

CALICARCERATION :

Doing Time Under The Life-Term Umbrella

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INTRODUCTION

As a term-to-life prisoner, it is of great importance that I shed some light on the sub-culture part of our society known as the California Incarcerated Population – *CALICARCERATION* – a gated community overflowing with inhumane conditions, misery and despair.

In California, there are two types of Lifers; the Three Striker and the Serious/Violent Lifer. To the unknowing public, once the prison industry became big business, the line between the two coincidentally got blurred. Harsher sentences combined with high recidivism created the perfect conditions for an over-crowded prison population.

Calicarceration is a collection of comics that range from doing many years in prison and the effects it could have on a prisoner, to dealing with the prison board trying to obtain well-deserved freedom. Many times, prisoners forget the impact going to prison has had on loved ones, and a life sentence with no sure exit date, weighs heavily on everyone.

I draw comics about prison because in these tough economic and war-driven times, many people are struggling to make ends meet and could possibly be one paycheck away from doing hard time. When local governments are taking money from schools to fund "public safety projects" the real victims are the kids. This is not to say that the victims of crime should be forgotten, but uneducated students will likely end up in someone's private or state prison.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comictary. Please enjoy.

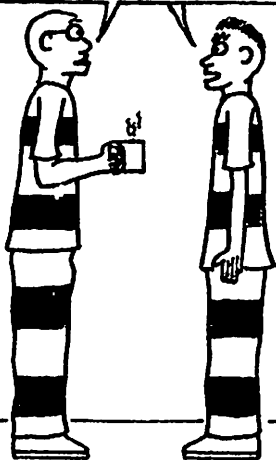
~ Marcus A. Bedford, Jr. ~

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THE PRISON SYSTEM HAS TAKEN A TURN FOR THE WORSE.

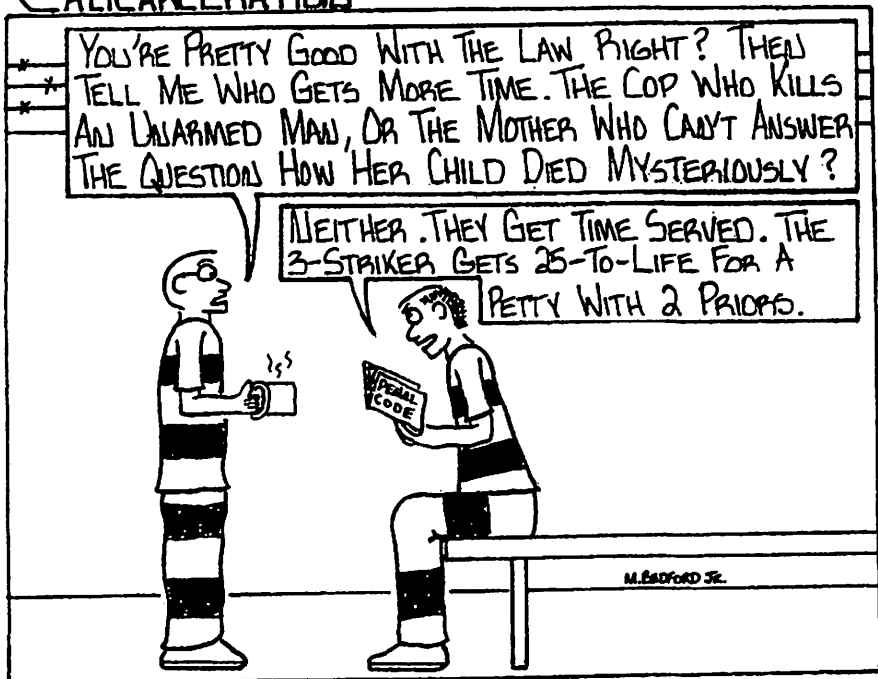
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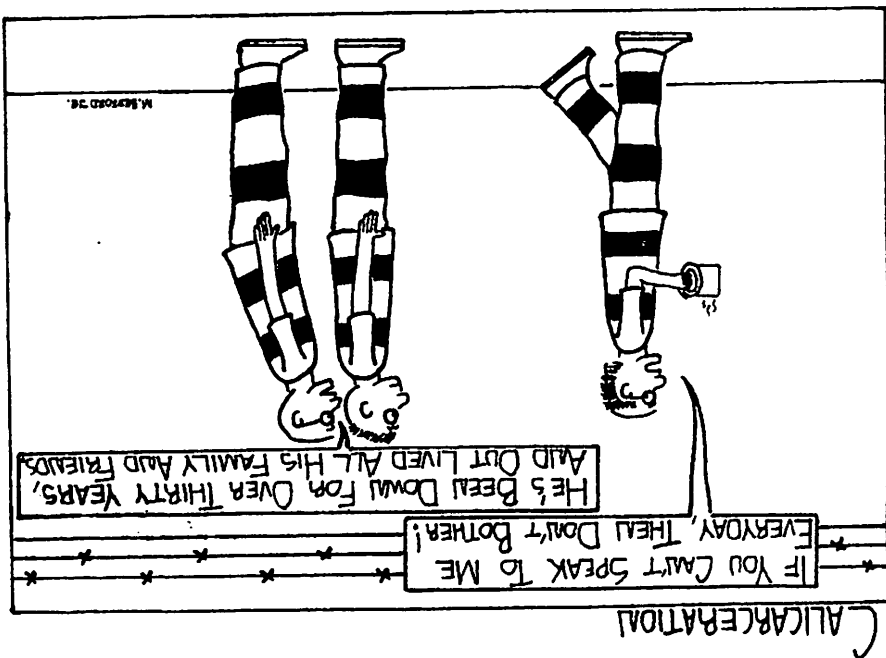
REMEMBER WHEN AT LEAST ONE PERSON IN SOCIETY KNEW SOMEBODY IN PRISON? NOW, EVERYBODY IN PRISON KNOW AT LEAST ONE PERSON GETTING READY TO COME TO PRISON.



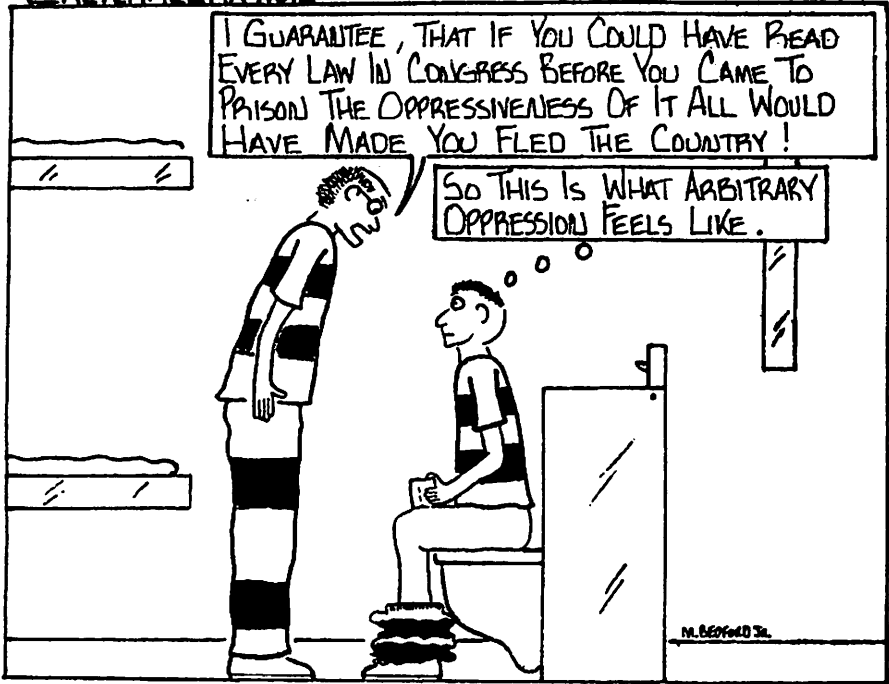
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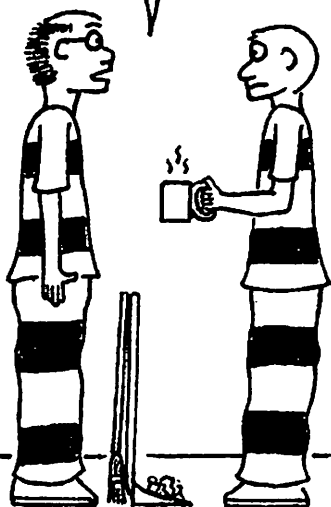


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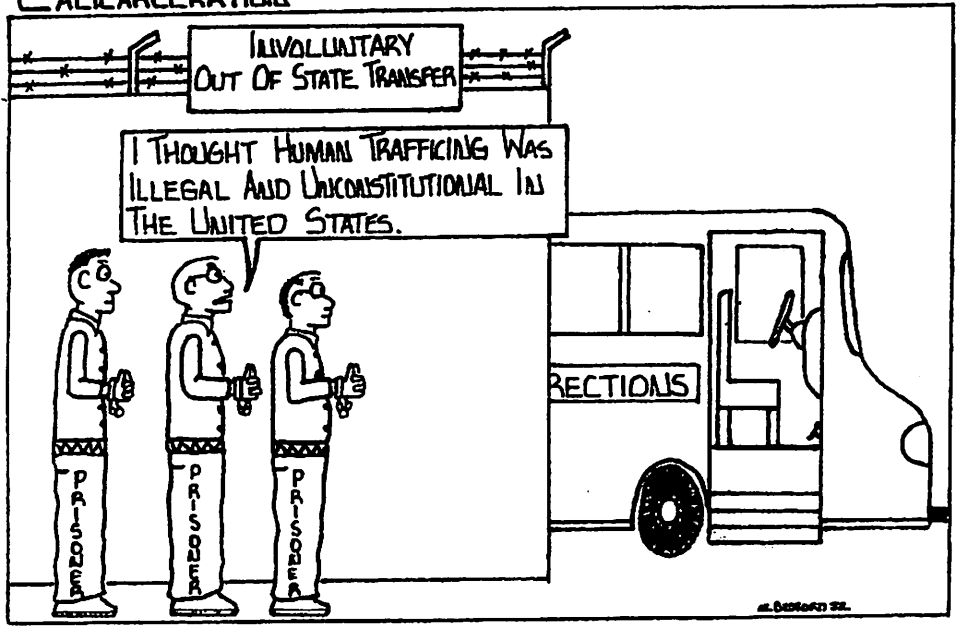
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CHECK IT OUT, HOMEBODY, IF YOU COME CLEAN AND TELL THE BOARD 'I DID IT' THEY'LL DENY YOU FOR TEN MORE YEARS FOR CHANGING YOUR STORY!



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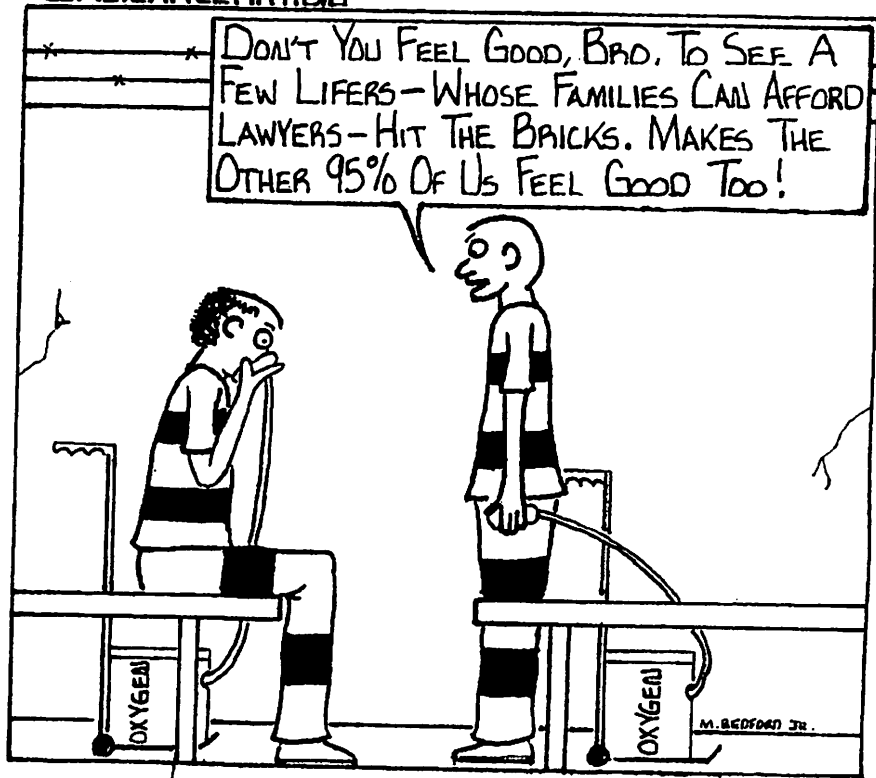
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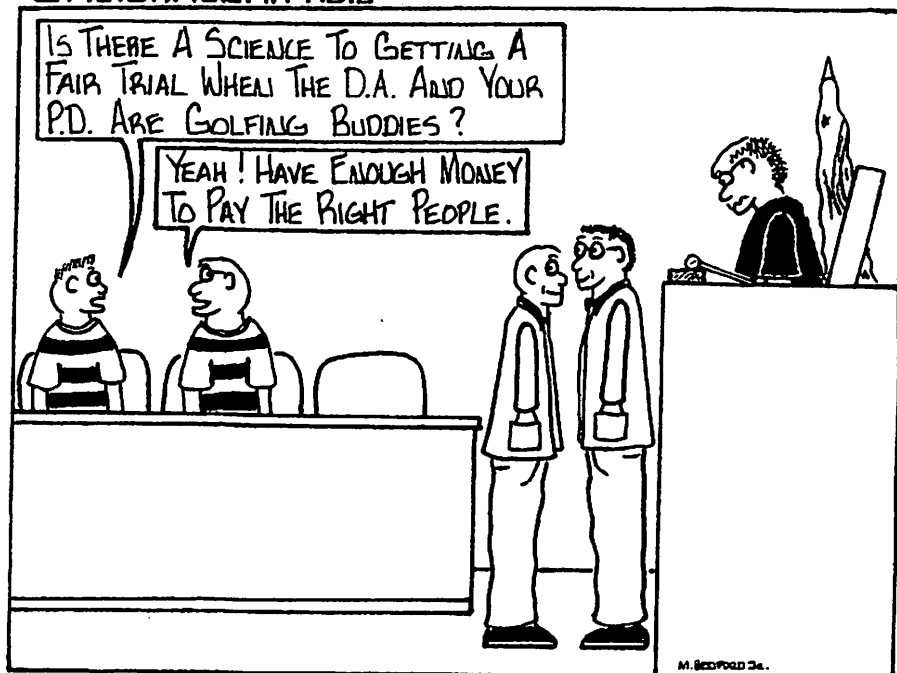
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WHO IS MORE BELIEVABLE, AN ACTOR PLAYING AS A POLITICIAN OR A POLITICIAN ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE?

THAT'S A TOUGH ONE SINCE THEY BOTH TELL THEIR AUDIENCES SOME FANTASTIC LIES!



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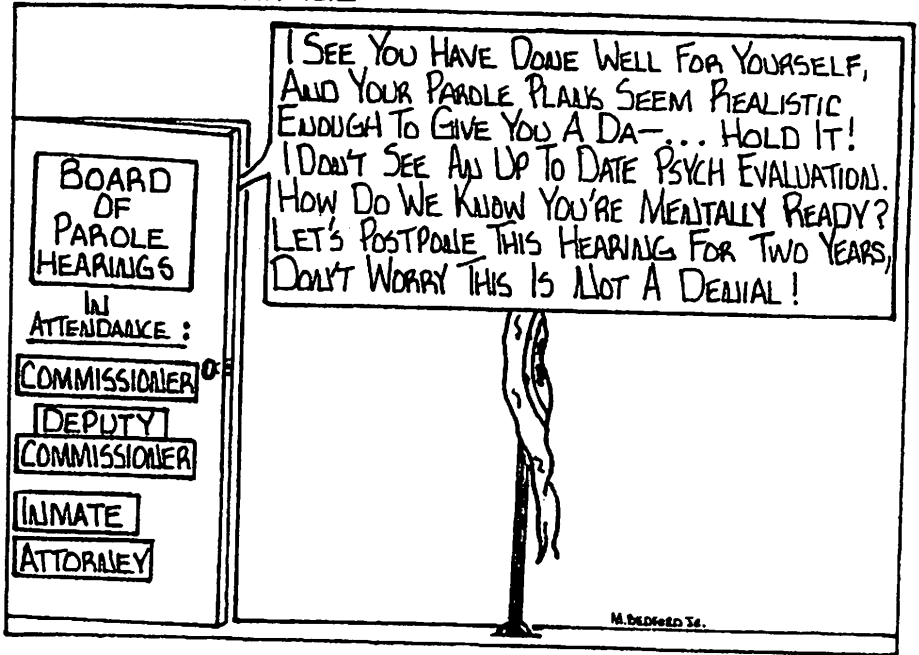


The Board

Going before the board to try to get a date is a tricky situation, and at times it seems like it's a game for some of them. Any Lifer that uses his prison sentence to educate himself, remain discipline-free, and acquire practical working skills, is obviously serious about trying to obtain his freedom. There are many obstacles that you can't even begin to prepare for, when facing a biased panel. You can only hope you've put all the important factors on record to give you something to fight with in court, somewhere down the line.

In all fairness, being on a parole board panel, trying to determine the dangerousness a prisoner may pose to society, is no easy task. But job security and a hatred for prisoners should not factor in the decision process as to whether a man will die in prison – even though he wasn't sentenced to death.

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CONVICTS AGAINST CANCER

Each year, nearly 200,000 children throughout the world are cured with the immediate and effective treatments. Many children, are in countries where meaningful care is not available. Convicts Against Cancer, intends to ease the burden of cancer—families desperate to save their children. There are many forms of death sentence. The cruellest are those who couldn't deserve them less. No single person can touch the lives of every single person on this earth. Afflicting them, a friend, or a loved one.

This very special effort is one which enlists the joint efforts of societies across the state of California's prison system. We aim to bridge the gap between pain and smiles for prisoners and all yarn crafters who'd like to provide new knitted scarves. To cover the balding heads, of hospitalized prisoners undergoing chemotherapy.

Founders of www.deathrowinmate.org, Michael Filler and prisoners at San Quentin. Their grassroots human rights and progressive-thinking prisoner's welcome mat—a place of redeeming qualities and a venue where like-minded people (DRI), sprouts out of infancy.

Since our inception, we have planned to become a part of and meet The Better Business Bureau's "Standards of Excellence" comprehensive evaluation of charity governance. Convicts Against Cancer, is the voice of socially conscious community and a tribute to the living memories of those who are a destroyer of life, and most importantly, those who inspire us to stand united against the disease of a thousand faces. If you have a short story of survival or loss that you want to share online, please submit a non-original as we're unable to accept originals. Committed to life and research, we're looking for both small and normal contributions to get the word out. Please let us know.

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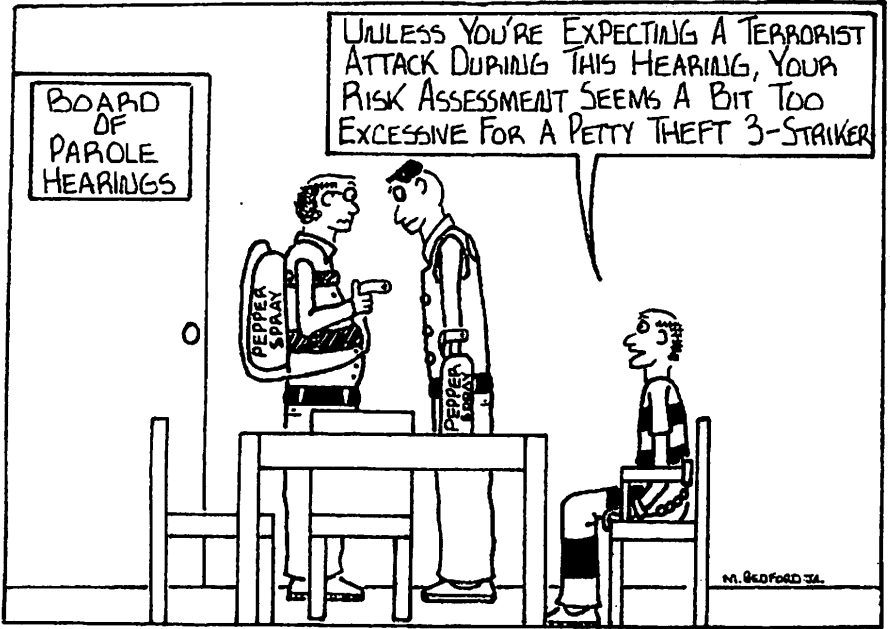
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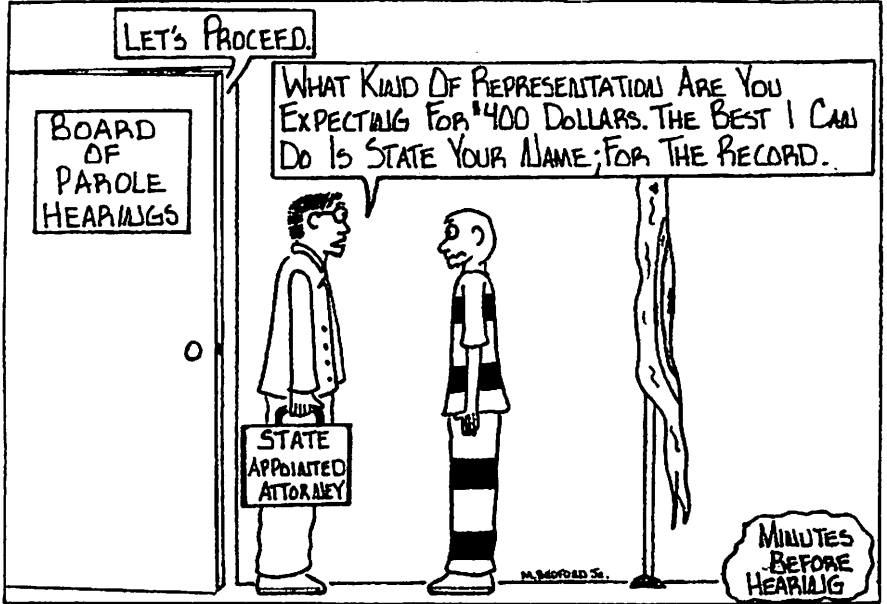
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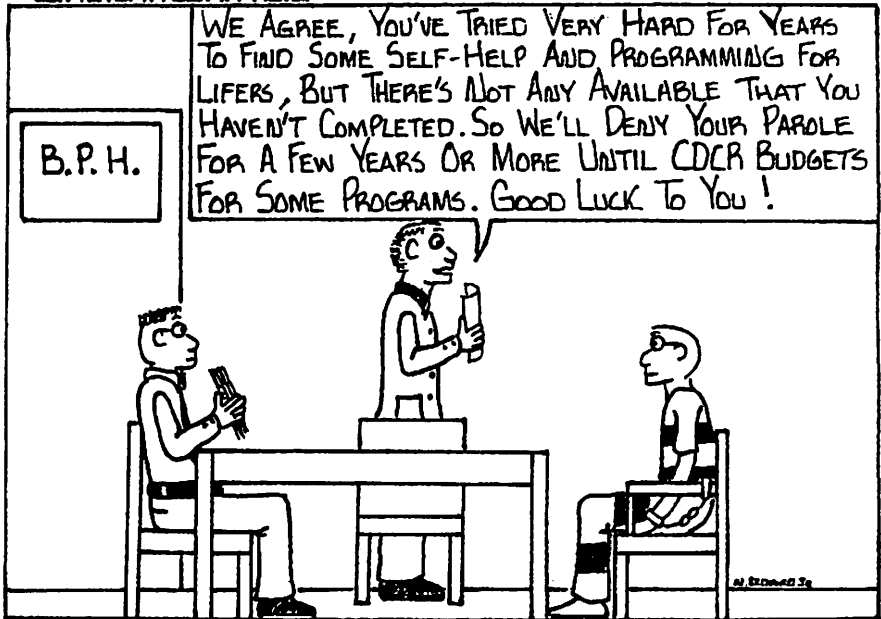
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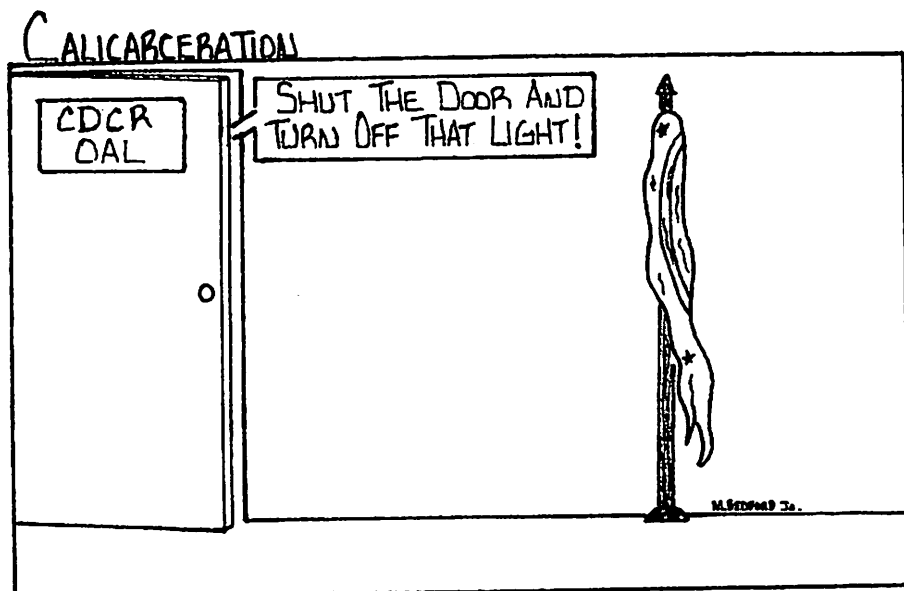


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"Secret meetings concerning prisoner regulations create corruption, in which leaves the population with no rights."

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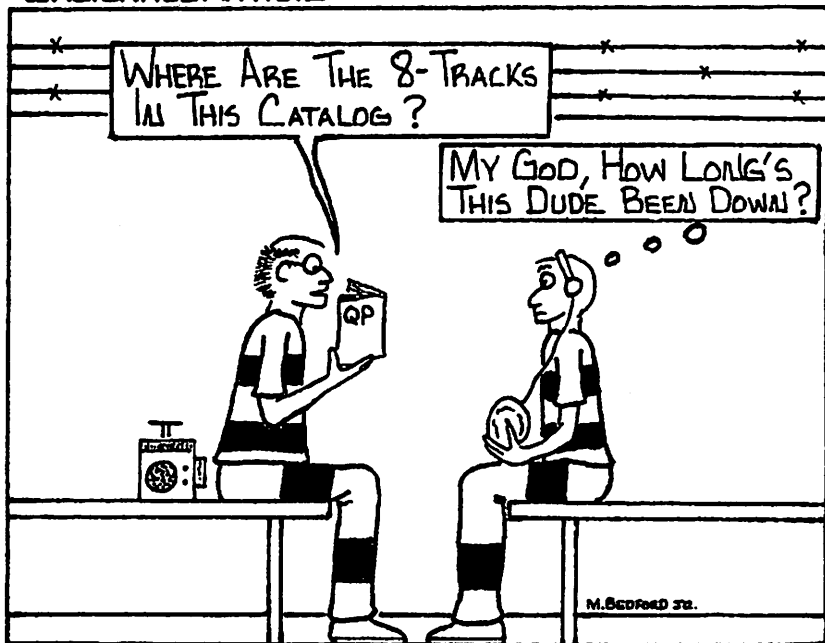


Passing Time

Every year that passes, small pieces of hope fade for a Lifer, after being denied parole. And, to make matter worse, Lifers are tormented by the enactment of new, contradictory laws and regulations.

Lifers that have spent twenty and thirty years in prison, don't just lose their youth, but sometimes, also their grip on reality. America often tells other countries how they should respect human rights, but with some of the conditions in the prisons and the many due process violations, it's about time for us to take a look at the treatment that we give ourselves.

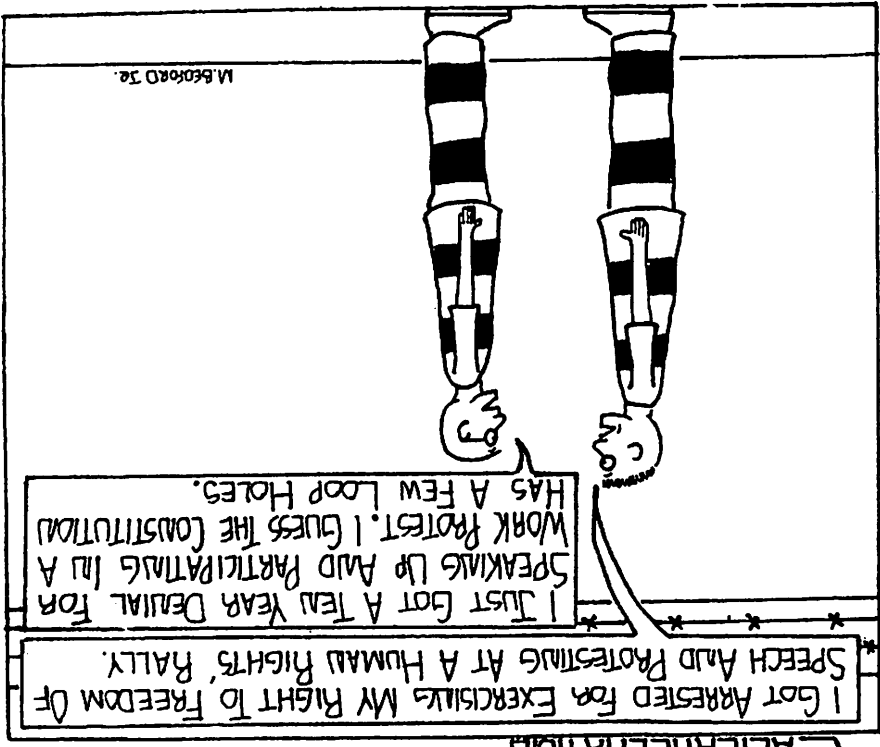
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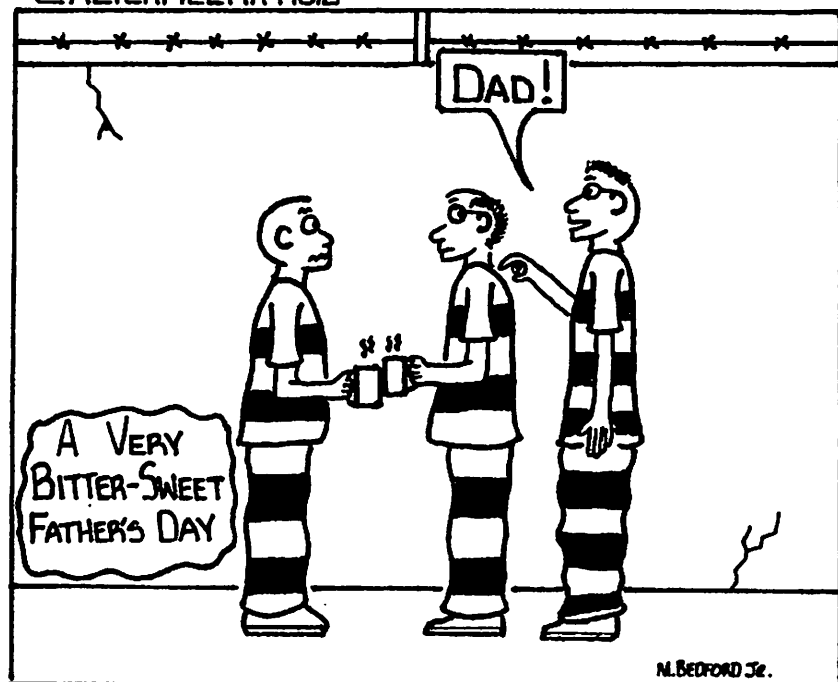
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I GOT ARRESTED FOR EXERCISING MY RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF
SPEECH AND PROTESTING AT A HUMAN RIGHTS RALLY.
I JUST GOT A TEN YEAR DENIAL FOR
SPEAKING UP AND PARTICIPATING IN A
WORK PROTEST. I GUESS THE CONSTITUTION
HAS A FEW LOOP HOLES.

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HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'VE BEEN DOWN TOO LONG? IF YOU ARE STILL TRYING TO REPORT TO YOUR WORK ASSIGNMENT WHEN YOU'RE PUT ON S-TIME.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? DON'T YOU PAROLE IN LESS THAN 48-HOURS!



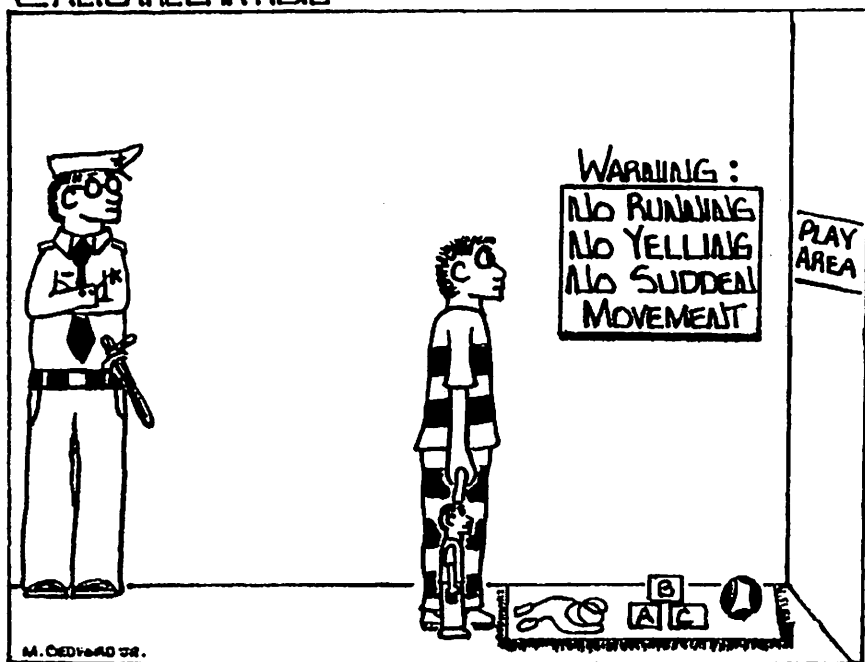
In Closing

My name is Marcus A. Bedford, Jr. I've been in prison for over sixteen years and during that time I have educated myself, become a writer and turned my experiences in prison, into the art form of comics. While doing time, it is easy to lose yourself in the pools of hopelessness or you can go the other route and re-invent yourself. The fight for freedom is ongoing and will continue upon release. This is the battle that I look forward to.

Most Lifers that understand the wrongs they have committed, do not look for sympathy, but rather, a chance to prove that people change.

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