

Lifers' Unlimited Club Newsletter Oregon State Penitentiary

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As your club, please know that we look to serve you, its members. Therefore, we invite your feedback on how we can best do so. Thank you for your feedback.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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Update: Lifers' Package Proposal

The Lifers' Unlimited Club would like its membership to know that they have been researching businesses that provide specific services to prisons, for example: Mail in gift packages (more on this in a minute). Our initial goal is to seek approval for OSP's AICs to receive a holiday package once a year. Presently, we're in search of a reputable business where our friends and family members can go online and order a package by credit card, have it mailed to the OSP mailroom and (after being sent to the property room for inspection) be made available for you to pick up by call pass. Unfortunately, we've been unable to locate an authorized business that will provide this service to OSP. In fact, we've contacted several businesses from around the United States that have been vetted and authorized to sell packages to various state prisons; however, they only operate within their specific regions and none will do business in Oregon. As an aside, local stores like Target, Fred Myers, Walmart, etc., may mail packages to prisons; however, they lack the certification and security assurances needed to carry our proposal forward. Therefore, given this roadblock, we're turning to you, our membership, sponsors and supporters to ask if you have any knowledge and/or resource guides that can assist the Lifers' Unlimited Club in finding a reputable business that we can contact in pursuit of our goal? If you have any ideas and/or suggestions that will assist us in our efforts will you please forward them to the Lifers' Club? Thank you in advance for helping us help you! (RPL).

Coronavirus Prison Fatalities Surpass Two Decades of Executions; COVID-19 has killed More California Death Row Prisoners Than the State Has Executed in 27 Years

More prisoners in the United States have died in the coronavirus pandemic than have been executed in the country in the past two decades, new prison data shows, and more California death-row prisoners have been killed by the virus than have been executed in the state since 1993.



Ohio State University Law Professor Douglas Berman reported in his *Sentencing Law and Policy* blog that as of August 23, 2020, prisons across the United States had confirmed the deaths of 858 prisoners from COVID-19. "This considerable number is sad and disconcerting on its own terms," Professor Berman wrote, "but it is even more remarkable given that it amounts to more prisoner deaths than has been produced by carrying out formal death sentences in the United States for the entire period from 2001 to 2020. According to DPIC data, there were a total of 839 executions from the start of 2001 through [August 23]."

By August 30, [2020], the number of confirmed prisoner deaths in the U.S. from COVID-19 had risen to 931, according to the *UCLA Law COVID-19 Behind Bars Data Project*. That total equals the number of executions in the country since Alvaro Colambro was put to death in Nevada on April 5, 1999.

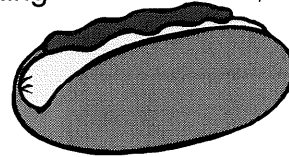


California's death row has been especially hard hit by the prison system's failure to control the pandemic. An outbreak at San Quentin State Prison has killed at least 12 death-row prisoners, as many as the state has executed since 1993. Prison officials announced on August 19 that a 13th death-row prisoner, Dean Dunlap, died at an outside hospital in late July. The San Bernardino County Coroner's Department will determine his cause of death. If he died from the coronavirus, the COVID-19 death-row toll in California will equal the number of executions carried out by the state since the death penalty came back in the 1970s. (RPL, RLG).

Lifers' Unlimited Club \$10.00 Punch Cards Available

Just a reminder that all purchases from the Lifers' Club's "Pop-up BBQs" are by Punch Card only. Also, we've heard your suggestions; therefore, in order to accommodate more people, the Lifers' Club is now selling \$10.00 Punch Cards for your convenience.

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You are now able to purchase \$10.00, \$25.00, \$50.00 and/or \$100.00 Punch Cards. Please remember the total amount of money on your Punch Cards cannot exceed \$200.00. Finally, don't forget the Lifer's Club is also selling "specialty items" from its cage on the Activities Floor (the "specialty items" will be on a rotating basis). As a reminder, all "specialty item" purchases will be by Punch Card only. (RPL).



When your only tool is a hammer,
all of your problems look like nails.

Update: Lifer's Club "Special Election For Treasurer"

Please be advised that the Lifer's Club "Special Election for Treasurer" is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 10th. Due to the restrictions placed on the club's activities by the pandemic, the plan is to kill two birds with one stone. When our membership comes up to the Activities Department to pick up their Holiday meal they will be provided with a ballot and an opportunity to vote for one of the nominees for Treasurer. So enjoy your meal and don't forget to vote! As a reminder, and in no specific order, our nominees are (1) Jeffery McCarty; (2) Michael Kell; (3) Shawn Freitag; (4) Justin Tuck; and (5) Nestor Diaz-Miller. Good luck to you gentleman. (RPL).

Butt Prints In The Sand

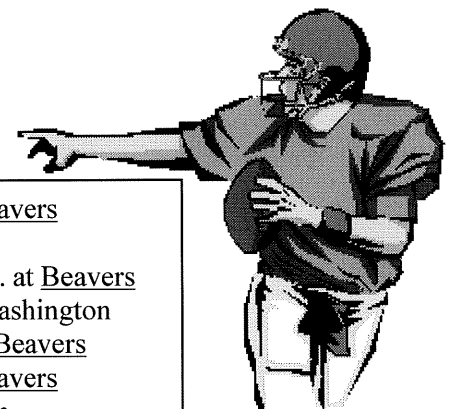
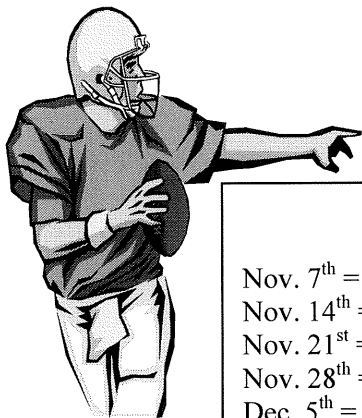
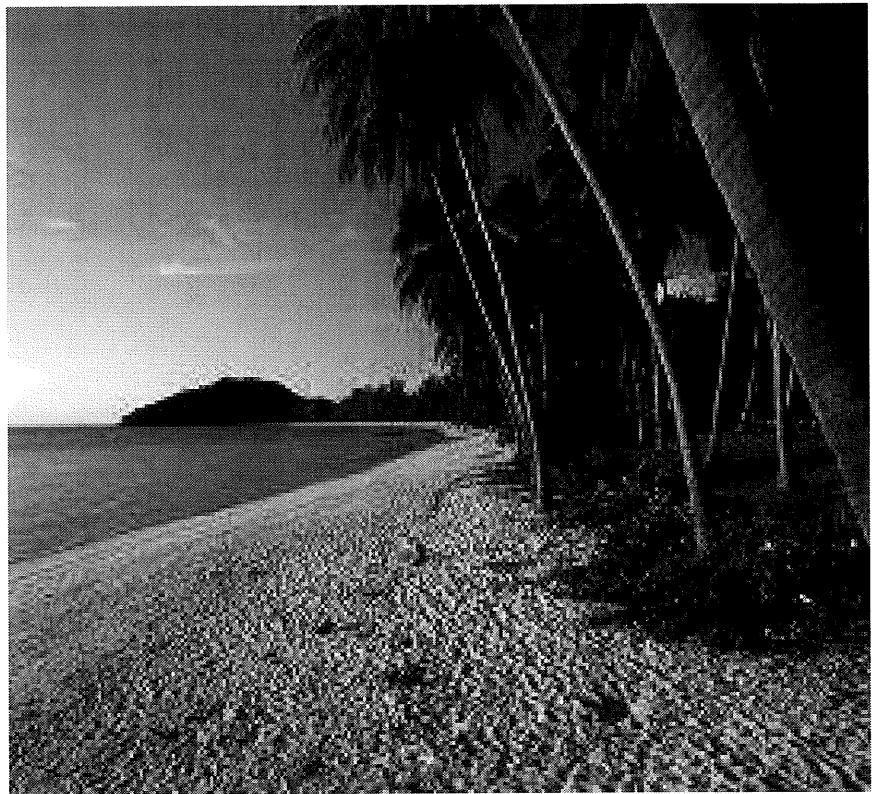
One set of footprints was seen,
The footprints of my precious Lord
But mine were not along the shore.

But then some strange prints appeared...
I asked the Lord, "What have we here?
Those prints are large and round and neat,
But, Lord, they are too big for feet."

"My child," he said in a somber tone,
"For miles I carried you alone.
I challenged you to walk in faith,
But you refused and made me wait."

"You disobeyed, you would not grow,
The walk of faith, you would not know...
I got tired, I got fed up,
And there I dropped you on your butt."

"Because in life there comes a time
When one must fight and one must climb,
When one must rise and take a stand,
Or have their butt prints in the sand." (RPL,
RLG, RM).



PAC 12 - Football Schedules

Oregon Ducks

Nov. 7th = Stanford at Ducks
Nov. 14th = Ducks at Washington St.
Nov. 21st = UCLA at Ducks
Nov. 28th = Ducks at Oregon St.
Dec. 5th = Ducks at California
Dec. 12th = Washington at Ducks

Oregon State Beavers

Nov. 7th = Washington St. at Beavers
Nov. 14th = Beavers at Washington
Nov. 21st = California at Beavers
Nov. 28th = Oregon at Beavers
Dec. 5th = Beavers at Utah
Dec. 12th = Beavers at Stanford

Crime for Crime

The big day has come
The bell is sounding
I run my hands, through my hair, one last
time.

Outside the prison walls
The town is gathering
People are trading crime for crime.

Ani DiFranco

~ BRAIN TEASER ~

A man left home running. He ran a ways
and then turned left, ran the same distance
and turned left again, ran the same distance
and turned left again. When he got home
there were two masked men. Who were
they? (Answer on p. 12)

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***Jones v. Mississippi*, Oral Arguments
Scheduled for 11/03/2020 (Re: Juveniles
Sentenced to LWOP).**

From the LDF Thurgood Marshall Institute

Questioned Presented: Whether the Eighth Amendment requires a sentencing court to make an explicit finding that a juvenile offender – a person who is convicted of a crime before turning 18 years old – is “permanently incorrigible” before imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole (LWOP).

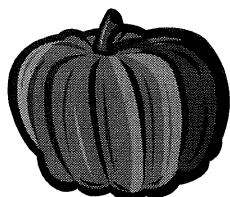
Background: In August 2004, when he was 15-years old, Brett Jones stabbed his paternal grandfather to death during a fight about Brett’s girlfriend. Brett had moved in with his grandparents in Mississippi two months prior to escaping from his mother and stepfather’s violent household in Florida. Immediately after the incident, Brett and his girlfriend set out for the nearby Walmart where Brett’s grandmother worked to tell her what happened. Brett and his girlfriend were arrested on their way to the Walmart.

Brett was tried for murder and asserted a claim of self-defense. The jury rejected the self-defense claim, and he was convicted of murder. The court sentenced Brett to spend the rest of his life in prison without the possibility of parole. In 2003, following the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Miller v. Alabama*, in which the Supreme Court held that the imposition of a life-without-parole sentence for a juvenile offender violated the Eighth and Fourteenth’s prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment, the Mississippi Supreme Court vacated Brett’s sentence and remanded to the circuit court. The Mississippi Supreme Court did not interpret *Miller* to restrict LWOP sentences only to incorrigible juvenile offenders, but instead opined that a court can impose a LWOP on a juvenile so long as the court considers youth-related factors when making its sentencing determination. The

Mississippi Supreme Court thus directed the circuit court to consider a set of “juvenile characteristics” but not to determine whether Brett was permanently incorrigible.

After a hearing on the youth-related factors, the circuit court re-sentenced Brett to LWOP. The court did not find Brett permanently incorrigible, but instead considered both mitigating and aggravating circumstances surrounding the crime, focusing on the nature of Brett’s crime, which the circuit court described as “particularly brutal.” Brett appealed his sentence, which was assigned to the Mississippi Court of Appeals. While the appeal was pending, the U.S. Supreme Court decided *Montgomery v. Louisiana*, which concluded that *Miller* “barred life without parole . . . for all but the rarest of juvenile offenders, those whose crimes reflect permanent incorrigibility.” The court of appeals affirmed Brett’s sentence, concluding that a sentencing judge is not required to make any specific finding of fact regarding the *Miller* factors. The Mississippi Supreme Court also denied Brett relief.

Key Issues: In *Montgomery*, the Supreme Court confirmed that imposing LWOP on a juvenile homicide offender pursuant to a mandatory penalty scheme violates the Eighth Amendment as construed in *Miller*, and sentencing judges violate *Miller*’s rule any time they impose a discretionary LWOP sentence on a juvenile homicide offender without first concluding that the offender’s crimes reflect “permanent incorrigibility,” and not “the transient immaturity of youth.” Despite *Montgomery*’s holding, courts throughout the country continue to sentence youth offenders to LWOP without making an adequate finding of permanent incorrigibility. In this case, the Supreme Court will determine whether courts are required to make a formal finding and if so, what their obligation will be under *Miller* and *Montgomery*. (RPL, RLG).



Tao (Deng Ming-Dao)

“An ancient gnarled tree;
 Too fibrous for a loggers saw,
 Too twisted to fit a carpenter’s square,
 Outlasts the whole forest.”

Loggers delight in straight-grained, strong, fragrant wood. If the timber is too difficult to cut, too twisted to be made straight, too foul-ordered for cabinets, and too spongy for firewood, it is left alone. Useful trees are cut down. Useless ones survive.

The same is true of people. The strong are conscripted. The beautiful are exploited. Those who are too plain to be noticed are the ones who survive. They are left alone and safe.

But what if we ourselves are among such plain persons? Though others may neglect us, we should not think of ourselves as being without value. We must not accept the judgment of others as the measure of our own self-worth. Instead, we should live our lives in simplicity. Surely, we will have flaws, but we must take stock in them according to our own judgment and then use them as a measure of self-improvement. Since we need not expend energy in putting on airs or maintaining a position, we are actually free to cultivate the best parts of our personalities. Thus, to be considered useless is not a reason for despair, but an opportunity. It is the chance to live without interference and to express one’s own individuality. (RPL).

Mindfulness Skill: Mindful Breathing (from OSP’s Behavioral Health Services)

Have you ever noticed times when you go about your day mindlessly as you try to accomplish several tasks? Maybe you intended to walk to a specific place only to realize that you have gotten there and don’t remember the stroll. What happened? You were simply unaware of what was going on around you. An important benefit of mindfulness is that it increases your ability to focus your mind. Breathing is a simple and powerful tool that you can use to achieve a mindful state. Breathing is critical to our survival, yet we typically use about twenty percent of our lung capacity. By simply taking deep breaths, you can improve your emotional wellbeing and decrease stress. Try taking time out of your day to slow down and take some deep breaths. Go at your own pace and focus your mind as you take three or four deep breaths. Notice how you feel afterward. (RPL).

When you are using Mindful Breathing you are not worrying about the past and you are not anxious about the future. You are paying attention to the present moment and letting go of all the thoughts and judgments about the past and the future.

Skill Benefits

- Improves blood circulation and creates a sense of calm and peace.
- Improves emotional well-being by reducing anxiety and decreasing stress.
- Taking deep breaths a couple of times throughout the day helps to focus your mind and improves concentration.



Would like to learn a Magic Card Trick?

Materials needed: One standard deck of 52 playing cards. An ink pen and slip of paper.

1. Have the spectator shuffle and cut the cards several times. In taking them back, turn them face-up, and while spreading through them to prove they are well mixed, say: "Please take a good look at our cards. Do they appear to be mixed to you? If not, I am happy to shuffle them again."

While making this announcement, mentally locate the 34th card from the top of the deck. (You can mentally count 19 cards from the face of the deck).



2. Turning the deck face-down and squaring it, set it on the table, and say: "On this small slip of paper I am going to write the name of a card. A prediction if you will, about a card I believe in my heart you are about to discover."

So saying, secretly write the name of the 34th card, then fold the slip of paper a couple of times, before leaving it in plain sight on the table.

3. Cut off nearly half the cards, making sure to leave the 34th card on the table. Hand the cut portion to the spectator, and say: "Please mix this portion of the deck. And once you are certain they are well mixed, turn any three of them face-up onto the table. Then, if you would, place the remainder of the cards you hold neatly on top of the rest."

4. Assuming (by way of example) the three face-up cards are a 3, 8, Jack, say to the spectator: "You have found three cards by random and left those cards face-up. Now will you deal as many cards next to each as may be required to bring the value of the card to ten. Our Jack already has a value of ten, but if you could deal two cards for the 8, and seven cards for the 3 to make ten each... you will have created more random numbers. Okay, now if you will add the value of the face-up cards together and deal that many more face-down, in this case twenty-one, we will arrive at another random card, and that seems as good a place as any to stop."

5. Now stopped, say: "Presently, will you please pick up and read aloud the prediction I hazard at the outset?"

The spectator reads the prophesied card on the slip of paper. Ask him to turn the next card of the deck over (the 34th card you wrote down earlier). (RPL, DLS).

A Collective "Thank You" from OSP to the Siskiyou Abolition Project, Lane County Mutual Aid, Critical Resistance PDX and Black and Pink PDX

The Lifers' Unlimited Club would like to thank the men and women of Siskiyou Abolition Project, Lane County Mutual Aid, Critical Resistance PDX and Black and Pink PDX for providing the AICs at OSP with the necessary forms and pertinent information related to the *CARES Act Relief for Incarcerated People*. Your organizations work has made it possible for hundreds of AICs at OSP to file for a federal stimulus check under the *CARES Act*. So, on behalf of the Lifers' Unlimited Club, its membership and the hundreds of other incarcerated men at OSP: "Thank you for your thoughts and assistance in this matter. We want you to know that your organizations' efforts on our behalf did not go unnoticed and/or unappreciated!" ~ Peace ~ (RPL).

The OSP HOBBY SHOP



The OSP Hobby Shop's roots go way back to the 1800s, when Oregon was still just a territory. Back in those days it was known as the "Saddle Shop," one of the earliest work-based programs that allowed inmates to gain skills prior to release. Prisoners made saddles, woodworking merchandise, and miscellaneous jewelry items. At the time, the common practice was to give paroled prisoners a horse, a saddle made in the saddle shop, and a \$20 gold coin on their way out of the prison.

For many years the Hobby Shop was essentially just a prison hobby. That was until 1953, when OSP began initiating hobby classes, which culminated into the Curio Store, a retail storefront located at the entrance to the Penitentiary on State Street. It was established as an outlet for inmate hobby shop creations to be seen and sold to the public. In 1960, a total of 63 inmates had earned over \$63,000 over the previous two years through the shop. Unfortunately, due to the widening of State Street in the early 1990s, it was torn down, with plans to rebuild in the near future. Due to budget restrictions, however, it has never been reconstructed.

Today, Hobby Shop items can still be purchased by the public, by your friends and family, and now by you (see the enclosed *OSP Hobby Shop AIC LEAP Order Request Form*). Although there is no storefront, AIC handiwork – including leather goods, crocheting, jewelry, handcrafted ink pens, paintings, clocks, beadwork, Native American flutes, even fishing poles, and much more -- are available online or through someone you know who creates in the Hobby Shop. Inmate-to-inmate sales are transacted on the enclosed Hobby Shop order form, provided you have an outside address for the crafter to mail it to. These make great gifts for the holidays. Alternatively, you can have your friends and family visit their online store. They can use our support. The easiest way to find the OSP Hobby Shop online is to Google: "OSP LEAP" (The top listing will be the OSP Hobby Shop; or go directly to apps.oregon.gov/LEAP)... or they can call Corporal Collins at (503) 378-2514.

If you're interested in purchasing any items from the Hobby Shop below is a current list of OSP Hobby Shop artisans, their bench numbers and the general areas of their craft. Coming soon Hobby Shop merchandise will appear on one of the institution's channels and be updated weekly. Stayed tuned and thanks for supporting the members of our community. (RPL, CML).

Bench #	Last Name	Craft
48	BATES	ART
70	BOWERS	ART
14	CLOSNER	ART
69	GONZALES	ART
66	WILLAMS	ART
6	BARRETT	CRAFT
72	COYM	CRAFT
18	LANIER	CRAFT
54	MARTAIN	CRAFT
52	SANDERS	CRAFT
5	SCHROEDER	CRAFT
71	WEBB	CRAFT
39	AIKENS	JEWELRY

Bench #	Last Name	Craft
61	BITTER	JEWELRY
12	CLARK	JEWELRY
31	EMERT	JEWELRY
55	FORBUS	JEWELRY
10	FOWLER	JEWELRY
58	LERCH	JEWELRY
7	LYONS	JEWELRY
68	NEWCOMB	JEWELRY
75	NIELSEN	JEWELRY
17	TUCKER	JEWELRY
57	CHAVEZ	LEATHER
51	COBLE	LEATHER
74	DUTRA	LEATHER

Bench #	Last Name	Craft
43	FOX	LEATHER
60	GARCIA	LEATHER
45	GORDON	LEATHER
34	HARDEGGER	LEATHER
38	LITTLE	LEATHER
26	MCNEELY	LEATHER
73	MILEHAM	LEATHER
28	MILES	LEATHER
32	SMITH	LEATHER
44	WEAVER	LEATHER
41	WENDT	LEATHER
30	WILLE	LEATHER

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Lifers' Unlimited Club Supporter ~ ROGER MARTIN ~ A former tough on crime Legislature has had a reawakening as an outspoken advocate of criminal justice and prison reform

Roger Martin, first set foot in the Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP) in 2015. As the lobbyist for the Oregon Catholic Conference, he was charged with influencing the legislature in an effort to repeal or amend the Death Penalty (efforts, that in many ways, led to the passage of SB 1013). In the process, he became aware of the larger issue of criminal justice and prison reform. And so, as he says, "I decided that if I wanted to be knowledgeable I should go visit a prison." His wife happened to be a classmate of a man who was (is) serving a life sentence. This connection garnered him an invitation to attend a Lifers' Unlimited Club meeting. He has been attending regularly ever since, and, as evidence of the mutual trust that has developed, he was named an honorary member last year.

Roger grew up in All Saints Parish in Portland, and credits Monsignor Thomas Tobin with instilling discipline, self-respect and sense of right in his formative years. After graduating from Central Catholic High School, he earned a degree in Latin American History at the University of Oregon, worked in business for several years, and went on to serve in the Oregon House of Representatives (as a Republican) from 1966 to 1978. As a result of his reputation as an innovative builder of coalitions, he was elected to the following House leadership roles: Speaker Pro Temp, Majority and Minority Leader. Roger also served with former Governor Vic Atiyeh on the Prison Industries Advisory Board, which, he now believes didn't help much because Prison Industries has gotten smaller in subsequent years. Admittedly, Roger described his thinking back in those days as "Tough on crime without much thought;" fortunately for us, that's a position he no longer holds.

Since 1978, Roger has been working as a lobbyist. In fact, it was in his role as a lobbyist for the Oregon Catholic Conference that began his interest in seeking prison reform. Or, as he's pointed out "the Catholic Church's traditional opposition to the Death Penalty led naturally to examining the whole role of prisons and punishment in general." As such, he's also worked closely with Colette Peters (Director, ODOC) and supports her efforts to change Oregon's prison system to mirror the system in Finland. Indeed, like most of us – and for good reason – he's been critical of the current prison system and the Parole Board. Several years ago he testified in a Legislative hearing "that perhaps we should consider renaming the Parole Board – The 'No Parole Board' because it better reflected what they did." He also added, "the Department of Corrections might become the Department of Punishment for the same reason." Since then Roger has spent several hundred hours visiting OSP and attending Lifers' Club meetings. Two years ago Roger was made an honorary member and "the honorary Lobbyist" for the Lifers' Unlimited Club. During the coming 2021 Legislature he intends to bring as many Legislative and Governor assistants as possible to Lifers' Club meetings. As Roger puts it, "They are interested in meeting [us] and it's a great way to get them interested in change."

Now semi-retired Roger enjoys golf, mystery novels, fishing and, of course, "Duck Football!" (He's a former President of the Oregon Duck Club and his nickname in the Legislature was "Super Duck"). He looks forward to attending future Lifers' Club meetings and encourages interactions with its membership. To Roger and all of the Lifer's Unlimited Club supporters – Thank you. (RPL).

Fast fact: By 2050 the world's population is expected to reach 9.8 billion. Nearly 70 percent – 6.7 billion people – are projected to live in urban areas. (National Geographic).

The Elements of Ethics

By W. Brad Johnson and Charles R. Ridley

Don't Be Complicit with Unfairness

Human behavior never occurs in a vacuum. Even behavior that seems remote or isolated is nested in a social context, a network of relationships and interactions among people. Obviously, some behaviors are random, onetime events. However, the reoccurrence of a particular behavior or pattern of behavior indicates an undeniable attribute of the social context. The behavior has some degree of social support, even when the support is not readily apparent.

Veteran journalists Anne Farrow, Joel Lang, and Jenifer Frank drive this point home in their powerful, eye-opening book *Complicity* (2005). The subtitle vividly captures the book's central message: *How the North Promoted, Prolonged, and Profited from Slavery*. We all know about the horrid history of slavery in the South. But the North's complicity with slavery is not as well known. For many years, the North was a silent partner with the South, invested and even dependant on the success of this atrocity. Slavery was part of the North's social contract, and its economy was inextricably intertwined with slavery.

Complicity suggests a partnership or cooperation in wrongdoing, and it usually is evident in tacit support of unfairness. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. understood the dangers inherent in complicity. He once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" (King, 1964). If metaphorically you stand by, close your eyes, turn a deaf ear, pretend that injustice does not exist, and do nothing, you are part of the problem. The essence of complicity is putting up no resistance to wrongdoing.

You must realize that it is just as ethically corrupt to be complicit with unfairness as it is to directly engage in unfair practices. Your silence, coupled with your inaction, makes you culpable; you have become an accomplice to the crime. As a professional, you cannot easily excuse yourself from the responsibility of combating unfairness and inequity. You must understand that not doing anything bears the same consequences as doing something overt and egregious. (RPL).

Definitions: "AUTONOMY: 1: the quality or state of being self-governing; esp: the right of self-government 2: self-directing freedom and esp. moral independence 3: a self-governing state." *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* (Eleventh Edition).

~*~ **PITY THE NATION** ~ * ~ By Lawrence Ferlinghetti (RPL).

"Pity the nation whose people are sheep,
and whose shepherds mislead them.
Pity the nation whose leaders are liars, whose sages are silenced,
and whose bigots haunt the airwaves.
Pity the nation that raises not its voice,
except to praise conquerors and acclaim the bully as hero
and aims to rule the world with force and by torture.
Pity the nation that knows no other language but its own
and no other culture but its own.
Pity the nation whose breath is money
and sleeps the sleep of the too well fed.
Pity the nation – oh, pity the people who allow their rights to erode
and their freedoms to be washed away.
My country, tears of thee, sweet land of liberty."



BREW YOUR OWN COFFEE IN THE CELL



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Melitta cone Coffee filters 100ct - \$6.00

Agatha Christie's Mystery Books Turn 100

For all of you novel readers did you know this month marks 100 years since the prolific Agatha Christie ushered in the golden age of puzzle-plot novels with *The Mysterious Affair at Styles?* Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*, *Murder in Mesopotamia* and *Death on the Nile* were all colored by her experiences at evacuation sites in the Middle East and North Africa with her archaeologist second husband Max Mallowan. Here's an interesting fact. Who's the first Western woman credited for standing up on a surfboard? That would be Christie who learned to surf in South Africa and Hawaii. (RPL).

Bridge Building in Action: *EQUALITY EIGHT - REFLECTIONS (2018-2020)*

In June of 2018, in an unprecedented show of progressive and forward thinking for change, the Lifers' Unlimited Club stepped forward to sponsor the special interest group dedicated to the actions of bringing awareness and support for the LGBTQ+ AIC community here at the Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP). Equality Eight (E-8) began conducting a series of meetings with about eight individuals from the LGBTQ+ AIC community. The meetings were held on the Activities Floors, our first order of business was to establish some of the basic ground rules for our meetings and leadership roles. Second order of business, develop E-8's mission statement. After several weeks of drafting, discussions, and input from other members of our community we settled on:

“Our mission is to strengthen the LGBTQ community both inside and out by building bridges and dispelling intolerance and prejudice through dialog, action and education within these walls. By creating a space for ideas, identification and solutions for the issues important to the LGBTQ community we can emerge, encourage and evolve to bring out our own inherent dignity and the dignity of others.”

We created a 2019 event calendar with monthly meetings, sent out notices to the general population inviting any and all AICs to join this phenomenal experiment of bridge building and learned tolerance. The first year while challenging, was surprisingly productive. E-8 successfully made positive connections with the LGBTQ community beyond the walls. We worked with other Clubs on the activities floor to create programs and plan projects for the future.

In June of 2019, E-8 held the first ever Gay Pride Month celebration with a live band, *City of Pieces*, led by Dave Fox from the Salem area. E-8 had several educational meetings with outside speakers that lead to some very good conversation and discussions.

The final meeting for the 2019 calendar year was November 1st, where our honored guest speaker, Kurt Neugebauer, from the University of Oregon's Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art graced the audience with a spectacular and thought provoking slide show featuring several mediums of art. The presentation was open to all AICs, with a special invite to our resident artists. A few highlights of the presentation: Kurt explained how art has a universal language and appeal, accessible to all of us; he exposed the audience to different ways and perspectives to think about art and the artist; how art has properties for discovering what he termed "Visual Thinking Strategies" (VTS); and how many individuals must paint, draw, sculpt, etc, just for the sake of creating art. We look forward to partnering with the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art to develop projects for our talented resident artists to share their creations with those beyond the walls. Kurt was visibly pleased and excited to receive an original piece of leather art work. (Thank you Shawn Fox for your wonderful creation). The presentation and meeting was full of good energy and a fitting way to end the E-8's 2019 Calendar.

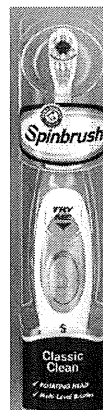
The Lifers' Club through their Special Interest Group E-8 proposed having an indigent program for the Transgender ICH population at OSP. Understanding that members of the transgender community use make-up and female products as a gender affirming practice that is often necessary for a positive self-image, and due to their status on ICH their ability to get a job is highly limited, so it is difficult to purchase these items that contribute to a positive self-image. We proposed to add gender-affirming items to the current indigent process for hygiene. The proposal was approved and E-8 provided products to an individual in need.

E-8 would like to thank all of the individuals that have supported our efforts both inside and outside the walls. First, thanks to all of the following Clubs for supporting our efforts: Lifers' Unlimited Club; Uhuru SaSa; Veterans; Asian Pacific Family; Toastmasters; Seventh Step; Athletic; Lakota; Hobby Shop; Photo Department; and the Music Program. There are those that without their help (and support of E-8) would not have experienced such a great year. We would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to: Brandon Kelly, Superintendent; Randy Briones, Assistant Superintendent, his Staff Gareth & Laura; J. Lawson, Library Coordinator; Courtney McFadden, Staff Advisor; Bill Marion, Staff Advisor; Nicole Hodgkin, Staff Advisor; C/O T. Olsen; Cpl. Rosenberry; C/O Banta; Robert Kelley, President Lifers' Club. Also, a special thanks goes out to the outside community volunteers' for their support: Erich (OSU), Natasha, Liz, Tracy, Danny, Tish, Kurt, *City of Pieces*, David Fox; Biff, BTW; Tristan, BTW, and Joshua. Finally a heat felt thanks to the E-8 planning teams, E. Dano, Blu, Ruby, Keith, Sean, Kiah, Timothy, Angel, Jesse and Stressla. Last but not least, thanks to all of the E-8 members for their participation and energy as we look forward to a positive and productive 2021. (By Stressla Johnson).

A Message to the Lifers' Unlimited Club Supporters and Sponsors

As always, we hope this message reaches you and yours in good health and spirit. Clearly, 2020 has presented numerous challenges for us all. Given the social distancing guidelines that we are all experiencing and our inability to interact with you during the pandemic, the Lifers' Unlimited Club would like to extend its best wishes to all of our club's sponsors and supporters and let you know that you are not forgotten. Although, many of our goals and projects have been temporarily derailed by the conditions COVID-19 has brought with it, we want you to know that we look forward to reestablishing our connections, workgroups and shared goals during the New Year. Good luck to you all – and – thank you for your patience, understanding, and resilience during the ongoing pandemic. ~ Peace ~ (RPL).

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Replacement Heads:
2 pack \$11.00



Electric Tooth Brushes
\$12.00

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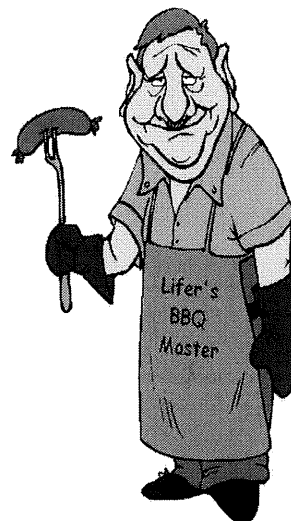
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Lifers' Unlimited Club 2020 Calendar

Unfortunately, all events are closed until social distancing restrictions are lifted. The Lifers' Club will do our best to keep everyone advised as events and/or circumstances develop. Thank you for your patience.

Answer to Brain Teaser on p. 3. The catcher and the umpire!

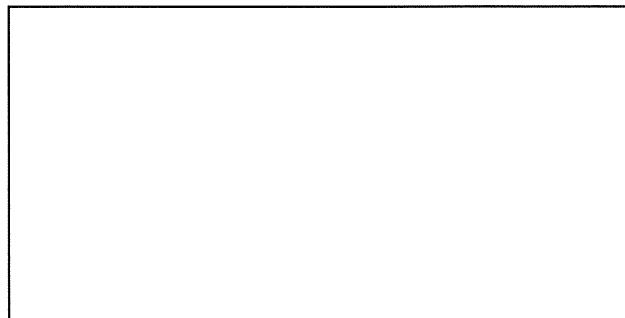
Don't forget about the Lifers' Pop-Up BBQs on the weekends. These events are by Punch Card only. As you already know, the Pop-Up BBQ's are a work in progress... Therefore, if you have any ideas and/or suggestions on ways to improve these events please send them to the Lifers' Club. Thank you.



WE ALL HAVE UNLIMITED POWER

Lifers' Unlimited Club Executive Body

President:	Robert Kelley
Vice President:	Martin Wendt
Secretary:	Juan Solis
Treasure:	Open
Facilitator:	Stephen Weavill



Mission Statement

The purpose of the Lifer's Unlimited Club is to unite the incarcerated men of OSP with a goal of improving the quality of life for those inside and outside of these walls. The club will work with charity programs, informational services, youth speaking panels and other positive programs. We cannot change the past, however, we believe through rehabilitation and pro-social behavior we can create a more productive future.

OK/CM