

Hi Friends,

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Wow, like I wrote before, this place really seems to be going to Hell in a handbasket - fast! Perhaps, it's a last ditch effort by administration before some major changes or maybe they're just acting with the impunity they've grown accustomed to. Whatever the excuse, it's bad news.

Today it was advertised on the KMCI channel, "Item #58348 Toilet Tissue - price increase: \$0.44 to \$0.84." This additional forty-cents was deducted from my last canteen order before we were even informed of a price hike. How do they get away with these unethical practices? Aren't there laws regarding price fixing/gouging? Monopolies? How much more can they bilk out of those with the least to give? (That's a rhetorical question - we all know the answer is, "All of it!")

I've been hearing a lot of horror stories lately (and not because of Halloween). The medical care that we are being offered sounds to be in a sorry state. Apparently, travelling doctors ^{are} making their rounds throughout the state; frequently, leaving those with health issues on outrageously long waiting lists, often for months. This includes dental services such as dentures and bridges. It's tough to eat with no teeth. Personally, I have no confidence in, either, PSU or HSU and cross my fingers that I don't break down. One inmate told me recently that he requested to get into the AA program (once per week), but he was denied because it would interfere with his school schedule. What? Priorities people! Was he sent to prison for lack of a GED? No, he wasn't.

Like he said, he could walk out of here with a Master's Degree, but he'll still be an alcoholic. Is this QED thing all about government funding? If these people are so concerned with education, then why don't the teachers show up for work everyday? (see encl.) Actually, I'm afraid school will be cancelled tomorrow due to the KMCI "Talent Show." The teachers may be needed as judges. I'm trying to succeed in a college program and it's, almost, like they want us to fail. It's beyond comprehension. On top of this all, now, they are going to offer "Financial Literacy" classes (for which they took all the pertinent books from the library), "Financial Literacy?" It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see who's getting the shaft here!

It's almost as if they're allowed to change the rules after the game has begun. What are the reasons behind the DOC's excessive greed? OT? Lawsuits? Graft? Something smells fishy at the DOC and it's not the mackerel in the microwave!

It's shocking, the lack of oversight, accountability, and transparency of this draconian system of punishment. I've written to lawmakers in the past - to no avail or response. Can you suggest those that may be sympathetic to our plight? Until then keep on fighting the good fight!

As always - thanks for everything!

PS. If my letters are becoming bothersome, please let me know and I'll lay off a bit, I can get

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