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Weekly Scene P. O. Box 100 Somers, Conn. 06071 ABOUT THE COVER: The Jaycee Creed begins with the words "We Believe", as do most creeds. This creed is what we as members are supposed to live by. But what do these words mean to you, the population? And what can we add to our creed that will be more fitting for our own environment?

Our year is nearly at an end. On June 1st the Jaycees will begin another year of service to the community. Following is what we believe will happen this year:

We have made the statement many times that we serve rather than represent this community. WE BE-LIEVE that this year we will do both. WE BELIEVE that by January of next year our organization will be so structured as to truly represent the inmate population. This is only possible if those of you who have been sitting back critisizing will get into the act and become a part of this representation.

WE BELIEVE that we now have programs in the planning stages that will truly benefit the entire population and not just a few.

WE BELIEVE that we must concentrate more on developing programs for use within the institution and less on projects that involve other communities.

WE BELIEVE that we must develop our own members thoughts so that his deeds are unselfish.

WE BELIEVE that this year we must concentrate less on getting a "pat on the back" and more on true service. "Glory seeking" is not "in" this year.

Most of all, WE BELIEVE in YOU. Help us to make this the best year in the history of the CCIS Jaycees. Not for us, but for your community. If we can accomplish this, our reward will come without asking.

Peace to you all and let faith in God and the Brotherhood of all men make the year 72-73 amost fruitful one for all of us at C.C.I.S.

In true Jaycee Spirit,

John J. McCauley,

Acting President

JAYCEE CREED

A PARTICULAR OCCASION"

WE BELIEVE:

- That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
- That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignity of nations;

That the economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;

- That government should be of laws rather than men;
- That Earth's great tréasure lies in human personality;
- And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

not to give him the opportunity to

DO SOMETHING NOW !

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The Jaycees is a young men's civic organization, encouraging in its members a spirit of genuine Americanism and civic interest. It also offers its members the opportunity for personal development and achievement in the affairs of the community the State, and the Nation. The Jaycees is an organization devoted to developing true friendship and understanding among men of all nations.

If you would like to be part of the Jaycees, see me or any member of the CCIS Jaycees, or drop us a request in the Jaycees mail box in the main corridor nest to the Captain's office.

DO SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF BY DOING SOMETHING FOR OTHERS

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Jimmy Schoendorf Sgt. at Arms CCIS Jaycees

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"A PARTICULAR OCCASION" By: Chachy Vazquez

A few days ago, while I was reading a newspaper, I looked at an article that made me remember something that was almost buried in my memory.

It happened on Christmas of 68 - 69. At that time I was confined, in Fort Devens, Mass., in the Special Processing Detachment. A few consequences that I don't think I should mention made me do something that I wasn't suppose to do and they put me in a place they call Stockade, which is a Military Prison. After a few days the Officer in Command realized that I wasn't a violent person, and that I did not have the idea of escaping, so they decided to transfer me to the company I mentioned before.

I got there on a cold morning. The breeze felt like it was cutting thin slices in every part of skin on my body. Since I didn't have enough time on that base, they wouldn't issue a field jacket to me. All I had on was my fatigues and I had to walk some distance to get to the barracks I was to report to.

I started to walk and I put my hands in my pockets so I could be a little warmer. That was, and still is, a mistake. Unfortunately there was a Lieutenant Colonel coming in a car driven by a Corporal. I didn't give him too much importance, so I just got my right hand out of my pocket to salute him. But the Officer didn't like it, he made the driver stop the car and then he got out.

From the car and with all his strength he yelled at me, "Where the hell do you think you are soldier?, Take them hands out of your pockets and let them get some fresh air, you're a soldier," he kept saying, "So you're a grown man and you're not going to die just because your hands get a little cold." I did not have any other choice but to get my hands out of my pockets and say, "Yes Sir."

But the man wasn't satisfied yet and he looked like he liked being out in the cold weather because he called me to where he was. I almost froze because of the weather, then I felt frozen completely. Don't blame me, but the Army is not a game for kids. They treat you very strict, and you have to respect everyone who has more rank than you. I didn't even have a name tag on my uniform because when you are in Military Confinement you can't have any rank or name insignias except for your dog tags. I'm just getting out of Stockade. Besides, anything I say or do that is out of order, this man could have me sent back to stockade.

I walked towards him and I said, "Yes Sir." The Officer looked at me in astonishment. I haven't done anything wrong, I thought. The Officer spoke again. I have never heard a bear talking but that was what came to my mind when he said, "Yes Sir?, what's the matter soldier, you haven't finished basic yet? You don't even know how to report properly to a superior?" Then I remembered what I was suppose to do, and very shyly I said, "I'm sorry Sir," then I stood at attention, lead my right hand to the top of my brow and said, "Private Vazquez reports, good morning Sir." I felt terrible but I had no choice. "What happened to your uniform soldier?"he asked me. "Oh no," I said to myself, "here it is, oh well, what the heck good-bye liberty". I looked at him very coldly and said, "I just got out of Confinement Sir and I'm on my way to report to my new quarters and wait for my Court Martial, Sir." The Officer gave me the impression that something had hit him on the head. Then I thought I was going back to P - 6 (prison). But to mu surprise the Officer told me, with a smile on his face (the first time I ever saw an Officer smile), "Get in the car and we'll drop you at your quarters." I couldn't believe it! I thanked him for his consideration, that I could not explain to myself. I went to open the front door of the car and to increase my disbelief he said, "No no, you'll go in the back seat with me." "What's wrong with this guy? I asked myself, and not to give him the opportunity to change his mind, I opened the back door of the car and waited for him to get in

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and then I got in too and closed the door.

The Officer gave order to his chauffer to ride around the base and he started talking in a tone of voice that was like a whisper, "I'm going to tell you something I heard from an ex-Commander of our troops in Viet Nam," He said "That with a few companies composed of men who are or were in Military Confinement he could take Viet Nam in no time. I," he said, "go along with him, but, the Officers on top 'don't believe so."

We talked for a few minutes. He asked why I had been in the Stockade and I told him why. And then he said something almost unbelievable, very calmly he said to me, "How would you like to work with me? I couldn't find any words to say. I was waiting for my Court Martial and besides I hadn't finished basic training yet. I let him know the resons that were keeping me from work for a while and he said. "Don't worry about anything Vazquez, I can fix all that; you will hear from me in a few days." "All I want from you is cooperation." We got to my new assigned quarters and I said good-bye to him very politely.

I was confused. I have been offered one of the best jobs in the U.S. Army but it was a job that was not made for me, at least I thought so anyway.

Two days later I got a notice saying that my Court Martial had beem dropped and instead I was getting an Article 15. The same day the Finance Department approved an advance on my pay. They gave me 150 dollars. I had it made, my problems were over, but I did something that only I could have done. I put on my class-A uniform, I got down to town and I took the bus to New York and then I looked back at the base with a smile of satisfaction on my face. And I said, not too loud, "good-bye, Fort Devens, Good-bye."

by: Chachy Vazquez Editor-Weekly Scene

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Anyone wishing to join the Varsity Softball Team is advised to drop a request in care of the Recreation Dept.

I wish to join the Varsity Softball Team and apply for the following position.

PITCHER:	CATCHER
OUTFIELD:	INFIELD:
NAME :	
NUMBER :	CELL:

NOTARY SCHEDULE

Legal papers will be notarized for inmates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. in interview Room #1. Please bring all documents to be notarized with you when you appear before the Notary Public.

Inmates confined in Segregation, E-Block and the Hospital must submit a written request to the Correctional Counselor Supervisor, when notary services are required. Notaries will only service said areas on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

> Earl F. Stout Ass't Warden-Treat.

NORARIO DEL NOTARIO

Papeles legales seran notarizados a los reclusos los Lunes, Miercoles y Viernes entre las horas de 1:00 p.m. y 2:00 p.m. en el Salon de Entrevistas #1. Favor de traer todos los documentos para que sean notarizados con usted cuando venga a ver el Notario Publico.

Reclusos confinados a segregacion, Hospital y el Bloque E deben someter una peticion escrita (request) al Correctional Counselor Supervisor, cuando necesite los servicios del notario publico. Los notarios estaran en servicios solamente en Lunes, Miercoles y Viernes en la tarde.

"THE TONGUE" By: Rev. James E. Jackson

Man can control just about everything. He can train the animals on land and sea. He can go out into space. He can go beneath the earth and sea. He can seed the clouds and make it rain. As mighty as the waters are he can build a dam and control the waters. He can trace the flight of a spaceship millions of miles away. He can tell you how far the nearest star is away from the earth. He can break all sorts of records. Man can build just about anything in reason. James 3:7 tells us, "For every kind of beast, and of birds and of surpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind."

But there is one little thing man cannot control, and that is his tongue. The book of James also tells us in the same chapter, verses 5, 6, 10, "Even so the tongue is a little member and bosteth great thing." Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindeth. (6) And the tongue is a fire, a work of iniquity, so is the tongue among our members, that is defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. (10) Out of the same mouth, proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brothern, these things ought not so to be.

Another example of the tongue we find in Jeremiah 9:4-5, "Take ye heed everyone of his neighbour, and trust not in any brother: For every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slanders(5) And they will decieve everyone his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: They have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to committ iniquity."

We can take the bit and put it in the horse's mouth and can control him, but we just can't keep our mouth shut. We talk all day and talk all night, and anytime we talk that much we've told some lies. The tongue can make a man feel like a million dollars and the same tongue can put him in hell. The tongue can make a man feel like a million dollars and the same tongue can make him feel like two cents. The tongue can bless God and man, and the same tongue can curse the both of them. All we have to do is open our mouths and start that tongue and the lies come automactically, as if we manufacture them. Some of us are audacious liars. Then some are ordained liars. Why is it so hard for us to put the bit on our tongue? If we could control the tongue 90% of our problems would be solved. James 3:8 tells us, "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

The things we need to talk about, we don't talk about, and the foolsshness that shouldn't be said, that the things we keep going all the time. Seems to me we are afraid to hold a decent conversation. Watch that tongue, it will get you in more trouble than it's worth. It can make friends, and it can break them. There come a time in life when it is necessary to be quiet. The older people use to tell us, be quiet, so you'll have something to say when you die. Pro. 21:23 tells us, "Whoso keepth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles."

James 1:26, "If a man among you seen to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Watch your tongue, it can keep you in trouble, who should know better than me. But if we keep our tongue we keep our lives as told in Pro. 13:3.

What got me thinking that we act like robots running for our lives was when I asked a guard for something. He said see that cop, and then began to walk off. What cop? I asked and wondered why the person was not identified. He gestured up the tier and popped out the door, as if he were secretly ashamed.

I'm not sure that impression is right. Perhaps shame did not motivate him. But I am certain that he was hiding. Alias the cop is a way of concealing the fact that he is Mr. Brown or Green, which suggests a complex person, a human being as worried as the individual hiding behind those other labels; prisoner, convict..the guy in cell 31....or number 25219.

What I'm getting at is that it seems easier to think in terms of labels. Cop and convict allow us to think in the shallow images created by press and TV. We all know what these images are. A cop is a brutal clod, a convict is a vicious animal.

Leaning on these empty images doesn't do much good. If we are going to grow into the kind of person that is not a misfit, then we're going to have to think of people with names. A name helps us to see the man who is sweating out a mortage as well as someone who uses a heavy key. A name suggests that the man in cell 31 also has quite a few human problems.

If we can see the next person whether guard or inmate doesn't matter has problems that are familiar to us all, then perhaps we can appreciate the fact that we ourselves have problems.

Needless to say perhaps, problems aren't created in a vacuum. It takes, as the cliche goes, two to tango. Now we can't create the original situation. We can't for example, recapitulate the events that led us here. We may not even know what they are. But we can be certain that two people can come closer to the truth, and that is probably all we can expect. Just come closer to the truth about ourselves.

Of course it may be more than two people. And those people may be either cop or convict. The who is not important. What is important is that two or more people think of themselves as human beings and make the effort to find out who we really are and what we are.

"TRANSPOSITIONS " by: Julio Perez

Let the reformers descend from the stands

Where they are forever bawling.

Let an idiot or insane person

Appear on each of the stands;

Let judges and criminals be transposed.

Let the prison-keepers be put in prison,

Let those that were prisoners take the keys;

Let them that distrust birth and death lead the rest!

REHABILITATION EVALUATION ACT For Conn. General Assembly-1972

An act concerning the rehabilitation of incarcerated individuals in the correctional institution of Somers, Osborn and Niantic.

An incarcerated individual serving a sentence--the minimum term of which is five years or more----may petition the Rehabilitation Evaluation Board as provided for in this act; for referral to the Parole Board for immediate parole consideration.

- 1. Petitioner must show he has, within the limits of his intellectual and emotional capacity, assumed the responsibility to achieve self-development and can illustrate the ability to adequately function in free society.
- 2. Petitioner must support his claims with documentary evidence, i.e. certificates of educational program completion, letters of reference from institutional personnel and others; and petitioner must demonstrate a positive and constructive attitude consistent with a socially acceptable mode of behavior.
- 3. Petitioner is eligible to petition one year after the date of admission to the correctional institution of Somers, Osborn and Niantic.
- 4. The Rehabilitation Evaluation Board will consist of one psychiatrist who is experienced with the treatment of incarcerated individuals. In addition, one psychologist, one sociologist and two other behavioral scientists will be members of this board.
- 4A. Members of the Rehabilitation Evaluation Board will be appointed by the Governor to serve a three year term.
- 4B. Salary provisions will be made in accordance with pay standards in existence at the State Personuel Department.
- 5. A majority vote of the board members, in favor of the petitioner, will be necessary for immediate referral to the Board of Parole for parole consideration.
- 6. In the event the petitioner is denied for parole referral he may petition the Rehabilitation Evaluation Board one year after his first appearance; and every year thereafter in the event of subsequent denials.
- 7. Expiration of minimum sentence renders void the petitioner's eligibility to appear before the Rehabilitation Evaluation Board.
- 8. In the case of petition denials the board will offer recommendations for the petitioner to follow to achieve rehabilitation.

REHABILITATION EVALUATION ACT: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This legislation is designed to motivate long-term incarcerated individuals to develop programs of rehabilitation and/or personality reconstruction and thereby, adopt a socially acceptable mode of daily living.

It is clearly illustrated by the high rate of recidivism that rehabilitation is not often achieved. A primary cause lies in the lack of motivating factors to rehabilitate. Indeed rehabilitation cannot be forced upon incarcerated individuals and prolonged punishment (imprisonment) tends to deepen initial criminality which originally demonstrated the need for society to remove such an individual.

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At the present most long-term inmates have little to look forward to except serving their minimum sentences to achieve parole status. The experience is dehumanizing degrading and defeats society's purpose to permanently deter criminal behavior. By itself imprisonment can in no way turn a criminal into a law abiding citizen.

For the most part punitive practices are employed in correctional institutions despite the fact that this practice has not alleviated the crime problem in Conn. Punishment is not rehabilitation. Society has for years confused these concepts. They have been considered as one and the same and it has been believed that because of punishment, offenders leave correctional/penal institutions better citizens.

The truth is clear, offenders do not leave the prison better citizens. The statistics show they leave with renewed enthusiam toward criminal behavior.

An incarcerated individual will rehabilitate--develop a socially acceptable mode of behavior--in most cases if he is motivated to do so. This motivation can be provided by offering opportunities to work toward release from incarceration and an appropriate place in society. Serving an arbitrary X number of years does not, per se, motivate the incarcerated individual.

The reward of freedom is one of the most sought by correctional/penal residents and a Rehabilitation Evaluation Board will encourage such individuals to assume the burden of responsibility for their own rehabilitation and will serve as a basis for hope of success (freedom and self-sufficiency in society). It will also encourage, by necessity, the setting of positive and constructive goals and proper methods to achieve these goals.

The transition from criminality to responsible citizenship is what society seeks and needs for the social offender. A sense of responsibility is developed by those motivated with hope for success, i.e. tangible reward, which this legislation will offer to those who merely mark time. To expand energy for its own sake is useless and nongratifying, defeating the purpose of setting goals toward which we all work.

Composed for the Connecticut General Assembly, 1972 By: Pete R. Morano ---- State Director, CCIS Jaycees

THERE WILL BE NO COLLEGE CLASSES ON MARCH 28 and 30th.

(Vacation at the college)

C. J. Jones State School Principal





NOTICE

Any inmate who has any problems regarding clothing, such as lost or torn clothing, issuance of shoes, coats, etc. should address their requests to Mr. Dunakin, Clothing Supervisor.

Do not direct your requests to anyone else, as they will only be turned over to Mr. Dunakin to be taken care of, and you can save yourself the delay involved from directing the request from one area to another.

> Mr. Kenneth Dunakin Clothing Room Super.

Anyone who feels that he will not be able to talk with members of the Parole, Pardon, Sentence Review, Disciplinary, or Classification Boards at the time of his scheduled appearance because he cannot communicate adequately in English, should contact Mr. Alex Cybulski, Correctional Counselor Supervisor, or his Correctional Counselor, and request the assistance of an interpreter.

Please send your request in as soon as you have been informed of the date you are to appear before the Board.

Earl F. Stout Ass't Warden-Treat.

Cualquier persona que crea que no le sera posible hablar con los miembros de las Juntas: Del Parol, Perdon, Revision de Sentencia, Disciplinaria o de Clasificacion cuando tenga que presentarse frente a alguna de ellas, porque no sabe hablar muy bien el idioma Ingles, debe ponerse en contacto con Mr.Alex Cybulski, Consejero Supervisor Correccional, o su consejero correccional, y pedir un asistente para que aparezca con usted.

Favor de mandar su peticion al momento de recibir noticia de que usted aparecera frente a una de la Juntas.

Earl F. Stout Alcaide Asistente-Tratamiento

The annual Maudy Thursday Communion Services will be held on Thursday, March 30, 1972 at 1:00 p.m. in the Protestant Chapel. Chaplain R.E. Camp

NIGHT COUNSELING

The schedule for March 27th thru March 31 is as follows:

Monday:	Mr. Bills	5 & 6
Tuesday:	Mr. Tuthill	7 & 8
Wednesday:	Mr. Reardon	1 & 2
Thursday:	Mr. O'Meara	9 & 0
Friday:	No One Assigned	

Please contact your counselor by request for an evening appointment. Do not just drop in on your counselor or on any of the counselors. You must have an appointment to see them.

Do not ask for an evening appointment to discuss business that can be taken care of during regular work day hours.

"LAST CHANCE"

The High School Equivalency Test will be given again on about the third week of April. Anyone who wishes to "bone-up" for this exam during the next four weeks fill out the enclosed form and send it to Mr. Charles Jones, Education Department. The high school classes meet during the evening recreation hours on Monday, Wedneaday and Friday. This may be your last chance to prepare for the exam, don't let it slip by you!

TO: Mr. Charles J. Jones, Education Dept.

I wish to take part in the high school classes in order to prepare for the exam scheduled to be given in April.

NAME: ____

NUMBER: _

___CELL:__

Anyone who is informed of being transfer to another housing unit, please come to the Library and inform us so that we can keep sending your suscriptions on time to your right housing unit.

Mr. Warren

FUNNY PAGE



"Now! Can you honestly Blame me for not wanting to go home? Without a few more!



"Let me put it this way, my Counselor told me that the only way I could get a furlough was by working at it





"Working in a shoe store can be very boring, if you don't have some sort of hobby!

BREAKFAST

Hot or Cold Cereal Orange Juice Pastry Coffee-C ke Corn Flakes - coated

Hot or Cold Fresh Fruit Two Eggs - Toast Scrambled Pep Wheat Flakes

Hot or Cold Cereal Pineapple Juice French Toast - Syrup Puffed Wheat - coated

Hot or Cold Cereal Stewed Prunes Pastry - Muffins Maltex

Hot or Cold Cereal Tomato Juice Griddle Cakes -Syrup 40% Bran Flakes

Hot or Cold Cereal Fresh Fruit Two Eggs-Fried - Toast Special - K

Hot or Cold Cereal Granapple Juice Pastry - Donuts Maypo Oats

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION WINTER CYCLE MENU NO. 1

LUNCH

SUNDAY

Fresh Ham - Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Carrots Ice Cream

MONDAY

Stuffed Veal Patty - Gravy Hash Brown Potatoes Buttered Spinach Jello - Strawberry

TUESDAY

Beef Stew w/Vegetables Tossed Salad Butterschtch Pudding

WEDNESDAY

Corned Beef Boiled Cabbage Parslied Potatoe Jello - Cherry

THURSDAY

Baked Chicken - Gravy Fried Rice Green Peas Pie - Cherry

FRIDAY

Baked Flounder Tarter Sauce Fried Potato Mixed Vegetables Ice Cream

SATURDAY Minute Steak Mashed Potatoes O'Brien Corn Bread Pudding

Daily Beverages: 'Coffee, Tea, Milk Bread and Butter will be served with meals. Condiments are left to the discretion of the Food Services Supervisor.

1/2/72, 1/30/72 2/27/72, 3/26/72

SUPPER

Chili Con Carne Steamed Rice Corn Bread Cole Slaw Fruit Cocktail

Split Pea Soup Kielbasa Boiled Potatoes Sauerkraut Pastry - Brownies

Fried Perch Tarter Sauce Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoe Apricots

> Meat Loaf - Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pastry - Frosted Cake

Spaghetti & Sausage Grated Cheese Tossed Salad Chilled Pears

Clam Chowder Asst. Cold/ and Cheese Potato Salad Pastry - Cake

Frank and Beans Vegetable Soup Beet & Onion Salad Fruit Cocktail * * ** ** * * *



OUR WORLD By Mary Violette

The sound of a slap, and a baby's first cry. Today we were born, tomorrow we die.

My first day of life, and what do I see. What mixed up disaster is surrounding me.

The hate, the jealousy, and even the wars. The polluted waters swept up on the shores.

The drugs and the pushers, just waiting to see. How long it will take them to hook up with me.

Where is the love; the helping hands. It all seems to fade like a marching band.

Oh God help us! Show us the light. Teach us to love and never to fight.

Help us make this world the way you intended it to be. I pray that is something I will live to see.



"PANIC IN NEEDLE PARK"

20th Century Fox first - J - Qs - C Blocks second - B-H-D-E Blocks

Explore the drug scene in the city Of New York Dope fiends, sex perveryouth and more!!!!!

AL PACINO, KITTY WINN.

110 Minutes.

Please remain seated after the movie ends untill the Officer in charge tells you to stand and go back to your block. Supervisor in Charge.