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Let me say, my experiance as the Editor was o k, and some amount of time was put into it. I only hope that my intent to reach my fellow immates in our efforts to better ourselves through thoughts of interest, have been successful in some way. The outlet for self-ex pression is what I've tried to do, it has not been a futile attempt as many showed in their comments, but there will always be room for improvement. The new Editor, Hal Baldwin, will definitely continue to improve our Weekly Scene in the future. Play a part and get more involved.

> The Present Editor Marvin Lawson

The soldiers used to climb for hours in the hot sun to reach the marijuana and opium poppies hidden in the Mexican Sierra Madre. Then they had to hack up the crop with machetes and burn it. Starting in 1975, the U.S. made their work easier by providing blue and white helicopters (Bell 212s and 206s) purchased at a cost of about \$21 million; some of the helicopters were used to spray herbicides from a few feet above the ground. Others served as gun ships, hovering above to shoot it out with the peasents who took up arms to defend their crop. The program was a great success. In 1977 about 22,000 acres of poppies and 9,500 acres of marijuana plants were destroyed by the spraying in Mexico.

The chemical that most efficiently killed the poppies was an acid known as 2,4-D. The best marijuana spray was a more toxic salt, paraquat, developed by Britain"s Imperial Chemical Industries; it is a poison that becomes tasteless, odorless, and colorless after it is sprayed on crops. As little as one-tenth of an ounce of paraquat can kill humans who swallow it. Lesser amounts can cause scarring of the lungs, which can lead to an irreversable condition called pulmonary fibrosis. The herbicide can also cause lung hemorrhaging and vomiting.

The peasant growers of the Sierra Madre soon developed a new strategy to combat the herbicides. Paraquat kills in the sun. Its chemistry requires about three days of ultraviolet rays in order to destroy the plants on which it has been sprayed. To save the marijuana, peasants began to rush out and harvest the plants minutes after the helicopters were gone; they put their plants in bags to shield them from the sun. Even though they had been sprayed, the leaves of the plants so shielded did not yellow. The plants appeared normal, so the peasants could sell them as if they were uncontaminated. The result: contaminated marijuana was mixed into the approximately 3,000 tons of Mexican pot smuggled anually into the U.S.

That posed a threat to the estimated 13 million regular users of marijuana in the U.S. Illinois Senator Charles Percy, himself no lover of marijuana, began last year to press the Government to investigate just how much contaminated marijuana was circulating in the U.S. Sampling 63 batches confiscated near the U.S. Mexican border, the National Institute of Drug Abuse detected traces of paraquat in 13. Those finding led Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano to issue a public warning to marijuana smokers a month ago. Said he: "If an individual smokes three to five heavily contaminated marijuana cigarettes each day for several months, irreversible lung damage will result." There was also, he added, a "risk of lung damage for individuals who use marijuana less often or in smaller amounts."

That was enough to trigger a wide spread panic. Worried marijuana users in Urbana, Ill., told a drug counselor that several of them had vomited and passed out after smoking pot. G.D. Searle Laboritories in Skokie, Ill., reported that 39 out of 40 marijuana samples tested had traces of paraquat. "People are running scared," says Dr. Vernon Patch, a Boston drug-abuse expert. "Asituation exists which borders on hysteria," agrees the deputy director of the Illinois dangerous drugs commission, Daniel Behnke.

Laboritories throughout the West and Mid West, the regions where most mexican pot is consumed, reported they were overwhelmed with requests to send marijuana sample to be tested. In Los Angeles, Disc Jockey Jim Ladd urged members of his post-midnight audience to telephone President Carter with their complaints about paraquat; within the hour, almost a thousand Southern California calls flooded into the White House. More than 5,000 marijuana samples were mailed to PharmChem laboratories in Palo Alto, Calif., where 22 new employees have been hired to keep up with the testing demand; last week the lab reported traces of paraquat in 28% of the marijuana tested.

Few studies exist to tell researchers whether or not the panic is warranted. Some experts contend HEW's warning was based on insufficient data. One specialist at the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta pointed out that there was as yet no verified reports of illness in the U.S. due to paraquat-sprayed grass. Some experts speculated that there might be less harm in smoking paraquat than in swallowing the liquid chemical form. "There's no doubt that paraquat causes pulmonary fibrosis when taken orally," observes a California lung physiologist, Dr. Jeff Goldan, "but theres a gap as far as knowing what to expect with inhalation." Exploring the medical literature, Golden noted a report that Malaysian: farm workers who accidentally inhaled paraquat while spraying it with paraquat suffered only temporary throat bleeding. Another reason for skepticism was voiced by University of California Toxicologist Dr. Jim Embree, who noted that after two years of marijuana spraying, "there should be quite a number of sick people by now."

Even so, the potential for widespread harm prompted demands that something be done about paraquat, notwithstanding the fact that marijuana itself is illegal. In Washington, Senator Percy called for a temporary halt to Mexico's marijuana spraying (but not its poppy spraying) (the poppies are used to make herion) Said he: "The U.S. Government has not fulfilled its responsibility to stop poisoning our own citizens." Dr. Peter Bourne, White House special assistant for helth issues, indicated last week that he was urging Mexico to switch from paraquat to some less toxic marajuana spray. Also under consideration: coloring sprays or marking them with an odor to prevent sale of sprayed crops. But Bourne defended the spraying program itself. "Those concerned," said Bourne "are trying to imply that marijuana without paraquat is totally safe, and we still have no evidence of that either."

SOURCE: TIME MAGAZINE MAY 1. 1978

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POETRY

Living means a lot Especially to me But living means nothing

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On interest. Words could ever say When living under unjust rule Seems the only way

Submitted By:

Marvin Lawson

ONE DAY

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Submitted By: Marvin Lawson

WHAT IS LOVE

Love is patient and kind, love is not jealous or boastful; It's not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way. Not irritable or resentful. Does not rejoice, bears all things, believes, hopes endures and never ends. Prophecy will pass and know ledge, Our knowledge is imperfect and so is our prophecy... So, faith-hope-love...abide by these. The greatest is love.

By: L. Byrd

LATIN PAGE

PUERTO RICAN WOMEN

Lost in a multitude of confusion, yet beautiful and bursting with love...
Music vibrations and delicious, stimulating to her soul.

Her hair, so long, black as the raven, young as a child, so jubilating,

always being blithen with her fellow human, tender with life.

She strides with the wind rushing through her hair as a silk breeze, reaching for life reaching to touch purity.

Brown olive skin...small features, her smile brisk, allowing nothing but

warmth to be exposed.

Platanos, the makes all shapes, sometimes round, a master at her rice and beans, thrives on pasteles, but maintains her figure, known to all as the:

'Puerto Rican Woman' ...

Known as the lady all men keep in their hearts, with deep love and respect yet love her always, the woman who is loved:

Puerto Rican Woman ...

Women secretly admire her, they hold great respect with an immensity of resentment.

Puerto Rican Woman

Multitudes of colors and tremendous will to live, as a rainbow with no end 'Puerto Rican Woman'

Puerto Rico, her birth place, where theirs only one of each, one water tank, one match box post effice, one church, one cemetary, one grocery store, and one great memory for the:

'Puerto Rican Woman'

Bridgeport, her home where life was learned through the eyes of the Puerto Rican Lady...

where in spite of the cruelty thrown her way, she strived for life, a goal perfection and recieved the contrary. Yet the Puerto Rican survives...

Respect all man-kind for their beings. Her family is large with assorted personalities, great passion for mother and father, not present, just gone.

Puerto Rican Woman, always so upset with humanity, so overly concerned with their lack of knowledge of within their souls, the recognition of the life they have...

This Puerto Rican Woman, a choice of a housing project to a villa, due to ignorance, competing with roaches, evil people, selfish people, ugly people, competing with roaches on whose staying and whose dinner it may be. Waking early with the feeling of anothers stare, your eyes you open only to face of the roach who in confusion wonders what to make of your human face to theirs. Coming out only when you have company, and/speaking into your bag, popping up in the bus on your way to work...

Composed By:
Mr.Felix Garcia #14173
Q-1-22

LATIN PAGE

oh poeta, que pudiste vivir el momento angustioso del soldado boricua.

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cuando el rugido del canon siniestro
el silencio tornaba en agonia
una voz modlando el == padre nuestro
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un hijo de borinquen fuerte y diestro
herido en el combate se moria
y en en manos de las hordas del secuestro
madre del corazon, el repetia...
y en la villa lejana y desolada
acosada por triste desvario
una madre infeliz y acongojada,
frente al cristo que tiene en su bohio
rezaba el padre nuestro emocionada
murmurando tanbien...salve mi hijo...

un toxico ducrante el sictema, patriotico puertorriquenos de las guerras hispano= americana...

nosotros los puertorriquenos, que por naturaleza somos enimigos de las guerras, desde 1917 no han cesado las madres puertorriquenas de llorar a sus hijos en los cementerios de puerto rico y estados unidos...y...

Que derechos aciste a estados unides de disponer de las vidas de nuestros compatriotas,

solo porque las vidas humanas de nuestra juventud, son necesarias cono una ofrenda para asegurar la economia de estados unidos...

a esas guerras van nuestros hijos con su disgnidad humillada, producto del coloniaje vergonzante a que es sujeta la isla de puerto rico para beneficio exclusivo de estados==

unidos de norte america...

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si es su beneficio propio...

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KENNY BADILLO STORE OF THE STOR

hijo de la patria.

THE DREAMER I SHALL SURVIVE

These days alone These nights they see These days are getting longer

This love can't fill this empty scene This pain is getting stronger

Of you of me Of love surreal Of dreams I can't escape

The cry for you The cry's appeal The cry that comes when I awake

Spun fine the web Spun as I sleep Spun in your image and woven so deep

Steep now the climb Steep the dream leap Steep then the fall from nights lonely dream keep

WRITTEN: J. BURGESON

Where others failed in life or upon, "Reality" which is "Superior" and everlasting as a great force that was "brought upon", "Reality".

"Look into" my eyes and you will see, a story, of love in my eyes, waiting to be told by someone, As lovely as you, are "Thy Woman?"

FROM BEYOND
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Darkness of light, came a person That, calls himself "Man-Child."

Of Love: "World" he is, very for real, And can be called a Black Stone Lover, Of "love"!

Oh; I am Thee?

BY: L.J. Frazier.

Abu Ben Abden, may his tribe increase-awoke one night from a sweat dream of peace and saw within the moonlit room, an angel, writing in a book of gold.

Interrupted exceeding peace made Ben Abden bold, he said, "What writtest thou?" The vision raised its head, and with a look made of all sweet accord answered, "The names of those that love the Lord."

"And is mine one?" said Abu., Nay not so, replyed the angel. Abu Ben Abden, may his tribe increase, said "Then write me as one who loves his fellow man."

The next night the vision appeared again and low and behold Abu's name led all the rest in the book of gold.

WRITTEN BY: Doug Collins

Letter to the Editor

I have been on the expanding list for a blanket for quite awhile, and was wondering if the inmate welfare fund could afford to pay for blankets for any inmate who is in dire need for one, for medical reasons.

If the Inmate Welfare Fund can be constantly used to contribute money to other sopposedly inmate oriented projects and programs, "in the best interest of inmates", why not a blanket project for needy inmates??

Submitted By: Woodrow Chapman

I'm writing in regard to the so called (Chinese Laundry) that seems to be a big problem? To date there has nt been anyone who can explain to me the big problem with it. Now you can buy sweatclothes, pajamas, sneakers, and sweaters Now comes the problem; these things get dirty and have to be cleaned. We are told that you can't have them cleaned, because it is(Chinese)! If the Chinese knew that their name was being used this way here, they would lodge a complaint with the United Nations. I say it is a shame that this is happening. Now in the rule book it says, under personal appearance, and institutional clothing, (Page 8), every man is expected to have due regard for the rights and priviledges, and property of all others! One aspect of this (due regard) for others is maintaining personal cleanliness. Now if one will read all that regulations you will see that the word Chinese should go back where it should be, to the people of it's origin, to the people of China.

Submitted By: Woodrow Chapman

A note of thanks to the personal of WIRS

I have been here at Somers close to five months now, and unfortunately, (as with a lot of other inmates) have not had the money to buy a radio. So we have "Tuned In" the state box to get into some tunes. Myself being a music "Addict" (Rock& Jazz). I wish to thank all of you for your efforts at WIRS. Taking requests, great format of different shows, late hours on the weekends and (Thank God) not a lot of garbage talk! Considering the problems of doing a show here, limited record supply, mechanical trouble, noise, ETC. ETC. All in all you have a good radio station going. Keep up the good sounds, sounds of life for a lot of us here at Somers.

Submitted By: Bob Duncan -- 72570

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MANAGERS: JOE JACKSON (COLTS), SONNY TINSLEY (FIRE) CHAPMAN-COACH

This was the second game of the season. The Colts looking to increase their record to 2-0.

FIRST QUARTER

The kick-off went to #83 Missino of the Colts, who was only going to gain a few yards, as he was quickly stopped by #34 marvin lawson. McNeil #30 got the call and gained about 6 yards. Joe Jackson (QB) took to the air, the pass was incomplete however. Bailey got the ned and gained about 3 yards. Jackson then tried to hit #81 Johnson (the star of last weeks game) with a pass but failed. Fire took over pessession of the ball. Anderson #30 got the call, and the "Baby Bull" gained about 12 yards. Freeman got the ball and only gained short yardage.

Fires' (QB) Kevin "Coltrain" Walker kept the ball and gained a first down. Anderson got the ball and gained about 1 yard. This time Anderson was not to be denied and gained about 7 yards. Unnecessary roughness was charged against the Colts and then Freeman#23 gained about 6 yards. Anderson who runs with reckless abandon got about 5 yards. Again Anderson#30 got the ned and rambled 30 yards for a score...but it was called back because of a Fire clip. Kevin Walker tried to connect on his first pass but it was incomplete. #21 Lee, got the next call and as the Celt defense got through the line (semething they did very little of all day) and Lee lost about 7 yards. Walker was unable to gain a first down on a sweep and had to give up the ball. Joe Jackson under the constant pressure from Fires' defense, missed his man with a short pass. SECOND QUARTER

McNeil got the ball and ran for about 3 yards. Jackson went to the air and a pass was dropped by Johnson. Kelley was on hand for the punt return, bobbled the ball and gained no yardage. Walker kept the ball and gained 9 yards on a sweep. A backfield in motion call was called and Andersons' gain was called back Smooth Charlie Young showed his ability by grabbing a Walker pass in mid-air and dancing on the Colt secondary for about a 30 yard gain. Freeman got the next call and quickly and swiftly ran for 12 yards. Fire then went to the Colt 7 when #30 Tem Anderson caught a short pass and a face mask call on the Colts. After a Fire fumble but recovered by David Lee Freeman gained a few yards on the next play Fire failed to make any head way and after a failed Kevin Walker sweep, Celts took over the ball at their own 5. McNeil get the call and barely get to the line of scrimmage before the Fire defense swarmed all over him. Joe Jackson at the close of the half, tried to hit Branden with a pass but he over threw him. HALFTIME SCORE O-O.

THIRD QUARTER

Freeman took the kick-off at his own 10 and gained about 11 yards. Young on the first play just let another fantastic catch slip through his hands. Again Walker went to Young and he was overthrown. The Baby Bull Tom Anderson got the call and rambled for 18 yards, by the way Anderson ran unmelested most of the day. Anderson then carried for a 6 yard pick-up. Then there was a off-sides call against Fire. Walker then hit Kelly #32 with a pass and was hit by Ruth. Kelley also displayed the talent that Colt defenders couldn't handle. Walker then bulled his way for a first down but before that had kept the ball for much yardage also. Anderson got the call on the next play and picked up 6 yards. The David Bailey ran a long route and ran into Joe Jackson and was unable to hold on. #30 got the call and gained 5 then Freeman picked up a couple. Walker tried to hit Charlie Young but the pass was batted away by Charles Newell. (NEXT PAGE)

Anderson get the next call and recorded only short yardage. Kevin took to the air before the end of the third and Charlie Young was unable to catch the ball, Charles Newell of the Colts made an excellent defensive play. FOURTH QUARTER

The Celts were given a gift by Fire when on fourth down they were called for eff-sides. #20Bailey of the Celts took the pigskin about 6 yards. On the very next play Jehnson#81 took the ball for only short yardage but a Celt first down. Earl Harris get called for eff-sides and Joe Jackson was sacked for 6 leaving Celts with 3rd and about 25. Jackson then threw an incomplete pass to Jehnson. Theriult then lest about 5 more. This is when the fireworks started. On the next play, the punt was blocked by #31 Boyce Gates and #61 Johnny Gates (by the way, no relation). David "Fatman" Spencer who was a thern in the Celts side And Joe Jacksons', pounced on the ball for the only score of the game. Anderson powered his way through the line for the conversion. That was only made possible by the expert play or blocking from Dave Bailey #83, the man who showed not only

that he was a dangerous reciever but a strong blocker as well.

The kick-off was taken by Ruth #41 and got nowhere before Stan Ellis met him with a proper hello. #72 Bezeman moved to soon and cost them 5 on the first down. Deep in their own territory there was a Blitz and Jackson back in the pocket, his blockers were out to lunch and Dave Bailey proved himself again as he pounced on Jackson in the end zone for a safety. Showing signs of running out of gas and not that they could do anything anyway, Kelley returned the kick-off about 30 yards to the 47. Substituting for regular Kevin Walker at (QB) David Lee threw a bomb to David Bailey but was overthrown. Anderson got the call and the ball slipped away from him but his fleet footed efforts regained the ball. The Colts got the ball and Ruth got the call and was sacked for about 5 yards by Kevin Walker of "FIRE". Jackson went to a short pass with Johnson#81 but as soon as he get the ball #23 Freeman hit him fer no gain. On the final play of the game Jee Jackson was sacked by #62 Phil Santos and Ben Brown. Final score "fire" 10 and the Colts O. Game ball went to #30 Tom Anderson on Offense and #50 Fatman Spencer on Defense. It should be pointed out that all of the players for Fire played a great game and even these not mentioned: Miller, Sid Davis, marvin lawson, and a man who was so consistent, not even mentioned but the most important man for fire "DYNAMITE" Carter. The motto: Play with Fire and you'll surely get burned!!! 12 yards. Fire them went to the Colt 7 when 430

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MOVIES * * *

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SUNDAY

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LOTTERY WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE:

Arthur Harris	63029	JR1-109
Reginald J. Cooper	25866	J1-106
Michael Aledia	23542	Q-4-46
Edward J. St. Jean	72122	Q-316

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

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ANY RADIO OR TELEVISION SET WHICH HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH WILL NOT BE REPAIRED, THIS INCLUDES MISSING SCREWS, ETC.

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THOSE VETERANS WHO RECEIVED DISCHARGES OTHER THAN HONORABLE AND WOULD LIKE TO TRY FOR UPGRADING SHOULD CONTACT J. DeLOACH,, VOCATIONAL COUNSELOR. WE ARE PRESENTLY WORKING WITH THE RED CROSS ASSOCIATION IN AN EFFORT TO GET CERTAIN MILITARY DISCHARGES UPGRADED. SEND A REQUEST FORM STATING CLEARLY WHAT TYPE OF DISCHARGE YOU HAVE AT THE PRESENT TIME AND AN INTERVIEW CAN BE SET UP WITH THE RED SROSS.

MENU THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8,1978

BREAKFAST

DINNER

SUPPER

SUN. Blended Juice Boiled Eggs w/Teast Dry Cereal Hot Coffee Mille

Reast Turkey Breast &Poultry Dressing Mashed Potatoes w/Rich White Gravy Buttered Sweet Peas Cranberry Sauce Ice Cream: Beverage

*Breaded Pork Cutlet w/Brown Gravy Potatoes O'Brien Beet&Onion Salad Peach Betty Beverage

Tomato Juice MON. French Teast w/Syrup Dry Cereal Hot Coffee Milk

Grilled Cube Steak w/Bun French Fried Potatoes Fresh Frezen Spinach Chilled Fruit Cocktail Catsup Beverage

Tuna Salad Plate Macaroni Salad Cabbage&Carrot Slaw Celery Sticks Pastry:Beverage

TUE. Grapefruit Sections Breakfast Pastry Het Cereal Coffee Milk

*Baked Italian Sausage Shells w/Temate Sauce Grated Parmesan Cheese Antipasto Salad Pastry:Beverage

Baked meat Loaf w/Brown Gravy Mashed Petatees Buttered Wax Beans Rasberry Jello: Beverage

WED. Fresh Fruit Fried Eggs w/Teast Dry Cereal Het Ceffee-wilk

Baked Chicken w/White Gravy Steamed Rice Corn O'Brien Ice Cream: Beverage

Breaded Veal Cutlet w/P rewn Gravy Mashed Petatees Glazed Fresh Carrots Pastry: Beverage

THUR. Orange Juice Breakfast Pastry Hot Cereal Coffee Milk

*Cold Ham Grinder Cottage Cheese/Lettuce Potato Chips&Mustard Lettuce&Temato Salad Pineapple Chunks-Beverage Pastry: Beverage

Cheeseburgers Hash Brown Potatoes Cut Green Beans Catsup

FRI. Geopefruit Juice Cartadle Cakes W. Syrup Dry Cereal Het Coffee Milk

Chilli con Carne Soup of the Day Steamed Rice Corn Bread Cole Slaw Ice Cream: Beverage Deep Fried Fish w/Tartar Sauce Fan Freid Petatees Mixed Vegetables Checolate Pudding Beverage

Fresh Fruit SAT. Breakfast Pastry Hot Cereal Coffee Milk

Cheese Omelette Potatoes O'Brien Cold Green Bean Salad Catsup Pastry:Beverage

*Grilled Franks&Catsup Baked Neans&Mustard Fried Cabbage Chilled Peaches-Beverage

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