

Improvement

Bill Ryan

“Dee” Battaglia, the newest improvement to stateville for some time. Inmates are looking to her for hope and inspiration for new programs and a new future of productivity.

On March 16, 2005, Deirdre Battaglia was appointed warden at Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet, IL. Battaglia is the first female warden to head an Illinois maximum

security prison and the first African-American woman in the United States to be the warden of a maximum security prison.

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In Loving Memory of...

William Bracy

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all Death Row prisoners to remain strong and positive while suffering under the everyday threat of death in some of the worst inhumane conditions in the world. It's because of him, that a lot of Death Row prisoners were able to maintain some sense of sanity without completely falling apart. After losing my grandmother (who was the love of my life) and having my first appeal denied in the early 1990's, the walls of Death row started suffocating the life right out of me and had me standing on the verge of a mental and emotional breakdown. Bracy was one of the main influences that held me up throughout the entire ordeal, and he told me "the system wanted me to fall apart in this manner, and that I had an obligation to remain strong for my family."

“JUST ONE MORE DAY...”

I will always remember the day I told him that I just couldn't take being on Death Row anymore, but instead of giving me one of his heart-to-heart talks, he simply asked me to do him a favor by doing "just one more day."

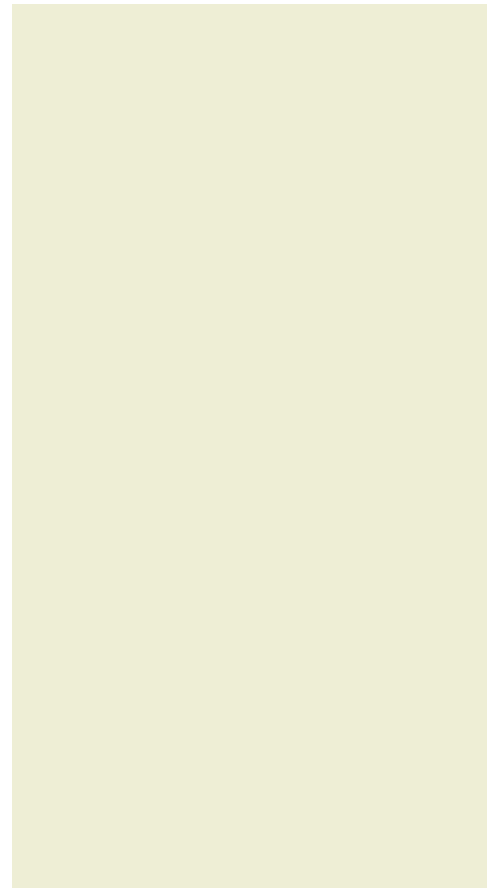


At that time I thought it was one of the craziest things I had ever heard, but his solution, "just one more day," has kept me strong for many years. That's just the kind of guy he was - always giving sound and memorable advice, helping others and showing that he cares.

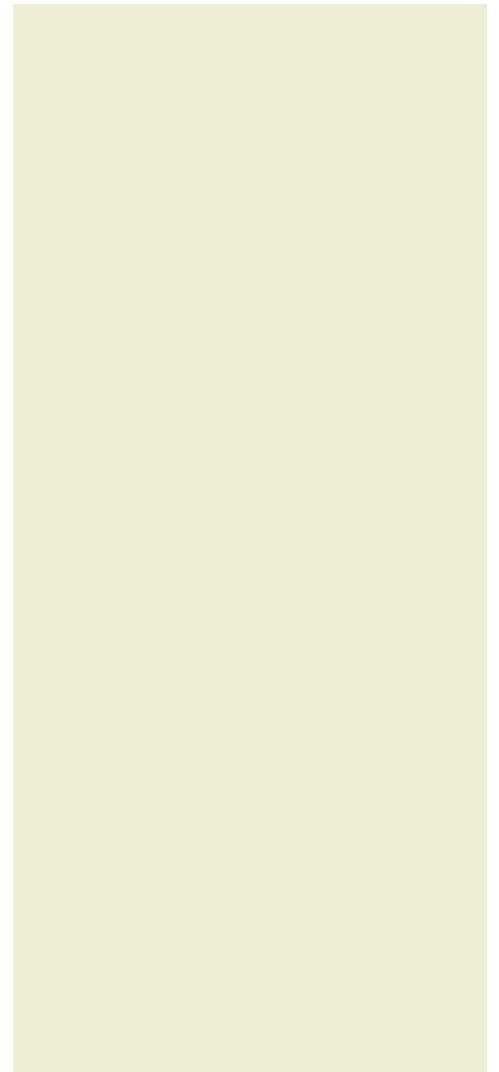
Judge Malone was convicted and sent to prison for accepting bribes to fix cases in the "Graylord" scandal, and Bracy received a new hearing from the U.S. Supreme Court (SEE: *Bracy v Gramley*, 520 U.S. 899 (1977)) Afterwards, I became convinced that the excessively harsh treatment he received

from Judge Maloney was "to hide or to

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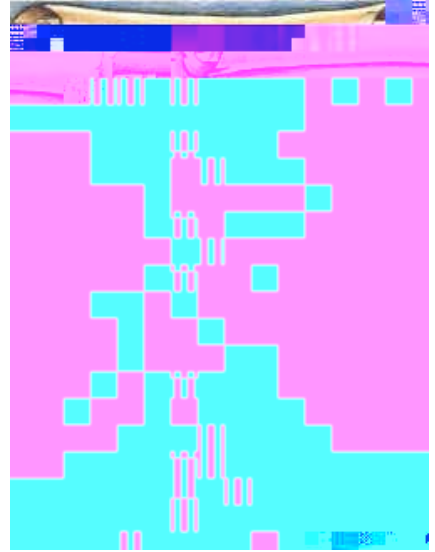
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After such a definition, Stan Williams changed his life, wrote three books aimed at teaching children about gang life and was nominated five times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

“MAKE WINDOWS”

A list of Books that can help each of us continue to redeem our lives for the better, include:

1. The Holy Bible
2. The Holy Qur'an
3. Dictionary
4. Thesaurus



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pecial night in remembrance.