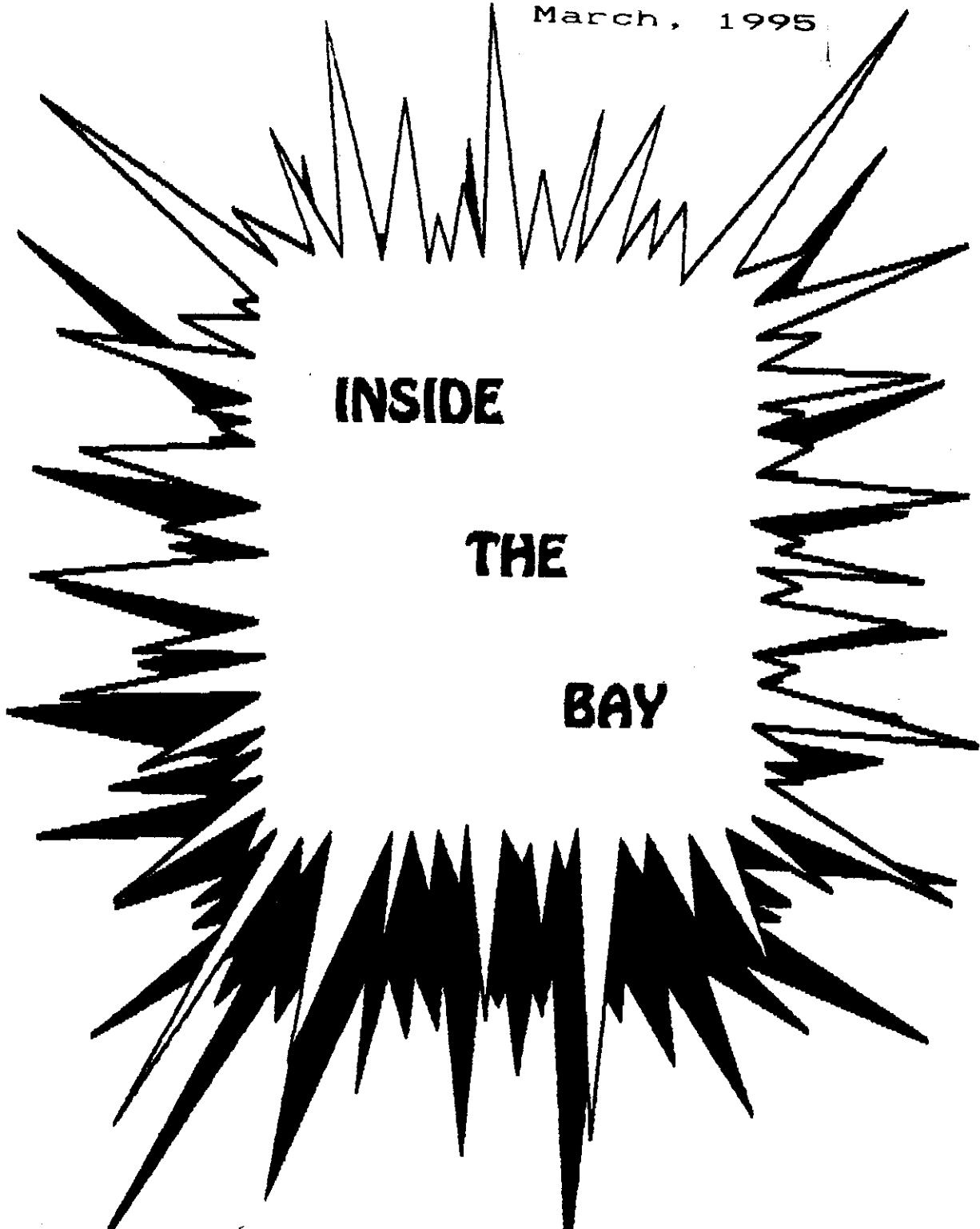


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Withdrawn by writer in protest of censorship of other articles.

STATS (CBI Master List, Mar. 3, 1995

Segregation, Admin.	-	26
Segregation	-	19
Unemployed, full time	-	47
Unemployed, part time	-	63
School, full time	-	50
School, part time	-	104
School, studies	-	54

Free Ride

CENSORED

Remainder of article withdrawn in protest

Tuberculosis Statistics

In the February issue of the paper the rate concerning TB cases in Collins Bay was underestimated due to reliance upon miscalculated statistics released by C.S.C.

Since it is unlikely that C.S.C. was trying to cover up the extent of the infection it would appear that they obviously simply erred in releasing these statistics as being true estimates.

The estimate for positive cases in CBI was cited as 16.58% (minimum).

The positive TB percentage is arrived at by dividing the number of those tested into those tested as positive. Of the 'reported' 591 prisoners at CBI there were in fact 10 of these prisoners unlawfully at large, and another 70 had not yet been tested.

To clear things up The percentage of positive TB cases should have been: 98 divided by 511.

This would show that 19% of those tested had tested positive.

Without doubt the rates at the other prisons could also likely be upgraded by 2 or 3 percentage points to more accurately reflect true percentages.

 Prison populations and the Death Penalty In the U.S.

The U.S. prison population has now risen passed the 1 million mark.....with state prisons holding in excess of 900,00, and federal prisons more than 90,000.

By the end of 1993 there were 2716 prisoners under sentence of death in the U.S. During that year 37 men were executed

from: Washington Corrections Digest

THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW

by Patrick Rafferty "Out of Bounds" Vol. 12, #1

Misinformation can be an editor's worst enemy. Or, depending on the agenda, it can be his or her best friend. It would appear that mainstream media have a hidden agenda when it comes to reporting on violence.

One trick of the trade is to concentrate coverage on shocking acts of random violence. Could it be mere coincidence that as the misperceptions on violence increase so too does the political rhetoric that expounds how strictly it should be dealt with. There is growing public pressure on politicians to toughen sentences and parole eligibility. Much of that public pressure is fueled by media manipulation.

A new study, "Public Knowledge of Crime and Justice: An Inventory of Canadian Findings", conducted for the Justice Department by University of Ottawa criminologist Julian Roberts, that would seem to verify such a brash statement has not yet been publicly released. If the politicians riding the crime wave bandwagon had their way, it would never be released.

Contrary to the supposed statistics that they have built their platform upon, this study finds that although two-thirds of Canadians believe crime rates have risen during the past five years, such rates generally have remained stable. The widespread view that gun use is becoming more common in crimes is also false. In 1978 thirty-seven percent of all robberies committed involved a firearm. By 1990 the number had fallen to twenty-six percent.

In the tradition of honest journalism, it should be stated that not all the findings are favourable. The proportion of homicides involving a gun has risen slightly over the years. In 1980 the figure was thirty-two percent. In 1992 it was thirty-four.

Although most Canadians believe homicides are increasing more quickly than any other crime, in fact, the rate has remained relatively stable for 30 years. Actually, since the abolition of capital punishment, it has begun falling. In 1977, the year after abolition, it was 3.06 per 100,000 population. By 1992 the rate was 2.7 per 100,000.

As with homicides, the same misperception applies to breaking-and-entering. In 1980 there were 26.3 such incidents reported to police for every 1,000 households. In 1990 the rate was 22.4 per 1,000 households. Bolstering Roberts' study, a recent survey conducted by Statistics Canada also showed that rates of such crimes had fallen seven percent between 1988 and 1993.

Although a large proportion of Canadians (eighty-five percent in 1992) believe that prison sentences are not harsh enough, when questioned, they consistently underestimated the proportion of convicted criminals that are locked up. And once locked up, they are not being treated with more leniency by the parole board, as the hue and cry would have you believe. This study shows that in fact the federal parole-granting rate has stood steady at thirty-four percent for the past decade.

Contrary to public opinion, the majority of paroled prisoners complete their terms in the community without committing another crime. Between 1978 and 1988 nearly three-quarters of those paroled completed it successfully. Parole was revoked for only twelve percent because they committed a new crime.

Dr. Roberts states, "The system is not the lenient joke people believe it to be. Everything's not fine, but the problems are not necessarily what the public believes them to be." Is it possible the public is being misled by the mainstream media? He seems to think so. The widespread coverage of a sensational case leaves a lasting impact. It heightens the public's view that danger is everywhere. Similar to the news coverage of a horrendous crime, psychological literature shows that for years after a major plane crash people widely overestimate the risks of flying.

If crime was a simple phenomenon, simple solutions such as harsher sentences might prove feasible. But crime isn't a simple phenomenon. If the media's cursory coverage of crime included some of the general issues of crime, its causes, remedies, social implications, etc., then the public would have the basis to formulate an objective concern and thus be less apprehensive and reactionary.

But that would damp the powder in the political cannon. The one that's mounted on the front of the crime wave bandwagon. The one that makes a loud noise but shoots blanks - misinformation. The one that's blowing holes in the public's ability to gain a true perception of crime. There oughta be a law.

C.B.I. Admin/IM Cttee Meeting, March, 1995

AGENDA

(the following is only a partial list of the items on this particular agenda)

URINALYSIS:

It is our understanding that personnel on the voluntary program are required to provide samples at approximately one month intervals, for a period of three months.

In practice, this does not appear to be the case. There are many inconsistencies in the scheduling. We know of an individual who was asked to provide two samples in a 24 hr. period. While others, who are waiting for their last test in order to have their visits reinstated, are scheduled later than 30 days passed their previous tests.

We are not suggesting that there is anything sinister with respect to the above. However, we would like to ask for a written guide-line as to scheduling, which in-turn we could disseminate to the population.

AIR QUALITY:

There is a noticeable deterioration in the quality of air in the blocks, specifically, the amount of dust. Within a 24 hr. period the depth of dust accumulated in the cells is measurable.

We view this condition as detrimental to our health, as well as to the well-being of CSC front-line staff.

We ask that the Warden request the appropriate agency to conduct an "air quality study", as early as possible. Furthermore, we ask that the IM Cttee be included for the distribution of the study report.

RANGE FURNITURE:

Presently, tables and chairs are almost non-existent.

In the past we have been advised that C.B.I.'s budget does not include the procurement of common area furniture. If this is the status-quo for FY 95/96, then we request that

on our behalf, contact be made with Crown Assets Disposal Offices/other disposal agents to shop around for used tables and chairs affordable to the IWF.

LOCK-DOWN PROCEDURES:

It is our learned experience that regular communiques to the population during a lock-down greatly benefits all.

It is therefore requested that the Warden include in his 'daily-standard-operating-procedures' a short morning briefing to the four IM Cttee. Executives, with respect to the daily status of the lock-down.

WALL-MURALS:

Now that the renovations of the Strip are nearly completed we would like to add our final decorative touches through wall-mural paintings.

Subject to the Warden's approval we would like to conduct a competition. It is proposed that scaled sketches be tabled to this gathering for final selection. It is further requested that the C.B.I. finance the required materials. (The IM Cttee. would be pleased to provide the prize money.)

It should be noted that wall-murals are a part of many Federal owned/leased properties, and it serves as a deterrent for would-be 'graffiti artists'.

ACCESS TO YARD:

Presently, simultaneous yard and gym use is most infrequent. Movement to the yard is via the entrance by the dining hall.

Some time ago facilities were constructed to allow direct movement from the back of the gym to the yard. Albeit, this access is not being used.

We ask that this passage-way be opened by the week of March 19.

SUMMER SOCIAL:

Currently there are three Block Family Socials allowed. These events are organized and financed by individual Units, and are held in the chapel.

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In the past we were allowed a C.B.I. summer yard-social. These events included a B.B.Q., games, pony rides, etc. for the children, and they were always well received. The administration usually made some funds available to subsidize the B.B.Q.

To the best of our knowledge there were no major problems with the summer socials.

We ask that the IM Cttee. be permitted to run a summer yard social in the month of July or August. Moreover, we request some financial assistance from the Administration for this.

IM COMMITTEE

Chairman	Jay Leslie	3B-34
Vice-Chairman	John Schaefer	2D-27
Secretary	Joe Wasylenko	3B-26
Ethnic Rep.	Richard Smith	1D-23
Block Reps.	Wayne Judge	1C-29
	Claudio Paravani	1C-08
	Joseph Nembhard	1D-13
	Kirk Allen	1D-34
	Mindy Ahluwalia	2C-33
	John Schaefer	2D-27
	Claude Larcenaire	3A-47
	Dennis Monaghan	3B-45
	Joe Fernandez	4B-29
	Ken Johnson	4B-03

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BITTERS

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YOUR ZODIAC

source: unknown

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18)

You have an inventive mind and are inclined to be progressive. You lie a great deal. On the other hand, you are inclined to be careless and impractical, causing you to make the same mistakes repeatedly. Everyone thinks you are a 'blankety blank' jerk.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20)

You have a wild imagination and often think you are being followed by the F.B.I. or the C.I.A. You have minor influence over your friends. People resent you for flaunting your power. You lack confidence and are generally a coward. Pisces people are 'attracted' unseemingly to small animals and pick their noses a lot.

Urinalysis:

Was just sitting around thinking of ways to help myself and someone who has the same problem.

Part of the reason I'm back here is because I couldn't urinate when required to for a test. Now I have a bigger problem; the problem of going to the washroom. I have seen someone about this, but was not able to find out anything I didn't already know.

Myself, I'm not looking for a way to beat this urinalysis test, but there must be another way of doing it.

They have spent all this money to prepare rooms to do these tests. This is great for the guys who can go in and use them. But for those people who have a problem why can't they have an empty room for us. They could have a sink outside for us to wash our hands before entering, and they could even strip us before entering.

I'm one of those guys who didn't have a washroom in his home while growing up.

Phillip Hickey

YOUR ZODIAC (cont.)

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)

You are a pioneer type, and hold most people in contempt. You are quick tempered, impatient and scornful of advice. You are a penis.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

You are practical and persistent. You have a dogged determination and work like hell. Most people think you are stubborn and bullheaded. You are nothing but a goddam communist.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

You are quick and an intelligent thinker. People like you because you are bi-sexual. However, you are inclined to expect too much for too little. This means you are a cheap bastard. Geminis are notorious for thriving on incest.

3-Minute Time Test

Can You Follow Directions???

1. Read everything before doing anything.
2. Put your name in the upper right hand corner of this paper.
3. Circle the word name in sentence two.
4. Draw five small squares in the upper left hand corner of this paper.
5. Put an 'X' in each square.
6. Put a circle around each square.
7. Sign your name under the title of this paper.
8. After the title, write...yes, yes, yes.
9. Put a circle around sentence seven.
10. Put an "X" in the lower left hand corner of this paper.
11. Draw a triangle around the "X" you just made.
12. On the back side of this paper, multiply 703 x 66.
13. Draw a rectangle around the word "paper" in sentence seven.
14. Loudly call out your name when you get to this point.
15. If you think you have followed directions carefully to this point call out LOUDLY, "I have".
16. On the reverse side of this paper, add 8950 and 9726.
17. Put a circle around your answer, then put a square around the circle.
18. Count out in a medium speaking voice from one to ten backwards.
19. Punch three small holes in the top of this paper with your pencil point.
20. If you are the first person to get this far, call out loudly, "I am the first person to reach this point and I am leader in following directions.
21. Underline all even numbers on this side of the page.
22. Say loudly, "I am nearly finished, and I have followed directions.
23. Now that you have finished reading carefully, do only sentences one and two.

source: unknown

POETRY

HOME

A friend, a family and a lovely home
 A place for children to play and roam.
 A life so serene in its own way
 A heart beats lovingly to each dawning day.
 A place where honesty exists as a formality,
 A true word spoken in all reality.
 A place where trust is taken freely within,
 A person you can truly call a friend.
 A place to live your life as you see
 A place where all mankind's soul is free.
 A place to which we all have been....
 A true reality or just a dream.

Popscicle Gareau

THE MIRROR

Looking through the windows
 Can you see what I see?
 Drugs and pain and violent voices
 Fallen hearts with little choices.

The path I took in life didn't do me any good,
 My mother crying every night
 Can you take me back?
 I wish she could.
 I'm much too young to feel my pain
 Yet old enough to play the game.
 Crying along in my cell at night
 Still wondering why I'm here.
 I guess I just won't ever accept
 It's the mirror that I fear.

Krissy - Barton St. Jail

A.M. Kirkpatrick Awards

Call for Nominations

The John Howard Society of Collins Bay Institution, in conjunction with the John Howard Society of Ontario, is pleased once again to announce the ability to provide "Kirkpatrick Awards".

These awards will be a combination of certificates of merit and cash to acknowledge achievement for scholastic, institutional program, and education related endeavours. If you know of any prisoners in this institution who have successfully completed a program in any of the above within the past year, and wish to nominate him, then please fill out the nomination form.

All nominations will receive equal consideration. Monetary awards will be limited to the available budget and distributed amongst Kirkpatrick award winners. All decisions will be final.

Any person residing or working within C.B.I. may nominate any prisoner presently serving time in C.B.I. for a Kirkpatrick award.

All nominations must be received before 12:00 (noon) on March 31, 1995. Absolutely no exceptions will be made.

For further information, and to submit the nomination forms, (nomination form on back page of this paper) please contact M. Bigdali at 3B-01.

Thanking you for your concern,

M. Bigdali
 Kirkpatrick award co-ordinator
 President, John Howard Society, C.B.I.

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NOMINATION FORM

Nominations must be submitted to:

M. Bigdali at 3B-01, or any John Howard Society
C.B.I. Executive no later than 12 Noon, March 31, 1995.
NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

F.P.S. NO: _____

CELL LOCATION: _____

NAME OF PERSON MAKING THE NOMINATION: _____

IF APPLICABLE

F.P.S. NO: _____

CELL LOCATION: _____

REASON(S) FOR MAKING NOMINATION:

Courses completed, on-going courses, trades etc.

Proof of achievement will be required for verification.

