

Basic Prison Cable Package

1-ESPN

The three stooges are by the pull-up bars.
Moe's faking a chin-up to raise a vein,
while Curly hits him with a rig,
as Larry keeps bus for the fuzz.

2-LIFETIME

Two sit on the picnic table, clearly in love.
In love as you can be without holding hands in public,
studying one another's tear drop tattoos
so they'll never forget this time together.

If Nicholas Sparks was the kind of dude
who had a spider web inked on his elbow
and 13 1/2% emblazoned on his neck, you'd be seeing
their story on the big screen, maybe.

Same city their whole lives. Different sides of town.
A rags for riches in reverse, sort of.
A.C.A.s and heroin whisk them 100 miles away
to a concrete loneliness where romance impossibly blooms.
Instead of convention and abusive fathers,
the parole board is tearing them apart.

3-CNN

An old man goes postal over a two stamp debt,
sticks a muscled-up youngster straight in the neck.
Multi-talented, youngster's now talking shit and bleeding,
while the old man proudly shouts "I know nothing!"
marching between jackboots, forever cuffed to his third tour of duty.

4-FOOD NETWORK

Today's cooking tutorial, on behalf of my greenhorn, shit-for-brains celly, is deli slicing summer sausage with a torn and doubled strip of honed soda can. For that perfect mouth feel of bread to meat ratio, to go with his cock-sock, stolen chow hall cheese slightly warm from recent transport.

[A 13 1/2% tattoo stands for 12 jurors, 1 judge and half a lawyer (or public defender); A "cock-sock" is a prison smuggler's rig consisting of a tube sock stitched to a shoelace tied around your waist.]