

# MASS PRISON VOICE

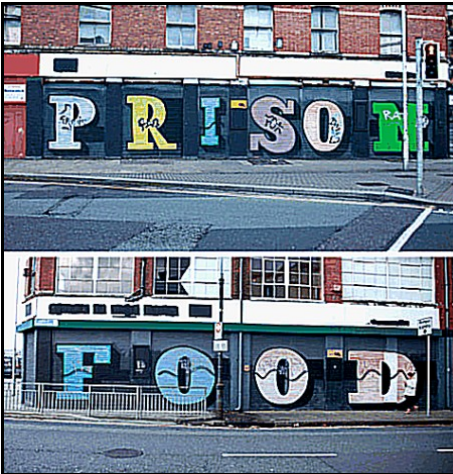
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THEY SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

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### Alternatives v. Substitutions, ... *the dirty little secret.*

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The DOC, more specifically the Food Services Director(s), ("F.S.D.") have made it a practice of offering alternative meals as a cost cutting measure. These Alternatives, or Substitutions, are often sub-par foods, and more often than not – not nutritionally equivalent to what you are entitled to receive. Basically, you are entitled to what is on the menu, which is what the dietitian plans, and deemed a "Heart Healthy Diet".

If you are given a choice, and you choose the sub-par food, then it is on you. However, if you are at an Institution such as Norfolk, where you are not allowed to choose because the food is brought to the unit, then it is no longer an alternative – it is a substitute. The simple fact is: You are entitled to what is on the menu, nothing more, and nothing less. What used to happen at Norfolk was that a whole meal was substituted. The foods being substituted for were always the

better meals: Roast Beef, Tuna, Turkey, etc. This practice quickly stopped due to the volume of letters sent to Boston/Milford. Often times when an entire meal was substituted men were told that if they wanted the menu item, that they could have the cop call the kitchen. Many officers flat out refuse to call. Others threaten retaliatory measures. What is being allowed is for the F.S.D. to create a "climate issue". I am unsure about you, but I do not look forward to arguing with some cop and risk having my cell "tossed" so I can get the food I am entitled to.

There is talk of these alternate/substitutes being offered at Norfolk again. Talk of tuna, a meal loaded with protein, being replaced every other week with a single peanut butter sandwich, or a piece of cheese-less pizza. And it would appear that this most recent suggestion of substitutions is coming

from a number of prisoners. And the F.S.D. has asked for people's blessing, and that no one complain?

Do not forget the days of the rancid meat, cheap hamburger, pastas, chicory coffee, etc. These substitutions can only happen if you allow it. The simple fact is that you are entitled to what is on the menu. And if the menu is adhered to 100%, and the recipe cards are followed along with the proper preparation, the food is actually good. And if they want to offer a change, send 50% of the menu item, and 50% of the alternate items(s). If you allow them an inch you will soon be eating the bad meats again.

What can you do? Complain to the Commissioner of the DOC, the Secretary of Public Safety, the DOC State Food Director (Christopher Gendreau c/o 50 Maple Street, Suite 3, Milford, MA 01757). Explain that allowing the F.S.D. to not adhere

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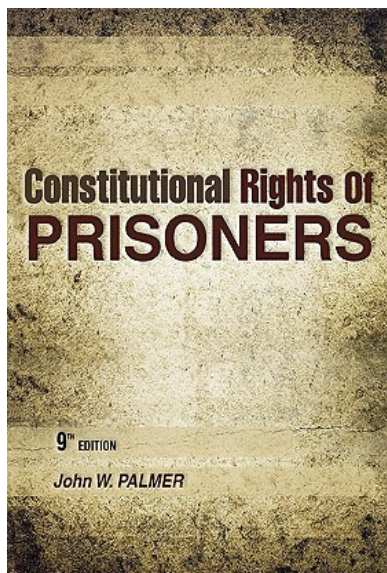


100% to the menu is creating a climate issue, and that you want what you are entitled to – what is on the menu.

**A good question for the Commissioner, and others, is: Why are you paying Food Service Directors upwards of \$80,000 per year to adhere to menus, and prepare food according to the recipes, when instead they choose to create a climate issue and serve bad food. Your complaint counts!!**

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(Editor's note: In 2011 Chris Gendreau's pay rate was \$77,180.87. Below is his disingenuous report on the art of being a food service director. Gendreau brags about keeping food costs under \$3. a day. The piece appears in the November 2008 edition of the DOC's Public Relations Newsletter, Around the Block. It can be found on-line at [mass.gov/DOC](http://mass.gov/DOC).)

*"Your average Food Service Director in the DOC has to be knowledgeable in several different areas. Knowledge of diets, medical needs and religious restrictions are fast becoming more of an issue. The food service staff has to communicate their knowledge of diets to Correction Officers and sometimes directly to inmates. Food service in a prison setting also has the*



*additional burden of security issues to address. This usually works against providing nutritionally balanced meals in a timely fashion, but somehow we get it done on a consistent basis.*

*We do not have a lot of second chances in our operation. Producing over 33,000 meals a day throughout the system is mind boggling. Food safety and sanitation is another vital area of concern for the food service staff. The kitchens throughout the DOC are some of the cleanest in the entire industry. This is a tribute to the food service professionals we employ. All of our food service staff is certified in food safety or ServSafe. The food service staff's attention to detail and consistency cannot be compromised. Documentation and satisfying Department of Public Health, Policy Development and Compliance Unit and American Correctional Association standards is another aspect of the job that separates this group of food service professionals from all others.*

*Another little known fact is that most, if not all of the food service staff is part of an emergency response team or F.E.D. (Food Emergency Deployment Team) that in years past, responded and supported Red Cross and Salvation Army efforts at Worcester and Needham fire sites. This group is ready, willing and able to handle any task at any time.*

*Another point of interest is the escalating cost of food and how the food service staff has responded this past year. In most cases this group has been able to operate at a cost of \$2.91 per inmate a day, when most of the country is operating at \$3.15 to \$3.45 per inmate a day. It's just another feather in the DOC Food Service Division's cap."*



## **The Real Hunger Games**

*By Sam Conti*

In The Hunger Games, author Suzanne Collins depicts a future world, where “tributes” are forced into gladiator games and compelled to fight to the death for “favor” (food/housing), while the rest of the country is slowly starving to death.

This barbaric and hideous practice is the brainchild of an oppressive government determined to keep the population in line, provide entertainment, and to create jobs.

In OUR world, better-informed people than this writer have questioned the nutritional value of food which prisoners must eat, as well as the exorbitant prices charged by private canteen companies across the United States for what amounts to “gas-station-junk-food”. Better informed people have also questioned the fairness of what amounts to a monopoly, or the fact that while the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends at LEAST five servings of fruit and vegetables a day, MOST prisoners in America are lucky to get an apple – a week.

As I have said elsewhere, ad nauseam, doesn't ANYONE realize that prisoners are PEOPLE?

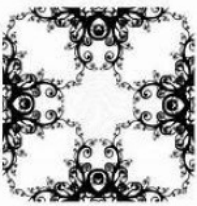
My question is this: if the canteen companies require a cost-of-living increase, why is it that prisoners are expected to keep receiving the same slave wages, without a pay increase, since at least 1970?

Prisoners shovel miles of snow in MA prisons, cut acres of grass, do most, if not all the maintenance, plumbing, cooking, janitorial and electrical work, as well most of the clerical duties in the average prison

system. They save the state tens-of-thousands of dollars a month. Is it too much to ask to be able to buy a bit of “canteen”, to supplement their poor diets?

If an inmate earns a dollar a day, half is put into “savings”, which he or she is NEVER allowed to access. That leaves only fifty cents per day, clear. Bread from the “canteen” now cost prisoners two dollars a loaf. Does anyone on the street pay FOUR DAYS' SALARY for THEIR loaf of bread?

***The REAL “Hunger Games” have begun.***



### **D.O.C. Miscommunications**

Submitted Sept. 2012

*Francis E. Arenella*

Seems that there is a communications problem between Keefe (Canteen), the D.O.C. and the prisoners. This could be happening at the other prisons, not just here at N.C.C.I. Gardner. *Let me explain.*

First, the inmates here were told that they had to have their canteen slips in early because of the upcoming Labor Day Weekend. Then on August 31, the inmates went to pick up their canteen. They were told that some of the food items they had ordered were not sent because of product changes. Inmates were told it would affect the canteen on September 7.

At 11:30am August 31, a memo was posted in each building showing the new items and those being replaced. Lo and Behold! The date Keefe actually wrote the memo was August 6, 2012.

Here is the miscommunication. Where was this memo for 25 days? Who posted this memo and why did it take so long to be posted?

Again we are shown that a major vendor can make mistakes and nothing is done to penalize them, but let an inmate do something wrong and all hell comes down on him.

The other miscommunication happened on August 30<sup>th</sup> when the Gardner staff gave each of us a bar of soap which would not last one shower. Let me explain this mistake or act of stupidity: every Thursday inmates receive a single roll of toilet paper and every other Thursday we receive a State bar of soap which is supposed to last 2 weeks, but that never does.

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, the inmates received such a bar of soap and when the superintendent was touring the facility (a.k.a. Happy Hour) several prisoners asked her about the tiny piece of soap. All she said was, “I will look into it.”

Another Thursday is here and there’s not one memo on the soap or a response to the late posting of Keefe’s memo. Remember, we have the right to be informed in a timely manner, not 25 days later or even a week later!

Finally: where are the copies of the new Melissa's Law that are legally required by to be in the prison law libraries?

### **Felon or Fall Guy?**

*Darin Bufalino*

The saga of the Annie Dookhan MA Department of Public Health Lab Scandal continues to spew forth like a long dormant volcano under intense pressure. The details, like a steady flow of lava, scorch and burn upon release as evidenced by the recent resignation of a Norfolk County Assistant District Attorney. He is certainly not the first casualty nor will he be the last. As recently reported Mr. Dookhan had contacted this Norfolk County prosecutor because there had been so much contact between the ADA and Mrs. Dookhan that Mr. Dookhan asked if he was romantically involved with her.

I watched the newscast of Annie Dookhan being led into the courtroom for her initial arraignment. She appeared resigned to her fate like a criminal defendant who knows that her pals, who once swore a common cause, have switched teams and are now pointing the finger. How unfortunate for this woman who for years was the go-to person at the State Lab for countless prosecutors. Time will tell if these prosecutors get burned as more details come to light, like slow-flowing lava. Ms. Dookhan was the go-to person at the State Lab for a reason and if the prosecutors profess ignorance then they should be reminded that ignorance is no defense to the law. Will the A.D.A.’s recent resignation amount to a high



paying job elsewhere? Again, he would not be the first.

The spreading lava flow has everyone near the scandal looking for refuge or some way to dampen the damage. Advice for Annie Dookhan? Do not be the fall guy; you have admitted tampering and falsifying evidence. Your co-workers and supervisors were suspicious of your actions for years.

It is incredible that this situation was allowed to continue for years with these so-called professionals not speaking up and with countless prosecutors, officers of the court one and all, remaining silent as well.

Was it because you thought you were on the side of good against evil in the “War against Drugs”? If so, you have learned a life lesson; when you stoop to the level of your opponent (in this case the defendant), you become one. If you were looking to gain the affection of the aforementioned prosecutor – as he

was well aware, as evidenced by his resignation – is it possible or probable that he and his fellow prosecutors looked the other way or expected the implausible work product you manufactured?

Now hundreds of men and women are being released from jails and prisons as the result of what was allowed to happen at the State Lab. The public brays for justice and state pols see another opportunity to finagle more federal funds. The Attorney General's Office declares jurisdiction, thereby ensuring state prosecutors are investigating their colleagues who were convicting men and women who may not have been guilty. These people are someone's father or mother, son or daughter. Just think about how many lives have been turned upside down by the "Good Guys".

Law enforcement is threatening those being released with intense scrutiny, severe punishment for any future offenses, mandatory programs and more. Their position begs the question: why have not these ideas been implemented before now if they are such a great deterrent? Prosecutors are indignant over defense attorneys' demands that charges resulting from testing done at the State Lab be dismissed. What option do they have? Ms. Dookhan, among other things, has admitted making samples positive by adding an illegal drug but no one knows which.

There's another segment of society voicing its opinion. Unfortunately, from where they sit, it is nearly impossible to be heard by the public even if the public wanted to hear them. Specifically, prisoners incarcerated in Massachusetts and in the Federal Bureau of Prisons have been convicted by a system which believes it is above the law. In their

opinion Ms. Dookhan should not be the only fall guy. It is improbable, if not impossible, that she acted without, at the very least, the tacit approval of her co-workers, supervisors and prosecutors. The facts validate this opinion, wherefore the question arises: has she been questioned about who else was involved and to what extent?

Ms. Dookhan now knows how it feels to be in the dock wondering why she is the only one facing a hostile courtroom. Law enforcement and prosecutors always ask the question "Who else is involved?" Another life lesson, Ms. Dookhan: misery loves company. You have already acted the felon. Do yourself and many others a favor by not being the fall guy for this epic travesty of justice and answer the question. Do not be afraid. For years your actions have caused untold misery to thousands of men and women. Forget the criminal penalty that may be imposed,; you have a moral obligation to expose every facet of this scandal not only for those convicted by your actions, not only to the public and every honest person who works in criminal justice, but to every person who was convicted and sent to prison because of perjured evidence or testimony. This scandal is the tip of the proverbial iceberg in opening the public's eyes. Notwithstanding the 'bad apple' theory, tainted evidence prevents a judge or jury from coming to a just decision

Those who have been through the system know you were not acting alone. Do you want to put the criminals behind bars? Answer the question.



## A Call for Abolition

*Ralph C. Hamm, III*

On November 28, 2012, I will have served forty-four years in prison for a non-capital first offense that occurred when I was 17 years old in 1968. I am currently serving a second degree life sentence.

In "Massissippi"<sup>1</sup>, the only method by which a State prisoner convicted to serve a second degree life sentence can obtain a release from imprisonment is via a Massachusetts General Law, chapter 127, section 133A mandated parole eligibility hearing after having served fifteen years on said sentence and being afforded a parole certificate from the parole board. Uniquely, I received my first parole eligibility hearing in 1999, after having served 31 years in prison, due to the blatant misuse of the aggregation law in this State by the Parole Board. The "Massissippi" State and federal judiciary determined, by way of focus-shifting away from my central Constitutional arguments of a violation of equal protection and due process of law (the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution), that "all roads lead back to Rome" - furthering the premise that a black man has no Constitutional rights that whites are bound by law to respect<sup>2</sup>; as regards a statutorily mandated parole eligibility hearing in 1983 - after having served fifteen years on a second degree life sentence.

Due to the fact that I had the audacity to challenge the Parole Board's misuse of the aggregation policy in court, I have been penalized by the Board with 25 years of parole request denials. This fact was made evident during the course of my 2004 parole eligibility hearing, when the assistant district attorney for Essex County told the Parole Board to deny my request for parole because I appealed my conviction (something else that I assumed was a right under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution) and that I took the Parole Board to court claiming I had rights. I did indeed receive a parole

*"As you know, Annie Dookhan has been labeled the "rogue chemist" by the gov-media establishment. She, alone, personifies everything that is wrong with the state's war on drugs. Their racist prison industrial complex would be perfectly righteous and moral, if only one evil lab worker had not made it look so bad."*

*comment from Rich Aucoin  
12/20/12*

request denial, and another five year review...premised upon disciplinary reports from the 1970s.

During the proceedings in my September 15, 2009 parole eligibility hearing, my lawyers<sup>3</sup> brought my juvenile-at-the-time-of-the-crime status to the attention of the board, through an affidavit submitted by psychologist Staci Gruber and hearing testimony. The response from the Chairman of the Parole Board, Mark Conrad<sup>4</sup>, was to ask if I was a man of my convictions (beliefs). When I replied that I try to be, he quipped: "Then why don't you die in prison."; and I received another denial on my request for a parole, with a five year review (or set back). Once again, the Board relied upon disciplinary reports from 1970s Walpole Prison for the basis of their denial. The 1970s was a time in Walpole when there was 22 murders in one year, making it the most dangerous prison (per capita) in America. Prisoners were forced to fight for their lives, and the last thing that we concerned ourselves with was disciplinary reports. We lived under the basic instinct of resistance and survival. Most of the prisoners who committed the murders in Walpole Prison have since received paroles. I will be 64 years old at my next parole eligibility hearing in 2014, or I will be dead<sup>5</sup>.

Today, in the wake of the United States Supreme Court decisions in both Graham V. Florida (2010) and Miller V. Alabama (2012), the mental capacity of juvenile offenders during the commission of crime has finally been recognized in jurisprudence. The Court has determined that juvenile offenders can no longer be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. They have taken into account that a juvenile does not have the same mental capacity, nor culpability, as an adult offender. As the juvenile ages he is more susceptible to rehabilitation, because he is less incorrigible.

The Committee for Public Counsel Service (CPCS), Juvenile Appeals Division, is attempting to work out a sentencing solution with



*Geronimo (third from right, in front) and his fellow Apache prisoners en route to POW camp at Fort Pickens in Pensacola, Florida, in 1886. Photo: Wikipedia*

"Massissippi" courts pertaining to those juvenile offenders serving natural life sentences without the possibility of parole for capital offenses - to where they can be resentenced and not faced to endure a lifetime in prison under the onus of a life sentence. However, no action is being taken in the Commonwealth to address the onus of life imprisonment faced by juvenile offenders who have not committed a capital offense, as the mandate held within Graham, Id. has been construed to be a mere suggestion. Those presently serving a natural life sentence for murder may realize a far better outcome in their resentencing than those juveniles presently serving second degree life sentences for non - capital first offenses, and God Bless them. CPCS has attempted to convince me that my serving 44 years on a non-capital second degree life sentence for an offense that occurred when I was 17 years old, and being told by the Parole Board (not as an individual, but as a State entity) to die in prison for my beliefs, is not a unique circumstance. I believe that it is. For, if not unique, for the Parole Board to literally amend second degree life sentences of juvenile offenders onto natural life sentences by telling them to die and then repeatedly denying their requests for parole until they do die, then the question arises as to why defense attorneys in the Commonwealth have

not aligned themselves against the Parole Board and petitioned the legislature and the Governor regarding this obvious abuse of discretion. I will tell you why. When you are black in "Massissippi", no matter how young at the time of the commission of your crime, no sentence or extrajudicial amending of your sentence by a State agency is excessive or abusive. There will be no outcry of foul play.

It is possible that "Massissippi" judges will conclude that juvenile offenders serving natural life sentences should be resentenced to a second degree life sentence, which would afford a fifteen year possibility of parole. This would mean that those juveniles will be tasked to face the vindictiveness and duplicity hallmarked by the ex prosecutor<sup>6</sup> and former law enforcement manned State Parole Board. If the Board can alter a second degree life sentence into a natural life sentence for a juvenile offender of a non-capital offense by telling him to die in prison, in spite of obvious rehabilitation on the offender's part, then those juvenile offenders resentenced by the court from natural life to life in the second degree do not stand a "possibility of parole". Much like the sentence of the non-capital offender, their sentence will remain one of natural life due to continual denials for parole and five

year reviews, ad infinitum, under the "Massissippi" Plan.

The only viable answer to the political and media-hyped Draconian<sup>7</sup> nature of the Parole Board, is to encourage the State legislature into abolishing the Board and to enact a law to replace it with presumptive parole in sentencing; similar to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and other enlightened States in the country. Neo-liberal "Massissippi" must be dragged kicking and screaming out of the dark ages of crime and punishment, and into the age of enlightenment.

#### NOTES

- 1) "Massissippi" is a term that I substituted for Massachusetts, and first utilized in my 1974 poem Ameriklan Just-us (Massissippi-style), and later published in my 1979 collection of poetry Dear Stranger/The Wayfarer.
- 2) SEE; Dred Scott V. John Sanford, Howard (1857).
- 3) Attorneys John Swomley and Eric Tennen, Swomley & Associates.
- 4) Although a so-called black man, he had the habit of telling black prisoners serving second degree life sentences, who survived 1970's Walpole Prison, to die in prison; while catering to whites from the same era. A true askari of the apartheid government.
- 5) The last time that I checked the statistics pertaining to the life expectancy of black males in this country, it was 64 years.
- 6) Ex prosecutors that vie for chairman positions on the Parole Board are ambitious, and use their chair (along with the lives of the prisoners) as a political stepping stone to a future life appointment as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court.
- 7) Draconian means rigorous, unusually severe or cruel.

#### DOC Ace Propagandist Diane Wiffen accidentally tells the truth!

*MPV editor's note:* Since last July, of the state's 159 governmental departments, almost 9 percent of bottled water purchases were made by the

#### Nightmares

Every night plagued by visions of my future-to-be,  
To live the rest of my life in this prison,  
Unable to separate reality from dream and  
sometimes  
It seems, it's part of the punishment I've been given.  
Waking up in cold sweats, overwhelmed with regret,  
I ponder events yet to come.

Will I be forgotten in time, my memory cease to  
Exist, not even the love a mother has for her son?  
Can the world just discard me, cast aside without  
Care, forced from the mind as you would a  
nightmare?

Or take my heart in their hands, realize I'm just  
A man, then promise they'll always be there?

It's been left up to you where my life goes from  
Here, am I lost or do I press on?  
Will I be kept here forever, my heart full of  
Despair? Is it true my soul's really gone?

*Damon Allemao, Gardner*



DOC. Using the numbers prepared by the Massachusetts Open Checkbook and cited by reporter Katie Lannan, we calculated that the DOC represents just 0.63% of total departments, but uses bottled water at 14 times the rate of other agencies. In her February 3, 20102 article, *State pouring cash into bottled water*, Lowell Sun reporter Katie Lannan asked Diane Wiffen, Director of Public Affairs for MA DOC, to explain the massive discrepancy. How did Wiffen respond? Here's how:

*"For safety and security reasons, we provide water to staff who are not allowed to bring water into secure*

*institutions, as well as to staff who work in buildings that have no water faucets."*

And prisoners are forced to use foul, greasy water known as Johnny Walker Blue, which makes them ill and causes skin rashes. The long-time health concerns about polluted water, documented in tests and by prisoners themselves, *are* an issue of safety for all MA prisoners. Ms. Wiffen is being honest, though MPV thinks she didn't intend to be.

#### The Room

*R.N.*

Although I've yet to enter "The Room" and meet the educated members of the so-called parole board, I can almost visualize what it may come to look like. These visions are not only of "The Room", but also of the type of people who are positioned to be members of what they consider an elite system.

As you open the door and begin down that long hall you soon enter into a large room with maybe some small cubicles, each with two or three computer screens. Most of one wall is some so-called

bulletproof plastic material where behind sits the elite force. Behind them sit an array of computers and monitoring equipment. The room itself resembles a self-contained fortress with three walls lined with Kevlar beneath studs laid over a heavy concrete wall. The only three windows are small openings above head height and they too are covered with bullet-proof plastic.

Those who tend to think they are qualified to sit as members of this board live mostly in their minds, and think have exceptional ability to visualize what is not, but what might be. Like them and many others within the corrupt system, they have

lost control of their egos. They see their success increase. They change, become self-absorbed, abusive, and have become paranoid to their surroundings. Soon the day will come when the thought of being near power will be replaced by the thought of it being taken away.

Once upon entering that room and sitting down, two different worlds will collide and then after a few minutes separate. When all is done and you walk out of that room and down that long hall, a thought comes to you as you silently say to yourself, "Gee these people are the only human subspecies actually capable of shoving their nose up their own ass."

### From Sue's Desk

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to any of you who might have received a contraband Christmas card from me. I did not realize that you people could do dastardly things with glitter. I have racked my brain to try to think of how you would be able to overthrow the screws with it but so far I have not come up with anything. I would appreciate any of you informing me what you would do with it. With this in mind, I would like to award the first Ball and Chain award to the Grinches and Grinchettes of the DOC.

I would like to inform you that I am in the process of taking the MPV to Facebook. Some of you have written me and suggested this. I have opened a Facebook account and am working on posting the issues of the MPV on it and hopefully expanding from there. I will be having eye surgery next month and am hoping that this will help me to be able to stay on the computer for longer periods of time. That's about it for now. Stay strong and take care of you.



*"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have left."*

- Anonymous

### The Gender Responsive Prison "Solution" **JUST SAY NO!**

*MPV commemorates International Women's Day 2013 by restating our vigorous opposition to the push for more prison cells for women. Unfortunately, here in Massachusetts the very folks leading this campaign are women. Employing a liberal, classist and racist analysis, female policy-makers, legislators and appointed officials are working together to build additional lock-ups for women. And they are selling the idea of these prison beds as for our own good.*

*What follows are our comments and excerpts from Kinder, Gentler, Gender Responsive Cages: Prison Expansion Is Not Prison Reform, by Rose Braz, Women, Girls & Criminal Justice, October/November 2006 (Braz was a founding member of Critical Resistance.)*

Those advocating gender responsive prisons seek to create "an environment that reflects an understanding of the realities of women's lives and addresses the issues of the women." The underlying presumption of advocating for gender responsive prisons is that such an environment can be created in a prison, that imprisonment can effectively address the "realities of women's lives" and the "issues of the women," a presumption that (we) also do not find valid. The biggest pitfall of gender responsiveness in relation to imprisonment is that gender responsiveness fails to challenge the notion of prison as an institution that can effectively "address the issues of women."

One of the most intriguing and disturbing aspects of the state's proposal is that this dramatic expansion plan is being sold as "prison reform." Despite the rhetoric, new

prison construction is not, and never can be, prison reform. Building new prisons under the rhetoric of "gender responsiveness" is not prison reform.

Increasingly, the state's only and ubiquitous answer to any problem within the prison system—whether for more and better programming, disastrous medical and mental healthcare, or because there are too many people in prison—is bricks, mortar and expansion...

And, history teaches us better than anything else: If we build them, we will fill them. (*The Chicopee Women's Jail is a case in point. Despite massive opposition faux-feminists prevailed and the jail is being expanded for the second time since its 2007 opening.*)

Pro-prison activists are selling these new prisons for women to feminists, reformers, and progressives as better for women.

Ironically, a major justification for these new prisons is that women would be "serving their sentences closer to their families." Thus, it is suggested, they will be able to better maintain family ties. State documents posit that the new prisons are "intended to strengthen family ties by making it easier for children to have regular contact with their mothers." However, during Governor Deval Patrick's term, the Department of Correction has drastically cut visiting days and hours.

Patrick's Master Plan (a fitting moniker) envisions three new prisons for men; one specifically for elderly prisoners; and women's beds in all counties. This expansion is promulgated as "increasing capacity".

We all want safe and healthy communities. But bankrupting the state to expand a prison system that has not made us safer is bad public policy. There are literally hundreds of ways we can reduce the number of people in prison. We can do this more equitably, more efficiently and less expensively and more important- with far less abuse, injustice and state control.

It's time to stop pretending that increased capacity, no matter how gender responsive, is part of the solution. Progress is NOT women jailors, women sheriffs and women prosecutors. Copying the good old boys is anti-woman. Just say NO to pro-prison women!

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- Bender
- Bissonette
- Corsini
- Cronyism
- Dickhaut
- Ferreira
- Gendreau
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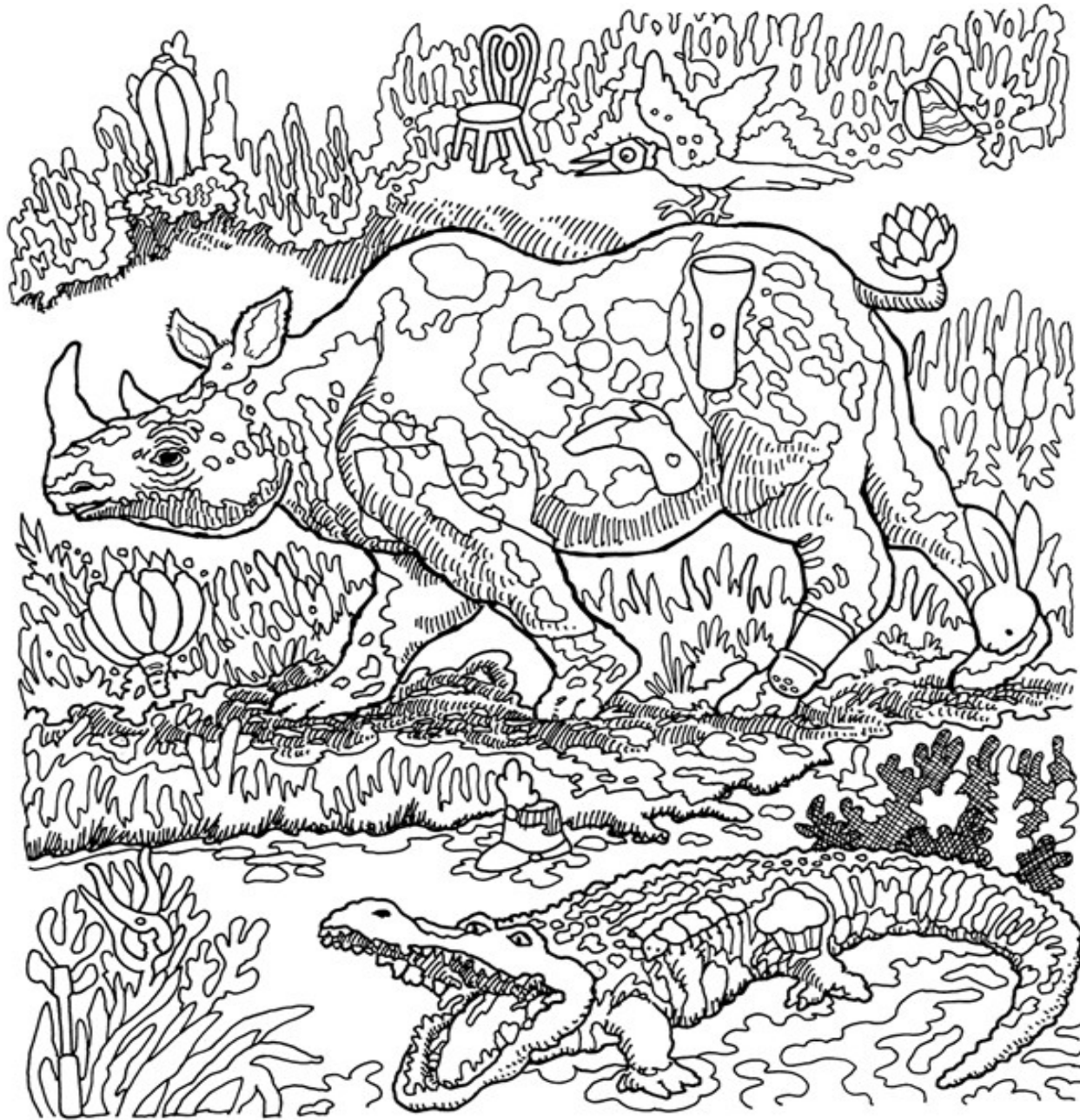
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The rhinoceros and crocodile have no idea that the following 17 objects are close at hand: **pliers**, a bunch of celery stalks, a map of California, bananas, a cowboy boot, a flashlight, a chair, an artichoke, a screwdriver, a salt shaker, a muffin, a rabbit's head, a metal nut, a Civil War cap, a bat's head, a marching band hat and a caterpillar.

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