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Stark Raven Digest: Oct 5, 2009  
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The Stark Raven Media Collective takes a critical look at prisons and issues of criminalization.

Podcast, News Highlights, More Info: <http://www.prisonjustice.ca>

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Upcoming Stark Raven Radio Programs  
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==Mon Oct 5th, 7-8 pm:

*NO WAY TO GET THERE

Lawyer Alex Wolf talks about the lack of transportation for people in the Sea-to-Sky area who are released from court/jail in North Van.

*SAYING NO TO MANDATORY MILITARY SERVICE IN SOUTH KOREA

Interview with a filmmaker who is documenting the conscientious objector movement in South Korea.

==Mon Oct 12th, 7-8 pm: ANTI-DEATH PENALTY PANEL

A look at Death Row in the United States, asking the question: how does it compare to Canada? <http://www.radio4all.net/index.php/program/36060>

==Mon Oct 19th, 7-8 pm: SEXUAL 'SAFETY' INSIDE AND OUTSIDE PRISON WALLS

Learn about a new workshop being organized in Montreal called, YOU IMPROVISE TO SURVIVE. It features statements from gay, queer and trans prisoners across the US and Canada on what sexual "safety" means when condom access is restricted or when queer sex is criminal. The workshop seeks to start dialogue about how people can support one another, and each others' struggles for control over our own sexual lives, as trans folks and gays and queers across prison walls.

Co-op Radio's Fall Member Drive will be from Sunday, Oct.18 - Saturday, Oct. 31. Tune in to hear special programming and be sure to call in and become a member and keep community radio on the air!

<http://www.coopradio.org>

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Recent Stark Raven Audio Interviews  
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Links to download and listen to recent interviews:
(always available at <http://www.prisonjustice.ca>)

== ANOTHER KIND OF OLYMPIC GAME: SECURITY, SURVEILLANCE & CIVIL LIBERTIES ==

*From "Safe Assembly Zones" to "Brand Violation" patrols, there is little to celebrate when it comes to the 2010 games and civil liberties. David Eby of the BCCLA gives us the lowdown and talks about training legal observers for during the games.
<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/10/2010-games-takes-page-orwell-defending-civil-liber>

*Laura Track of the Pivot Legal Society, speaks about the impact of olympic security on the residents of the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver.
<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/10/vancouver-downtown-eastside-braces-looming-olympi>

*Chris Shaw, author of Five Ring Circus, speaks about how threat assessments have been made and what the response of the security forces will be during the Olympics.
<http://www.radio4all.net/index.php/program/29780>

*The Right to the City: Civil Liberties and the 2010 Olympics
Hear from several speakers and activists on the issue. Recorded at a Sept 2009 panel in Vancouver.

<http://workingtv.com/olympic-civilliberties.html>

== EDUCATION BURSARY FOR PRISONERS LAUNCHED ==

Women Into Healing launches a new education bursary for women who have spent time in prison and their children.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/09/education-bursary-prisoners-launched>

== PRISON LABOUR ==

Gordon Lafer talks about Oregon's mandated prison labour project and how it has led to the loss of many unionized jobs.

<http://www.radio4all.net/index.php/program/17925>

== PERFORMING PRISONERS WRITING ==

Alex Friedmann speaks about his and other prisoner-written plays which were onstage at the Kennedy Centre in Washington, DC.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/09/prisoner-play-about-legal-misconduct-performed-ken>

== PRISON JUSTICE DAY ==

*Highlights from the Vancouver Memorial Rally that took place on August 10th. Watch the highlights:

<http://www.workingtv.com/prisonjusticeday2009.html>

*Hear a documentary about the history and meaning of Prison Justice Day.

<http://www.radio4all.net/index.php/program/29887>

== A NEW REMAND CENTRE IN VANCOUVER? ==

Jennifer McMillan says the conditions at Metro Vancouver's remand centres are inhumane.

<http://www.radio4all.net/index.php/program/35882>

== MANDATORY MINIMUMS (BILL C-15), WOMEN AND DRUG POLICY ==

Activist and researcher Susan Boyd on the Tories latest mandatory minimum bill (Bill C-15), how this fits into their large drug policy and the impact of these policies on women.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/07/more-mandatory-minimums-drugs-more-jail-time-wome-o>

== UNIQUE PRISON ART SHOW ==

Dennis Sobin talks about a new exhibit featuring pano art - an artform created by prisoners.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/06/unique-prison-art-show>

== MIGRATION DETENTION==

*Michael Flynn of the Global Detention Project finds out how many migrants are put in prison worldwide.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/06/mapping-immigrant-detention>

== POST INCARCERATION SYNDROME (PICS) ==

Mo Korchinski talks about Post Incarceration Syndrome - one of the leading reasons newly released prisoners end up back in jail.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/06/former-prisoner-explains-post-incarceration-syndro>

== FILM DOCUMENTS NATIVE SPIRITUALITY BEHIND BARS ==

*Interview with Hugh Brody, director, of the film The Meaning of Life that looks at healing and Aboriginal spirituality at Kwikwexwelhp, a prison run by the Chehalis First Nation.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/06/new-film-documents-aboriginal-approach-prisons>

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Other Recently Aired Audio  
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== DECARCERATION IN AUSTRALIA ==

Two short features, jone focuses on women:

<http://www.thewire.org.au/daydetail.aspx?SearchDay=2009-09-03#3>

and one on aboriginal youth:

<http://www.thewire.org.au/daydetail.aspx?SearchDay=2009-08-31#3>

== LIVING UNDER A SECURITY CERTIFICATE ==

*Security Certificate detainee, Mohamed Harkat wins struggle to have most of his bail conditions dropped.

(<http://www.justiceforharkat.com/news.php?cat.65>)

Watch a short speech by Mohamed from earlier this year.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3AnvH2bIq8>

*Adil Charkaoui speaks about his experience as one of five men in Canada living under a security certificate. He was in Vancouver on June 26, 2009 for an event sponsored by No One is Illegal, the BC Civil Liberties Association and Amnesty International.

<http://vancouver.mediacoop.ca/audio/1692>

== SURVIVORS OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT ==

The practice of isolating a person in solitary confinement for extended

periods of time causes severe sensory deprivation and has been denounced as torture by the United Nations. But tens of thousands are locked up in solitary confinement in American prisons. This National Radio Project documentary hears from nine formerly incarcerated people, who described what it's like not to talk to or touch another person, for years at a time.

<http://www.radioproject.org/archive/2009/2209.html>

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Recent Prison News  
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Recent news posted on prisonjustice.ca:

***TORY PLANS FOR U.S.-STYLE PRISONS SLAMMED IN REPORT**

Link to full story:

http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/flawedcompass_0909.html

***RISK OF PRISON SUICIDES UNACCEPTABLY HIGH SAYS CORRECTIONAL INVESTIGATOR**

Link to full story:

http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/suicide_risk_0909.html

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How to Podcast Stark Raven  
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WHAT IS A PODCAST?

A podcast is an audio file that is available on the internet. The file is usually in mp3 file format, a compressed audio format. You can listen directly online or download the file to you computer. Downloading allows you to listen to the audio on your computer and put it on your mp3 player and listen to it on the go. This means you can listen to Stark Raven interviews at your convenience.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOWNLOADING A PODCAST AND SUBSCRIBING TO A PODCAST?

When you download a single podcast episode, that one file gets saved onto your computer or MP3 player. It is then up to you to play it, delete it or download another. When you subscribe to a podcast, the latest podcast episode is saved to your computer or MP3 player automatically. Every time a new podcast episode of the program becomes available your podcasting

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HOW TO SUBSCRIBE THE STARK RAVEN PODCAST:

copy this URL to your podcast receiver:

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/rabble-podcast-network/StarkRavenPrisonJustice>

In Itunes:

Under the Advanced menu, select Subscribe To Podcast.

It will ask you for the URL. Cut and paste the above address.

The Stark Raven podcast is registered in Itunes, meaning you can find it & subscribe if you go to the Itunes Podcast listings and search Stark Raven.

Every time you open Itunes or other Podcast program, it will check the rabble.ca website to see if a new Stark Raven posting has been put up. If there is one, it will automatically start downloading it. On the left menu, you will see Podcasts. That is where you will find the audio files. Just click on them once they have downloaded the file(s) and listen at your convenience. They can also be transferred to any MP3 player and listened to while away from the computer.

Itunes is a program you can use to listen to audio files.

You can download Itunes for free from:

<http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/>

Another podcast receiver is Ipodder. Download for free from:

<http://ipodder.sourceforge.net/download/index.php>

Juice is free, open source software for both Mac and PC. It's designed to manage podcasts and has a built-in directory with thousands of listed podcast feeds. <http://juicereceiver.sourceforge.net/index.php>

Once downloaded, the files can be played on your computers media player (Itunes, winamp, realplayer, windows media player etc)

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**More Info on the Stark Raven Media Collective**

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The Stark Raven Media Collective takes a closer look at prisons and criminalization.

Stark Raven produces a radio program three times a month featuring in-depth interviews, news and analysis on issues related to prisons and criminalization, both locally and from around the world.

The radio program has been on the air for almost 22 years.

Topics we cover include: Canadian prison conditions, tough on crime agenda, detention & the war on terror, women in prison, alternatives to prison, criminalization of migration & poverty, privatization, security certificates, government policy, political prisoners, policing, the death penalty, the personal & political impacts of incarceration, prisoner's writings.

The collective's other activities include organizing community events and maintaining <http://www.prisonjustice.ca> - an online resource centre on Canadian prison issues.

Feel free to contact us if you have a story that you think we should cover on the show or have any feedback. Stark Raven is always seeking new volunteers and contributors for help with interviews, news research, musical contributions, web work and more.

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LIVE RADIO:

Mondays 7-8pm, (1st to 3rd Monday, Pacific Time. Vancouver Co-op Radio)
*102.7 FM in Vancouver
*<http://www.coopradio.org>
*Satellite: Starchoice #845
*Various cable frequencies around BC

NEWS, PODCASTS:

<http://www.prisonjustice.ca>

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Support Stark Raven: Become a Member of Co-op Radio  
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Support broadcast space for programs such as Stark Raven. Become a Member of Co-op Radio and help keep independent media alive!

Vancouver Co-operative Radio, CFRO, 102.7FM is a non-commercial, co-operatively-owned, listener-supported, community radio station. Located

in the heart of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, Co-op Radio strives to provide a space for under-represented and marginalized communities.

Support Stark Raven as we cut through the mainstream crime sensationalism with in-depth interviews, news and analysis on the role of prisons in our society and consequences of criminalizing affected communities.

Memberships start are \$60/year. You can also pay what you can/want to become a member of Co-op Radio. For more details on becoming a member of Co-op Radio check out: <http://www.coopradio.org/member/index.html> or just email us at Stark Raven, starkraven (at) prisonjustice (dot) ca, and we can hook you up as a member.