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a more regular publication highlighting incarcerated people in TX across the LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans gender, queer, intersex, and allies) spectrum.

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Submission by Buyow:

Everyone has had that one friend growing up. That one person that you've done everything with. Together. Mine was Stevie. I remember the long bike rides just talking. The nights we spent playing video games. The sleepovers. The one time we almost had that fight because I tried to date his sister (that was stupid of me). Stevie was that one person I could talk with about anything. I watched my first porno with him, and as we got older it seemed that our friendship only blossomed. I remember him giving me money for an abortion so my girlfriend at the time could finish school. We were on the football, basketball, and baseball team together. There was nothing I could not share with him.

Years later, I ended up getting into a fight with guy that called him a "faggot". Now, you cannot talk about my homeboy like that. We had a lot of experiences together. We sold dope together, went to the club together, picked up girls together, and even double dated. So when I confronted the guy in the mall for saying that, Stevie threw the first punch. It was also our first time in jail together. After graduation I accepted a baseball scholarship I accepted a baseball scholarship to U.T. in Austin, Texas. Stevie stayed behind and went to U of H. We promised each other to meet up at Christmas and the breaks between semesters. Well, between practice and school work I had little time to go home. I did make it home for the holidays though. Since our parents

stayed only a couple blocks apart, meetings were not a problem.

Summer came and went. I did not get to go home because of the baseball practices and road games. I did get to call in and check on him through his sister that was always home. She would tell me that Stevie was alright, and going through some changes. I would tell her, to tell him that I called and was checking up on him. She would laugh and hang up. I took it as simple flirting that was in her blood. Plus it was harmless. I knew not to pursue anything with her.

Winter break came back around and I called to let everyone know that I was coming home. That first day is always spent with the family. That very next day, early in the morning I left to go see Stevie and his family. The plan was to take them all out to lunch after me and Stevie had gotten caught up. I remembered pulling up in their driveway and seen seen Stevie's red Toyota Maxima. I knocked on the door and waited. When the door opened I must have scared this woman because her eyes opened in shock, I attempted to calm her by taking two steps back and throwing my hands up and said, "Oh! I'm sorry!". What happened next caught me completely off guard.

"Hey, Buyow." She said.

Whoa. How does the most beautiful woman I have ever seen know my name. As I stand there confused, she smiles and I see that her cheek bones rise up to make her eyes squint. It was the most amazing thing I had ever seen. Now, I am a

man. I consider myself to be a man's man. I have never been known to look at a woman's beauty before. Just the ass and the way it fits in a pair of jeans, and the way tits bounce and sway left and right as they walk down the hallway. Not this girl though. This girl who somehow knows my name. Those almond shaped eyes, her smooth golden skin and that smile. Wow! Those firm "C" cup tits without a bra under that t-shirt did not hurt matters any.

"How does the most beautiful woman I have ever seen know my name."

"Are you gonna say 'hello'?" She asked as she was tying her hair back into a pony-tail.

"How do you know my name?" I quiz her.

"Just come in so we can talk." She commands.

I start to walk in, "Alright, Where's Stevie?" I continue to quiz her, as I walk past her into the front room.

"Just sit down and I will explain everything." She said as she closed the door.

Steve's sister came into the front and stopped short. "Oooh, I am not missing this!" She said excitedly as she sat on the sofa and pulled her legs up under her (cont. on Page 2).

(Buyow submission cont.) "Miss what?" I looked back and forth at the two.

"Remember I said Stevie was going through some changes? Well,

there you go.” She finished smiling with her hand toward this beautiful woman.

“There was a loud SNAP in my mind. That is when all of the clues started to fall into place and make sense. I sat back and tried to absorb it all. I am not sure if I should have been mad, hurt, or proud that he was man enough to come out of the closet. I think the combined emotions of all three had me numb. I’m hurt because... why didn’t he tell me? I am supposed to be his best friend. I’m confused because I don’t even know what to call him? Her? I’m mad because I went to jail for fighting because someone called him a “faggot”.

Out of frustration I stood up and said “Fuck this shit!” Before I walked out the front door, both of them called my name. “I just need time to think.”

“What’s going on?” Stevie’s dad said as he stepped into the front tying his robe. Stevie’s mom is right behind him.

“You could’ve called my parents? I didn’t have to find out like this.” I said with a little anger in my voice.

“Hold on, Buyow! First, you watch your tone in my house. Second that was for Stevie to do.” Stevie’s father chastised me. Then he challenged me. “Now, you are Stevie’s best friend. It is time for you to prove it.”

Frustrated, I shook my head and then turned to walk outside. As I go to my car Stevie and his sister had come outside holding hands. Stevie was crying and I don’t know why I felt guilty. Stevie’s sister let go of her hand and walked over to me. I leaned over the top of my car not sure what I should be doing or how I should be feeling.

“You know you wrong, huh? That there is your best friend.

She made herself into the woman that you would approve of. And you know what, to be honest she’s probably the prettiest woman I’ve ever seen.” She said to me with agitation in her voice.

“Yeah, I was thinking that when she opened the door.” I stopped, thought about what I was saying, then said, “She? What am I saying! That’s Stevie!” I’m confused now.

“That’s still Stevie. That’s still your best friend, just a happier version. And you need to support her. Mom and dad have accepted it. I have accepted it. But what she needs now, is for you to accept it. To accept her. Will you accept her?” She said to me further explaining what I should already know. She turned around and gestured Stevie to come to us. “Now, what are you going to do?”

Stevie arrived a little behind her sister unsure of my reaction. I picked up my arm up to push her sister to the side and said, “Come here.” Stevie sidled up to me and got up under my arm. “You know I went to jail for fighting when they called you ‘faggot’ in the mall.”

“So, I swung first.” Stevie said timidly. Then gaining courage and attitude, “In fact, I was the one still fighting when the police showed up.” The Stevie I know is coming out showing confidence. I am turned on by the feel of Stevie’s breasts against me. I turned to see Stevie’s parents in the smiling and embracing.

That was the best decision of my life. I am so glad I did not lose my best friend. Me and Stevie dated for a couple of years. Almost four years. It has been over thirty years since that day. Stevie has been there for me through three failed marriages, has helped me raise my kids and now grandkids. Now, that I am in prison Stevie is still there for me. Although we are not together anymore

“You know, I think I always knew and just didn’t want to accept it. But! You better be a damn good woman. I mean you better not be no tramp. You gonna get some brotha hurt.” I finished in the manish style on this man’s man could do.

“What you mean. I remember I know how to fight.” Stevie punched me in the chest then rushed in for a hug. “Thank you.”

Awkwardly caught off guard, I slowly hug her back. And awkwardly



Stevie will always be my first love. I hope she gets a chance to see this, I am surely going to send her a copy so she knows how I feel.

More about Buyow:

I am a 51 year old half breed (Korean/Afro-American). I have twelve years left on a fifteen non-agg. I am not trans but deeply in love with one. This story is about how we met and realized that we were in love with each other. This is my wish for everyone. To find that somebody who will complete you when nobody else will. Remember love beats out hate all the time and GOD is love so love him and he will lead you to the love of your life. Thank you for reading this and please love each other...

WELCOME & GOOD AFTERNOON,

THIS IS CORDERRAL J.S. HUNT, PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN & FOUNDING MEMBER OF UNITED STANDING S.T.R.O.N.G. MILITARY FAMILY/ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS A SOCIAL CHANGE, SEMI-UNDERGROUND, MULTI-RACIAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 2006, OUR AIMS ARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, EQUALITY, EDUCATION, & COMMUNITY. I'M REPORTING LIVE FROM THE FRONT LINES OF GROUND ZERO, WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR. UNIT. IN SUPPORT OF AUSTIN ABC, THESE ARE OUR TOP STORIES:

"MASS INCARCERATION, IS IT REAL OR A HOAX?"

IT IS WIDELY KNOWN PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP, has taken the position that "GLOBAL WARMING" is a hoax, but does he believe "MASS INCARCERATION" is a hoax too? It is unclear what position the TRUMP ADMINISTRATION takes on mass incarceration, however one thing is clear, he is all for the "good ole boy", "lock em up" views that does not address the REAL issues americans face through mass incarceration, that not only destroy families but continues a never ending cycle that sometime span generations, REGARDLESS of political party mass incarceration affects ALL AMERICANS rather directly, or indirectly. If you live in a major city, or even in a small town chances are you know someone who has been locked up. The FACT of the matter is alot of people dont care about CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM UNTIL they find themselves, or someone they love, or care for caught up in "THE SYSTEM" that they ignored prior. MASS INCARCERATION IS NOT A HOAX! It's a SERIOUS matter that MUST be addressed NOT only through criminal justice reform, but through awareness, & action. Let's take a look at this for what it is.....

"WHAT ARE WE DOING WHEN WE FUND PRISONS/JAILS/CORRECTIONS BETTER THEN EDUCATION?"

The annual total in cost to the U.S. GOVERNMENT to maintain this CORRUPT system is almost \$200 BILLION a YEAR, the source of that information on that number can be found @ www.prisonpolicy.org. How is it we can "FIND" the money to fund this corrupt system, but we have teachers being laid off, and schools closing due to lack of funding? Do ANYONE besides me believe something is WRONG with that? Are "WE THE PEOPLE" that "MISGUIDED" by the same people who we "ELECT"? The most underfunded education systems are often in URBAN areas where resources are even more LIMITED, & education fail to be a TOP PRIORITY. As PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN of USSM FAMILY, i believe education is a RIGHT that should be EQUALLY afforded to ALL STUDENTS alike, however it's a sad FACT that this is NOT the case, and due INPART to this fact, a lack of education, and the lack of a CHANCE to get a real education that will assist one to meet the demands of the job field, only helps to coordinate the "FROM THE SCHOOL YARD TO THE PRISON REC YARD PIPELINE". It's NOT ENOUGH to just acknowledge that there is a problem, we MUST move towards SOLUTIONS, DO YOU AGREE? So why are PRISONS/JAILS/CORRECTIONS BETTER FUNDED THEN EDUCATION? YOU DECIDE!

"WHAT IS THE SCHOOL YARD TO THE PRISON REC YARD PIPELINE?"

Though we know this affects a "CLASS" of society more then a RACE, it basically works like this: (1) THE HOME: single parent home, low income family, lack of resources, neglect, CPS (CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES), foster homes. (2) THE SCHOOL SYSTEM: lack of funding, lack of useful education methods, lack of programs. (3) THE COMMUNITY: poor or negative influences, no meanful outlets to express one's self in a POSITIVE way, lack of community based programs, gangs, a need to feel love, wanted, & accepted, lack of skills, misguided youth, no direction. (4) T.Y.C. (TEXAS YOUTH COMMISSION): introduced into the corrupt criminal justice system @ a VERY young age, forced to be labeled a "criminal" & be pushed out of society, released back into the cycle. (5) TDCJ (TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE) another CONVICT ON THE REC YARD! This cycle CAN be addressed in a positive and productive way BEFORE it makes it to the 4th step IF we get our PRIORITIES in order. This is WHY we must SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS such as AUSTIN ABC, BLACK & PINK, USSM etc. We can still save our generation, i am only 29 years old & i feel doing something is better then doing NOTHING at all! We have to NETWORK, SHARE RESOURCES, BUILD CONNECTIONS, & make our YOUTH priority, while pushing for CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM holding those in POWER ACCOUNTABLE!

IN OTHER NEWS:

USSM IS LOOKING FOR ANYONE WHO IS WILLING TO COORDINATE A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR US AND OR ALL OTHER FORMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA, PLEASE CONTACT: CORDERRAL J.S. HUNT VIA MAIL @ CLEMENTS UNIT, 9601 SPUR 591 AMARILLO, TEXAS 79107. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS. A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO AUSTIN, ABC, SCRAPPY, AND JERROD SPENCER. STAY STRONG.

-WITH THE HIGHEST HONOR,

CORDERRAL J.S. HUNT, PRESIDENT

What Trans Action means to me

By: Keith 'Malik' Washington
Chief Spokesperson:
End Prison Slavery in Texas – Movement
& IWOC – member

Peace and blessings Sisters & Brothers!

Now I am a straight-racially mixed Black man trapped in a Texas Prison. My Friends call me Comrade Malik. In 2014 not to many people every heard of me nor were they familiar with my Fight For Freedom, Justice, and Equality inside facilities operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

In the Summer of 2014 I received a letter From a Revolutionary Transgender Activist named Justin Adkins. Since then Justin and I have done some phenomenal work in the realm of Social Justice, Environmental Justice, and the Abolition of the Prison Industrial Complex. Justin has made me more aware and sensitive to the Rights and Struggles of Transgender Humyn Beings.

Through my collaborations with Justin and as our Friendship development, I was Forced to Challenge myself – challenge my beliefs in regards to sexuality and gender identify. Prison, is a very machismo/testosterone charged atmosphere and I wrestled with Feelings of “What are the Brothers going to Say?” when they find out I am close Friends with a Transgender Humyn being??

Then I started to observe the Theory and Practice of my peers in comparison to Justin's Theory and Practice in regards to battling the Imperialist Regime and the Fascists who operate these slave camps Gulags. I came to the conclusion that this intelligent, hyper, fearless, and at times Fragile humyn being stood heads and shoulders above the men on the yard

of a talker.

In the past year Justin and I have collaborated on articles that were published in the Huffington Post – we came up with - YouTube messages which addressed current issues and relevant topics. In one message Justin and I paid homage and respect to our she-rue Comrade Assata Shakur.

Justin developed a page devoted to our struggle to End Prison Slavery in Texas visit: <http://www.facebook.com/EndTexasPrisonAbuse>

Justin and I designed t-shirts and hoodies which address the need to amend the 13th amendment of the US Constitution and Abolish Prison Slavery Now!

Go to: <https://113670.spreadshirt.com/>

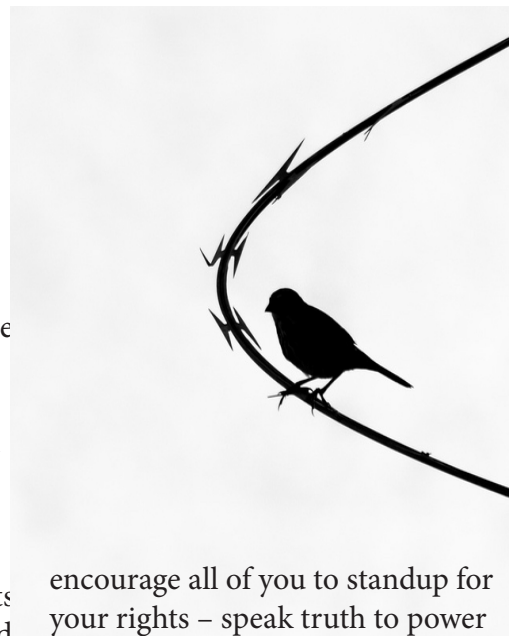
And this is only scraping the surface of the work Justin and I have done! You want to talk about Trans Action, Justin Adkins is Trans Action and guess what?

You! the persyn receiving this message – you! Have the potential to do work like this.

Justin and I actually found out about each other through the LGBTQ – Newsletter known as Black & Pink! Yes, straight guys read Black and Pink too!

And I admire the work of Cece McDonald and I think Leverage Cux is fine as hell.

In closing I just want to

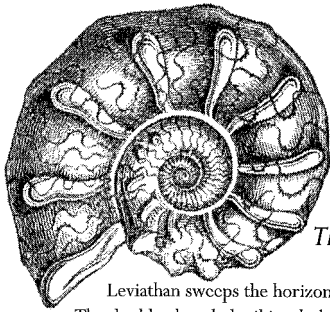


encourage all of you to stand up for your rights – speak truth to power and don't let anyone place labels or stereotypes on you that don't apply. Like Rhianna says: Shine Bright Like a Diamond! I leave you as I came in the spirit of Peace!

Keith 'Malik' Washington is a Journalist/Activist and Organizer who co-founded a movement which seeks to End Prison Slavery in Texas. He is a regular contributor for the San Francisco Bay View – National Black Newspaper. He also is the Deputy chairman for the New Afrikan Black Panther Party (prison chapter) Texas Region. Malik is serious about saving the Planet and ensuring safe and clean drinking water for all humyn beings – Please write him.

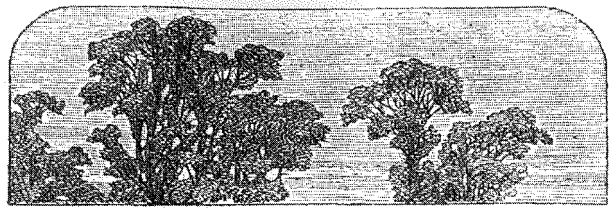
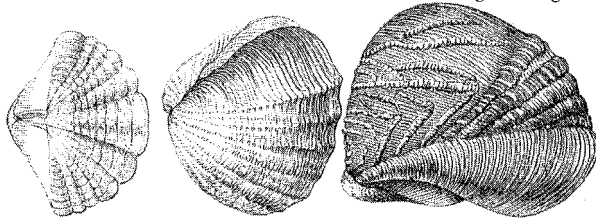
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The Critical Krill

 Leviathan sweeps the horizon, beloved behemoth
The double-shovelled tail implodes the space between
Water and air
Seen from space by busy satellites
Passing past Greenpeace zodiacs,
And cruising trawlers, stories high
Scraping the ocean floor with nets so wide and deep,
Everything on such a grand scale that words like
Huge and monster are beggared by the truth
A world away, a billion mouths in a hundred lands
Gape and gulp at the riches of the sea
And fancy themselves the masters of the Universe
With all the world their table, spread with delectable's
That once were lives
And all those grand illusionists could not exist at all
Without the tiny, glassine, fragile, impossibly fronded and fancy crustaceans,
The critical krill,
Hidden in the dark waters
But holding all the light.



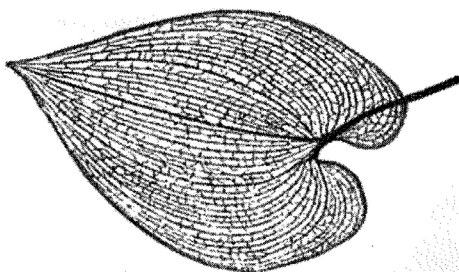
I Shall be Released

It may be years before anyone sees me here at all
 My transition is a conceptual art installation
 A work in progress – with no progress
 These are mean times, in the meantime
 There's a rhythm to my heartbeat that's
 Faster now than it has ever been
 And I speak to my heart in meditation
 The self selling the self
 Try to whisper an apology
 We are not at war
 The flutter of my breath on my lips tells me
 I shaved today
 Though I realize that is not wisdom, I should be less aware of that
 Thinking, I am thinking
 And not meditating
 (which is failing to meditate)
 But for one fragment of a space between breaths
 I am off, I am with, am not alone as I
 As such, per se
 Reprieved of this iteration
 And can believe (perhaps, tentatively)
 That I will be released.



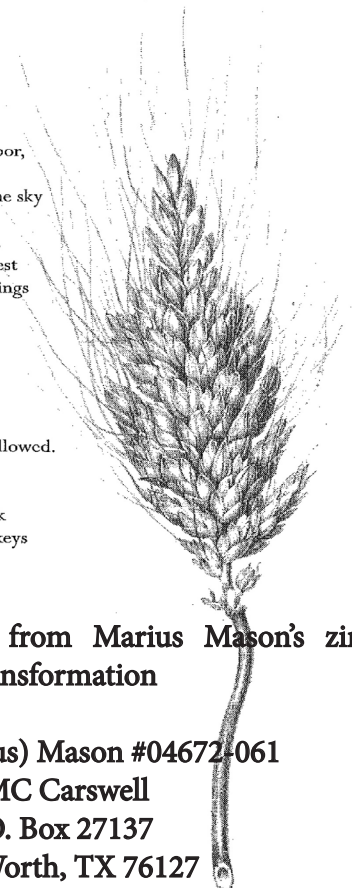
Knowing our own, Knowing the other

All places have their own untouchables
Legions of the silent wraiths who carry away the nightwaste
The wrathful ones who dig the ditches or dream outside the lines
Whose livelihoods are distasteful
Whose demeanor is deemed the same
Averting eyes, you might avoid contagion
Move quickly into the light if you can
And the Empire is yours- privilege
The detested take the shadows, the alleys
Stroll slowly to be over-taken
Murdered, myth en-misted, shame veiled
But parallel lives entangle like
Electrons in distant universes
Quantum physics struggles to explain
The mystery of separate but conjoined lives
Particles or souls
All illusions of distinction fall away
If we accept this insight
Knowing our own, knowing the other



Prison Visit

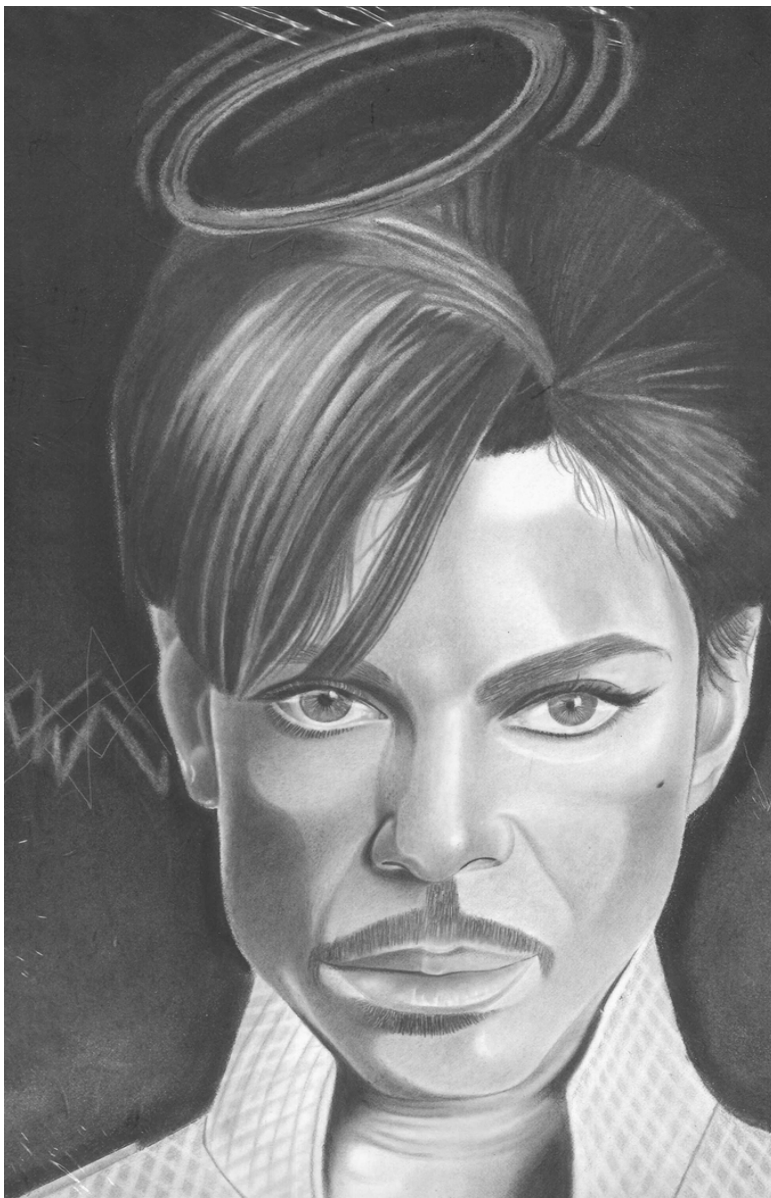
Prison is
Hushed and heavy
Like water near the Ocean's floor,
Then loud and bitter,
Like fractious storms lashing the sky
Everything cement and nerves
And too many years gone by...
The heart requires a place to rest
From all its maddened wanderings
The raft of the Medusa tossed
And trembling in the sea.
Or just this table here
And you across from me,
A sunlit sail
And I this aching castaway.
I cannot touch you — it is not allowed.
Our eyes hold
Hanging onto words
Until a hand falls upon the back
The narrow hall, the clanking keys
The door, the cell
And under.



These are excerpts from Marius Mason's zine, Transformation

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Prince drawing created by Vanessa Gibson at the Allred Unit (TDCJ#699888).



Greetings to you! What an amazing second annual J22 International Day of Trans Prisoner Solidarity 2017 project outcome. This is Katrina Marie here on Stiles Unit. I was so excited and pleased to have read my poem, seeing my art out there which has made me feel good inside. My love goes out to all of my transgender sisters and the gay community who participated in the 2017 project. Don't be ashamed of who you are, speak out so that you can be heard too! ABC this project couldn't have been done without your help and your time quality on this project.

To everyone out there who has had a bad or good experience while in prison DON'T hesitate to speak out so that you can be heard too! We must fight for our rights, the battle is not over yet.

Trans encourage one another to be strong especially the young trans who are going through this transition. Good luck on your hormone therapy, my advise to all the trans on hormones, you must take active and work out on your body so that you won't gain that much weight and feel tired all the time. So for myself I have a regular routine from Mon-Fri. Staying in shape will pay off at the end. Like I mentioned on my shout out, lets love and not hate on each other. WE are all a family dealing with a lot of personal issues. Eventually we will get our point across to the legislature and Supreme Courts. Hopefully that in the nearest future TDCJ will approve our items; make up, panties, letting

our hair grow long & hair products so that we can walk down the catwalk all glamorous and feel good for ourselves.

Don't be afraid to share your true stories for the coming 2018 project, everybody has a story to tell. Let it out, have confidence in yourself but sharing a wonderful story whether it may be goo or not. We need more soldiers as I speak, to speak out.

My sisters in solitary confinement - Ad-Seg - dont give up its all in the process, have plenty of hope and faith. You may not be around us but you are not alone. When I read your stories I feel your pain and hurt.

To my sisters across the state of Texas in different units, file grievances on all complaints so that you will have proof in case anything happens. Harassment, mistreatment, gestures of vulgar profanity, understand you will not be tolerated in TDCJ under the 6th amendment. Get your family involved if you have to! Call the Ombudsman in Huntsville to make a complaint. It has helped me out so far. They will assign your family member a case-worker so that the investigation will be done correctly. I don't play with these officers (kids) as we speak. ABC family thanks once again for the wonderful job on the project, to all who participated in the project. Hopefully next year we will have a better outcome with new stories, art, poems and a speech from others. Come in Texas Trans, this is a big state, the Lone Star State. Texas Trans have always been the best worldwide. Lets march together with our hands up high in the air, shouting out! We finally did it for fair and square. My loving husband of 5 years who went to a program (Big Polar Bear) I miss you and hope to meet you at the end of the road. I love you all, keep your heads up, we are here together once in for all. Thank you. ABC family you are my HEROE.
Love Always,
Katrina Marie Ochoa.

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In historic 1st, transgender inmate wins transfer to women's prison

"Canada's federal prison service has approved the first transfer of a transgender inmate to an institution based on gender identity rather than physical anatomy, CBC News has learned.

Fallon Aubee, who has been serving a life sentence at B.C.'s Mission Institution, told CBC her request to move to a women's prison has been approved, and that she will be transferred to Fraser Valley Institution for Women on Tuesday.

Aubee called it a "profound decision," but said the journey to this day has been an emotional roller-coaster.

She says the move will allow her to focus more on her future and less on the problems of living as a woman in a men's institution. But she concedes the path ahead will bring its own challenges.

"I think it's going to be a huge adjustment going to the prison for women, not just for me but for the women who are there as well because I am pre-op so there's a stigma that's attached to 'there's a guy living here,'" she said in a telephone interview with CBC News. "I want to be able to defuse that with my character, my attitude, my generosity, so they say, 'Wait a minute, she's just one of the girls.'"

Excerpt from CBC news



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militaries, esp. U.S., have always been a social experiment just as much as a fighting force 😞 its how it got so bloated 🤡 #WeGotThis 😎🌈💖

Danny Smith @ycdispatcher

Replying to @xychelsea

The US military is a fighting force, not a social experiment. No reason to accept the mentally ill.



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so not only do you want to ban trans people, now you want to throw us in prison ?? sounds familiar 🙄

We_Are_Trump @We_R_Trump

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You belong in prison

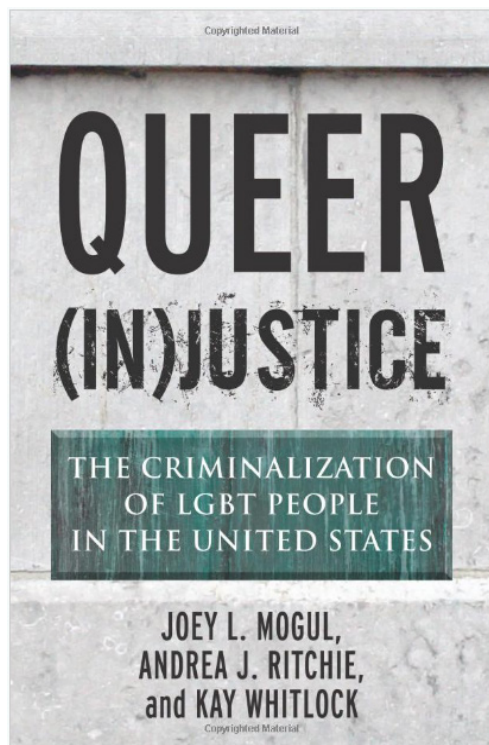
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More about Chelsea Manning:

“In late 2009 and early 2010, a 22-year-old Private First Class and Army intelligence analyst named Chelsea Manning downloaded a mass of classified and confidential files, some to a CD marked “Lady Gaga,” and passed them to the online media outlet WikiLeaks. For many, the digital dump of this material, much of which came to be known as the Afghan and Iraq “War Logs”—and which included video of an American helicopter attack on a group unarmed civilians—was the righteous act of a whistle-blower seeking greater transparency of our military’s conduct. Some have even credited Manning’s leak of diplomatic cables with inspiring the progressive uprisings of the Arab Spring, which began shortly thereafter. In 2011, however, the Army charged Manning with, among other things, “aiding the enemy,” a crime akin to treason and potentially punishable by death (and for which she was ultimately found not guilty). For much of that year, Manning had been held in what amounted to solitary confinement—so as to prevent self-harm, it was claimed—in a military brig in Quantico, Virginia. And, on August 21, 2013, Manning was sentenced to 35 years in prison and sent to the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.”

Chelsea was recently released on clemency as of May 2017. Chelsea tweeted her first steps of freedom! (Pictured below).





BOOK REVIEW

Drawing on years of research, activism, and legal advocacy, *Queer (In)Justice* is a searing examination of queer experiences--as “suspects,” defendants, prisoners, and survivors of crime. The authors unpack queer criminal archetypes--like “gleeful gay killers,” “lethal lesbians,” “disease spreaders,” and “deceptive gender benders”--to illustrate the punishment of queer expression, regardless of whether a crime was ever committed. Tracing stories from the streets to the bench to behind prison bars, the authors prove that the policing of sex and gender both bolsters and reinforces racial and gender inequalities. A groundbreaking work that turns a “queer eye” on the criminal legal system, *Queer (In)Justice* illuminates and challenges the many ways in which queer lives are criminalized, policed, and punished.

Have you contributed to the Jan 22 zine or this newsletter? If so, would you like for us to send you a copy of this book to review for the next issue? We are able to send up to 5 copies, and would love to hear your thoughts on this book to open a broader discussion on the intersection of abolitionist politics and personal experiences of incarcerated queer people in Texas. Write to our mailing address listed on the back.

Since the introduction of our annual January 22 zine received overwhelming feedback and submissions, it has raised the opportunity to share a more regular publication, No Compromise Newsletter! With this being the first issue, we hope that folks will feel inspired to submit original writings, artwork, and general solidarity network building across walls. Have a shout out for someone? Want to have your own regular column? Do you have advice, tips, or suggestions for other incarcerated LGBTQIA+ folks in TX? Send info to:

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Other readings on theories and origins of punishment

- Cesare Beccaria *On Crimes and Punishments* (Cambridge University Press, 1995).
- Jeremy Bentham, *The Panopticon and Other Prison Writings* (Verso, 1995).
- Simone Browne, *Dark Matters: On the Surveillance of Blackness* (Duke University Press, 2015).
- Angela Davis, *Are Prisons Obsolete?* (Seven Stories Press, 2003).
- Colin Dayan, *The Law is a White Dog: How Legal Rituals Make and Unmake Persons* (Princeton University Press, 2011).
- Michel Foucault, *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison* (Pantheon, 1977).
- Paul Knepper and Anja Johansen, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Crime and Criminal Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2016).
- Glenn Loury, et al., *Race, Incarceration, and American Values* (MIT Press, 2008).
- Manning Marable, “Black Prisons and Punishment in a Racist/Capitalist State,” in *How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America: Problems in Race, Political Economy, and Society* (Haymarket Books, 2015; 1st edition 1983), 94–115.
- Norval Morris and David Rothman, eds., *The Oxford History of the Prison* (Oxford University Press, 1995).
- Caleb Smith, *The Prison and the American Imagination* (Yale University Press, 2011).