent more than \$1.5 million on federal lobbying.

Privately owned prison corporations, according to the report, influenced laws such as California's Three-Strikes Law and other sentencing laws intended to increase the length of imprisonment.

A legal challenge of Arizona's immigration bill, now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court,

shows that 36 co-sponsors of the bill received donations from lobbyists tied to the prison industry, the report says.

Privately owned prison investors oppose sentencing reform or legislation that will reduce the need for more prisons, the report concludes.

The report, Prison Bed Profiteers: How Corporations Are Reshaping Criminal Justice in the U.S., was prepared for the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Education Accomplishments

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have to validate yourselves." Jackson is deputy executive director of the San Francisco Bar Association.

"Education expands your choices; it gives you the opportunity to lead a life you value," she said.

The next speakers were program valedictorians James Talley for GED, Thomas Winfrey and Michael Villanueva for vocational, and Chris Schuhmacher for Patten University. Each recounted personal challenges as well as giving thanks to their teachers and programs.

Schuhmacher sported a pair of sunglasses and sauntered up to the podium to the Door's song "Break on Through." He dedicated his degree to his sister, Pamela. He asked her to stand as he told how his sister missed her own college graduation ceremony to attend his trial.

"Without hesitation, she sacrificed her own graduation ceremony to be there and support me during the trial, and while I can't give that day back, I'd like to honor her by dedicating this one to her," Schuhmacher told the crowd, his voice breaking and unleashing a wave of tears and a standing ovation from the audience.

After Schuhmacher's moving speech, Patten University keynote speaker Geoffrey O'Brien, a professor at Berkeley and volunteer with the Prison University Project, took the stage. "You should be really proud of the degree you've earned," he



Photo By Sgt. W. Baxter

Patten Valedictorian, Chris Schuhmacher, addresses the audience at the 2012 graduation ceremony

said. "That pride should extend beyond your specific accomplishment to the larger change you've made."

After the speeches, each graduate in cap and gown walked to the stage to receive diplomas and certificates. During the intermissions, the band "Just Came to Play" treated the crowd to smooth Latin Jazz tunes.

Afterward, the graduating prisoners and their families were treated to cake and were allowed to mingle in the Garden Chapel area.

"I am proud of my father," said Heracio Harts Jr., who came to watch his dad graduate with an Associates of Arts degree. He leaves for college this spring, a few months before his father's scheduled parole.

Hamlet in the Protestant Chapel

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standing-room-only as prisoners and volunteer actors captured the admiration of many who had never before seen a Shakespearean play.

"I have been an actress for many years," said Keating. "My reason for coming to S.Q. is to raise consciousness, foster community, and have my fellow actors learn as individuals and as a team. My belief is that they can achieve who they believe they are and not what the past has told them. Shakespeare brings them alive."

"I had goose bumps. I wanted to laugh and cry"

While there were praises and laughter throughout the performance, there was a thunderous standing ovation at the end.

Sarah
as
Ophelia
and
Erin
O'Connor
as Laertes



Photo By Sgt. W. Baxter

Shakespearean actors performing Hamlet in S.Q.

"Incredible," said Elizabeth a community volunteer. "I had goose bumps. I wanted to laugh and cry. I have seen many (pro-

ductions) and had a new appreciation, respect and admiration for Shakespeare. Thank the cast for me."

The actors said the opportunity to transform themselves into Shakespearean characters allowed them to forget for a few moments about being locked up. For days, the performance was one of the biggest topics of conversation on the yard.

—Clinton Martin contributed to this story.

Fourth Annual Avon Breast Cancer Walk

By San Quentin News Staff

More than 300 inmates and approximately 60 community members walked the San Quentin Lower Yard in support of cancer research. Inmates walking in the event donated more than \$2,100 in the prison's 4th annual Avon Breast Cancer Walk.

"God put it in my heart to find out what I can do to help find a cure," said Sam Johnson, co-chairman of San Quentin's Breast Cancer Walk. "I just want to say from the bottom of my heart, I praise God for everyone who lent a helping hand for this worthy cause," added, co-chairman Steve Pascascio.

Johnson and Pascascio brought several inmate self-help groups together to sponsor the July 7-8 fundraiser. An additional \$1,300 was donated by San Quentin TRUST, The Richmond Project, Kid CAT, Alliance For Change, Thespians, The 1,000 Mile Club, The Work, Kairos, and No More Tears.

Toward the end of the walk, donations neared its goal; however, it was about \$200 short. An anonymous donor contributed



Photo By Michael Nelson

Warden Kevin Chappell, center in black, initiates the long procession of supporters

the needed amount and the goal of \$10,000 was met.

"It does my heart good to see so many different groups come together and set their differences aside to make this happen," said acting Warden Kevin Chappell.

"The breast cancer walk is an opportunity for the Richmond Project to take our minds off the

negativity that plagues our community and give back to those in need. We want all to know that the Richmond Project is about peace, love, and togetherness, no matter what city or community you dwell in," said Reginald Hunt Jr.

San Quentin's Arts in Corrections program donated about

25 pieces of art. The prison's hobby program donated hand-made bracelets. The art and the bracelets will be auctioned on Dec. 7 at the Oakland Art Museum to support the Women's Cancer Resource Center.

"I live in a world fueled by generosity, compassion and love," said Peggy McGuire,

executive director of Women's Cancer Resource Center. "\$4.8 million was raised by Avon, with \$1.2 million given to our foundation. This includes money raised by the San Quentin walk," McGuire added. "I will be wearing my San Quentin CARES pink shirt at the San Francisco breast cancer event."

Inmates, community members, and staff who participated in the walk were given business-sized cards saying *I walked*, and pink bracelets saying, *San Quentin Cares, 2012*.

"I was blessed to walk in memory of my grandmother and aunt who recently died of cancer," said Clinton Martin, an inmate who worked on the walk.

"I would like to commend all of the volunteers, staff, and especially, inmates who have demonstrated their support and commitment to this vital cause. Thank you for standing by the women and men who have been or will be impacted by this disease. Together, we will be triumphant!" said Sen. Loni Hancock via letter to San Quentin.

About The Prison University Project at S.Q.

EDUCATION CORNER

By Patten University at San Quentin Coordinators

Frequently asked questions about the San Quentin College Program (aka "Patten University at San Quentin" or "Prison University Project") – July 2012

1. What is the College Program at San Quentin?

The College Program at San Quentin is an extension site of Patten University. The Program offers college preparatory courses in math and English, as well as college credit classes leading to an Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts. All classes take place in classrooms (mostly in the evening), and are led by instructors. All instructors in the San Quentin College Program work as volunteers. Most are graduate students or faculty from local colleges and universities such as UC Berkeley, Stanford, San Francisco State University, or the University of San Francisco. All lead instructors for credit classes hold at least a Master's Degree in the field in which they teach – just as would be required at any other college or university.

2. What is the Prison University Project?

The Prison University Project is the non-profit organization that was founded in 2000 by a group of volunteer instructors to provide material and financial support to the College Program at San Quentin, PUP's off-site

office, school supplies, and other program expenses. PUP receives no funding from the state or federal government.

3. Who is eligible to participate in the San Quentin College Program?

Any person who is part of the mainline (level II) population at San Quentin and holds either a high school diploma or GED is eligible to enroll in the College Program.

4. What does it cost?

It costs nothing to participate in the College Program. The College Program charges no fees or tuition, and students are lent the textbooks they need for their classes, and given the necessary school supplies (such as notebooks, folders, pencils, etc.)

5. How do I sign up?

Please send a note expressing your interest in participating in the College Program via institutional mail to "Patten University at San Quentin, Education Department." Be sure to include your name and CDC#. We will add you to the Program waitlist, and notify you of the date of the next New Student Orientation as soon as space becomes available. If your housing changes, don't worry! We will make sure we have your most up-to-date housing information before we mail you any information about the College Program, so long as you provide

your CDC# when you write to us.

6. How long will I have to wait before I can enroll?

Currently, new students are waiting an average of two semesters (eight months) *from the time they sign up for the program* before being enrolled into classes. Fall semester begins in September; spring semester in January; and summer semester in May. Orientation sessions are typically held the month prior to the start of the new semester. *All* students must attend an orientation session before being enrolled in classes.

7. If I am not currently housed as San Quentin but want to participate in the College Program can I be transferred there?

Yes, as long as you currently hold either a high school diploma or GED, and are eligible for a level II mainline. To start this process, you should communicate to your counselor that you would like to be transferred to San Quentin for this purpose. If you would like us to send a letter to your counselor, explaining the College Program and expressing support for your transfer request, please write to us at "Prison University Project, Post Office Box 492, San Quentin, CA, 94964." In your letter, please provide us with contact information for your counselor. Be sure to include your full name, CDC#, and current address, and indicate whether you have a high school diploma or GED.

8. I have credits from another college – can I transfer them in?

All students in the College Program must complete English 99A, English 99B, English 101A, English 101B, and English 204 at San Quentin, unless they place out of one or more of these by taking a placement exam offered after attendance at a New Student Orientation. Only once students have completed (or have placed out of) these English classes, will the College Program evaluate transcripts from other colleges to see whether any courses taken previously might fulfill requirements for the Associate's degree. However, students are encouraged to take all required courses with the Program, since all students benefit academically from the additional experience. In particular, students whose previous experience was with distance learning courses generally report that the College Program offers a completely different level of educational experience.

9. Is there a way of getting to the top of the waitlist without waiting all that time?

No. All prospective students are added to the waitlist as soon as they contact us directly (either in writing or in person) expressing interest in enrolling in the College Program.

10. I got transferred to SQ specifically to participate in the College Program – do I still have to wait?

Yes. If you transfer to San Quentin, we will add you to the waitlist as soon as you contact us to say that you have arrived (see instructions above in question 5).

11. I got my GED/HSD in another institution/state but don't have a record of it. What should I do?

You do not need to possess a copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate to enroll; verification in your C-file is sufficient. If you do not have either, please speak with us at the New Student Orientation to request a HSD/GED Verification Form. Through this form, we can obtain verification from the institution that originally granted the diploma or certificate.

College Program Statistics:

- Founded in 1996.
- Roughly 130 volunteers per semester.
- Over 100 students have completed their AA since 1999.

• College Program Coordinators: Jody Lewen, Kara Urion, and Amanda Howell.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions!

If you are at San Quentin now, you can write to us via institutional mail (please include your name and CDC#):

**Patten University
Education Department**

If you are at another facility, you can write to us here:

**Prison University Project
PO Box 492
San Quentin, CA 94964**

A Day In the Big House for At-Risk Youth

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“They don’t mess around. I thought it was fun and games, but I see it’s not. They got murderers and people on Death Row. It’s scary,” said Oscar Lopez.

“I’m going to respect my mother. I’m going to respect other family members, and I’m going to stop doing the things I was doing,” said Chris Montana.

Organizers said the tour helped the boys see the difference between the real world and a world where violence, drugs and death are common themes.

Edwin L. Henderson, executive director of On a Mission, was accompanied by LAPD officers Gus Tarian, Oscar Ibanez, Erwin Rocha and Lori Green to



San Quentin Staff Photo

Kids lined up to receive a pat down search inside San Quentin’s East Gate.

The day began with the youngsters submitting to clothed body searches conducted by serious-looking guards in front of the prison.

Next, they went through the Sally Port, the entry portal between two sets of huge iron doors marking the entry to where inmates live and work in San Quentin State Prison.

“Now, listen up! You are not in boot camp. You are in San Quentin State Prison, where there are different rules. When you hear an alarm go off, you will get down and stay down until you are told the alarm is cleared,” SQUIRES facilitator James Cavitt told the youngsters. “When you hear ‘Escort!’, you will turn around and face the

wall until the escort has passed. Today you will be one of us,” he explained.

Their indoctrination included an agreement to honor three basic principles: respect, honesty and confidentiality.

Later, the group walked to the Lower Yard, where hundreds of prisoners were going about their daily prison routines.

“Look at that little one there. He looks like he’ll be here in a couple years,” one prisoner remarked.

In an attempt to show these youngsters the consequences of bad choices, ex-gang member Markee Carter, whose ex-gang name was Keke Loc, gave a presentation just outside the entrance of Death Row.

“These guys you see in this picture are all dead,” Carter tells them. “They’re all under 25 years old,” he added.

The boys stared at the photo gallery wide-eyed and silent.

“Here’s one of my homeboys who caught a life sentence at 16,” said Carter. “This can happen to you, if you follow the wrong crowd.”

Carter then showed the boys a picture of all-star football player DeSean Jackson.

“He’s from the same neighborhood that I came from. But he didn’t follow the crowd. He made something out of his life,” Carter said.

The group was taken to one of the worst cell blocks in San Quentin, Badger section. Inmates began yelling profanities and insults to the children. Suddenly, an alarm went off, and the boys were instructed to follow the rules and get down.

“If you end up in prison, these are some of the things you have to adapt to—someone instructing your everyday life,” Thomas Winfrey, who has worked with SQUIRES for the past year, told the boys.

“Remember, each of you has a choice in life,” said Winfrey.

The tour then went to the prison’s Education Building, giving the youngsters the opportunity to discuss some of the problems they have in their lives.

They spoke about their hardships and the obstacles that interfered with their upbringing. The kids were able to talk about absent parents, about drug-using parents, and about parents who were or had been in prison.



Photo By Lt. Luna

Guard wands youngster

show the South Central Los Angeles youngsters the real side of criminal activity.

Henderson said On a Mission’s goal is to show kids that prison is no Hollywood movie.

The prisoners who led the group of kids are a part of a program called SQUIRES.

Facilitators of SQUIRES say they offer mentorship to boys on the brink of entering into the criminal justice system.



Photo By Lt. Luna

Prisoner explaining how to respond to an alarm



Photo By Lt. Luna

Kids see Condemned Row



Photo By Lt. Luna

Ex-gang member and mentor showing the kids pictures of the funerals of gang members

A message from the group sponsor Lt. Rudy Luna to the prisoners of S.Q.U.I.R.E.S:

“Today you will bridge with the kids, I mean emotionally bridge with them. It is an opportunity to give them a glimpse of their future if they continue to make bad choices in life. These kids come with issues so connecting with them is important. As for the potential team members this is your time to step up and demonstrate your ability to teach.”



Photo By Lt. Luna

At-Risk-Kids escorted past San Quentin’s Lower Yard



Photo By Sgt. Baxter



Photo By Lt. Robinson

Romania “Mana” Jaundoo and Lt. Rudy Luna Sponsors of the San Quentin SQUIRES Program

Hitland Concert Rocks The Yard

By San Quentin News Staff

About 1,000 San Quentin prisoners munched on hot dogs, sipped fruit drink and soaked up rap and rock music on the Lower Yard for the 10th year, thanks to a group called Hitland Ministry.

“It’s a joyous day. It’s about being part of a community. It’s something to be appreciated. It’s been respectful by inmates and officers alike,” said Ronnie (Roc) Williams.

As bands played throughout the Saturday morning and well into the afternoon of June 30, on what is dubbed Hotdog Day, a line formed around the outer edges of the yard to get their snacks.

“We have more than 3,000 dedicated volunteers at San Quentin,” said Lt. Anderson, the watch commander.



Hitland performers entertaining prisoners

“That’s more than all the other prison have put together,” he added. “I appreciate the inmate volunteers too. I like to see these peaceful events

it brings joy to the faces of the prisoners. Great job, Hitland.”

Inmates got back in line to get seconds, thirds, fourths,

until all the hotdogs were grilled and eaten.

“I arrived here from Tracy State Prison. We never had anything like this at Tracy.

I think it’s a blessing that the nice people come in here to feed us. It releases a lot of stress, promotes unity among inmates and people on the outside. These kind of events make me feel like I’m not in prison and instead at home,” said Ivan Serrano.

Robert Cole added, “I just recently arrived here from Solano State Prison. This is a humbling experience and I am very grateful. I’m thankful Hitland Ministries is showing the love of God to a convicted criminal like me.”

“Hitland is a wonderful event and they’re well organized and I commend all the staff and the organization for putting such a great event,” commented Steve Emrick, community partnership manager



Prisoners enjoying the entertainment

“I’m grateful for the respect that everyone is giving to each other. Thank you, Hitland.” — Duane Whaley

“Hitland is doing a wonderful thing; it’s really nice to have people love and care for us this way.” — David Holt

“These are some good hot dogs, fresh and grilled. I would stand in line again. Thank you, Hitland.” — Mike Villanueva

“Hitland showed us this love, so I didn’t mind waiting in line so long.” — Jim Meinecke

Brandon Dawson and Devon Carter said they just got to San Quentin. They said they never saw anything like this in prison and were appreciative of Hitland.

“This gives me time to socialize with my friends. Hitland shows a lot of love. Just look at this long line!” — Adam Barboza

“This is my fourth time volunteering for Hitland, but my first coming into San Quentin. My other three visits were to the Juvenile Hall. It makes me feel good to give, and in return, I receive friendliness from all the guys. I’ve been serving the Lord since 1986 and really, everyone is my brother.” — Volunteer Bernie Chavez

“It’s not about the hot dogs, but about the love of God that comes with it. People say that God works in mysterious ways. What’s more mysterious than your heart being embraced by a hot dog, inspiration of music and good fellowship from Hit Land Ministry?” — Darnell Hill

“I’m having a great time and a good conversation with my friend. These are some good hot dogs. What a blessing.” — Todd Williams

“I’m just enjoying the music and good company. Thank you, Hitland, for the hot dogs. Thank you for all your support.” — Little Bear

HERE IS WHAT THE MEN OF SAN QUENTIN HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE CONCERT:

“The hot dogs are good. I’ve been in prison over 40 years and never seen this done anywhere else. Thank you Hitland.” — Joe Ybarra

“I just got here Thursday. Man, this is the craziest thing I’ve ever seen. I wish they would do this in every prison; it would really build up the morale.” — Danny Stevens

“This is my third time in line I just got here Thursday. I really like the atmosphere. It’s my first time ever experiencing this kind of love.” — Ronald Hill



Brad Walker, Founder of Hitland Ministries



Hitland crew serving hot dogs and drinks on the Lower Yard

“This is really a special thanks to Hitland. The music was very entertaining. People were respectful.” — Cornelius Wigfall

“Praise God for the opportunity to share this special day with the brothers and all the other volunteers with us.” — Tim Warren, community volunteer.

“It’s a perfect day for this; no doubt about it.” — John Nebelett

“It’s a good day to have everybody come together and see God in the people who are serving.” — Mike Tyler

“I’m very excited about the event. The men are encouraged, seeing that God cares.” — Jeannie Wilson, courageworldwide.org

“I love coming to these events and serving alongside everyone to share the love of Christ.” — Carlyn Garder, community volunteer.

“I’ve been in prison 30 years. It’s finally good to see authentic smiles on thousands of faces.” — Conley Dukes

“I’m very pleased how the day went and hopefully everyone received the good message.” — Walter Spraeka

“I’m impressed; I’m amazed. What a blessing to come out and serve. If I see nothing else, the smiles on the faces says it all.” — Rob Bezanson, community volunteer

Photos By E. (Phil) Phillips

SPORTS

S.Q.'s Field of Dreams
Inspires Introspection

Photo by Lt. Sam Robinson

Lt. Rudy Luna (left) with the Boston Red Sox teammates

Boston Red Sox
Players Visit S.Q.By Gary "Malachi" Scott
Sports Editor

Boston Red Sox players visiting San Quentin stressed the importance of communication, practice, and learning how to face adverse situations on the field.

"Communication is the number one thing in anything that you do. If you don't have communication as a team, every thing crumbles," pitcher Rich Hill said in an interview.

World Series winner Josh Beckett discussed dealing with adversity. "I think a lot of it is slowing it down and not making emotionally based decisions," he said. "Slowing the game down, and working with sports psychologists."

John Lackey urged the San Quentin Giants and Athletics to fine-tune their skills. "It's all about repetition; the more you do something, the better you get at it. It takes a lot of years of practice," Lackey said.

Beckett won the 2003 World Series MVP award with the Florida Marlins. He won the 2007 American League Championship Series MVP award with the Red Sox, going on to defeat the Colorado Rockies in the World Series.

Beckett's career statistics includes a 129-88 win-loss record, a 3.87 earned-run average and 1,686 strikeouts through July 6, 2012.

Beckett and the Red Sox agreed to a four-year, \$68 million contract extension on April 5, 2010.

The Anaheim Angels drafted Lackey in 1999. In his first season in the majors, he contributed to the franchise's first World Series title in 2002 against the San Francisco Giants. Lackey is only the second rookie in World Series history to start and win a Game 7. His ERA led the American League in 2007 and he made the All-Star team for the first time. Lackey signed a five-year contract worth \$82.5 million on Dec. 16, 2009.

Hill's pitching record is 23-20 with a 4.66 ERA and 381 strikeouts through July 4, 2012.

When Hill was with the Cubs, catcher Michael Barrett described Hill's curveball as "so electric that the first couple of times I caught him, I had a tendency to come up on the curve because it bites so much. You just don't see a left-handed curveball like that anymore. When he's good, it doesn't hang, and it's nearly unhittable."

The Red Sox signed Hill to a minor-league contract last December.

The Boston Red Sox head physical therapist as well as pitcher, Mark Melancon, also visited San Quentin.

—Journalism Guild Chair Julian Glenn Padgett contributed to this story—



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Josh Beckett

By THOMAS WINFREY
Journalism Guild Writer

San Quentin's lower yard is named the Field of Dreams. Some might see it as a Field of Broken Dreams, to steal a look into the life of some men at the prison; but baseball coach Frankie Smith doesn't see it that way.

The various trials and tribulations of life have led many people to this field, but perhaps no one more interesting than Smith. Although his life is peppered with heartbreaking tragedies, it also glistens with moments of great triumph.

Growing up in Sacramento, Smith's Nono (Italian for grandpa) was his biggest inspiration and fan. Nono pushed Smith to play sports and he responded by playing baseball with a passion — wanting to make it to the major leagues.

Smith never made it to the majors; but he thrived at Sacramento City College and the City Recreation League's Lumber Company team.

Life caught up with Smith as a tough divorce and alcoholism drove him to prison for second-degree murder. Alcoholism, he says, cost him his moral compass.

As soon as he got to San Quentin, seven years ago, he started attending self-help groups to right the course of his life.

Now, 10 years into his sentence, Smith doesn't blame his position in life on the mistakes of his past. Instead, he says, "alcoholism may have led me to prison, but I take ultimate responsibility for what I've done."

But tragedy struck Smith again in 2006 when he was benched by cancer, causing him to lose his right kidney. Last year, he was sidelined with cancer to his



Photo by Lt. Sam Robinson

San Quentin Giant Frankie Smith

mouth. Smith now realizes how fragile life can be.

After surviving his two bouts with cancer, Smith made his way back to The Field of Dreams, returning to his coaching position this year.

Smith believes in owning up to mistakes in order to learn, grow, and move ahead in life — a philosophy that translates well into his style of coaching. Smith tells his players to take ownership of their errors and make the necessary adjustments to play better.

Despite his downturns in life, many know him as one of the more positive men in San Quentin.

Smith wishes "to be free with his family again, and be a productive member of society," he says, adding, "I love my children. I regret that I left them at the time they needed me the most."

The Field of Dreams may not be a place where Smith can be free with his family again, but the rest of his dream about being a productive member of society is playing out there.

Smith is what the Field of Dreams is all about — a place where you can still be a winner, even in prison.

Smith says, "Quitters don't win, and winners don't quit." Smith is not a quitter.

Runners Compete in One-Hour Race

OLDER RUNNERS SHOW THEY ARE STILL A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH

By Miguel Quezada
Journalism Guild Writer

Twenty-one men ran around the San Quentin Lower Yard, competing for who could cover the greatest distance in one hour.

First place went to Eddie Herena, 29, who ran 8.75 miles in the 1,000-Mile Club event on July 6. His average time was 6:51 per mile.

On what began as an overcast day, Malcolm Williams and Ricky Dotson led the pack for the first half of the race. Herena and Lorenzo Hopson overtook them in the second half.

"I feel good," said Herena after the race. "This run boosted my confidence. I had

to take some time off to recover from injuries, but I feel strong now."

Hopson, 58, finished second. He ran 8.625 miles, averaging 6:57 per mile.

"I usually train by running 60-70 miles per week," Hopson said. "In the last six months, I've logged in about 1,300 miles, including 228 miles in a one-month period."

Ricky Dotson, 54, placed third with 8.625 miles. Stephen Yair Liebb, 56, placed fourth with 8.625 miles.

Laura Bowmen-Salzsieder was honored prior to the run. Bowmen-Salzsieder said she organized the club seven years ago as a way to promote good health for inmates.

"The men motivate each other and help pick each other up," she said.

Coach Frank Ruona was also honored with a certificate of appreciation. "Running is mentally and physically beneficial," he said. "Being part of a club promotes unity amongst the members and the trainers."

The club facilitators said new members are welcomed to come out, run, and have fun.

The 1,000-Mile Club is scheduled to have a 52-lap half-marathon event in August. Members said all are welcomed to participate, "so get your running shoes ready."

—David Bennett contributed to this story.

Priest's Book Promotes Redemption From Gangs

By Juan Haines
Managing Editor

Twenty years ago, Father Gregory Boyle was assigned to a job no one wanted — ministering in the gang-infested neighborhoods of Los Angeles, long thought by many authorities to be beyond redemption.

His new memoir, *Tattoos on the Heart-The Power of Boundless Compassion*, tells the story of a man who does more than just reform gangbangers by providing them with jobs, social services and respect. He intercedes into the lives of the most unwanted, changing how these youngsters view everything around them, including themselves.

Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, transformed himself into a trusted facilitator of hope. “You stand with the least likely to succeed until success is succeeded by something more valuable: kinship,” writes Boyle,

a Jesuit priest. “We situate ourselves right next to the disposable so that the day will come when we stop throwing people away.”

Never wavering in his faith, Boyle says, “Resilience is born by grounding yourself in your own loveliness, hitting notes you thought were out of your range. We must do the slow work of God.”

What if a gang member had actually been parented?

Tattoos on the Heart was a Los Angeles Times best seller and winner of the 2010 SCIBA Book Award for Nonfiction and was named by Publishers Weekly among the Best Books of 2010.

Boyle doesn't minimize the violence associated with gang

life. “I used to tell homies that one of the reasons they continued to gangbang was they were never around to hear a mother scream when she heard her son was dead.”

“Sometimes, you just can't think of much else to do but shake your fist and get red in the face,” he writes.

Faced with the tragic paths taken by many involved in gangs, Boyle wonders about the “what ifs.” What if a gang member had actually been parented? What if he just had a stable place to rest his head? But regardless of their fates are sealed. His energy in *Tattoos on the Heart* is focused on letting gang members know that transformation is available for them.

“Sometimes you need to walk in the gang member's door, in order to introduce him to a brand-new door,” he writes. “You grab what he finds valuable and bend it around something else, a new



Official Photo

Father Boyle

form of nobility. You try to locate his moral code and conform it to a new standard that no longer includes violence and the harboring of enemies.”

Boyle said he believes the most marginalized people in society are the most critical ones to help. “Only when we can see a community where the outcast is valued and appreciated will we abandon the values that seek to exclude,” he writes.

He insists no one is beyond hope or help. Quoting philosopher Mary Oliver, Boyle writes, “There are things you can't reach. But you can reach out to them, all day long.”

Electronic Monitoring For Gang Member Parolees

By Charles David Henry
Journalism Guild Writer

With more than 420,000 gang members estimated in California, corrections officials are teaming up with a GPS monitoring company to launch a pilot study for tracking those considered most dangerous after they are released from prison.

The California Department of Justice estimates that approximately 25,000 parolees have special conditions of court-ordered parole after serving a determinate sentence, because of gang activities. Some 6,500 to 7,500 of the parolees may be classified as high-risk gang offenders, the state estimates.

The department alleges that many of these high-risk gang members are responsible for crimes including murder, witness intimidation, money laundering, extortion, narcotic production and sales, prostitution, human trafficking, assassinations for hire, theft and counterfeiting.

Despite the increasing popularity of electronic monitoring systems, the study proposal says little is known about their effectiveness in reducing the recidivism of gang members or their use as an investigative and prosecutorial tool.

The new study will determine the effectiveness of the monitoring program for high-risk gang offenders over a four-year period.

The mandatory monitoring program includes intensive supervision and a monitoring device. The device will track the precise location of parolees and link the data to the location and time of reported crime incidents, as well as verify that the individuals are where they are supposed to be.

Notifications of any intersection of a parolee with a crime incident, zone violation, or tampering with the device are electronically sent to the appropriate police or corrections agency.

Leadership Development Course Awards Diplomas in Theology

By A. Kevin Valvardi
Journalism Guild Writer

Eight San Quentin prisoners received Christian leadership diplomas from the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in June graduation ceremonies featuring full academic regalia for the teachers and caps and gowns for the students.

“We are not just training you for when you get out, but to lead the kingdom of God where you are,” Seminary President Dr. Jeff P. Iorg told the graduates. “No matter your circumstances, find a way to advance the kingdom of God. Stay obedient, share the Gospel, teach the Bible, model the life of Jesus Christ.”

It was the fifth year the seminary has offered prisoners training through the



Photo By Steve Emrick

Graduates and faculty of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

Contextualized Leadership Development program.

Earning the CLD Diploma in Theology was Robert But-

ler. CLD Diplomas in Christian Ministries were presented to James Bennett, Ryan Crainshaw, William Dew,

Darnell Hill, Anthony Parker and Dennis Pratt. Earning both diplomas was Jonathan Cope.

L.A. County Jail Population Expected to Increase by Thousands

STUDY RECOMMENDS EARLY RELEASE OF THOSE WHO POSE NO THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

By Forrest Jones
Journalism Guild Writer

The Los Angeles County Jail population is expected to increase by about 7,000 over the next two years, and peak to about 21,000 by the end of 2013, according to a new report analyzing county jail intake numbers and its impact on offenders shifted from state to county lockups.

The report says without the shifted offenders, the jail population would have likely remained at the 14,000 – 15,000 level.

The report by the JFA Institute suggests that the sheriff's department could bring down its jail population by about 3,000 by releasing detainees who pose no threat to public safety while awaiting trial. In addition, implementing a

comprehensive re-entry program, where sentence reductions were given to inmates who participate in programs designed to keep them from returning to jail, would help lower the population.

The report says about 1,500 beds could be added to the jail system, if the sheriff's department takes control of some county conservation camps.

The report says the Central Jail can be closed within two years if the jail population is reduced by 3,000 and 1,500 beds are added.

There has been a dramatic decline in the crime rate of California counties since 2000, and it is projected that the crime rate will remain low, according to the study.

Consistent with the reported crime trends, the study finds

there has been a decline in jail bookings. In 1990 there were 260,795 bookings. In 2000, the numbers fell to 162,406. In 2011, it had dropped to 142,862.

The study says offenders diverted to the county jails as a result of the state's realignment strategy will have no impact on the level of bookings and releases in Los Angeles.

Prison Realignment Creates Challenges for Counties

By San Quentin News Staff

California's prisoner realignment plan is generating problems in many counties that will affect each of the 58 counties, says a new study by the Americans Civil Liberty Union analyzing California's solution to its overcrowded prisons.

Realignment is Gov. Jerry Brown's response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision ordering the state to fix its unconstitutional medical care delivery system to prisoners by reducing its inmate population. The population is ordered to be at 137.5 percent of design capacity by June 2013.

The state's blueprint to meet the court order says it can only get to 141 percent by 2013, and will ask the court to allow it to stay at 145 percent.

Some counties are experiencing overcrowded jails, and a need for increased drug treat-

ment and rehabilitation programs, according to a separate report by the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice. That report says, "The state must continue to reduce its prison population and provide adequate conditions of care to its reduced, older, and more medically demanding population."

The ACLU report comments: "Counties that have chosen a path of jail expansion—as many of the Big 25 county realignment plans indicate they have—are trying to solve the wrong problem. They seek to absorb the realigned population without changing their local approaches to public safety. Left unchecked, these counties will build larger jail systems that will cost more tax dollars than they do now and hold more people than they do now."

In yet another report, the Public Policy Institute of California points out that as of Feb-

ruary, 17 counties were operating under court orders limiting the number of detainees in their jails.

"I fear that we are likely to see a great deal more transfer of incarceration from prison to jail, but I think that will only delay slightly the day of reckoning for our over-reliance on incarceration," warns Jonathon Simon, UC Berkeley law professor.

The ACLU report says realignment encourages counties to use alternative to incarceration and to use evidence-based methods to achieve a safer community. However, the report comments that there is no way to determine if the realignment plan is meeting its goals because the law doesn't tell the counties how to spend the money, nor does it ask the counties how the money was spent.

"The criminal justice system selectively incarcerates to deal

with mental health, drug abuse, and economic and social problems that can never be solved simply by locking more people behind bars," says the ACLU report.

The reports note the state prison population is rapidly decreasing according to the blueprint; however, each report cautions policy makers about tracking and accounting for the effectiveness of county plans and how to fund the plans.

"Jail costs will expand rapidly as their mission moves closer to the prison and the surplus in space will be short-lived," said Simon. "Health costs which threaten to overwhelm the system will not necessarily be lower in jails than in prison, especially if custody lasts years."

The Public Policy Institute of California comments: "County officials might respond to the incentives introduced by realignment by altering their

approach to prosecution and sentencing. In marginal cases, district attorneys may opt for more serious charges (known as 'up-charging') in hopes of sending offenders to prison instead of county jail. Similarly, prosecutors may decide to charge rearrested parolees with new crimes rather than just technical violations of parole. These tendencies would likely increase prison commitment rates over time. Alternatively, judges may opt for lighter sentences or split sentences that keep offenders in local custody for less time."

On the same topic, The Economist magazine reports: "A new question is whether realignment is merely shifting a humanitarian disaster from the state to its 58 counties. The reform will work in the long run only if the overall number of people behind bars in California declines."

1. SACRAMENTO—The state Senate approved AB2127, which allow county jail offenders to receive credits toward a work release program if they are enrolled in educational, vocational, drug treatment and other specified programs.

2. LOS ANGELES—The county court system is implementing reductions that will affect 431 court employees and 56 courtrooms, according to the Los Angeles Times.

3. LOS ANGELES—More than a quarter of the county's homeless adults are infected with the hepatitis C virus, and nearly half of them don't know it, the Los Angeles Times reported, quoting UCLA researchers.

4. RANCHO MIRAGE—"We know from scientific research conducted by some of the world's leading neuroscientists that drug addiction is not a moral failing on the part of the individual. It's a chronic disease of the brain that can be treated," said Gil Kerlikowske, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy since 2009 in a Los Angeles Times interview.

5. POCATELLO, Idaho—Richard Leavitt became the second inmate on Idaho's Death Row to be executed this year. Leavitt, a 53-year-old former auto mechanic, insisted to the end that he was not guilty of the crime, reported the Los Angeles Times.

6. SACRAMENTO—About 8,500 parolees were taken off supervision since realignment went into effect, the Los Angeles Times reported. Law officials are trying to figure out how to deal with a sudden increase in ex-felons with reduced supervision, the newspaper added.

7. DALLAS, Texas—The Prison Entrepreneurship Program held its 17th annual graduation in June at the Cleveland Correctional Center. PEP is a six-month program that teaches

prisoners real-world business skills so they may become productive members of the business community upon their release. Sixty-four men received graduation certificates in a cap and gown ceremony.

8. WASHINGTON—Violent crime was down four percent nationwide last year, according to reports law enforcement agencies across the country voluntarily submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Violent crime includes murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault, said the FBI. In the same period, property crimes dropped 0.8 percent, the FBI said.

9. SAN FRANCISCO—There were fewer major crimes reported last year than in 2010 in the 13 most-populous cities in the San Francisco Bay Area, according to figures released by the FBI. The major crimes included murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

Declines of more than 20 percent were reported for Fremont, Concord and Daly City.

10. SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The governor's office has confirmed plans to close the super-maximum prison near Tamms in southern Illinois, the Dwight Correctional Center in central Illinois, along with juvenile justice centers in Joliet and Murphysboro. Three transitional centers for prisoners, including one on Chicago's West Side, are also being shut down.

11. SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Gov. Pat Quinn approved resumption of the early release of inmates from the state's overcrowded prisons, according to the Associated Press. However, the offender must be nonviolent, display good behavior and serve at least 60 days in the Corrections Department, the AP reports.

12. SAN DIEGO—Last year's new law that shifted low-level offenders to do their time

in county jails has caused San Diego County jails to become overcrowded, county officials report. They said they responded by releasing about 300 low-level offenders, putting them on home detention and keeping track of them with electronic monitors.

13. AUSTIN, Texas—Prison officials made known that their supply of execution injection drugs (Nembutal, a trade name for pentobarbital) were obtained legally and in the U.S., according to the United Press International.

14. WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a Maryland law counting inmates as residents of their legal home addresses for redistricting purposes. The legislation is the state's solution to how inmates are counted as residents of the prison location, even though they cannot vote and remain residents of their home communities for virtually all other legal purposes, accord-

ing to a report by Prison Policy Initiative.

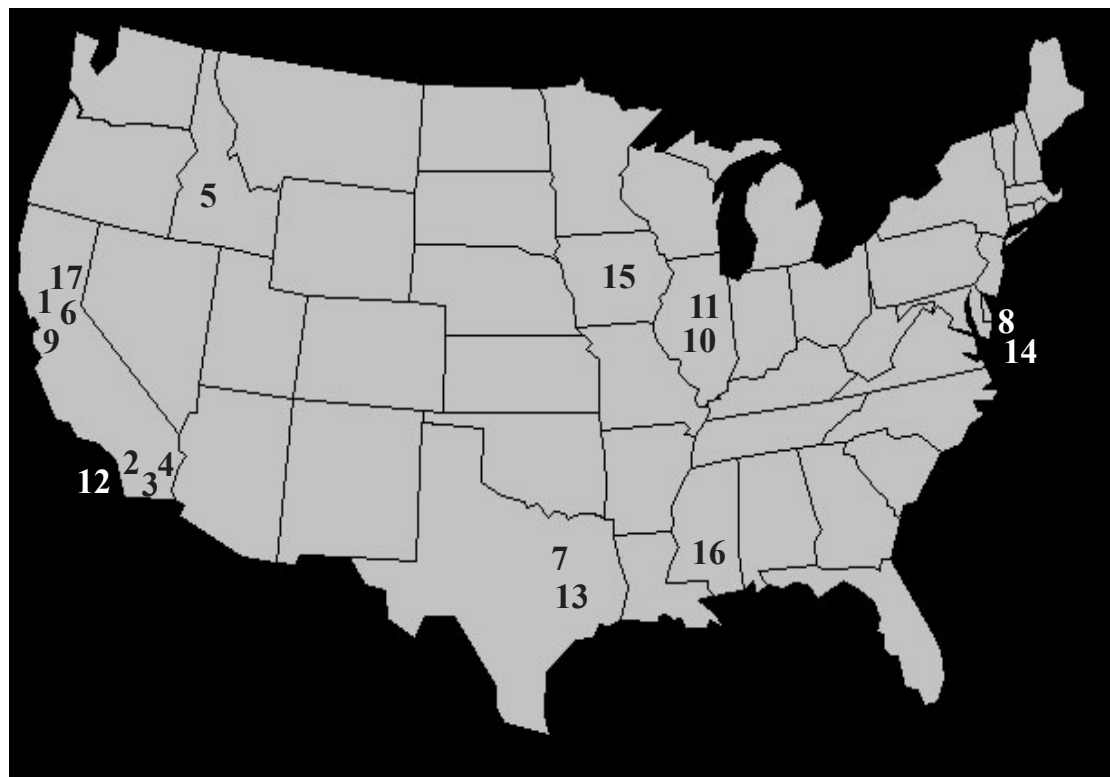
15. IOWA CITY, Iowa—The state's process for restoring voting rights for ex-felons is one of the most stringent in the nation, according to a review by the Associated Press. Iowa is one of four states where ex-felons must apply to the governor to regain their rights. Nearly 8,000 ex-offenders have applied for restoration of their rights after completing their prison sentences or were released from community supervision; however, less than a dozen were approved, according to public records obtained by the AP.

16. TUPELO, Miss.—A grocery store butcher was executed June 20 for murdering a man he owed money for drugs, Reuters reported. Gary Carl Simmons, 49, was the 22nd person executed in the United States this year. He was the third person executed in Mississippi in June and the sixth in 2012.

17. SACRAMENTO—Gov. Jerry Brown has announced the appointment of wardens for two California prisons. Paul Brazelton, 49, of Coalinga, was appointed warden at Pleasant Valley State Prison. He has also worked at Calipatria State Prison and Deuel Vocational Institution. Daniel Paramo, 51, of San Diego, was appointed warden at Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility. He worked previously at Centinela State Prison and Calipatria State Prison. The positions do not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$130,668. Paramo is a Democrat and Brazelton is a Republican.

ENGLAND—A new study has found that men confined behind bars are less likely to be obese than people in the general population. Female prisoners, however, were more likely to be obese than other women — at least, in the U.S. and Australia, the study found.

News Briefs



prisoners real-world business skills so they may become productive members of the business community upon their release. Sixty-four men received graduation certificates in a cap and gown ceremony.

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Complete This Puzzle And Win a Prize!

Farmer Grubb was asked how many rabbits and chickens he had in his yard. He replied, "Between the two there are 60 eyes and 86 feet."

Although the reply was not exactly responsive, can you determine how many chickens and rabbits Farmer Grubb had?



The answer to last months puzzle is: the Yolas family has 7 siblings, 4 boys and 3 girls.

Congratulations to: Webster Vang and Peter Chhem for winning last months puzzle.

Congratulations to: Kevin Alexander, Bernie Castro, Anthony Gallo, Tommy Martinez, William Robinson, Chris Schuhmacher, Mark Tedeschi, Troy Thompson, Mike Tyler, Allen Webb and David Westerfield for correctly answering the puzzle. Last months winners were drawn from a hat.

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 Quentin News.

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UPS & DOWNS

By Henry Cartwright

"UPS & DOWNS"...smiles and frowns

Are ways to everyday life,

No one said it would be easy, but we must continue to
strive

So I wake up each day that is not "promised"

To me, with a "smile" upon my face

Cause I know I am only "alive" thru God's Merciful grace

Therefore...I "pray" daily and know that my lord & savior
is in control,

And I ask in him thru my "ups & downs"...

To give me the strength and keep me whole

VETERANS DONATIONS

The Vietnam Veterans Group of San Quentin is asking for donations of used stamps and soda can tabs for a charitable cause.

Collection receptacles are located in each housing unit for this purpose. Used stamps are sent to the Wounded Warrior Program at Walter Reed Hospital, where wounded veterans work on developing eye and hand coordination by peeling the used stamps off of the corners of the envelopes.

Used soda tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald Foundation, where they are converted into cash funds that help pay for the medical treatment and housing of children whose families are not able to fully cover their medical bills.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Snippets

Frederick the Great, king of Prussia, once ordered his subjects to grow potatoes to bring down the cost of bread.

In ancient Egypt, ivory was commonly used as a medium for producing carvings between 4,000 and 3,200 B.C.E.

Records show the Golden Gate Bridge has nearly 1,200,000 rivets holding it together.

Eight yards of material are required to produce one Scottish kilt.

Walrus weigh up to one and a half tons and have blubber 15 centimeters thick, protecting them from the cold.

Of the more than 40,000 varieties of rice found in the world, only 10 percent are sold.

Roughly 20,000 workers labored for 22 years to construct the Taj Mahal. Some came from as far away as Turkey.

Kitchen sponges and dish cloths provide all the nutrients necessary for dangerous bacteria to flourish in our homes. E. Coli, Staphylococcus and Salmonella are among the worst of them.

Star sapphires contain intersecting inclusions that create the appearance of a six-pointed star when observed under a single overhead light source. Twelve-pointed stars, also known to exist, are not as common.



Book Review

By Randy Maluenda



WORTH DYING FOR (By Lee Child) Jack Reacher at his very best battling an abusive Nebraska town, with many twists and turns along the way.



PAGING APHRODITE (By Kim Green) Four unlucky women converge on a Greek island to reboot their floundering lives, with wary optimism.



ROYAL BABYLON (By Karl Shaw) Shocking, yet hilarious, tales that help wipe out most of old European monarchies.



THE WAVE (By Susan Casey) Brisk account of big waves around the world and the surfers who challenge them.



CAUGHT (By Harlan Coben) It's depressing when an ace TV reporter who sets up pervs targets an innocent man.

RATINGS:

Top responses are four ribbon progressing downward to one:
Responses which are two or less are not recommended reading.



Featured artwork of Chad Tobias

Sudoku

By ANTHONY LYONS

Last Issue's Sudoku Solution

9	3	8	7	1	5	2	4	6
2	7	1	9	4	6	5	8	3
4	5	6	3	2	8	7	9	1
6	9	3	2	5	7	4	1	8
1	8	7	6	3	4	9	5	2
5	2	4	8	9	1	3	6	7
3	1	5	4	8	2	6	7	9
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Asked On The Line

By Angelo Falcone
Journalism Guild Writer

There's a wide range of opinions among San Quentin prisoners about how to spend the money in the Inmate Welfare Fund, ranging from educational programs to sports equipment.

Statewide, the fund contains about \$68 million collected from inmates as a 10 percent surcharge on things which prisoners are allowed to buy and sell.

Current state law requires the money be spent to benefit state prison inmates. A bill pending in the Legislature would permit the funds to pay for recreational and educational activities.

Recently 39 mainliners and members of the Prison University Project were asked: "How would you spend San Quentin's share of the money (a little more than \$2 million) if it were equally divided among the 33 prisons?"

Here are the results:

About 46 percent, or 18 of those interviewed, would spend the money to support

educational tools such as books, paper, and supplies to computers, printers and toner.

All six PUP teachers thought IWF funds should be used for educational supplies and support. Some PUP teachers thought education could be improved with additional support for the prison library.

PUP students had similar ideas for spending San Quentin's share of the money.

"I think the money should be used to buy computers and to provide computer literacy classes," said Nate.

Malik said IWF funds should "help fund four-year college programs to help us earn bachelor's degrees."

IWF funds should be used to fund "re-entry" programs, J.W. said. "We need to get re-entry programs, buy computers, and re-establish contacts with the DMV so that when men parole we can get our driver's licenses or permits," he added.

Tommy thought some IWF funds should be used to buy sporting equipment.

Dicky thought that IWF funds would be best spent on things like sports equipment and medicine bags. He thinks it's a good idea to spend some money removing the trailer at the foot of the stairs from the upper yard to provide additional exercise space.

Barries believes that IWF funds should definitely be used to improve cell conditions, like broken bunk springs.

Dex, Richard, and New York said that IWF funds should be used to improve or upgrade the TV system. "We should be able to use our IWF for cable TV service, Comcast, or Direct TV", said Richard.

Some men thought IWF should be used to buy better quality prison clothing like shirts, boxers, and socks in addition to other textiles like towels, sheets, and blankets.

"Even if we don't have enough IWF, we should recycle our cans and use the money to buy some ice machines for the yard," said Gil.

Teen Decision First Step

By Gary "Malachi" Scott
Staff Writer

The U.S. Supreme Court took a step in the right direction when it outlawed mandatory sentences of life without the possibility of parole for children below age 18. The *Miller v. Alabama* decision invites a look at other types of cases that would sentence juveniles to die in prison of old age.

The *Miller* decision lessens the possibility that some juveniles will be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. The court held "that the Eighth Amendment forbids a sentencing scheme that mandates life in prison without possibility of parole for juvenile offenders."

The decision emphasized that children should be treated differently – they and their brains are immature. That same recognition applies to children who

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also get life *with* the possibility of parole.

The difference is minimal between juvenile offenders sentenced to such terms as 60 years to life *with* the possibility of parole, and life *without* the possibility of parole.

It is essential that juvenile offenders who have extremely long sentences have a sentencing review. Because men's average life expectancy is about 70 years or so, sentencing youth offenders to 50 to 60 years is almost sentencing them to die in prison.

Even if such an offender is paroled at an advanced age, he or she will have health, employment, housing, and adjustment concerns.

The argument with reference to juvenile immaturity in *Miller* was derived from the 2005 decision, *Roper v. Simmons*.

Roper says, "Psychology and brain science continue to show fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds," making their actions "less likely to be evidence of 'irretrievably depraved character' than are the actions of adults."

Because youth offenders' actions are "less likely to be evidence of 'irretrievably depraved character,'" rehabilitation and a reasonable chance of parole at an age that they can be successfully reintegrated back in society should be the goal for all juveniles sentenced as adults.

—For more on this topic, see the June 5 "Room for Debate" at www.nytimes.com.

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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 will have an impact on the prison populace.

- Please do not use offensive language in your submissions.

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