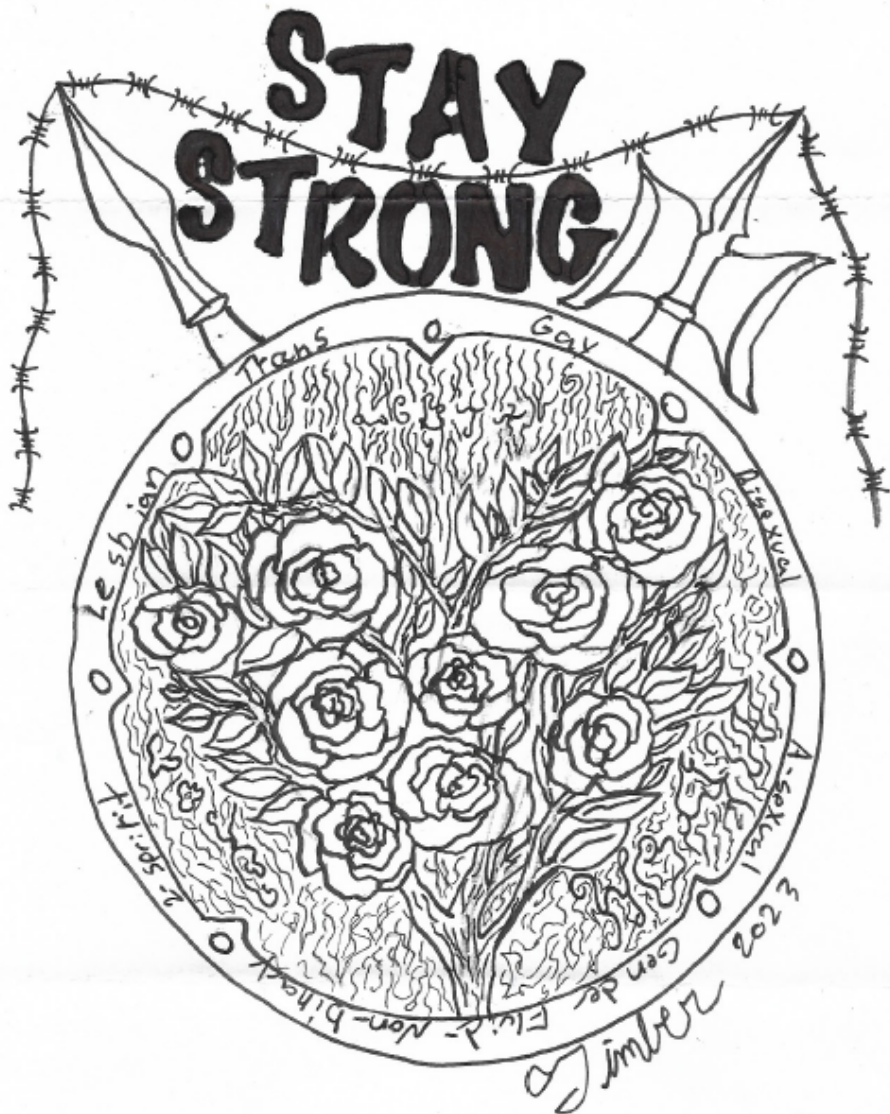


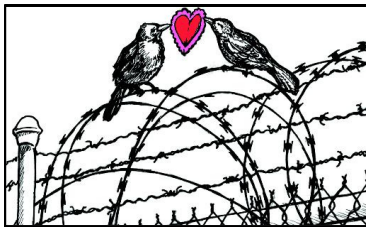
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- ♥ support incarcerated and detained trans and nonbinary people ♥
- ♥ build community through bars ♥
- ♥ organize for justice ♥



LETTER FROM THE OUTSIDE COLLECTIVE

Beloveds:

We have heard your requests for more frequent newsletters and with our new PA focus we are striving to publish shorter newsletters quarterly. To facilitate turnaround, we will begin using a submissions deadline. Sticking to this deadline will enable the outside collective to move from scanning and transcribing to editing and layout. If submissions come after the deadline we will hang on to them for publication in a later issue (unless they seem like an out of date shoutout/news).

Because of the new PA focus, we are also rolling out another feature we are excited about: scene reports from facilities. We are hopeful that being intentional about putting more NEWS in the NEWSletter will help the community (inside and out) to identify and meaningfully respond to issues that impact us.

In struggle,

~ The Outside Collective

We are Pennsylvania-based group of trans and nonbinary people and allies, building a movement for gender self-determination, racial and economic justice, and an end to the policing and imprisoning of our communities.

Contact us for meeting information.

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WE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE

In Issue 35, we asked for submissions about strategies for protecting ourselves and others from transphobia and homophobia.

Carlos Serbia: To all the individuals out there just trying to be their genuine selves and there is COs who are trying discourage you who violate you and be outta pocket I want you to be compassionate towards the Hate and Adversity and DON'T lose your composure because it's easier to hurt other, yourself or lash out but it's mad harder to be kind so my advice is to file the Grievances, PREAs and write your CCPM that you're being discriminated and harassed by COs because of your gender identity and sexual orientation reference DC-ADM008 that should make them at least be professional...

Cree: if staff say any homophobic remarks to me, i speak up and let them know i'm not going to sit back and take their abuse. i'm not really dealing with any issues, but back in 2010 at sci dallas a c/o called me a fag and told me to go kill myself. i turned around and said go f-- yourself and keep your homophobic remarks to yourself. i don't say anything about your lifestyle. ever since i started standing up to the haters, i don't deal with too many issues with staff. now they might talk under their breath, but they know i'll speak up. we gotta stick together. when we do, the haters know we're not gonna sit back and let them walk all over us. we gotta help 1 another. when i get attacked, we all get attacked. mess with 1, you're gonna mess with all of us. the first at rockview know i'll stand with them and fight.

Unique Cherry Red: People say as you should but if I did half the shit that I should do because of the H8 I would probably never see the light of day again. The H8 is real people, especially in prisons. It's gotten to the point where with no words I can hear their eyes saying fag, gay, queer, tranny and don't get me started with the guards they're sick. These homophobia vipers on you like dogs chasing a squirrel up a tree. I've been denied my fem hygiene products and my laundry has been ransacked by inmates panty searching, put on blast as if I give a fuck about your ego and fears. Keep that shit to yourselves. I stand tall towering over your fears because I know who I am and you're scared because you want to know what it's like without the mask. Big Facts!!

Eli Evans: What I have used to deal with transphobic or homophobic COs is not putting my beliefs down their throat. I also don't change what their beliefs are. I want to be accepted by everyone but unfortunately, I have learned that that is not possible. If a CO makes a comment about you being transgender use your grievance system. And if that doesn't stop them then write central office. I have experienced harassment by COs due to me being transgender and 98% of the time they do it to get a reaction from you. Don't fight them it's not worth it. Most COs want to take your date away. Also stick to others that are transgender because together we are stronger and we can defeat haters and rise above them!!

SAFE, CONTINUED

Knowledge: When dealing with a transphobic or homophobic C/O there really is no strategies for me. I'm doing a 20 to 40 year bid, I have 19 years in. I see the board in Nov. on the 17th of 2024 so now I let C/O and inmate say what they want. If you was to ask the young wild me back in 04 to 2016 he would say to everyone put hands and feet on them. Now I would say put pen to paper and don't let up, by that I mean take it all the way up to camp hill while using the PREA system. Make it so airtight they can't get out of it and take it to the courts, make copies of all paperwork with dates, times, places and send one home, send one to whoever is riding you time out with you and send to every L.G.B.T. Trans organization social media even. If we don't let up watch how much we could get done together in numbers. We have people on our side already and plus when I make it out I will also still be fighting for us all on the streets. Anyone that know me know if I say you are family that is what it is and I'm loyal to family and you all are my family. Family fight and dislike each other all the time, but at the end of the day we are still family.

FOR THOSE OF US THAT FEEL SPECIAL

Ceci

Regardless if you Wish NOT to identify with in the Community, you are still judged by the Outsiders. As a community we need to put our personal feelings aside for the COLLECTIVE cause. The same outsiders that hates me, hates you...

We will never excel at anything (jealousy), if We are filled with envy to anyone (hate), your inner glow sheds light on the road to your destiny, the light can only be Dimmed or Brightened by you...

I once carried a candle for my inner glow, but I found that it can be blown out by hate... So I tried solar energy to light my system... But I found that it can be shaded by a shadow... So I bring my own batteries, and I been fine ever since... The moral to this phrase is; Where ever you end up in life, it's only because that's as far as you can see...

You don't have to like the messenger to accept the message. (MESSAGE).

Words of love

SAFE, CONTINUED

Tone: To y'all my Trans when dealing with someone who is homophobic/transphobic look at them and smile because you are stronger than them to be who you truly are.

I deal with that here at Greene. I may snap out some times but have to catch myself because I am in the IMU. Listening to Estelle's song Conqueror has helped me out a lot.

J. Montinari-Brenner | SCI Dallas: While incarcerated, I have dealt with a lot of homophobic and derogatory insults by inmates and COs. What I have learned or taught myself is creating my own type of reverse psychology. Previously at SCI Rockview and Benner, a CO now Sergeant would say to me "you still gay?": "Still being a fag?" Early on I didn't know how to handle this, which would cause me to act on my rage when blasted in front of the inmates and COs. By creating my own reverse psychology I would use multiple lines like "of course I'm gay" or "why live on one side of the fence?" "I just got some, want details?" My point is turn their insult into your own joke. Now this won't necessarily stop them from doing this but why allow them the satisfaction of seeing you hurt when you can secretly beat them at their own game, which makes you feel happy when you see their face of disgust, or perplexed when you don't seem bothered. I hope at least one person can use this to your advantage.

Monica @ Rockview : Re: hateful CO's: The problem with cops is, like anyone, they are going to dislike certain people. The best you can do is try not to interact with them. Of course being an inmate you don't always have a choice in the cops you deal with, so be polite. Yes we are proud to be LGBT etc. but you don't have to force yourself on them. Homophobes are either trying to cover up their real feelings or unfortunately, they really dislike us. Insisting on being in their presence, or forcing pronouns, is not going to end well. You don't have to make EVERYONE accept your lifestyle. You're going to have a lot of obstacles in trans life, so ask yourself if it's a battle worth fighting. Is it winnable? At what costs? Sometimes it's better to suck up your ego and walk away. Remember, staff is always going to stick by other staff, so you might be right, but you won't win. I've heard a lot of CO's use derogatory terms or slurs either to me or a sister. Snapping back at them only invites more of this. You're bigger and better than that shit, just smile politely and be tolerant, they're only words. Some CO's will push shit, even rumors, pit inmate v inmate, or fake write-ups. If you have to complain, remember it's going to end up in PREA. Be sure and tell the investigator, "I really don't want to make this official PREA, so off the record this is what's going on. This way you can still file formally, try to resolve it otherwise, or just drop it. Sometimes it's better to ask PREA to just move you away from the problematic cop. It sucks big, but do what's best for you. Try talking to the UM if it's a block CO first, it can't hurt. Hint: The thing the DOC hates most is having the outside know what goes on in here, so have your people call, often! Have them call Mechanicsburg too. Even if they just call to check on your wellbeing, it lets the prison know someone outside is concerned about you. CO's are supposed to be professional and follow the code of ethics, but most are imperfect to say the least.

SAFE, CONTINUED

Monica, cont.: As far as TG's or even LGBTQ peers standing by each other inside, that was old school stuff. My guy has ½ a century plus in and he remembers when guys were warned not to give a sissy a hard time because the girls stuck together! A Queen had her guy, if he had the heart to keep her, to take care of business... But she also had the other Queens behind her. The only thing worse than getting beat down, is the embarrassment of being beat down by a bunch of Queens. You might lose more than just your pride! Sisters would block for a girl to take care of her man when he needed it. Queens were looked out for by their man, because we were entrusted to hold her man down, as well as take care of other business when the need came up. After all, we should take care of our people's business in many ways, and we should be an asset. If my man took good care of me then I could look out for my sisters, because they'd do the same for me. The Queens would help a newbie find decent people, after all we were a prized possession that had to be protected. If a guy wasn't ready to fight to keep his people safe, he wasn't ready to have them in the first place. Situations can get ugly, so having a real quality man is important. Someone with time in was Mama or Mother, and made sure you had what you needed when you got out of the hole, take up a collection or whatever. Those days seem to have faded away, replaced by punk boys who want to pretend they're undercover. There's the Queens who are so stuck on themselves or too busy tricking to care about anyone else. There's too much backstabbing, fake PREA, and shade being thrown. Worse yet, the SNITCHES! We really need to get back to the old ways. Since Mother Monica doesn't have her DeLorean handy, I'm going to suggest we TRY to be more old school. Remember we're Queens, we deserve the best. So much has been taken from us in the name of Covid and newbies don't know what they've missed out on. Solidarity Through Enlightenment!

Bones The Last Stand: Y'all ask in Issue 35, when dealing with a homophobic c/o what are some of the strategies we use. First let me say I love a transgender woman, but you will never know unless I let it be known. Yes ladies I am unlockable. L.O.L.

I was in my jail for about 4 years and all the C/Os knew me, not because I was a bad guy but because I never caused trouble and I showed everyone respect. A trans woman came to my block and I could tell she was new to jail. When she came around and people was nearby they would move away from her. The look on her face told me that hurt her.

The Last Stand, I walked up to her and asked what she needed help with—it was stuff like the counselor and unit manager name. How to get on the phone, what days are commissary. A c/o came to me after that and said I didn't know you went that way. So I asked him, how do that change anyway from who I am. I could tell he wanted to say something but couldn't find the words so I asked him because I like trans women and, you know now that mean, I'm not the same guy you grew to respect for 4 years. He told me no it's just you suppose to be this well-respected guy in the jail, and I told him because I like transgender, I'm not.

SAFE, CONTINUED

Bones The Last Stand, cont.: So I asked him do you like white or black females. He said white. I asked tall or short. He said about 5'8" I asked big or thin he said nice build I told him I still look at you as the same guy I knew for 4 years. I told him I like trans women. He still should look at me the same. He told me he respects me, then put his hand out for me to shake it and I did my strategy was to show him just because we like something different that doesn't mean that change the person we are, or define us.

A POEM

Fairy Princess Witch AKA Lily Taylor

As she sits by her willow,
She can feel the Ocean Breeze,
Smelling the Salty Mist,
The moonlight on her skin,
Watching everything Dance around her,
The stars and Northern lights,
The leaves and grass,
And Her friends the fae,
The Beauty is Tearfully indescribable,
Get to know Her,
And you'll see Her world.

SHITTY LAWS

In Issue 34, we asked for submissions responding to the wave of anti-trans laws.

Tiffany Alissa Bradbury: To the trans kids out there in the world, it's your sister. It is a tough world from what I understand, but you can be even more tough than the non-trans community. It takes a lot of courage to come out and be different.

Something I wish more people knew about being trans is in the long run we are all human beings. What I love about being trans is being different that the non-trans community.

What I think and feel in general about the government trying to pass these laws, is it is not fair for us incarcerated individuals, due to the fact that for inmates in the PA Prison systems the male psychiatrist does not meet with certain individuals for over a whole year, despite the policy. It's been 16 months since I've been seen.



Tank: touching on the government attempting to pass laws on anti-trans, I feel as though it won't ever get passed, as it would violate the 1st Amendment, furthermore you have politicians, senators, congresspeople, judges, etc that are a part of the community. In conclusion I find this talk of passing laws to put a "HALT" to any type of lgbtq+ rights to be deemed "FRIVOLOUS" as it is just politics, there's more of us than them and there's power in numbers. Always remember that family.

A FEW TIPS ON GRIEVANCES

Monica

First off, too many of us get angry and frustrated, then In the Heat of the moment, rush to get a grievance and start writing. Thank you for having the courage to file one, but remember you have 15 working days from the event to file. Don't waste that anger though, write everything down now, then sleep on it. Then, with a cool clear head, rewrite and edit onto another paper at least once before putting everything on the green grievance form. This will give you a chance to add things you missed, get all your ducks in a row, and not sound like an angry idiot.

Second, if you can, try to resolve the issue verbally or with a request to staff. It looks better when you can say on the grievance that you wrote or talked to x y and z. You might get lucky and resolve the issue. You don't have to try to resolve the issue informally but it looks better if you at least try to be an adult about it.

Third, most staff will ask what the grievance is for when you ask for one. If you don't want to get into it just say an issue with the male commissary or medical. It works. I've used this to my advantage when I've had issues I knew the cop to fix. I got to voice my complaint and got it addressed simply because the word "grievance" got their attention. The added bonus is you get an extra grievance form. You should keep extra of any forms in a J.I.C. stash (Just In Case).

The most important advice I can share is two part:

- One, get copies of policies you may use or that affect you. DC-ADM 804 Inmate Grievances System, DC-ADM-008 PREA etc. If you can't afford them write to the Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project in your region. The addresses are in the back of issues of HOAW. They will send up to four policies via legal mail. Please don't abuse this, they are good people who want to help us when others turn their backs. Read up and know what you're talking about.
- Two, keep notes or a journal on what goes on that affects you. Dates, times, places, names of staff are all important, especially when you want to show an ongoing problem.

An important note: keep in mind if you grieve something that should be PREA, it will get sent to security. The DOC will also try doing this with anything gender related. I had an ordeal grieving bras that were the wrong size! So be careful how you word things on such issues. If you do grieve sexual discrimination, they will send it to PREA saying discrimination is sexual harassment. Then under PREA sexual discrimination doesn't qualify as sexual harassment. They give us no way to address this problem.

Be careful and choose your battles! Unity and solidarity through enlightenment.

SCENE REPORTS

Now that we are once again focused just on Pennsylvania, we would love to regularly feature reports on what is going on for queer and trans folks inside each of the PA facilities. Our hope is that reporting can be done collaboratively, where possible.

For starters, we'd love to hear whether (and how) Trans and Queer people in your facility are able to make connections and form networks/community. Are networks able to select their own leadership? identify problems and proposed solutions? Speak with a united voice? What are some of the barriers facing Trans and Queer people in your facility? What can be done about it? What else should the community know about?

SCI Phoenix: Hello community family, here at Phoenix the LGBTQ+ inside formed our support group called THE CHROMATIC FORUM. We meet twice a month, every other Thursday.

It's important for us to unite for a cause, and that is the stigma we receive. As we come together on our collective thoughts we CAN find solutions to our problems. We are independent and can grow into a power to be recognized and respected. All the advancements of the world come from this kind of collective action. It took courage to be YOU, going against the grain of society's acceptance. (Cecilia "Ceci" Ransome)

SCI Benner: Benner isn't the transgender haven it's rumored to be. All prisons seem the same. We got under 20 girls here to my knowledge. (Munta)

SCI Somerset: we have a support group but the outside rarely comes in and we cancel all the time. (Kimberly)

SCI Greene: At Greene, the trans women are being targeted by being separated from one another. Security has placed each trans woman on a separate block claiming that when 2 or more trans women are on the same block it's a problem. This is false. None of the women at SCI Greene have ever had any misconduct. This leaves the women isolated on a block with approximately 240 male inmates. Since I've been at SCI Greene I've been met with harassment, bigotry, and discriminatory mistreatment towards trans women. I've never experienced this level of mistreatment at any other PA facility. If you're a male inmate, you're allowed to move on your homie's block or hug on the walkway and yard. But if trans women meet up by accident and hug or clasp hands the guards and staff start hollering and running the trans women down for hugging. Not honoring trans women's requests to be housed on the same block as other trans women is discrimination and dangerous. Trans inmates are ten times as likely as the general population to be abused by other inmates and five times as likely to be abused by staff. Placing trans women away from one another is detrimental to our mental health.

We would appreciate any advocacy so that we can be housed on the same block as one another and be allowed companionship and friendship. (Miley S. Diamond)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: LWOP

Hearts was asked to update on legislative efforts to end Life Without Parole (LWOP) sentences.

A little civics refresher: To become law, a bill must be voted on and passed by a committee. Most bills never make it out of committee. If a vote is held and the bill is passed by the committee, the bill then needs to go on and also pass votes in the house and senate. Only after passing the committee, senate and house does the bill go to the Governor for signature, and only once the Governor signs does it become law.

Senate Bill 135 would make people serving LWOP sentences eligible for parole consideration after serving a minimum of 35 years for first degree murder, 25 years for 2nd degree. Previous versions of this were submitted in previous terms and did not advance out of committee.

Senate Bill 136 and **House Bill 587** would modify the sentences of individuals over 55 who have served 25 years or more than half the minimum term imposed, so that they are eligible for parole consideration.

Advocates in the **Coalition to Abolish Death By Incarceration (CADBI)** are pushing their representatives to sign on to these Bills. Hearts on a Wire is a member of CADBI.

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LIPSTICK LEESA Kasheyon Lee-Chima

Yea I'm Kashlee Vasquez aka Lipstick Leesa
I need to describe a thing or two
and tell ya lil bit
bout what I can do.
So let me introduce myself...
Light bright, caramel, hair so curly.
Ass fat, thick thighs, dam I'm girly.
Juicy lips, sexy hips, dance so worldly.
Beauty queen, doin' things unlike the rest.
I come around, bitches frown,
niggas say I'm the best.
Down south, Black, White, Latina princess,
twerk game, make 'em insane,
no need to finesse.
Head game on a beam,
bitches just jealous.
Lie on me, lock me up, do what you would.
Haterz know I'm doing shit,
they only wish they could.
You goin' round suckin' dick, justa puffa e-cig.
Broke niggas, get none, I don't fuck wit pigs.
Could neva keep me down low,
cuz I do what I want.
Got tired, all fed up, no more need to front.
My ass shakin'
Bringing all the boys to the yard.
Got 'em all up in the church
like they poster boards.
Let me test that mic poppy one, two, one, two.
Dam big daddy show me what you can do.
Walking around smiling cuz you know
I'm da proudest.
No words, no noise, and I'm still the loudest?
I can teach you how to do it, 'member
I'm still in charge.
Me being second, yeah right, ha ha ha.
You come learn from da best
cuz you know I'm the Goddess.
And at the end of it all, you know I still got us!
Muah, snap, period!

WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING TRANS

Chino aka J Luz Salcedo | QK7250 | SCI-Albion

Identifying as trans feminine is quite new for me. For so long I have had feelings and questions no one could explain or answer. I grew up in a strict, conservative Catholic home where questioning your gender or its role was akin to questioning God. I lived my life as a self-hating gay man for 20 years before I took the time to explore myself objectively and with the same loving concern I would show to someone else. It took time to rummage through experiences and life altering events of the past two decades to find the scared confused child, who didn't feel right in the body, who felt anxiety every time she went for a haircut, or to buy new clothes. Who didn't recognize the face in the mirror and who realized the terrors were just beginning when puberty hit and things got so much more confusing.

With no support. I turned to the lustful hands of older men for comfort who sucked the innocence right out of me. For so long I ignored what my body was telling me and I made every attempt to shut it down with using. You can't hurt if you're already numb.

Then one day I found myself alone in prison away from the family refuses to understand me, and separated from the drugs I've come to depend on for comfort. It was then I had no choice but to turn inward and face that now grown woman inside me who, by the grace of God has been hanging on to thin hope that one day she would be heard.

Now that you know what it is was like to be trans in the world where even the thought of was taboo, I'd like to tell you why I'm in love with my new identity. I have answers to questions I kept secret because I'm not alone. I have a whole community I can share my feelings with because they've been there too. I can breathe, knowing that I'll be OK today, tomorrow, and the next. I'm in love with trans femininity because I am strong. I am unconventional, but I am still a woman in my heart and soul.



IF YOU WERE A BOTTLE OF WINE

Queen Angela B.

If you were a vintage bottle of wine
and I could fill my cup
I'd save your essence momentarily
Then slowly I'd drink you up...
I'd let you linger on my tongue
Delight my palate with a bouquet,
Entrenched in wonderful thoughts
As I sit and sip all day...

If you were a vintage bottle of wine
All mellow and aged in wood
I'd swirl you around in my mouth
And hold you as long as I could...
I'd drink from you slowly, to make your
flavor last.
I wouldn't stop 'til the last drop
I'd probably lick the glass.

PRISON IS...

Monica Copestakes

A place where you write letters and can't think of anything to say.

A place where you wait for letters that come less and less often.

A place where you lose respect for the law, cause you see it raw, naked, ignored, twisted, and blown out of proportion to suit the people who enforce it.

A place where it's proven that absolute power corrupts absolutely.

A place where you wait for a visit that doesn't happen & although you know the real reason, you have to accept the lies.

A place where all your talents & abilities are worthless, because you're wearing brown.

A place where you get your divorce papers and learn the meaning of "til death do us part" for to the outside world you're already dead.

A place that doesn't exist in the minds of friends... they can not put it on envelopes, nor can they find it in a car...

A place that exists only in a time warp, for you are only remembered in the past tense and that's probably appropriate because you can see no future.

A place where days blend into weeks, months merge into years, as eons pass without the touch of a human hand, unless it's in anger against you.

A place where a kind word and affectionate touch are only memories.

A place where basic humanity is ignored, discarded, & eventually forgotten.

A place where you are stripped of your clothes & your dignity, & herded like the beasts society thinks you are.

A place where you go to bed early, even when you aren't tired; you walk in circles, because you have nowhere to go; and you pull the covers over your head even though you're not cold.

A place where escape is possible, but only through reading, dreaming, or just going insane.

Can you survive prison and resume a useful life?

Yes, if you can overcome the degradation that is heaped upon you, and society will continue to remind you that you are tainted.

Do you deserve what you got? Of course not! But a smug society can be assured that it has done the right thing.

Until circumstances, errors, accidents, or a mistake lands them in a cell next door.

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear HOAW:

Hey to all my Trans Sisters throughout SCIs in PA. Tiffany Epiphany O'Shea girl I may not know you but stay strong, keep your head up sis. Tiffany Bradbury I was at SCI Albion back in 2010 to 2014. If you see Tammy let her know her sis Kayla now Kimberly says hey. Say hey to my girl Raelynn holla at me soon, I fucking miss you girl. A special shout out to Raven Stars Killian. a partner for life. To my sisters at SCI Albion let my pops Robert Bennett "Angel" know I messed up and I'm back. Holla back. Sisters we need to unite as one here in PA. Love,

~ Kimberly | Joseph Emil QA5959 | SCI Somerset

Brittney Baby: I know things have been rough. But I want to tell you I am 1,000% invested in you. No matter what life throws at us we will always be BAD. I love you. Please forgive me.

Love always,

~ Big Sexy Fox | LG1134 | SCI Houtzdale

HOAW Family,

Love & Power to everyone. Jennifer: I feel your pain 1000%. My mother passed August of 2019, a month before her 47th birthday. That feeling of not cherishing every minute is very real. Just remember our mothers loved us, it's up to us to keep them alive in our memories. I want that final hug and kiss too. You have a whole community of family here. Keep your head up. Ms. Zoni: "Winners focus on winning while losers focus on winners." Keep winning. All the sneak dissin' eye cuttin' ain't worth your time. Focus on that finish line. Twinky Bear: That *8 2 the Grave* is deep. Gotta respect that unflinching self-examination. Keep your head up shorty. Ary: Love always. Juicy: likewise. You be cool. Quick nods to Drew, Lexi Love and Ski. Nikki Sin: I don't start nothing I can't finish. A marathon is cool, I'm long-winded anyway. Keep ya head up soldier. 50 Shades of Jay: I'm on the same status bro but i'm finally in phase 2. So in April or May I should know if I'm going back to gen pop where ever I land, I'm a shake the foundation. Makayla: OK. Like your bars. And I see that vicious thirst trap you set. LOL! Keep doing you. Didi @ Forest: We will link up one day. Your poem meant a lot to me. Guess What - my middle name is Dwayne! Although Dwayne has your heart, if it doesn't work out, Dwayne coming for your heart. The vibe is real. Keep your head up.

~ Indy | Anthoine Dewayne Walker | SCI Greene

I just read #35 and I'm amazed at the support, Love and Artistry I read between those pages. Me being non-binary— I got to shoot my shot and say Makayla AKA ThiccA\$\$Tink. Big Heart Eyes you - sound like the girl of my dreams LMAO.

~ Carlos "Light Skinned Most Hated" Serbia | LV6060 | SCI Rockview

LETTERS & LOVE

To HOAW: Hello to my LGBTQ+ and HOAW family. I wanted to say happy Holidays wherever you are. This month has been hard on me. First, I didn't get paroled. Then my birthday came around and I don't really enjoy my birthday since my dad died on my 10th birthday. Then I ended with my husband. The crazy thing is I still love him, but I can't be with him any longer. I look at this as only making me stronger. But I am an emotional car wreck and it sucks. Love your girl,

~ Iris Starr

Dear HOAW Family: Just a heads up on Let's Get Free magazine in the resource list. They have a very informative magazine about trying to end DBI and LWOP. They are aimed at women and transgender lifers in PA who are working on commutation. They contacted me saying they had a lot of people on the outside who wanted to do video visits and penpals with PA inmates. They are prioritizing LIFERS, but they did hook me up. I am looking forward to my video-visit.

Unity and Solidarity Through Enlightenment

~ Monica | Mark Copestakes | GB9963 | RCI Rockview

Shout out to my man Kash @ Chester with me. I love him with all my heart and can't wait to continue to grow with you. I love you. To all members of the community, keep your heads up!

~ Remmi @ SCI Chester

UNTITLED

Tiffany Evans | PE6300

Everyday i look in the mirror and i see somebody different
Somedays it's good
Somedays it's bad.
How can one person have so many different faces?
Somedays she's ugly.
Somedays she's sad.
I hate the thing that I see in my reflection,
The eyes show fear,
The smiles are mad.
So today something different, with eyes closed to the mirror I said,
I am fucking beautiful
I am fucking glad
Then I opened my eyes and my reflection had somehow changed.
This mirror doesn't own me,
and this I believed with all I had.

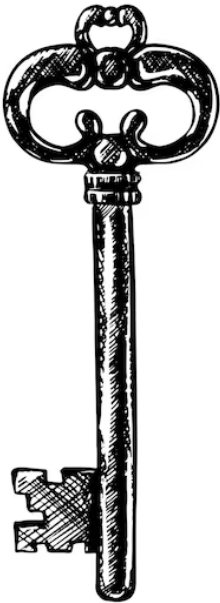
LETTERS & LOVE

Hi Hearts On A Wire,

I agree that SCI Coal Township is against gay and trans people. I'm on the West side and everybody looks at you real different. I really don't like it here.

Let me say thanks for the shoutout from from Justine Martinez, Shadow, and to the sexy lady Ms. Santos at SCI-Houtzdale. Skillz, sorry man I couldn't take Huntingdon anymore, so I got myself kicked out. I'll be leaving this joint. I can't bid at this camp. Shadow, what jail are you at? Let me know so can see if I can make it there. I need to be at a place where I could find love. Last time I had real love, with both of us loving each other was at SCI-Fayette. Shout out to Hockey Puck, we were at Greene together. Remember the white boy Lea? He was my cellie for about six months. Ceci, sorry that I never sent you a shout out. I thought you were at Somerset? Phoenix is far to try to be there. My spots that I am trying for is either Albion, Somerset, or Benner. I know that I can fall back at these jails. I wish that I was back at Fayette, because I had everything there. I met some good people here, but a lot of them were bad apples. Here's a special shoutout to Faith, someone that's worth staying here for. She's very beautiful, kind, and caring. I'm willing to help her to the fullest. Well, listen if you're trying to write me, just say it. Take care everybody.

~ Sleaz or 'E' | Eric Rudolph | CK0358 | SCI-Coal Township | From Pittsburgh!!!



To Hearts on a Wire:

Here I go again. If you are reading this I am no longer in prison!! It's a happy and sad moment because I understand what's happening behind these sinful walls. If I had to key to free everyone without any question I would give it! The key that I can give is this and I'm giving it away to anyone who is looking for that outside beyond these walls. The key we hold has always been with me, you, them: look to your heart, that's where the key is at. Never give up. Live-in-it. When we stop moving forward so do the key. It will open any doors but we have to put up that unseen key (A key has no life if we don't use it and then the key becomes worthless and we are worth what!?) Ask yourself do you really have your key? Mine is keeping me in the living yes. "THAT PART" my truth.

~ MS. ZONI

LETTERS & LOVE

Hey Fam: I know a few of you from when I was in Chester, Graterford and Rockview, Justin Brenner: Things R tough but you'll always be my husband even if u don't feel some any more. Torrie Girl I miss you. Davis, Jacinda I'm sorry I haven't got back to your letter, a lot going on. I hope ur OK! I been going through a tough time, lost my love, my family, most of my friends and stuck at Huntingdon where noone is really out. Hit me up.

~ Haze | Christian Gouse | QP8711

I want to thank the outside Collective for all that they do. Y'all are a lifesaver and the publication is a constant reminder that I am not alone.

I want to give a shout out to Knowledge @ Coal: what's up bro? “Bout to blow this boy's ass off? LOL. I'm doing well and I slowly met a new man. I didn't move fast like I did @ Coal. Didn't you get my pics?

Shout out to Ashley, Heather, Egypt my special girl, Foxy and Steph the monster marshmallow. Don't scoff at me Steph, LOL.

To Chocolate Drip @ Forest, What's Up? What I've been through compared to what I have wrote... I left out so much. Get at me if you can.

As for me I am stressed out about parole. I've been locked up since I was 13. I'll be 40 when I get out on my minimum. It's only a few years away (2029) and I'm so scared to leave. For Trans Healthcare reasons, I plan on going to Philly which is the opposite side of the state from where I grew up. I don't know how to use a phone or cook a baked potato. What am I going to do? Seriously WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I'm giving serious consideration to staying in prison, but I won't because I have a dream of owning heels and a dress. I am afraid of failure. Love,

~ Munta | Shawn Simms | JP4037 | Benner

Hearts on a Wire fam,

Sending my love to LGBTQ+ community. Haylee I read what you wrote. I'm touched and I love you sis. See I am alone the only Joker that will never have his real Harley Quinn. It is good though cuz one day I will hopefully find love and my broken heart will heal! PS all of PA DOC's much love!!

~ “Joker” | Curtis Foose | JU2418 | SCI Mahanoy

HEART'S TOGETHER

Tone Tone at SCI Forest

Our hearts brought together,
in a very special way.
The first time we said the words I love you.
Our hearts became connected.
You looked at me,
With a gleam in your eyes,
That said i want to be with you forever.
When i asked you to be my forever,
You didn't know what to say.
As time has gone by we've
grown closer and older together in love.
With you I am glad my
forever is here with you.

DID YOU KNOW

Tone Tone

Did you know I love you,
More than words could ever say.

Did you know I care for you,
With all that I am and so much more.

Did you know without you
There's not a future meant for me.

Did you know i'd give my all
Just to spend eternity with you my love.

Did you know my heart is yours,
For a life time to have and to hold.

Did you know i'd give my last,
To save your very life.

Did you know all of me,
Is yours and no one else's forever.

Did you know there's only you,
That will always be my everything
For life.

Did you know...

DAY

Juicy Queen Bee

Day is Gone and Night
is Almost Here
Another Broken heart filled with pain
no more complaining
not shedding anymore tears

Building up an Army
with strong individuals
willing to stand united in unity
Putting away Differences
Fighting hate creed corruption
Standing for fallen soldiers
Rise up let's fight
Tear these walls down
Full of corruption
File Grievances and Stand tall
never giving up.
Make a difference

LETTERS & LOVE

Hearts on a wire,

My name is Nino. I'm a Puerto Rican bisexual male from York. I came out in 2017 while Upstate on this bid. I got 35-70 years, but live like this time ain't shit. I'm a CPS, I did that because I truly wanted to help people. Also 'cause in this jail there are hardly any from the community and trust me, the LGBTQ Community definitely needed one. 'Cause we are the most hated and neglected, especially when it comes to mental health. I've done what I can thus far but feel like the administration holds me back due to the rampant discrimination towards the community. I've read a couple of entries concerning the problems with people getting their hormone treatment. Keep fighting. Y'all deserve to be the women you are. You are all strong for that. To all the people who hate us, screw them, they mad cuz they can't be us. The LGBTQ community is love, beauty, and strength. We keep proving to them we are bigger than them. We take their hate and give them love. Tito you were always my biggest support system. You made me see that I am a handsome, confident Puerto Rican, worthy of love. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You're family and I love you. To all my homies and female friends that put up with my dark times, thank you for your patience. I'm finally trying to get back to the old Nino. I love being in this community, yes it needs work cuz we attack each other constantly, but at the end of the day, if someone outside of the community talks shit about one of us we ain't having it. We must stay strong. Love all of y'all.

~ Nino AKA Robert Perez | LB0800

LETTERS & LOVE

hello hoaw family, how is everyone doing? i got issue 35 and loved reading everyone's entries. a quick shout out to monica, if you ever want me to speak to my friend about what you're going through, i will. nobody deserves the treatment you're dealing with.

i've got a really nice husband by my side, we're heading on 2 years being together. i see myself with haasan for the rest of my life. babe, i love you so much. well, family, please know you've got a sister here. i'll fight the battles with you. you're never alone.

harlequin, how are you? you doing ok? everyone who i missed, i'm thinking of you as well
1-love, your sister 4-life,

~ cree

Shoutout to my sister Miley Fletcher @ SCI Forest. Thank you for your shoutout. Shout out to Chocolate Drip at SCI Forest, Even though I don't know if we met in person. I am single though, and could really use a man in my life. I look forward to meeting you. I live on JA-36. I am z-code, but we can hang out on the block @ blackout.

Sincerely Your Girl,

~ Tiffany Alissa Bradbury | SCI Albion | MM2990

Dear H.O.A.W FAM,

I would like to shoutout to: Nikki @ Houtzdale, Sandman, Jaylynn, Ms. Lorenzo, Kendall, Bill, and everyone else that I know from my last bid here @ Houtzdale. ALSO to Alexis Mitchell @ Albion and to precious in the feds and 50 Shades of Jay, I miss all of you and hope all of y'all are keeping your heads up. I'm in the RHU and am in a program called H2.O (Hustle 2.O). It's helping me to better myself as a person. On 10/28/23 I was almost killed by the CO's back here in the RHU, but I am holding my head high still. LOVE y'all stay safe and healthy. Love,

~ Sky Tipton | QH5217 | Houtzdale

Shout-out to my fam: Jordyn Pratt and thank my native sis for all the Rainbow Love and support—also her big hand in helping me do this for the first time here on H.O.A.W. Also shoutout to my brother in law knifework, and thank him for not being mad at me lol. Shout out to my pain in the butt bro, Cork. Also to KC & Spade, D, and DS Ozone, keep dropping those Rainbow beats. Also to MAR and my sis/heart twin Lipstick Leesa AKA Lee. Also to Maxine Davis and Rosie and to the others that I didn't mention. Rainbow Love always and forever

~ Unique Cherry Red | NX8518 | SCI Benner

LETTERS & LOVE

This Beautiful Birthday Queen, Latina Princessa, Light Bright Goddess surely dressed the part with everything brand new and snatched from the makeup (lipstick, mascara, eyeliner), all the new clothes, and even the shiny stickers on her day! YASSS! I must get on the Hearts on a Wire to give a superb gratitude to everyone who helped make this year's birthday celebration one of the most memorable. My Coming Out Celebration! #GayPride #Truly_Me

Last year for my birthday, I came out to my family (Biological) on the phone and in letters. This year, I strategically decided on coming out in person visibly with pride and purpose! The many greeting cards, portraits, hankies, chocolates, B-day cake, drinks, jewelry, orders, and many other things that I can't mention *wink, wink...Shh!* has made this birthday one of the best celebrated in a very long time. Possibly top ten thus far. It would not have been this great without the family (LGBTQ+ family and biological). I lost count of the hugs given & received to/from my brothers, sistas, and bristas. To those who stood by my side since day one, to the newly met friends and family, I gotta say ¡Gracia! from ya Miami gurl (miss Miami forever).

~ Kashlee_Vasquez aka Lipstick Leesa/Lisa | Kasheyon Lee-Chima | NQ2744

MYA

Mr. Dean

She is the life to my death.
She is light to my darkness.
She is everything good + pure.
Owned by first glance, spellbound.
Eyes that have known mine a
hundred times.
Thousands of the lives
we've found another.
Twin flames, one + the same,
riding the carousel.
I taste her between dusk + dawn.
Flying me away intertwined,
once lost now saved.
The definition of hunger to my crave.
My name on her breath,
blowing broken heart rings.
Illuminate me, intoxicate me.
Forever chained to you,
to whatever end.

Dear HOAW, Hey! I've been falsely wronged by someone that I thought was a friend and now I'm in the hole RHU for it. And I might lose my job that I had on the Block for 2 1/2 years. Cause I tried to help out a friend. Can the family help me out with advice cause I need your help,

~ William James | LZ6200 | SCI Benner

HOAW FAM NEVER FAIL 2 BRING ME JOY.
OUTSIDE & NSYDE FAM. I APPRECIATE
YOU SO MUCH. ERR NOW & THEN I'LL
DROP SUMTHIN, HOPIN 2 BRING SUM1
ELS JOY or @ LEAST A SMILE. MUCH LUV 2
ERRBODY WHO EYEZ C THIS. SPECIAL
SHOUT 2 MAKAYLA - BKA -
THICCA\$\$TINK. U GOT BARZ & UR ONLY
25 YRZ. UR AHEAD of UR TYME! KEEP IT
UP NO PUN INTENDED!

~ OOWEE

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear New Fam @ H.O.A.W.,

I just received my first ever issue of Hearts On A Wire issue #34! It came at a very critical time for me. I've been thinking of the best way to come out as Trans to my family and friends at home. Shout out to my baby Stax at SCI Huntingdon for supporting me, no matter what I decide to do – I love you! My forever as one, my heart is waiting for you! and the shade you provide during these heated life events. Also, I'm in the hole because my cellie ruthlessly beat me up for no discernible reason! I haven't started my HRT yet, so I still express as male and I didn't make any passes at him. He broke my ocular orbital and gave me a concussion. I spent a few days at the hospital while they ruled out surgery and when I got back, I got slapped with that mac & cheese! For fighting. This wasn't no fight. This was ASSAULT! He degraded and humiliated me. Then spread rumors that he did it because I made a pass at him! Thank the good Lord in heaven, I didn't lose my eye. It was looking bad the first couple of days. I lost a bunch of stuff because he stole it! And I gotta wait to see the Hex about my write up, but I am in good spirits because when all is said and done, I got my eye which is healing and when I got my property my HOAW!

Reading it over and over is really helping me feel the love poured into these pages. I'll never be able to make any sense of why my cellie beat me up, but it's only made me stronger and more sure of being my true self because tomorrow isn't promised.

Love always,

~ Chino aka J Luz Salcedo | QK7250 | SCI-Albion

Oh?! We're revealing crushes, huh? Well I'm not trying to outdo you Bullett (peace), but I definitely had a thing for Miss Nicole Monique Quinones too in 92/93. Yo! She had a girlfriend she would come visit who lived on top of this bar in South Philly, back then I was too afraid to approach her but that type of fear no longer resides in my soul. Yeah Nikki you got it right, we were in Graterford's vent busting it up. We also crossed paths in Retreat's hole in 2012. 50 Shades of Jay, I could never forget a good Soldier such as yourself. Stay focused to get out of that hole bro. Speaking of forgetting people, hello Ms. Zoni, remember me?! Hopefully all is well with you. I was shocked to receive a shout out for Ms. Kaitlyn Mae Santos, wow! Kaitlyn, we all make mistakes that we should learn from. Hopefully you learn from yours and your dude forgives you. We both know I would have forgave you.. Nino at Houtzdale, spread my love amongst those I was affiliated with and you keep the rest for yourself... Ms. Juicy Queen Bee, I wish you nothing but prosperity to forever stay nice & juicy. Please continue to fight for us while you're out there, and for those at SCI Benner I haven't heard anything from my close friend D. If anyone has any info please let me know in the next issue... as for everyone else, continue to remain strong wherever you feel weak.

~ Skillz

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear HOAW family,

A big shout out to all my sisters at SCI Greene. I love y'all a lot. Keep your heads up and never let anyone tell you you're not perfect. I max out March 17th 2024 so more than likely as you're reading this I'm already home. If you wish to write you may at 1110 Route 30 apartment 44 N. Versailles Pennsylvania 15137. I look forward to hearing from y'all. Ary, my love for you never died and never will! I remember every promise I made you and I intend to keep them all. It's just a little further drive to Phoenix but I'll be there, A.T.B.N. Ms Zoni I hope you're being good out there and give Northside hell for me "THAT PART." Miss Charlie I love you girl I'll see you when you parole soon. Miss Rose keep your head up I love your energy. Miss Persephone thanks for always being there for me and please stop letting men hurt you to feel wanted, believe me that special someone will come to you soon enough. Miss Tay keep your head up. 5 years will be over before you know it. Cork keep your ass out of trouble and by the way your punch hurts. Lol. I hope you're doing good, stay strong! To everyone else I know and don't know I love you all stay strong, keep faith, and always be humble,

~ Kevin Shay | LH1546 | SCI Greene

What's up HOAW family!!

First and foremost, let me shout out to Whitney at SCI Houtzdale who will soon be transferred. Good luck wherever you go! Shout out to Jalen, Polo, Lorenzo, Kindle, Brittany, Nikki, Jay Hood, G, Diamond at Houtzdale, Skillz at Huntington even though you always forget to shout out me "old head" LOL!! Shout out to Eddie and Chino. Love Is Love family. See you in the next newsletter!!

In solidarity,

~ Tank | Ernest Scott ND3773 | SCI Houtzdale

To Hearts on a Wire: Because I am gay, my parents don't keep in contact with me and I get a lot of hate. My sister is the only one that stays in contact, but she is sick with cancer. Shout out to JB, CR, Keke, Cece and Candy. My birthday was in October and I am now an "Old Queen". I wish I could hear my sister's voice. I love and miss y'all!

~ CR | Corey Williams

I'm at SCI Greene stepping like always dripping on shit. On Ice I seen parole, got a 8 month hit that starts in December. So I'm on my way to them streets soon. I want to give my shawty a shout out: Persephone. I can't forget about my guy Twin! Bro I got one and she all that. I'm going to get at you soon Bro I love you! Yours,

~ Chocolate Chip AKA Chocolate Drip XOXO

LETTERS & LOVE

Wassup Yall,

Just received issue #35. I'm now @ SCI Chester where I'm sad to say there is almost Zero community. But I have to shout out someone who is becoming more and more special to me every day. So to Remmi, be patient with me. U know it wasn't easy 4 me when I first got here BUT, I'm enjoying building and excited 2 see where this journey takes us. On a SAD yet good note, this will probably be my last time writing as I MAX OUT 4/1/24. So b4 I go, I have a few Shoutouts: Ash & Jerry I have y'all info, so I'll be in touch. Dawn keep being yourself. Your personality is contagious! Oliver I will find a way 2 reach u. I Miss your friendship & understanding. Mariah I'm glad u found happiness... It's ALL I ever wanted 4 u! Remmi, u already know what we discussed... I'm already on both lists so only time will prove I'm serious. Lastly IDK this person personally but after issue #34 I have to comment: Makayla AKA Thicca\$\$ & Tink @ Phoenix, I mean NO disrespect when I say u sound BAD AS F**K But stop being a tease with them BARS! SPIT THAT SHIT 4REAL! I'm bout 2 hit the streets and music is what I do. I could use a lil baddy like u on the team...professionally of course ;) Hopefully we can link some way somehow... & that goes 4 anybody in the community who takes music seriously... Get @ me ASAP! To the rest of my brothers & sisters keep your heads up, Stay 2Gether, Stay Positive, Stay beautiful, & STAY YOU! I LOVE YOU ALL... & even leaving I'll play my part out there...

~ Ka\$h | Shayne Calloway #LF6147 | SCI Chester

MICHAEL

Aryella Poore

I hereby make the following vows:

I VOW to always be there for you with advice, guidance, support, encouragement, & LOVE

I VOW to always be down to ride with & for you through thick & thin, bad & good, trials & tribulations, health & sickness, & through anything that may come our way.

I VOW to always protect & take care of you to the best of my abilities.

I VOW to always show you that I LOVE you

I VOW to be faithful & loyal and NEVER cheat on you.

I VOW to always give you & us my all, so we make this last forever.

I VOW to always be honest, loyal, faithful, & use communication skills.

I VOW to you that i am yours & ONLY yours, body mind & soul

I VOW to ALWAYS LOVE YOU no matter what

Michael I hereby say I DO & pledge to give our marriage my all

IFLY

LOVE your wife

Now come & commemorate our marriage LOL

LETTERS & LOVE

Dang! So much has happened since issue #34. On August 7th, 2023, I was snatched up from SCI-Albion and shipped to SCI-Forest. The superintendent here is none other than Randy Irwin, husband to the lead defendant in my civil action, (*Quiñones v. Irwin*, et al, 1:23-cv-00031 (WD.PAerie), and brother of Mayor Travis Irwin at Albion. The lawsuit is against Albion for enabling a culture of sexual violence and condoning rapes, stalking, and sexual harassment. To Say I'm being "Treated" would be an understatement! I'm being denied visits, phone calls, law library, and a other hardships because I exercised my constitutional right to hold horrible people accountable. I pray you never have to see "this side" of the struggle. But if all we do is talk, all we are making is noise. But through solidarity and ACTION, we make change! Hopefully but the time you're reading this, my social media campaign S.T.R.I.P.P (Stop Trans Rape in PA Prisons) will be in full swing.

I got my #35 last night, now after the day I had... I needed it. And, lemme jump in... **Lance:** that's my bestfran, she a real Bad Bitch! Child they got me! Not for what they wanted me for tho (that bats!) but if u not home by the time this is published, I love you!! You'll always be my bestfran. Get my niece number from Blocc.

C AKA Bullett: @ Frackville. We 2-0 on the shout outs. Keep em comin :) I'll get w/ u when my sitch improves.

Indy: Damn Pop! No gas, "I'll make it right" opened up sum wounds and made me like really cry. I would give anything 2 hear the man I gave my all 2, put my life on the line 4. The man who broke my heart, to hear him apologize the way u did in that track. Once you been hurt like that... aww my goodness! I couldn't help it, but I wrote a response track to that. I'm sending it in with this U wanted feedback. Well there it is! U inspired me. I would love to build w/u tho. Jus know that ICU. It's my first track I ever wrote, so be gentle on the feedback! :) R u on RRL? Do u kno any info I could use? Do RRL come there where u @? I was there 03 to 05 2MU H-blk. Indy like... holla!

50 Shades: Jay, I need info, advice, whatever! They submitted me 4 RRL Review, and it's a weak case. Me and like 7-8 dif main dudes (some u kno) got gript up @ Albion and emergency transferred 2 dif spots 4 a one day hunger strike @ Albion where they say 600 ppl rode. They put all 8 of us in 4 it. A couple them was already on it. How long til my video conference w/ Ferguson? Where would I go if they approve it? Bro, I just seen pre-parole! I got 2 go bak 2 the Feds, but still! Ion want tu esposa catchin a tude but u the only one I kno 2 ask. Please reach out. Thanx.

2KILL3, Puck (uncle Wakee, they treatin me back here on K-C), Chocolate Drip (where u @?), Bobby, Ariyanna (from Benner), Reggie Hall, Matt Kelly (period!) Yum Yum (from Erie) love y'all & all my other bros & hos :)

~ Nichole "NikkiSim" Quiñones | DL1755 | Forest RHU K-C

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear HOAW Family:

I hope everyone is doing as well as I am. I normally struggle this time of year but this year I am doing really well. I seen parole and got a shorter hit than I was expecting. I just got a new job where I get twice the hours. Shoutout to all the family at SCI Mahanoy: Ruth, Shay, Paul, Ash, and others. Shout out to Gator I hope you are doing better where you are now. Hi to the family at Coal: Drew, Shadow, and everyone else. Your Friend,

~ Timber | Tyler Trewitz | NM4043

Shoutout to all the guys I know how it is living out in the open in jail, it takes raw guts and a lot of courage to be who you really are in a situation like that much respect. But most of all it takes a special someone to make us want to risk it all.

Big shoutout to my boy Ski Bop we were cellies at CFCF. It's Pooh lil brother. Shoutout to Makayla AKA Thic A\$\$ Tink, you did your thing on that something light rap. LAST WORDS I'm single ladies, and I told y'all what I'm looking for.

~ Bones The Last Stand

Dear HOAW Family (Inside & Out),

I wanted to wish all of you a Happy Holiday season with the typical snarkiness you all have come to expect from yours truly. I'm sending along my love and light to remember, we must rise above the hate. I love y'all. Your sister,

~ Jacinda Lee AKA Harlequin

CANDICE PARKER

KA\$H

(Hook x2) She want that Gucci Loui,
she want that Fendi Prada
She want them heels & bag 2 match
she want that new designa
She get that bag
she chase that check,
she don't need anybody
She on her Boss S**T,
she ball like Candice Parker...

(V) She ball like Candice
she my ace she my ride or die
She my Angel str8 from heaven
like she from The Sky
Her whip keep wings like she from Dallas,
short march my fly
She like 2model out L-A
Spark of my eye
Shorty gotta be a dream
if not she on my wish list
Baddy & she bout it, that's a gift
like it was Christmas
Everyday my birthday shorty caked up yea
she Thicc-Thicc
Baby she be ballin shoot my shot & I won't
miss it...

(Go 2 Hook)

(v) (Open 4 female 2 write 2 (12 bars))

(v) Killin em the way she stuntin
wit Them Red Bottoms/
Misses 2 my Mr. & she loyal
aint no bed hoppin
Graduated wit high honors good brain
she my head doctor
Ain't no baker but her cake up
shorty always got her bread proper
I call her Candice kuz she ballin
earned the ring on her finger dog
& when we m8kn love
she hitten high notes like she singin yall
Paper chaser... but she ain't a gold digger,
naw
I chase a check she chase a check
celebrations kuz we winnin dog...

(Go 2 hook)

BROKEN

Tone Tone

Broken over you,
Full of heart ache and pain for the
One who held the flame.

Broken over all,
The pain that was caused by both.

Broken over the fact,
I miss you more than words could
ever begin to say.

Broken over how,
I need you in my life as more than
just a friend.

Broken and wanting you,
back in my world and not
alone but together in arms and
Home.

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear Hearts on a Wire:

I want to say “I love you” to my one and only husband and best friend, Mr. Jaquan/Quan Richardson, the love of my life and the sexiest man in the world. Thank you for your proposal of marriage. I fully accept. I love you so much, every bit of you, your flaws and all. The only issue I have is wanting and needing more of you. Meanwhile, we will meet like always in our dreams.

Love always and forever yours, truly your lover,

~ Wifey Bill Mrs. Yana Lynn Richardson OXOX

Great news! October 6, 2023, our Native American spiritual adviser, Chief Ammon Bailey of Minn. and N. Dakota brought into the prison a sweat lodge. The main sweat lodge ceremony was October 7, with about 6 volunteers and 15 inmates doing the sweat in the lodge. Very hot rocks are brought in from our blazing fire. The sweat lodge is our purification—praying in the native way of our life—religion, for healing, prayer, singing, drumming, smoking—praying with prayer pipe, burning sage, cedar, sweet grass, tobacco, to honor the Earth, Wind, Fire, Water, the Spirits, and the Creator, so our Native people may live in peace, harmony, balance with all creation. Truly a super exciting humbling spiritual awakening experience of blessing our loving spirit. The whole sweat ceremony took about 4 hours by prison rules.

Thank you creator, the spirits, Chief Ammon, the volunteers, sci-benner officials, who let this ceremony happen. Rambo is the smudger-herb keeper.

Rambo is part Seneca Onondaga, Cherokee by birth and by living in the woods, hunting, fishing, gardening, of the native way of life.

The last sweat lodge was in Penna, Pittsburgh prison over 30 years ago, the river flooded and contaminated the soil in the whole sweat lodge-prayer-area.

This sweat lodge came from Rambo’s Federal 1983 civil lawsuit in 2019, settled August 14, 2020. No:319-CV-00750, and it still took 4 years to get the sweat lodge in SCI-Benner prison.

Praise the creator who works in mysterious ways on his time. Please pass the info on, post on all web-site, paper, Native Peoples. Thank you.

~ D. Rambo Arnold

LETTERS & LOVE

I'm so proud of myself and all of yall for braving the front lines and standing in our truth. I equate manhood and womanhood to being yourself despite popular opinion. If that ain't strength, then tell me what is? If you a Bad bitch! Or a fly nigga! Embrace that shit! #unapologetic. This struggle is real, we got to respect and uplift each other. Everybody that comes in my life with good energy in all the prisons I been in, I tried to embrace yall like family. We all come from different walks of life, but our commonalities are so much greater than our differences no matter how you identify. Being a marginalized minority being deprived of your freedom takes a toll on us all. God gave me a gift of a altruistic Heart. I had to learn that's not a character flaw. Be the change that you want to see. Chop, I love you Baby! You ain't perfect but you more then worth it. They didn't understand our love but that's not our problem. #Alicia #no one. My King, you got the Crown #stamped. Savage! What up doe! My Jersey Native I'm @ Somerset now got transferred in January for a assault I'm on ice now well, strongly trying, Kamdyn Alexis how have you been doing? I miss & love you we had a nice cup of tea @ church Lol! Tank Tank I'm doing all right trying to level up & focus on my goals of freedom. No shade don't call my Gmom no more she burnt out on the jail house Boo chronicles. I got to ask my other half if He cool with me writing you. You could of hit me in my DM through John-- I sincerely appreciate your apologies in the hole @ Forest meant a lot to me. Tell Dawn I said Hi! GQ Grave I love you Bro! Ratchet Riyah! How have you been miss Messy. CR here @ Somerset he just came he said he will write you. To any body I didn't name don't mean you ain't claimed #Nir&Chop Free the real

~ Solid Nir

Hello HOAW. I would like to thank our beloved Mr. Lowe on your constant outreach, to the marginalized "LGBTQ" incarcerated individuals. It has been eons honey since I've written, please forgive me ladies and gentlemen. How are we? I've been placed in solitary for reprisal and have been assaulted on 5-9-23 and gave two false duplicated reports and gave 15 months DC time for filing lawsuits and grievance suits NIARA Burton v. Wetzel et al, 1:19-cv-1574 and NIARA Safiya Burton v. Wetzel et al 3-22-cv-04 W.D.PA. I need advocacy as daily I'm harassed. Staff allege I have a disease to alter my identity, and keeping me in the hole to try to pull my pants down, to alleviate liability they say, offering inmates \$ to do so. Shout out to my husband Dreyon I love you bae, Eddie at SCI-Coal baby, Indy hi honey, Keke boo boo hi, Rosie my sis love you momma miss you, BP, 2 stars, love you, Amir god bless, Skellz hi sir tell Angie I said hello, Deuce I miss you and that strong hug lol, Max hi baby long time Lelly no see girl, Vpkk gets eyons bitch, much love Ms. Pennie Rest In Peace you showed me how to iron my hair. Jon Jon I miss you crazy, rest in power aunty Sam love you Ms. lady. Love,

~ Niara AKA Ms. peaches | girls set it right old girl honey keep it cute

LETTERS & LOVE

Shout out to Timber my country Bumpkin I miss you dearly and I love you so much. I hope we can meet up on the streets. We been through a lot and you been by my side and in my mind Babygirl. I'm so sorry for not listening to you. I'm at Camp Hill now and hate it. Shout out to Samone thank you for being a good friend and a damn good CPS to me.

I'm here with Q he told me to give his shout outs to you. Shout out to Harley Quinn and Haley and Timber. I got your letter about pops that sucks that he's gone he will be missed. Love you all

~ gator

I hope all those who know me are well. Thank you Cait for missing me. You're a good friend, great person, and always true to your self. Alexis, you're a Goddess. Hold your head high and don't allow the emotions and hormones of those boys in men's bodies to depress you. Precious, sadly I haven't heard from you in a long time. You know how to reach out to me if you need to... So hopefully by 2026 I'll be in population again, if so, I hope to run into some of my old friends, and meet some new ones. Always stay true to who you are.

~ 50 Shades of Jay

SHOUTOUTS: Leroy @ Mahonoy, Love Big Cuz Stay Up. Jordyn Pratt/Mitakuye Oyasin Let me know what I need to do to help us get it going I will do anything to help. Juicy Queen Bee: I see where we at thought we was family no love lost :) smoochies.

TO ALL TRANS if no one loves you know TONE loves you even if I don't know you, you are STRONG POWERFUL WOMEN we men need you without y'all we are nothing.

Love y'all

~ Tone | KU1168 | Greene

ON A DAY LIKE THIS

Unique Cherry Red

On A day like this when you
Awake to hear bird sounds a day
Like this when your feet touches the
Ground A day like this when you turn
Over see your lover and your heart
Starts to pound A day like this you
Felt like you could face the world A day
Like this where you being who you already
Are was finally revealed to the world,
A day where your crown shined and
No dark could dim your light
A day like this you arose to find
That you were not alone but hand and
Hand with your Queen Rainbow Love
Fam in this fight A day like this
For us one day Every day would be
The same A day like this inside
And out of us all will Never CHANGE

Wanna Shrink Wrinkles?

Tip from Miley Diamond:

- Use hemorrhoid ointment on face, hands, arms.
- Keep away from eyes.
- Apply generously.
- Leave on for 1-2 hours.
- Then wash off.
- Do this twice a week, for a month.
- You will see wrinkles shrink
- It works.

WHY I CALL YOU MY FRIENDS

Brittany

Because you always there for me.
Because you make me feel comfortable.
Because you actually hear what I say.
Because you bring the best out of me.
Because you always there to give me advice.
Because you make me smile.
Because you down to earth.
Because you make me feel loved.
Now, I hope you can call me your friend.

HOAW Family,

Well I went from Houtzdale to Benner Township, met a few people, not a week in had a seizure out in the Sm. Yard, then a few days later got a misconduct for an “attempt” of an assault. I try to be reasonable with these people but you be nice and still get hurt.

Well anyway, I'd like to say hello to JB, Twin, Diamond, and Adam at SCI Forest. Miley at SCI Greene, heard you moved, I'm hoping you are alright. At SCI Houtzdale, Chino, Blue Magic, Brittany, Joker and everyone else, “Hi”. At SCI Benner, shoutout to Rosey, Egypt, Stephanie, Ashley, Megan, Royal, and last buy not least, Heather (AKA Mom to some of us).

Heather I'm going to be transferring again. When I brought up about policy they didn't like it and now are transferring again, saying it's cause of my assaultive history. Stephanie, to let you know, keep the papers. I let your people see I was coming out to get them and give you your books I was giving you. I don't know when I'll be leaving, but unfortunately I will be transferring again. As far as our community statewide and country, keep fighting not with fists but with words. With love and care,

~ Whittany Ann Smith | SCI Benner Township | QH2193

Shoutout to Ms. D and everyone here at Coal Township, at SCI Forest “Lexi” Love, Tone, Mal, Mark, Sydney, Ed, Diamond, JB, Tcup, Momma Ty and Ron, Chocolate Drip love all y'all and you are missed. SCI - Big Foot, Mariah @ Mahanoy, Nor @ Fayett, Uncle Shadow at Waymart, Auntie Munts @ Benner I miss you and at Somerset Lola Blu, Brittany, Gee Gee and Jammie Lemaiman. Now everyone at SCI Forest know that “Lexi” Love have a place in my heart along with Momma Ty you both have my contact info through the tablet get with me love and miss you both. Save and CR wherever you at and anyone else send me your name and # and I will get with you ASAP.

~ Knowledge / Reginald Thomas / #GH0074 @ Coal Township

LETTERS & LOVE

A big hello to all the family, and a shout out to everyone that is locked up in the corrupt jails. My mom passed away June 27, 2023 and I am still hurting. Just trying to get through each day, one day at a time.

To my loving husband, I love and miss you baby. Working on celling up with you soon. Love to everyone.

~ Jennifer

LETTERS & LOVE

Hey H.O.A.W. Family!!

Shoutout to everyone knows me and that I know, including those I don't know!! I will know be able to do any long shoutoutz, but my main shoutout is to my husband/wife Christopher J.M. Scott!! Moreover, this post is more so about the U.S. government, and how they truly "operate", furthermore, I'm a member of the Jailhouse Lawyer Committee with the National Lawyer's Guild, moreover, the government's whole objective is to "DIVIDE AND CONQUER". The government's job is cause conflict amongst each other, meaning the more we fight one another, the more they have a legitimate penological purpose to DIVIDE AND CONQUER, therefore, instead of fighting one another, physically, and mentally, with PREAs etc., use that same technique against the government. We as a community need to play a "STRONG MILITANT MINDED CHESS GAME" with the U.S. government, remember it's MORE OF US THAN IT IS THEM!! And if we stick together, we'll start getting what we want, like I'm from West Trenton, New Jersey, right? And there should no reason why the Pennsylvania Department of Corruption do not have a unit in each Institution that houses nothing but LGBTQ+ members, as New Jersey D.O.C.'s do, however, what's stopping this is, they are dividing and conquering. if we stop with all the BS gang warring and PREAs and they see us ALL sticking together this will end, and I'll end this by saying they (as in the P.A. D.O.C.) will cell two gang members from the same set/gang up in a heartbeat, but let 2 LGBTQ+ members attempt to cell up, they won't do it. It's discrimination!! We are "similarly situated" under the Fourteenth Amendment (EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE), we're being subjected to differential treatment. I encourage all of those in this H.O.A.W. issue to file grievances against your UIM, COIs, sgts, lieutenants, administration, ALL THE WAY TO CENTRAL OFFICE. If you don't know how, and if you're in my institution I will help you!! I max out February 15, 2025, and I'll be furthering my education in civil and criminal law! And y'all take heed to what's written here! My love goes out to everyone in the community. IN SOLIDARITY,

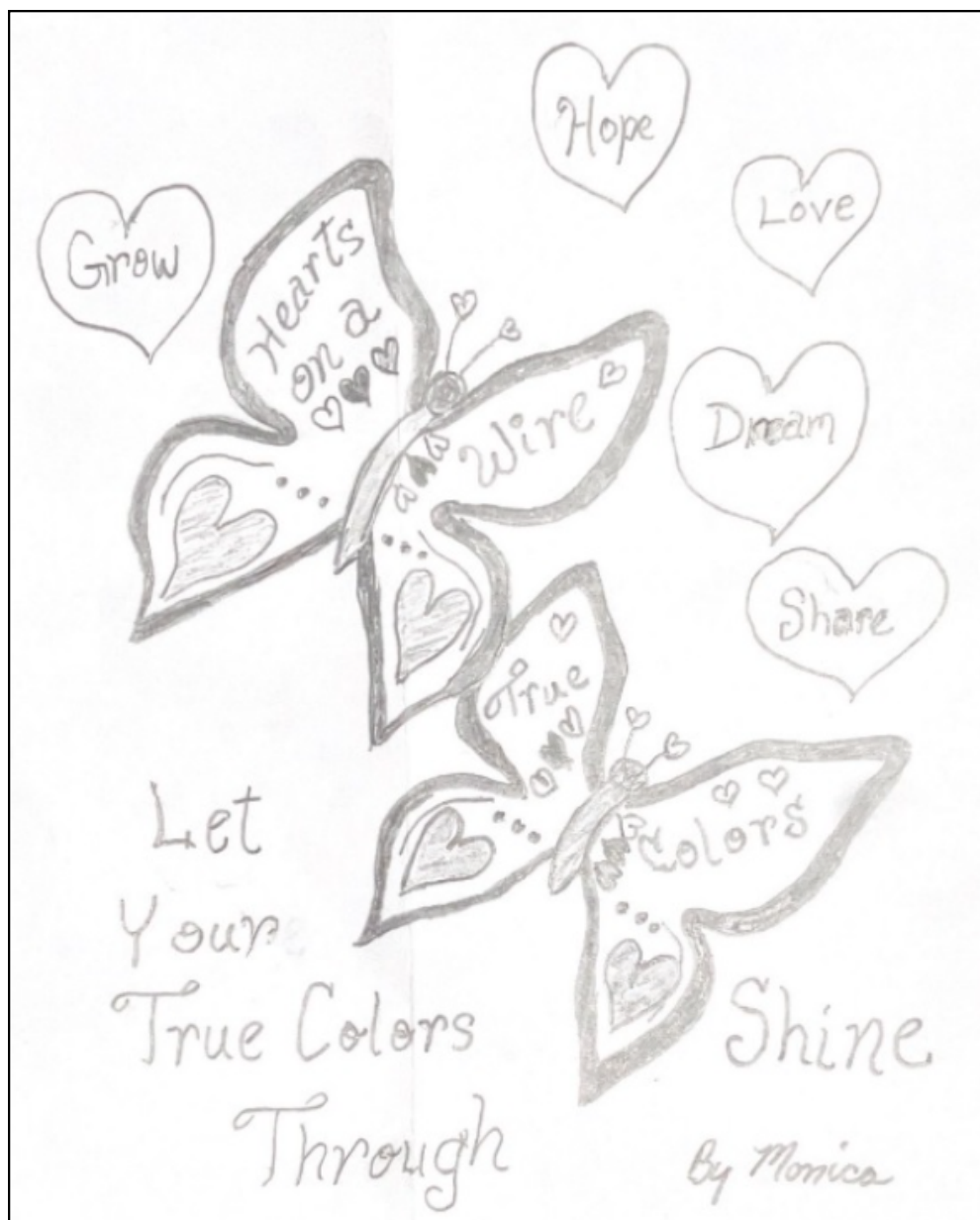
~ Earnest M.J. Scott #ND-3773 AKA Tank / Scott (Esquire)

Hey family,

Yes it's me, Ms. Dark and Lovely, more cuter than ever... The newest addition to SCI Phoenix. Yep I just pulled and got all the boys head tuning, some even doing double takes. Saying wobbly wop wop (LOL). It's your girl, Ms. Angela B. The one with the tan glasses, doing the pretty girl rock at med line. I just wanted to wish all my sisters a very merry and happy holidays, also to y'all boys too! Y'all need to start holding us down, remember we are all forever queen. Also major shout-outs to the boy Indy. Indy you know me real well. All up in bad lands... Well I gotta go! Love y'all, ya girl,

~ Ms. Angela B. | SCI Phoenix

LETTERS & LOVE



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Dear HOAW: I was talking to one of my trans girlfriends and she let me check out some of her hearts on a wires. I really got into trans women about 3 years ago and I love the movement and what they stand for. Shout Out To All The Queens!!!

~ LaBoy Vernon AKA VEDO

What's up hearts fam,

I want to send some love out and give an update to the ones that know me and have love for a KING. To my bros Meech & Savage at SCI-Forest, I didn't forget about y'all. Parole gave me another year hit, so I see 'em again April 2024. Cannon, wish me luck, and yeah I'm still doing my music, perfecting my beats and getting read. To my sis T-Cup and lil Trina aka Diamond, I love y'all and miss y'all much. To my old head Tone, also at Forest, keep ya head up. My mom always sends her love to you. Didi & Smith-Bey, I see y'all shine, keep going, and congrats to you Smith-Bey. You'll be home soon bro. The fight was worth it Cannon. And Sydney, can't forget about you baby-gurl. I'll get you soon, give me time. I know it's been a year since I left Forest, but I got you. Most of ALL, Mall, you still my pop's and I love you no matter how mad or upset you were at me, ya kids will always make mistakes bro, but it was never that deep. 5¢, Anistasia, Ty, Run, what up. To my cousin, my big cousin at SCI Coal Township, Kelly, what's up gurl? When your mom told me you came up state, I was hoping you would come here to spend time with your lil cousin, but I'll be home soon cuz, luv ya. And knowledge luv you lil

bro, but my cousin off limits, lol. And my Baby Momma at SCI Mahanoy Mariah Lee Frezzell aka Ms. Mariah Pretty Eye's, guuuurl stop! You know who your baby daddy is. The KING will always have your beautiful heart, and NO ONE will measure up to this king, your baby daddy, and I know you're blushing right now. I love you, and will send love to you soon.

Peace & Love to my HOAW Fam

~ O-Zon | Lawrence Wilson |
#GG1151 | SCI Benner Township

WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR

Bones The Last Stand

What I'm Looking for is someone real,
Someone who has a desire to feel
a Love Like they never felt,
Someone I can call my own,
Someone who will never leave me alone,
Someone who knows loyalty and trust matters,
Someone I can end A Love Story
with happy ever after,
Someone who can make me feel
Like there is no one better,
Someone I can love forever and ever,
That I'm looking for is someone true,
If you have not gotten the cue
of what I'm Looking for (It's YOU)

LIPSTICK LEESA PART TWO — “GETTING NASTY”

by Lipstick Leesa aka Ms. Kashlee_Vasquez aka
Kashoeyon Lee-Chima

Lipstick Leesa comin' at cha again,
I always Keep it real no need to pretend.
Winter now gone so let summer begin,
Imma make this year even better than
last,
Scratch a bitch up if she moving too fast,
Take all ma enemies Keep em in da past.
Dis time around caution is how I move,
Fly bitch glossin', you know I gots the
groove.
Laid queen n bossin, I could neva lose.
All Shine no wine, fuck it, I AM the booze!
The whole joint wants me, You'll regret it if
you snooze,
They be fighting over me, saying "Bitch,
now choose"
and at the end of it all, aint no room for
fools
B times they tryna lock me up n throw
away the key
Justa get me out the way so brothas can
see
but they don't want you cuz bitch you a
flea
and from What was told now you got that
dz (dizzy)
I neva want to fight, but they be comin' for
me
so a boss like me wins for the victory
Not all bad, i'm filled with positivity
Summers here, its hot as hell sitting
under the fan
My man, he kissing my feet, I wish they
were under the sand
I'm the baddest queen alive and I just
took ya man!
No purpose on my end, guess it was all
his plan

It's crazy, amazing, got him screaming
“dam”
Icing on the cake like vanilla up my jamb
yall yelling “She's nasty!!!”, but it's just who I
Am,
Every Poppy that pass me, they wisper
"yass ma'am."
I take these straight niggas and I always
turn them out
When I'm suckin the big dick, I hear them
bout to shout
And when they ready to blast, I just cover
their mouth
He makes a big splash, cum all over the
couch.
I take the down lows, I ain't neva gonna
stop, Stop.
Tell'em to whip it out, just before I plop,
drop.
I'm on my knees Suckin' Dees giving him
top, top.
wait for him to buss so I can eat the slop
slop.
Feel all over my body, he moanin' "dam you
hotty"
He seen my ass twerk, said “body ody ody”
They took me from the family, west side,
much love
But now I'm still shining, east side, and
above.
No matter where I go, I know imma still
shine.
So if you want to hear this again just reread
and or rewind.
Lipstick Leesa makin' action with a shout,
I make it bounce, do my dance, and then
you know I'm out!
Lol yeah I'm out. Til next Time.
Muah, snap, period. oh C- Block on the gay-
dar now!

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO READ

Whittany Recommends:

At the Broken Places; A Mother and Trans Son Pick Up the Pieces, by Mary and Donald Collins is an amazing collaborative memoir.

Timber Recommends:

I haven't been doing a lot of reading of LGBT+ books, But I just finished *Race of Aces: WWII's Elite Airmen and the Epic Battle to Become the Master of the Sky*, by John R. Bruning. It takes place during WW2 in the Southwest pacific against the Japanese, about 5 fighter pilots that are competing to get the most kills. It is a long book but it pulls you in; I couldn't put it down.

How to Find, Buy, Retrofit, and Live Large in a Mobile Home by Anna Hess has lots of good insight on making old mobile homes into self-sustainable dwellings. I have always been interested in tiny homes, and I plan to go into business when I get out. This book made me think differently about mobile homes.

LEGAL RESOURCES

PA Institutional Law Project - Philadelphia

718 Arch St., Suite 304
South
Philadelphia, PA 19106

PA Institutional Law Project - Lewisburg

P.O. Box 128
Lewisburg, PA 17837

PA Institutional Law Project - Pittsburgh

247 Fort Pitt Blvd, 4th Floor,
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Mazzoni Legal Services

1348 Bainbridge Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147

PA Innocence Project

1515 Market Street,
Suite 300
Philadelphia, PA 19102

ACLU Pittsburgh Office

313 Atwood St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

ACLU Philadelphia

PO Box 40008
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Amistad Law Project

PO Box 9148
Philadelphia, PA 19139

Abolitionist Law Center

P.O. Box 8654
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Transgender Law Center

PO Box 70976
Oakland, CA 94612-0976

Lambda Legal

120 Wall Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10005-3904

NCLR National Office

870 Market Street Suite 370
San Francisco CA 94102

GLAD

18 Tremont, Suite 950
Boston, MA 02108

TLDEF

520 8th Avenue, Suite 2204
New York, New York 10018

ARC for Gender Justice

PO Box 180198
Brooklyn, NY 11218

Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project provides assistance to incarcerated or institutionalized people whose constitutional rights have been violated within the institution.

Mazzoni Center has legal services for LGBT people in Pennsylvania, including discrimination cases.

Pennsylvania Innocence Project only takes on direct appeal and PCRA cases from factually innocent individuals incarcerated in PA who have been wrongfully convicted.

The **ACLU** sometimes takes prison conditions cases, but they are selective in which cases they take because they do “impact litigation.”

Impact litigation is strategic legal cases that have the potential to change the situation for other people in similar situations to the plaintiff.

Amistad Law Project takes on impact litigation aimed at reducing incarceration in Pennsylvania.

Abolitionist Law Center takes on impact litigation aimed at addressing human rights violations in Pennsylvania prisons.

Transgender Law Center is a national organization that takes on impact litigation related to trans rights.

Lambda Legal is a national organization that takes on impact litigation related to LGBT/HIV rights.

The **National Center for Lesbian Rights** is another national impact litigation firm that takes on impact litigation related to LGBT.

GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) is a national organization that takes on impact litigation related to LGBT/HIV rights.

Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund (TLDEF) is a national impact litigation firm that takes cases related to trans discrimination.

Alyssa Rodriguez Center for Gender Justice (ARC) is a new organization connecting jailhouse lawyers and advocates working for gender justice in NY, PA, GA, and FL. Members get pro se legal information and support for their advocacy.

BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS & PENPAL RESOURCES

Books Through Bars provides small packages of free books to individuals incarcerated in PA, NJ, DE, NY, MD, and VA. They are currently prioritizing requests from PA. **Ithaca College Books Thru Bars** and **Providence Books Thru Bars** send free books nationwide. **Book 'Em** sends free educational books and quality reading material to prisoners and prison libraries in PA. **Books For Prisoners at UCSD** and **East Bay Prisoner Support** send socially conscious reading materials nationwide. **Tranzmission Prison Project** sends books to incarcerated LGBTQ folks nationwide. **Prisoners Literature Project** ships free books to every state except TX. **Prison Library Project** ships free books to all states except HI, ME, and MI.

Send a letter that includes your name, ID number, full address, any restrictions on incoming books, and types of books wanted. Make your request by subject rather than specific title or author, and provide several areas of interest if possible. For example, African American history, basic math, carpentry, how to draw.

Please be patient. These programs get many requests, so it may take a while.

Black & Pink, and **Montreal Prisoner Correspondence Project**, are organizations that matches incarcerated members of the LGBT community anywhere in the country (and in Canada) with pen pals. **Black & Pink** also has a magazine. **Let's Get Free** has a magazine available to folks in PA prisons.

Additionally, there are several state organizations. The **Sylvia Rivera Law Project** corresponds with transgender people incarcerated in New York state, and the **Transgender, Gender Variant & Intersex Justice Project** supports trans and intersex people incarcerated in CA - their resource guide *A Transgender/Gender Nonconforming Guide to Parole Preparation* may be available beyond California.

Hearts on a Wire appears on several resource lists as a pen pal organization. While we are aware how valuable it can be to have contact with people, this has never been a service we have provided, nor is it something we have the capacity to take on. Hearts has worked to correct these resource guides as we become aware of them, but we continue to get frequent requests for pen pal matching.

Books Through Bars
4722 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Ithaca College Books Thru Bars
PO Box 113
Brooktondale NY 14817

Providence Books thru Bars
42 Lenox Ave
Providence RI 02907

Book'Em - Pittsburgh
PO Box 71357
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Books For Prisoners at UCSD
w/Groundwork Bookstore
0323 Student Center
La Jolla, CA 92037

East Bay Prisoner Support
PO Box 22449
Oakland CA 94609

Tranzmission Prison Project
P.O. Box 1874
Asheville NC 28806

Prisoners Literature Project
% Bound Together Books
1369 Haight St.
SFCA 94117

Prison Library Project
915C W. Foothill Blvd PMB128
Claremont CA 91711

Black and Pink
6223 Maple St #4600
Omaha, NE 68104

Prisoner Correspondence Project
QPIRG Concordia
c/o Concordia University
1455 de Maisonneuve Ouest
Montreal QC H3G 1M8
CANADA

Let's Get Free
460 Melwood Street #300
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Sylvia Rivera Law Project
147 W. 24th St., 5th floor
New York, NY 10001

Transgender, Gender Variant & Intersex Justice Project
370 Turk St #370
San Francisco, CA 94102

SUBSCRIBE

Subscriptions are **FREE** for Trans people & allies who are locked up.

If you want our newsletters, please **ask to be added to our mailing list** and **let us know how you are connected to the Trans community.**

We will **not** add people to our mailing list who have not reached out to us directly.

Back issues of the newsletter are available to view or download at heartsonawire.org

GETTING OUT IN PENNSYLVANIA?

Get in touch!

We do our best to support our inside members in reentry. Let us know when you expect to get out, where you are going, and what you need.

PA VISIT PROGRAM

Our experiment with virtual visits between inside and outside Hearts on a Wire community members is going well. We currently have more requests than we have capacity for!

If you are **Transgender** in the **PA DOC** and you want to try out a visit with an outside member, please write to us and let us know so we can add you to the waitlist.

Hearts On A Wire
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Philadelphia, PA 19143

WRITE TO US! SUBMISSIONS

You can send us...

Letters | Shoutouts (keep it short and sweet) | Original Artwork Recipes | Interviews | How-to articles | Ideas | Articles responding to current events, prison policies, and this newsletter | Original Poetry | Book Reviews | Contribuciones en español son muy bienvenidos!

Writing Prompt for Next Issue

For many people, coming into their trans-ness invites moments of re-invention, honest self-exploration, and play. One wonderful thing about being trans is that we get to name ourselves in so many ways. For this next issue we want to hear more about the ways you've named who you are:

- How did you choose your name?
- What are ways that you've invented yourself?
- What has being trans invited you to name about yourself (whether its directly related to trans-ness or not)?
- How do you name who you are to the world? How did you learn how to do this?

Guidelines:

- **NEW Deadline for Next Issue:** March 22. We cannot guarantee publication of submissions received after this date.
- If you contribute make sure you tell us **exactly** how you want to be credited [Anonymous? ID number? Chosen name? Facility?]. **We will only use your location and/or government name if you explicitly tell us to do so.**
- We will no longer publish full addresses as this leads to the newsletter being barred in some institutions.
- Please respect other people's privacy; only make disclosures about yourself.
- **No shade.**
- Your original work only. **We will not publish work that has previously been published elsewhere.**
- We get more submissions than we can possibly print.
- We are trying to get a lot of voices into the conversation.
- **We prioritize writing by trans and non-binary authors.**
- We reserve the right to publish excerpts and to make light edits for length and clarity.