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#### **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

#### Michelle Goldbeck (Sewergrrl)

Since our last publish date of *LostVault*: *Unlocked* in April of 2006, we've received many inquiries from inmates and members as to when we're putting out a new edition.

The staff and I had some time issues and had to temporarily cease production of the newsletter. I was getting married; Motty had a baby; Cassi was busy with school and her children; Interbiz moved, got a new job, and hence a very busy life; RaspberryGal had family commitments and had to leave LV indefinitely; and Bunny also had family commitments and had little time for LV as well. With all those factors, we made the hard decision to stop the newsletter until we had the time to dedicate to putting out a quality publication.

I got married on 04/13/2007 - yes that was a Friday the 13th haha. Motty could tell you it was a blast, she was there with me. My husband and I went on a fantastic honeymoon. We started with 2 days in Vegas at Treasure Island, and then spent the night near the Grand Canyon where we had a helicopter tour the next day. We then drove to Sedona, AZ for the afternoon then went to Winslow, AZ for the night. In case you're wondering, OF COURSE I stood on the corner in Winslow, Arizona (see photo below). :-) We then drove through New Mexico to Colorado

and hung out for 2 days in my all-time favorite city, Durango. After Colorado, we went to the 4 Corners then overnight in Page, AZ, which is home to Glen Canyon Dam and Rainbow Bridge. The next day, on our way to Zion National Park, we stopped in



Paria, UT, where The Outlaw Josey Wales was filmed. The day at Zion NP was amazing – if there's such a thing as heaven it's in Utah. The night of Zion, we stayed in St. George, UT where there is NOTHING at all to do! For our last night, we traveled back to Vegas to at the Luxor. I'm pretty fond on Mandalay Bay's casino, haha. It was an amazing 9 days that I'll treasure always.

So now after the wedding, I find myself with a little extra time to dedicate to my website and the newsletter. Motty's baby is now 2 and sooo cute – little "Lemon" is a handful, but such a sweet kid. Cassi recently started nursing school and is still busy with her children, but has a little time for us; Bunny's commitments have lessened and she now has time to find jokes, trivia, and puzzles for you.

With the departure of RaspberryGal, we decided to cease the prison romance column, as none of us had expertise in that arena. Paleone stepped up to take over the death row page and Pauli, a Vaulter with media experience, has volunteered to write articles in the future. I feel that with the seasoned columnists and the "newbies" that we will be able to give you an even better publication than in the past.

We always welcome suggestions and comments from you as to how we can improve the *LostVault*: *Unlocked* experience. Write to us at the address on the bottom left of this page - we look forward to hearing from you!

Take care, Michelle

# LostVault: Unlocked COVER ART CONTEST

We are soliciting art from inmates to be used on the cover page of each issue of *LostVault: Unlocked*, LostVault's quarterly newsletter. While we accept art and writing on any topic for all our editions, this is a special contest tailored to LostVault. Because we are a pen pal website dedicated to finding new friends for inmates, we are seeking art that conveys an inmate's view on pen pals and what they mean to them.

The staff and members of LostVault will be selecting a different piece of artwork for each quarterly edition (4 issues per year) and awarding a \$25 prize to each winner. The Newsletter staff will collect and scan each piece of art we receive and determine 10-12 finalists for each newsletter issue. We will then hold a member vote in our discussion forums to choose a winner. In the event of a tie, we will feature one winning art piece in one issue and the other winner in the following issue. You will not have to split your prize with another artist.

There are no deadlines for the art submissions, as this in an on-going contest. Winners will be notified via mail prior to the publish date of their artwork.

Should you have any questions, please write to us at the address to the right with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you and good luck!



#### **CONTEST RULES**

- 1. The submission must be no larger than 8½" x 11". Any art exceeding the specified size will be disqualified, as we cannot scan large media;
- 2. No nudity or overly sexually suggestive pieces;
- 3. Gang-related art or anything degrading to anyone's gender, race, religion, or sexual preference is prohibited;
- 4. Medium is not an issue (pen, pencil, watercolor, etc.);
- 5. Color choices are yours (the art need not be in color);
- 6. Please inform us with your submission how you would like to be credited if we choose to feature your art on one of our quarterly editions. If you choose to remain anonymous, we assure your privacy; and,
- 7. The prize money will either be deposited into your inmate account or sent to the recipient of your choice. Please specify to us with your submission how you would like your funds directed and rules for your particular institution should you be chosen as a winner for our contest.

Please submit your artwork to us at:

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# **VAULTER OF THE MONTH**

#### One of LostVault's Finest

My name is Jennie, AKA Paleone. I am 27 years old and from Michigan. I am the resident punk rock chick at LostVault. I have 12 tattoos and more coming. This June marked my 3 year anniversary of being a part of LostVault. LV has a wonderful group of people who have huge hearts for those imprisoned. So I was honored when asked to be the Vaulter of the Month.

I am an advocate to abolish the death penalty. The reason the death penalty is such a touchy subject for me is that I have a loved one that I knew from the free world who is currently on Texas Death Row. He was someone who changed my life immensely in 1997. When I found out he was on DR, I wrote him, vowing to stand by his side no matter what. I then educated myself on the DP, and have dedicated myself to fighting against it.

I am also a Christian, but I am not the typical one that people think of. People usually tell me I am not what they'd expect from a Christian.

I decided to take on a couple pen pals, I realized I could "be a light" to others as well my loved one. I would not pass up the friendships I have gained through writing prisoners. All of this involvement has affected my life and I wouldn't change it for the world.

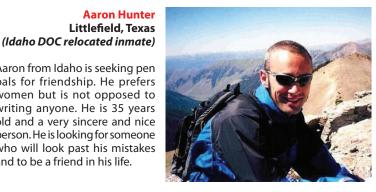


# FEATURED PEN PALS

#### Inmates in Need of Mail

#### **Aaron Hunter** Littlefield, Texas

Aaron from Idaho is seeking pen pals for friendship. He prefers women but is not opposed to writing anyone. He is 35 years old and a very sincere and nice person. He is looking for someone who will look past his mistakes and to be a friend in his life.



#### **Allen Nedrow** Coalinga, CA

Allen is a 41 year old from LA who is single, educated, funny, and looking forward to hearing from you! He's not into politics, alcohol or drugs and likes to read the Bible, sci-fi & fantasy.





Juan Fernando Ramirez Somers, CT

39 year old New Yorker Juan loves calisthenics and staving in shape. His life has sent him many trials that he is bound to overcome and would like to find a female friend to stand by him in his next stages of life.



**Kenneth Tilley** Lagrange, KY

Kenny is a 26 year old fun-loving, outgoing life of the party kind of guy. If you're looking for a great guy to swap thoughts, hopes, dreams or just a funny auote, don't hesitate to send him a letter.

If you would like to write Aaron, Allen, Juan, or Kenny, please visit the pen pal section of our webiste at www.lostvault.com/penpals or send an email to penpals@lostvault.com for more information.

#### **MOTTY'S PORCH**

#### Morrigayn Johnson (MotM)



Welcome back ya'll! It's good to see you again! Yep, I kinda missed having these little times to talk to ya'll about whatever randomness is going on around here in the South. I HAD a nice piece started with a little about prisons thrown in, but then Tuesday the 12th happened and well... you'll see.

It was typical, the mini me and I woke up and proceeded like normal - me chasing her around to

get her dressed and things, and her laughing like nuts at mommy for not being able to pin down a squirmy 2 year old. About the time we hit the bottom of the stairs everything flickers, flickers...finally we have no power. Lucky for us the one window gives us enough of our September sunshine so we can make it up the stairs.

After the power's been out about 40 minutes I'm in dire need of coffee. Yes. Dire. I can be worse than an alcoholic having DT's and meaner than a bull with his...well. You should just go to a rodeo once to see what I mean. Just then, a power company truck drives by! Glory! I'm saved! But no, thirty more minutes and four more trucks pass and people are beginning to wonder how I am going to deal. So I get this bright idea! I'll just use candles to make it!

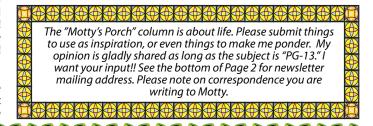
And so, while being laughed at, I punched some holes in an old coffee can around the top and bottom. I found a pan that fit on top of it just perfectly! It held enough water for four cups of coffee! I made a coffee

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pouch by using the filter and a rubber band and dropped it in. Then I got 4 small candles and one larger one that would fit nicely under there and used 4 spare salt/pepper shakers on their sides to do what? Provide air ventilation of course! I get this set up and the water isn't going anywhere...everyone is laughing and sniggering at me, but I'm standing my coffee ground(s). It took an hour. But in one hour I had steaming hot lovely coffee made by candlelight!! HAHA! I made believers out of them! They couldn't share my dark brew! Muahahahahahah! Less than 10 minutes later the power came on. -sigh-Well, the candles and tin are tucked away now. They are labeled "Motty's Emergency Coffee Pot" And I doubt anyone will dare to question my ability to make coffee in any situation again.

Prison tie in!!! Tell me guys and gals...how have you learned to adapt? I know some of you out there are quite crafty in ways... tell me! Just put in your letter if it's ok to share your ideas. Keep in mind, I will not share anything like how to make a shank.

~Motty



#### **LENE'S CHIT CHAT**

#### Lene Gabriesen (Cassi)



Hello to "old" and new readers. Since it has been a while since our last edition of our newsletter, I'll give you a brief introduction of myself. My name is Lene, and I am Norwegian. I am a mother first and foremost, but now I'm also a nursing student. I started my bachelor in nursing August 14th of this year, and I was proud to be accepted at the university. My children, school and my pen pals will keep me busy, that's for sure!

I have been writing prisoners for several years now, and I got involved because of my stance on the death penalty, which I strongly oppose. My column is called "chit chat", so I won't write about a specific topic from one edition to the next. Sometimes I will write about death penalty related matters, other times about "pen pal matters", and every now and then I might write about something that isn't related to the prison system at all.

Ithink maybe some of you are wondering what it is like to live in Norway, and how it differs from the U.S. This column isn't big enough to touch it all, but I can give you a couple of facts. There are about 4.5 - 5 million people living in Norway. You could fit all of us (and then some) into pretty much any big city in the U.S. I've been in Texas on three occasions, and I must admit that I feel intimated driving around in Houston. Not only do people drive faster than we're allowed to drive here, but - oh - all the lanes going in both directions. I get lost all the time too, of course. People that know me would feel a lot better if I wore some kind of tracking device, preferably a human GPS! I feel more at home in small towns, but I get lost there too. But getting lost in a town with a population of 4000 people, one Wal-Mart, and one main road is not as scary as getting lost in a big, busy city.

We have a king and queen here in Norway. They don't have any real political influence, but they represent our country in an honorable way. Their daughter, and our Princess, has created some controversy as of late, because she just started an "angel school". She claims she can help

people get in touch with angels. People are looking at us a bit funny these days because of it, but I assure you that most Norwegians are down to earth, and although Norway is a religious country, very few communicate with angels. Our Princess might change that though if her school is successful.

Norway is known as a peaceful country, and for the most part, it is a good place to raise children. It is a rich country due to oil, and the welfare system it one of the best in the world.

This is a democratic country, and as you do, we vote parties into office. The government is put together by several different parties, and the more votes a specific party gets, the more they can influence the politics. Some people wonder if English is our first language. It is not. We speak Norwegian, but we learn English in school. It is mandatory, and very important, because we would be very isolated if we couldn't communicate with the rest of the world.

In Norway school and health care are public and free for everyone. We pay a lot of taxes to keep it this way though. The idea is to pay a certain percent of our wages for the benefit of everyone. I think I'll leave it at this before I sound like someone paid me to try and increase the Norwegian population by advertising how great it is to be Norwegian.

Like any other country we have good and bad sides! Nothing and no one is perfect and above others. The diversity of this world is interesting, and we learn a lot from each other. It would be rather boring if everything was the same everywhere.

My best wishes to everyone, Lene



#### A VIEW FROM THE OUTSIDE

#### Michelle Goldbeck (Sewergrrl)



#### Happy Birthday, LostVault!

September 5, 2007 marked our 4th year providing free/inexpensive ads to incarcerated persons. My staff and I have worked very hard over these years to make LostVault a very unique pen pal website. Not only do we have a database with 1800+ ads (95% of them are free

listings), we have a fantastic group of people that participate in our discussion forums.

Prior to starting LostVault, a group of us asked our friend Matthew to create a chat room for us to use. At first, his web space housed pictures of this group of friends who all shared an interest in pen pals. As this group grew, so did the consideration of offering free pen pal ads for inmates. Matthew went to work and created a pen pal database and also forums for us to discuss our pen pals and whatever was on our minds. With my previous experience in handling death row pen pal ads, I was brought on to manage the pan pal ads for the site.

Our pen pal ads started as completely free for all inmates. At first I did the ads myself, but within the first 3 months, we grew tremendously to approximately 600 ads. With help of several other selfless individuals, the ads were typed and posted online. I gathered the mail, typed some ads, scanned photos, printed out ad copies, addressed return envelopes, answered mail, sent out pen pal applications, and approved ads. This doesn't sound like much, but what started out as 200 ads per month grew to 150 ads per WEEK, something had to give. The ads were out of control, I didn't have enough hours in my day to take care of all the mail, our volunteers were wearing thin, and we had been paying from our own pockets for the paper, envelopes and stamps associated with 2500 ads. We were tired and broke. Our solution was to cease all mail ads and go to a web form where prisoners' loved ones could post a free ad for them.

In the midst of all this, Matthew's time had worn very thin and he had to step away from his active role in LostVault and hence he handed the site over to me. WHAT? All alone I have to do this? haha As with anything else, I grabbed the bull by the balls and went on with things as planned.

This method of internet-only ads worked for a while, but there were increasing requests from inmates for a pen pal ad on our site - most offering to pay for one. One of the main purposes of starting LostVault was due to the fact that we were appalled that pen pal sites charged inmates between \$20 and \$70 per year for what we could offer for free. We didn't want to charge the inmates, but from our past experience knew that there was no feasible way to take ads without imposing a fee, as most will take full advantage of something free. We decided that we would charge a nominal \$5 fee for our ads and death row ads would continue to be on the house.

Even though we are forced to charge money for ads sent to our staff (namely the lovely MotM), I assure you that we do not make a profit from inmates. Like most websites, we have to pay for hosting (the pen pals and the forums are housed separately); domains and privacy on such (to protect my personal information); paper and ink to print the applications requested by inmates as well as send copies of completed ads; envelopes; and stamps for correspondence. We are also sponsoring the \$25 quarterly art contest and anticipate additional contests periodically. At \$5, we are lower than any other pen pal site and we are the only website that offers a web form where a free world person can enter in an inmate's details and upload a photo of their choice. Other sites offer free ads, but only in forums and they are not in a comprehensive, searchable database where potential writers can easily find new pals.

# A VIEW FROM THE INSIDE

An Inmate's Opinion

#### **CALLING ALL WRITERS!**

Are you a writer and would like to share your opinion and/or prison experience with the world? We need your help!

Please send us your original articles for this column. Talk about anything you want, but please keep the language as clean as you can. Note that we will not publish anything containing slander toward a Correctional Office or another inmate. Due to space constraints, articles should approximately be 500 words or less.

Unfortunately we cannot offer a prize for writing at this time, but if your article(s) are chosen to be featured in LostVault: Unlocked, we are confident you will get the respect and admiration of your peers, not to mention making our newsletter staff very happy! :-)

Send articles to the address on the bottom of page 2.

Thank you in advance for your support of our newsletter.

By submitting your writing to LostVault: Unlocked, you thereby allow us to use your words, in whole or part, on our website and/or in our newsletter.





You could pay a lot for an ad another website and have all the bells and whistles they offer, which honestly aren't worth the fee. If we can offer our services for \$5 per year, so could they...if they wanted to. Don't get me wrong, I'm not against anyone making a lucrative business for themselves, but they shouldn't say, "We care about inmates and want to help them" then in the next sentence explain that a pen pal ad on a site that "cares about you" wants a minimum of \$20 for your ad to be on their site. The only thing the fee-based websites care about is making money.

I am in the pen pal business because I care. I don't want to take your money – I want your loved one to place your free ad via the web form on my site. Page 2 explains how this can be done; I encourage you to send the information to your outside friends and ask them to post a free ad for you.

What are you waiting for?



#### **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT TALK**

#### Jennie (paleone)

# **Texas Governor Grants Rare Death Penalty Commutation**

Just hours before the August 30th scheduled execution of Kenneth Foster, Governor Rick Perry accepted a Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles recommendation to stop Foster's execution and commute his sentence to life. Perry was not obligated to accept the highly unusual 6-1 recommendation from the board whose members he appoints. The commutation is the first of its kind in his eight years in office. The board decision was announced about seven hours before Foster was scheduled to die. Perry's announcement came about an hour later. "After carefully considering the facts of this case, along with the recommendations from the Board of Pardons and Paroles, I believe the right and just decision is to commute Foster's sentence from the death penalty to life imprisonment. I am concerned about Texas law that allows capital murder defendants to be tried simultaneously, and it is an issue I think the legislature should examine," Perry said.

Foster was sentenced to death under the Texas Law of Parties that permits a person involved in a crime to be held accountable for the actions committed by someone else. Foster was tried along with a co-defendant who actually shot the victim in this case. Two other co-defendants pled guilty and received lesser sentences after testifying in Foster's trial. In Foster's case, Texas maintained that he deserved the death penalty because he should have anticipated that a passenger in his vehicle, Mauriceo Brown, would exit the car with a weapon and fatally shoot the victim, Michael LaHood.



#### Reawakening My Spirit

My best friend has 15 days to live. I'm over here with him...he's only a few cells away from me on a section known as Death Watch. There's a bunch of dudes over there, all waiting for the state to kill em. I've been on death row for around 5 years now and up til a few days ago I've never been around this wing of the prison. I'm normally locked in level 3 disciplinary confinement. I'd still be there, but I've spent the last several weeks since Bryan was given an execution date trying to crawl out of "the hole" and maneuver myself into this cell block. I haven't been here 48 hours and it's already had an intense impact on my life. I've been sitting around these last several months, in a deep state of depression basically just sitting around wasting away. Since my fast, my spirit has been incredibly diminished. But this move, reuniting with my dying friend Bryan Knight, who'll be executed June 26th, has brought me back to life. I love this man like a brother and he's about to be taken from me...from his family, and everyone else who loves him. I can't sit here and waste my life, knowing Bryan is about to die, know what I mean?

#### Live FREE

In Love and Solidarity , Steven Woods #999427 Polunsky Unit 3872 FM 350 South Livingston, TX 77351

#### In Memoriam - May They Rest In Peace

During our 18-month hiatus, there have been 82 executions, which equates to approximately 1 murder per week. Over half of these were in the state of Texas. The U.S. is killing their citizens, ON PURPOSE...in the name of justice?



04/18/06 - Richard Thornburg, Jr. (OK) 08/31/06 - Derrick Frazier (TX) 05/03/07 - Aaron Lee Jones (AL) 04/20/06 - Willie Brown (NC) 09/12/06 - Farley Matchett (TX) 05/04/07 - David Woods (IN) 04/26/06 - Daryl Mack (NV) 09/20/06 - Clarence Hill (FL) 05/09/07 - Philip Workman (TN) 04/27/06 - Dexter Vinson (VA) 10/18/06 - Arthur Rutherford (FL) 05/16/07 - Charles Edward Smith (TX) 05/02/06 - Joseph Clark (OH) 05/04/06 - Jackie Wilson (TX) 10/18/06 - Bobby Glen Wilcher (MS) 05/22/07 - Robert Charles Comer (AZ) 10/24/06 - Jeffrey Lundgren (OH) 10/25/06 - Danny Rolling (FL) 05/24/07 - Christopher Newton (OH) 05/17/06 - Jermaine Herron (TX) 06/06/07 - Michael Griffith (TX) 05/24/06 - Jesus Aguilar (TX) 06/01/06 - John Boltz (OH) 10/25/06 - Gregory Summers (TX) 06/15/07 - Michael Lambert (IN) 10/26/06 - Larry Hutcherson (AL) 11/01/06 - Donell Jackson (TX) 06/20/07 - Lionell Rodriguez (TX) 06/06/06 - Timothy Titsworth (TX) 06/21/07 - Gilberto Reyes (TX) 06/20/06 - Lamont Reese (TX) 11/08/06 - Willie Shannon (TX) 06/22/07 - Calvin Shuler (SC) 06/28/06 - Angel Maturino Resendiz (TX) 11/09/06 - John Schmitt (VA) 06/26/07 - Jimmy Dale Bland (OK) 06/28/06 - Sedley Alley (TN) 12/13/06 - Angel Diaz (FL) 06/26/07 - Patrick Knight (TX) 07/11/06 - Derrick O'Brien (TX) 01/09/07 - Corey Hamilton (OK) 06/26/07 - John Hightower (GA) 07/12/06 - Rocky Barton (OH) 01/10/07 - Carlos Granados (TX) 07/11/07 - Elijah Page (SD) 07/14/06 - William Downs (SC) 01/17/07 - Jonathan Moore (TX) 07/24/07 - Lonnie Earl Johnson (TX) 01/30/07 - Christopher Swift (TX) 07/19/06 - Mauriceo Brown (TX) 07/26/07 - Darrell Grayson (AL) 07/20/06 - Robert Anderson (TX) 02/07/07 - James Jackson (TX) 08/15/07 - Kenneth Parr (TX) 07/20/06 - Brandon Hedrick (VA) 02/22/07 - Newton Anderson (TX) 08/21/07 - Frank Welch (OK) 07/27/06 - Michael Lenz (VA) 02/27/07 - Donald Miller (TX) 08/22/07 - Johnny Ray Conner (TX) 08/23/07 - Luther Williams (AL) 08/03/06 - William Wyatt, Jr. (TX) 03/06/07 - Robert Perez (TX) 08/08/06 - Darrell Ferguson (OH) 03/07/07 - Joseph Nichols (TX) 08/28/07 - DaRoyce Mosley (TX) 08/11/06 - David Dawson (MT) 03/20/07 - Charles Nealy (TX) 08/29/07 - John Joe Amador (TX) 08/17/06 - Richard Hinojosa (TX) 03/28/07 - Vincent Gutierrez (TX) 09/05/07 - Tony Roach (TX) 08/18/06 - Samuel Flippen (NC) 03/29/07 - Roy Lee Pippin (TX) 09/12/07 - Daryl Holton (TN) 08/24/06 - Justin Chaz Fuller (TX) 04/11/07 - James Lee Clark (TX) 09/20/07 - Clifford Kimmel (TX) 08/29/06 - Eric Allen Patton (OK) 04/24/07 - James Filiaggi (OH) 08/31/06 - James Malicoat (OK) 04/26/07 - Ryan Dickson (TX)

#### **INMATE ART AND WRITING**

#### **Showcasing Hidden Talent**



Brett Bogle - UCI, Raiford, FL

#### The Epiphany

They build you up just to tear you down This is their purpose It's how they create the confusion This way you'll believe them

The tell you "trust me" when you are but an innocent child So your whole life you believe with faith No doubt lies within your mind that they are unfaithful At least until you become the target they desire

Shackled and chained like an animal You are taken from the place you love The simple thought "It's just a mistake?" echoes deep within your mind

"They'll fix it," you tell yourself as you try to stay calm While tears flow from your eyes like a running faucet The Devils advocate promises "Everything's ok" "I got this, no sweat, you'll be home soon" he bellows

A year later the intricate dance begins Twelve grimacing souls sit before you The scales are tipped against you And you don't even know it

Objection! Over-ruled. Baffled you inquire One to receive a vague reply This goes on for about a week Then it happens...your fate it sealed

As the black robed figure before you sentences you to death Your body shuts down and your mind wonders to itself Is this morbid dream real? How can this be? Now the horrific nightmare turns to reality

Chained, shackled yet again, you're taken off to a far off land Your new home. The box... Where the reaper awaits.

**William "Ghost" Berkley #999422** Polunsky Unit, Livingston, TX

#### **Just A Little Note**

I am alone although many love me Many don't have anyone, not even a roomy They sentence us to death, though our heart beats! Those we come to know here may never make it out! Come to think of it, maybe we won't! Why have they done this to us? How could they forfeit us?

They want to play God, but can't handle their own lives! Where is the way home?

No one knows, but the ones who (don't understand word) and deny us!

When you hit rock bottom, it seems better than this! So many have talent and love, but it's thrown out by a jury!

But there are a fortunate and few precious moments of joy!

Only for a few of us who look up at mail call and see.... Could it be?? Has someone remembered me? I begin to cry!

It was just a little note saying Hi! And yet I smile! Thank you for the note!

\*Angel\* Texas



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#### **VAULT JOKES AND JUNK**

#### Jenn O'Ryan (Bunny)





Last autumn a group of friends went deer hunting and decided to pair off for the day. That evening one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight point buck.

'Where is Edward?" the other hunters asked. Ed's hunting partner, Brian, replied, "Edward had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of

miles back up the trail.

The other hunters gasped and one guy asked, "You left Edward lying out there and carried the deer back?

"It was a tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured that nobody would steal Edward."

A couple goes to an art gallery. They find a picture of a naked women with only her privates covered with leaves. The wife doesn't like it and moves on but the husband keeps looking.

The wife asks: "What are you waiting for?"

The husband replies: "Autumn."

While I was watching football last weekend, my wife and I got into a conversation about life and death, and the need for living wills. During the course of the conversation I told her that I never wanted to exist in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine, and taking fluids from a bottle.

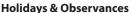
She got up, unplugged the TV, and dumped out my beer.





#### Autumn Limerick

The most colorful season of all Is autumn, which many call fall. It's the time when leaves die In a feast for the eye, And fat turkeys await their last call - Madeleine Kane/Humorist



Sept 3 - Labor Day, first celebrated as a legal holiday in 1894

Sept 12 - Ramadan - Sept 12-Oct 11 this year - Muslim Month of Blessing

Sept 13 - Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year

Sept 21 - Yom Kippur – Jewish Day of Atonement

Sept 23 - Autumn Equinox - First Day of Fall/Autumn

Sept 27 - Sukkot - Sept 27-Oct 5 this year - Jewish Feast of Unity

Oct 1 - World Vegetarian Day

Oct 7 - Thanksgiving Day (Canada)

Oct 8 - Columbus Day

Oct 16 - Bosses' Day

Oct 31 - Halloween



Nov 1 - All Saint's Day

Nov 4 - Daylight Standard Time Resumes (Daylight Savings Time Ends) - Set clocks BACK one hour.

Nov 6 - Election Day

Nov 11 - Veteran's Dav

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day of World Wars (Canada & Australia)

Nov 15 - Great American Smokeout

Nov 17 - World Peace Day

Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Day











#### **Fall Quote**

A few days ago I walked along the edge of the lake and was treated to the crunch and rustle of leaves with each step I made. The acoustics of this season are different and all sounds, no matter how hushed, are as crisp as autumn air.



Eric Sloane, Author/Artist (1905-1985)

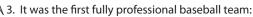
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#### Sports Trivia Quiz

- 1. The Heisman trophy is awarded to:
- a) Gymnasts
- b) College football players
- c) Amateur boxers
- d) Pro basketball players



- a) Sonny Liston
- b) Gene Tunney
- c) Rocky Graziano
- d) Jake Lamotta



- a) Cincinnati Red Stockings
- b) Brooklyn Dodgers
- c) New York Yankees d) New York Knickerbockers



- 4. Which U.S. team has won the most NHL Stanley Cup titles?
- a) Philadelphia Flyers
- b) Detroit Red Wings
- c) New York Islanders
- d) Chicago Blackhawks
- 5. Which sport is not an Olympic event?
- a) Archery
- b) Yacht racing
- c) Shooting
- d) Lacrosse
- 6. The first woman athlete to win over \$100,000 in prize money during a single year was:
- a) Billie Jean King
- b) Peggy Fleming
- c) Pat Bradley
- d) Chris Evert
- 7. Which National League stadium has the deepest center field?
- a) Mile High Stadium/Denver
- b) Minute Maid Stadium/Houston
- c) Wrigley Field/Chicago
- d) Dolphins Stadium/Miami



8. How many members are there on a Canadian football team?

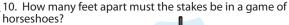
a) 12

b) 15

c) 18 d) 9

9. In darts, what is a score of 26 referred to as?

- a) Bed and Breakfast
- b) Hammer and Nails
- c) Wine and Cheese
- d) Oil and Vinegar



- a) 40
- b) 10
- c) 20 d) 30
- Answers:



### **SUDOKU**

#### **SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS**

- Sudoku is a game of logic no math is involved.
- The object is to fill in the missing numbers, but don't guess or you will not solve the puzzle correctly.
- Shaded boxes are your starting numbers.
- Each of the nine boxes (thick black outlines) must include all of the numbers from 1 to 9.
- Each full row and each full column must contain all of the numbers from 1 to 9.
- No repeats are allowed in box, row or column.

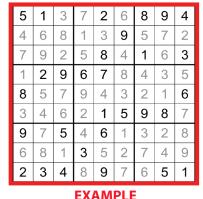
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**EASY** 

**MEDIUM** 

**SOLUTIONS** 









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#### Prison Recipe Chocolate Covered Cherry Vanilla Pie

#### Crust:

1 lb bag vanilla wafers finely crushed 8 Little Debbie Oatmeal Pies 2 spoons butter (if available) Water



Mix first 3 ingredients, kneading with hands and adding water until you have a firm dough ball. Press into large bowl about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up to form crust. Set aside.

#### Filling:

3 pkg powered milk

2 pkg cherry drink mix

2 pk sweetener

2 pkg vanilla cappuccinos

1/4 can Sprite

In a large bowl, using 2 spoons held in the same hand, separated by your finger (like a mixer), whip filling ingredients into a thick, smooth mixture about 3-5 minutes. Pour into crust. Let set until firm.

#### Toppina:

2 melted Hershey Bars or Hershey Syrup

When pie has set, cover with chocolate and enjoy!

#### **Autumn Tip**

Never park your car over a pile of leaves. The muffler and catalytic converter on cars get extremely hot and can ignite the leaves you park your car over - causing your car to catch fire!
- Fire Dept Safety Tip

#### You know you are addicted to coffee if...

You grind your coffee beans in your mouth. You sleep with your eyes open.

Your eyes stay open when you sneeze. You chew on other people's fingernails.

You can type sixty words per minute with your feet. You can jump-start your car without cables.

You don't sweat, you percolate.

Instant coffee takes too long.

You don't even wait for the water to boil anymore.
You soak your dentures in coffee overnight.

You get a speeding ticket even when you're parked.

You haven't blinked since the last lunar eclipse.







