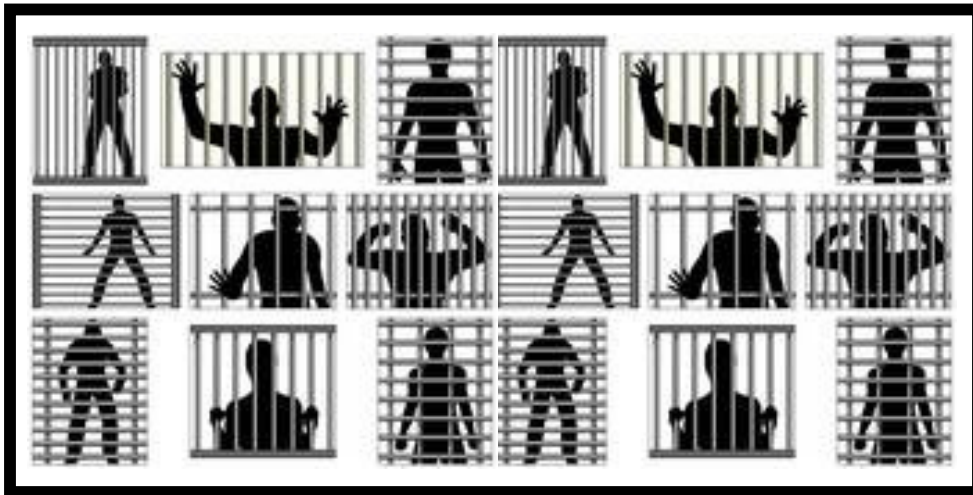


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REPORT #150

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to improve our antiquated
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**HOW TO IMPROVE OUR PRESENT
PRISON SYSTEM THAT'S NOT WORKING -
WE BELIEVE WE HAVE THE ANSWER**

We know our jails and prisons are full of people who think they can make their own laws. It's a known fact that we become what we think about. Our representatives can help change their thinking by replacing the TV entertainment system prevalent in our prisons today with an educational system. In the March 29th, 2009 issue of the PARADE Magazine, a Sunday paper insert, I read an article entitled "What's Wrong With Our Prisons?" by Senator Jim Webb. I was working to develop an educational correspondence course for prisoners, but I have put my correspondence course on hold after reading Senator Webb's letter about how to reduce the rate at which prisoners tend to return to prison after being released. We know the all too common current practice of "entertaining" prison and a jail inmate is not working to reform them. When you read this information you'll agree we have the answer to solve the problem.

For forty years I operated a statewide real estate business. About thirty years ago I became interested in writing self-help books and how-to reports. A few years back, I had a friend who was Director of Therapy at one of the largest hospitals around that treated drug addiction including alcoholism. She kept insisting that I write a 30-day aftercare guide for patients to use after they left treatment. Today that book is printed in five languages. I also developed a 30-day care guide for spouses and family members plus an orientation/evaluation chart for evaluating addicts. It took me two years of studying and interviewing addicts that had slept on park benches, in abandoned houses, old automobiles and shelters, but some had recovered. Some even admitted that if it got too cold out they would shoplift just so they could go to jail.

One of the most interesting people I interviewed was the late congressman Wilbur Mills from Arkansas. I will never forget one thing he said. "When I first started drinking alcohol I thought it was doing something for me, but it was only after I had ruined my career and joined a recovery program that I learned alcohol was doing something to me, not for me. It made me sicker and sicker mentally every time I drank." Today treatment centers, hospitals, doctors, and halfway houses use our educational materials.

Unbelievable but True

According to a report by David Crary of the Associated Press published in the, Greensboro, NC News & Record, there were 2,319,258 Americans incarcerated in 2008, 38,425 of them were North Carolina residents. The cost to our states was \$49 billion

dollars in 2007. The Information department in Raleigh, NC told me that we have over 40,000 in prisons at present.

PARADE Magazine

The PARADE is a very well put together magazine. It comes as an insert in many Sunday newspapers or you can subscribe to it for home delivery by calling 1-800-553-6880 (option 4). On Sunday, March 29, 2009 the cover feature article was "What's Wrong With Our Prisons?" by Senator Jim Webb. The headline read "Why We Must Fix Our Prisons." Everyone needs to read this shocking information. You'll see what it's costing you to support our prisons and what you can do about it. It is available on the Internet at: <http://www.parade.com/news/2009/03/why-we-must-fix-our-prisons.html> .

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Recently I called the county jail in Greensboro, NC and asked how many inmates they currently had. Over 500 was the reply. My next question was did the inmates have access to a television and what hours was it available to them for viewing. I was told the TV's were turned on everyday at 7:00am and turned off at 11:00pm. I'm not a fan of television but I'm aware that some of the programs often showcase unlawful activities and reveal how the criminals go about perpetrating their offense, and also revealing the mistakes they make that lead to their capture. Watching these shows only teaches the inmates how to commit their crimes more skillfully.

We Believe We Have the Answer

Our prisons don't need to provide entertainment. What they need to offer is education, no more TV for our prisons or jails. You and I both know our current prison system is not working. We can't build jails and prisons fast enough to house all the criminals. For the last fifty years they have been entertained with criminal violence in movies, video and television programs. Prisoners are learning how to commit more crimes while incarcerated. The federal government and the state governments should get together and implement an educational system. I'll call it "A Better Life Educational System" and all inmates would be required to participate. They can learn a trade and those that have recovered will be invited to share about their success story breaking away from their life of crime. They would tell about how their life was in the past, what happened to change things, and how their life is today. Education put you and me where we are at this moment. We all know a good education is the answer, not Hollywood entertainment. We know education works. Let's get started now to eliminate all prisons and build a "A Better Life Educational System." When we help to change attitudes is when we will begin helping to change behavior.

The educational system is already in place. All we would need to do is put together classes of our choosing by recording classes that are already being taught in our high schools, vocational schools, community colleges and universities. Also, hospitals or treatment centers that treat alcoholism and other drug addictions, which have hourly

classes, like any other educational facility. In my evaluation the facilities that endorse the program of alcoholics anonymous had the best recovery rate. Inmates could learn a trade or take curriculum classes toward earning a degree. This is a great opportunity to make the USA a better and safer place to live. Our new network would reach all prisons and jails nationwide. Soon we could be having good, positive results.

"Mr. you're right, I am going to turn my life around."

Two days ago my secretary escorted Paul, a good friend of mine, to my study. He is the kind of friend that is rare today. He's always doing for others without expecting anything in return. After we chatted awhile he asked me what project I was working on now. I told him about this report and my idea to improve our antiquated prison system. He agreed that it should have been done a long time ago. He told me that about five years ago he was on his way to Charlotte, NC when he passed a hitchhiker. Sometimes when he was alone in the car he would pick up a stranger. He kept thinking to himself that he should have picked up that guy. About five miles down the road he decided to turn around and go back to get him. The hitchhiker was still there. He got in the car and my friend asked him where he was headed. The fellow replied, "Charlotte. I just got out of prison yesterday and I'm going to Charlotte to kill a man that I know killed my brother. He was never charged, but I know he did it." My friend said to him, "You know if you kill that man it will not bring your brother back and more than likely you will be caught and sent back to prison for the rest of your life or even get the death penalty". My friend went on to tell him how nice we had it out here. "We have freedom, family, a home, a car and you can get a good education and go as high as you want to go in life. You and I both know you can't have that in prison." The hitchhiker looked at Paul a few minutes later and said, "Mr. you're right, I am going to turn my life around. I'm not going to kill that man. I am choosing to live the good life from now on." My friend drove him to a halfway house and suggested he level with the manager by telling him he just got out of prison and needs a place to stay until he can find a job and make some money. Then he would pay him. He told him to admit that he was on his way to kill a man, but had a change of heart and now wants only to live a good life. My friend gave him his card and said "If the manager will not work with you have him to call me and I'll take care of it for you". He gave him some money and they parted ways at the halfway house.

"We will be friends for as long as we live"

Another friend of mine, John, has run a one-man business for 22 years. On his front door hangs a bell that rings when anyone enters his shop. One day John heard the bell and when he turned he saw a young man. John continued working to finish what he had started, John noticed that the young man didn't appear to be interested in anything in the store and was just pacing back and forth with his hands in his pockets. He appeared to be nervous and was perspiring heavily. John walked to the counter and said, "May I help you?" The young man pulled a pistol out of his pocket and answered, "Yes, give me all your money and I mean all of it!" John said to him, "Young man you are a fine looking fellow and you don't look like someone who would rob someone. If it's money you want, you don't need that gun. Lay it on the counter and I'll give you some money. You don't

have to rob me." The young man placed the gun on the counter and John went over to the cash register and got the man some money. The young man went over to a chair in the corner, sat down with his head in his hands and began to weep. "I have lost my job and I have a wife and two children and I don't know what else to do. You are too nice of a man to rob." John said, "There has been no robbery here. I am giving you this money and there is no need for you to repay me. If you will let others know that you need money they will help you like I have." The young man got up, thanked John and walked out.

A few weeks later John heard the bell ring in his store, looked up, and saw a young man with a woman and two children. The man said to John, "I don't know if you recognize me, but I am the man that pulled a gun on you and tried to rob you. I came back to introduce my family and myself and to apologize and thank you again for what you did that day. I feel like you saved me from a life of crime. Soon after that I was able to find a good job and we are doing fine now." John reminded him that he still had his gun. The young man told him that it was no longer his gun, and he wanted John to keep it. He asked if they could be friends and John replied, "We will be friends for as long as we live."

That young man did not need entertainment. He needed an education and guidance like he got from my friend John. Our prisons and jails don't need to provide entertainment but more education. The well-know and highly respected psychologist and philosopher, William James once said " The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind." We become what we think about. At time of printing no one has been charged, 5/18/09.

*"Ask not what your country can do for you,
ask what you can do for your country."*

President John F. Kennedy

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."

President Abraham Lincoln

We can make our country a better place to live if we will listen to what President John Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln said: Let's all start today to do what it takes to turn our prison system into an educational system.

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"In reading Report #150, I believe J.B. Brown does have the answer to 'fixing our prison systems utilizing 'A Better Life Educational System'. Yes, prisoners have broken the law but why not have the state and federal government along with American citizens working in a positive direction to help rehabilitate those who are incarcerated. How doubly tragic it is to have these criminals who have already been living in a negative, dangerous atmosphere taking advantage of people and then to be sentenced to continue wasting their thoughts, minds and emotions. Hopefully through a mandatory education system these once 'society's losers' could become productive members of society, learning a trade and anticipate living in a positive direction. Prisoners should not be allowed to lull their minds into nothingness while they pay their debt for their wrong doing. 'A Better Life Educational System' would be a complete positive change in revamping the present prison system. Our tax dollars would no longer be 'housing' losers, but hopefully producing productive, changed individuals."

Bonnie B.

Internal Medicine Receptionist

I believe J.B. Brown has hit the nail on the head. All too often taxpayers foot the bill to house, feed and provide medical care for prisoners only to see them return again and again as repeat offenders. It's clear our present prison system is outdated and is inadequate when it comes to serving today's needs of correction and reform of those incarcerated. Introducing an educational system in the prisons could truly make a difference by teaching inmates the skills necessary to function productively in today's society. Rather than just "doing their time" let's capitalize on the inmate's prison term to foster rehabilitation and motivation through education that will enable them to succeed as an integral member of their community. Mr. Brown is definitely on to a potentially life-changing solution to improving our current prison system.

Patti W.

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CLOSING INFORMATION BY J.B. BROWN

"For several years I attended a Master Mind Group that met for an hour in a restaurant at 5:00am each morning Monday through Friday, then we went our separate ways. I was 80 years young, very active, very healthy, and took no medication. Then, on October 29, 2008 I was leaving my home at 4:45am. Before I got to my car, I heard a noise behind me but before I could look around a masked person hit me on the back of my head with a gun causing me to fall down crushing my arm and elbow. Two others with guns then joined in. Now I have permanent steel rods in my arm and elbow. I will be handicapped for life. They took my keys, went into the house and tied up my wife and me. They forced me to open my safe and they took everything in it, including valuables I had been collecting for over 50 years. One of them said good-bye and they left. My wife has small hands and was able to slip her hand through the tie to free herself and untie me. They had destroyed our phone service so she ran across the street to call 911. My hospital stay and time spent at home in bed was four months. During that time I only spoke to my wife, my three children and my doctor. Mostly I stayed in my room and cried. When my doctor started taking me off medication, I found out Christmas had come and gone and we had a new president. During that 4-month period, I hurt so much I wanted to die. I still hurt, but not enough to want to die. My wife and I, the victims, are the fortunate ones; not the robbers who law enforcement officers are looking for. Now I want to live for many years to come to serve my God through His son Jesus Christ, my savior, all of mankind, and do what I can to help make America a better place to live. I say to you, live your dream and have a great day.

J.B. Brown.

Author, Inventor

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