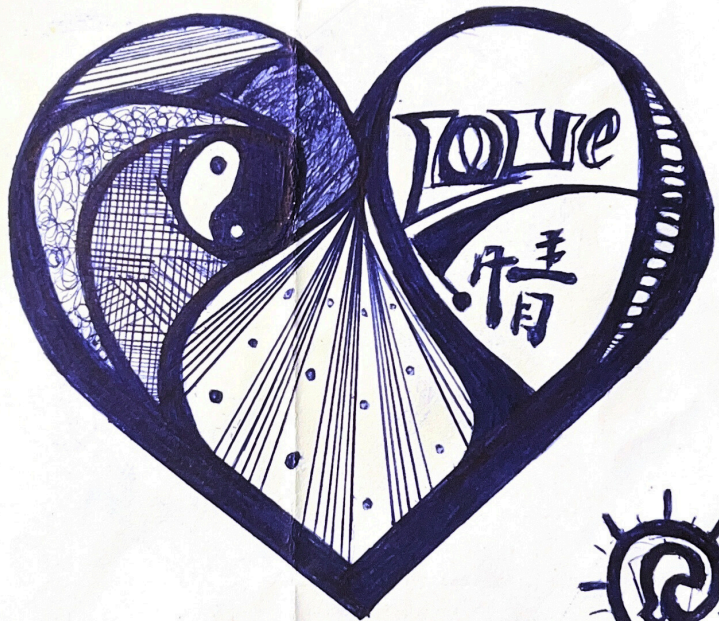


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- ♥ build community through bars ♥
- ♥ organize for justice ♥

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LETTER FROM THE OUTSIDE COLLECTIVE

Beloveds,

As we enter the holiday season and start to close out another year, we recognize that many emotions may arise. Fear, sadness, anger, confusion, and determination are just a few feelings we might experience as we cope with the aftermath of the recent election.

We understand that many of us are concerned about the future of transgender rights in the United States, particularly in Pennsylvania. The Outside Collective wants you to know that we are, and always will be, here for you! We know it can sometimes feel like you are alone, but everyone here is committed to advocating for the safety and rights of those who are incarcerated.

To ensure we receive every letter you send, please remember to write "Hearts On A Wire" on the front of the envelope. If the letter is addressed to a member of the Outside Collective, it may only reach our mailbox with this notation. We value the relationships and connections built between the inside and outside collectives, and we look forward to hearing from you as we go into the new year together!

~ 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.

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NEWS WE CAN USE

In Issue 38, we asked for submissions sounding off about what we are seeing in the news that impacts us.

Ms. Tay Wolfgang: What has been on my mind that I am watching closely is the presidential election; we as trans people want the right candidate to win. But also, be aware that even with the right candidate, we still could be under attack for our rights, for our agendas, and our liberties, freedom of speech, and true selves. Be alert at all times. Remember, we must all come together as one whole, and not individually or divided like they want us. If we come and stand together as one, we fight together as one, and we will win.

Heather Morgan | SCI Benner: As an Intersex/Trans Woman I strongly feel that Trans individuals should continue to play sports in the gender they born into. I don't feel that states need to enact laws to enforce this, but their doing so escalates the controversy which makes the issue bigger than it needs to be.

Claire Wolfever | SCI Albion: I heard on the news that whomever becomes our next President will be the one to fill two slots in the Supreme Court. With Conservatives, Roe v. Wade is just the tip of the iceberg for them. I wish we could vote, because it's scary to think about what they'll come for next. They may not see how hormones can be a life saving medicine. Then there's Project 2025. Everything I hear about it is just terrible, and it will definitely ruin our country. I would hate for us to go backwards after all the progress.

Kim K AKA Lil' Momma | SCI Albion | HH-8042: A very "MAJOR" ongoing event in the news that's DEEPLY on my mind is "GUN VIOLENCE," mostly when it comes to the youth and elderly. Like the kids can't even be children and have class without a baby being SHOT before lunch period. Isn't this one of the most important places where you should or would think they'll be SAFE? Hell, not anymore SMH! I have young ones in my family so this definitely is hitting home for me like no tomorrow. Now there's the ELDERLY, the wisdom, I mean come on, they can't even go to CHURCH Sunday Service or WALMART no more without worries of being subjects in a MASS SHOOTING. ARE YOU SERIOUS! Lastly the police, oh yeah I didn't forget y'all. "SAY THEIR NAMES!" I was sentenced with a 10 to 30 years bid for a shooting on a undercover police officer. However, when the shoe's on the other foot they get to go home after a debriefing. Now you tell me what is wrong with the news! Love y'all ;)

Ashley Horan AKA Princess♥: An event or thing that is on my mind right now. Well the election. How will the election affect me & my community if another Far right administration comes into power. In a lot of ways Trump is like Hitler. The Florida governor is like Himmler the head of the S.S. IF they come to power it will be bad for all minorities. Once people see it's not Black versus white, not gay vs. straight but poor versus rich. Then they can not pit us against each other anymore & we can really Fight them & demand our rights & change.

NEWS, CONTINUED

Munta AKA Moon: This is a touchy subject for me to talk about. So, full disclaimer, this is about ME and how I feel about myself as if I were talking to the political transphobes. This may piss off some of you or you may relate.

Firstly, as a human, and as an American, I have 2 very distinct rights. One is healthcare and the other is freedom of speech. I do not have a right to inflict my beliefs on someone else. So why is it that the conservatives are hell bent on not letting me transition? Something about abortion. It's other people's religious beliefs that are being inflicted onto me. Because they think "born a man, die a man." I have to live life looking like a freak.

Due to not having information available, I wasn't aware that I could prevent myself from going through puberty as a male. But b/c I did, I'm 5'11", wear a size 12, and I grow facial hair. When these idiots see me, they see me as a Tranny Freak. The perfect example of a weirdo to guard their children from, cuz everyone knows "gayness is contagious." SMH

Well, if you didn't want me to look like a freak, then why are you doing everything in your power to prevent me from properly transitioning? Better yet, why are you trying to block youths from blocking their puberty?

If you block youths from getting their treatment, you'll have even more people who look like I do. It's clear that you don't like the way I look, so aren't you kinda being a hypocrite?

No, I know the real fear. It's your fear that if you let youths get their treatment you won't be able to tell a cis person from a trans person. You're afraid that you'll meet one of us in a club and actually like us. You're afraid that you'll see us as a normal person and not some sexual pervert like Buffalo Bill that you try to pass us off as. You're afraid that you might get into a relationship with one of us and not tell the difference. You're afraid that after getting to know one of us, court one of us and have sex with one of us, one of us would reveal that we were born a male. You would have to come to terms with the hard truth: There is no difference.

What I don't understand is why the courts seem to side with these transphobes too. Like, no one bats an eye if I don't circumcise my child, don't vaccinate them, let them get piercings/tattoos or let them practice Islam. That's my and my child's First Amendment right. So how is someone else's religious based beliefs swaying the legal system and preventing parents from getting proper healthcare so their child exercise their right to express themselves? It isn't something a child just decides to do. I mean, the signs will more than likely show way before puberty. Plus it takes doctor's diagnosis to start it. How are other people's beliefs overriding a doctor's prescriptive plan? Especially when they aren't qualified in the medical field at all. What happened to separating church from state?

Last, do you think I enjoy looking like a freak? Do you think I want to go through all the surgeries to correct my body if I wasn't being forced to? While you may have prevented me from transitioning properly, I still have to thank you. Your tax dollars pay for my government healthcare that pays for ALL of my surgeries. DUMBASS!

NEWS, CONT.

Priscilla | SCI Phoenix | HD6211: We have seen a marked increase of violence in our own backyard recently. Our children are killing their friends & mentors, yet we center our focus on hate & protest on a war that while is devastating, it is beyond our control. As a whole, we have become so disenchanted to domesticated violence that we now shrug our shoulders when little ones die & look to catastrophize on things going on far away.

Children are being shot right here in your own neighborhoods. Where are the mass protests for these acts of rash violence? Where is the accountability for the kid who feels that there is no other recourse but to pull a trigger? Wouldn't a bit of understanding, some help go a long way before the bodies pile up? Mass incarceration wouldn't need to happen if society would extend the help these broken souls needed before they felt there was nowhere else to go.

INDYA The Law Clerk | SCI Houtzdale | GT1257: The issue that has been in the media that really irritates me is when parents get charged for the actions of their child. Currently if a child or teen is given a gun as a gift, or has access to a gun in their household, and kills people, the parent can/will be charged. How does that make any sense? I am not absolving anyone of culpability. Please do not take it that way. I am very empathetic to the grief of those exposed to gun violence. But perhaps we need to look beyond the shock value and emotional responses that politicians and media outlets rely on to sensationalize real life traumatic experiences for their own financial gains. Let me explain my reasoning or attempt to rationalize my thoughts with an explanation. Cars kill more people annually in this country than guns do! If a parent buys their teen a car or the kid takes their parents car for a joy ride, and they kill or injure others, should the parent be charged for owning a car or buying their kid a car or having their car keys where the kid can access them? How about a parent who buys a child a cellphone and the child bullies someone to the point of suicide? Should the parent be charged for purchasing that phone? Where does the over reach of the "criminal justice system" stop? Pay attention Family, this is a very slippery slope! What's next, you can't buy someone a knife set off their wedding registry? The prosecution of anyone who was not the person who actually committed the crime has led to many unjustified life sentences. Why have a "Juvenile Justice System" if they charge almost everyone as an adult?

UNTITLED

Yum Yum

Life is around the globe
And Love is all it knows my
Head is up above and below water
Standing is to know stud and Im planted
On the planet like a plant on planet
I can see the star at night in the
Day time I see one star becuz the sun
Is a star to if you see me then you see t
o stars becuz Im a star two ten point
Star in the eye of the sun Life

NEWS, CONTINUED

crok: i'm going to start by saying if this offends someone i'm sorry. even though i'm pan/trans, i am a republican. i voted for trump last time and would again. i don't like vp harris. trump gave us the stim checks. what did harris do for us in the last 4 years? i do support her with the trans and abortion stuff. but i don't want her to be the next president. but besides, who anyone wants to be president, the system is rigged and no matter who wins, they told a lot of lies to get to the white house.

TRANS ENOUGH? TRANS ENOUGH!

In Issue 37, we asked for submissions responding to Crok's article, *Trans Enough?* which brought up important tensions in our community. That conversation continues...

Priscilla | SCI Pheonix | HD6211: With the world crashing & burning with the hatred & intolerance that plagues common man, we within our community must come together rise above the small pettiness that darkens our hearts. How often within our small slice of the world have we lowered ourselves to basic bickering when systemic racism & hatred exist just beyond us, most often right before our eyes & we do nothing? How often do we permit infighting to poison us when we should be turning our attentions outward, seeing the enemy that darkens our doors? We turn a blind eye too often to prejudice & discrimination & only point it out if someone else says something. Be the one who starts a dialog. Hatred begins & ends both ways. As a transgender community we need to give zero reason for hatred to blossom in closed off individuals. Show them reasons for love & acceptance.

NAMES

In Issue 36, we asked for submission about trans naming. That conversation continues

Ash: First off, Thank you to all of you that make Hearts On A Wire possible ❤️❤️❤️

1. How did you choose your name? Well I wrote down a long list of names I felt fit me. I came to the conclusion it would be easier to change a gender neutral name at first, so I chose "Ashes." Then it eventually morphed into Ashley. Although sometimes I wish I could have chosen another one.
2. What are the ways you invented yourself? Well I just went with what felt right. Whatever resonated with my soul. Who I always was deep down inside, Ta-da, Ash! 😊

SCENE REPORTS

Featured reports on what is going on for queer and trans folks inside each of the PA facilities. What should the community know about?

SCI Mahanoy: Our support groups are still on hold and may be finished for good, depending on our staff & administration changes. Big thank you to our awesome doctor Chewma. You have left this place better than it was. I am so grateful to you. And know our community is. You have personally helped me grow as a person. Thank you! (Ashley Horan)

SCI Albion: In response to the Houtzdale post of issue #37 I'm sorry to report that Albion is the same, kitchen or block jobs for trans people. I was once a CPS worker, then I transitioned. I resigned shortly after that. I became the anomaly here by getting a job in the library when my grievance for sexual assault, discrimination against multiple dietary staff, and our highly ineffective PREA staff hit Central Office. I was sexually assaulted in the tray room of our kitchen. Staffed out after I filed the PREA, but the inmate wasn't punished, I was subjected to inappropriate pat searches. I had one Blue Shirt grab my ponytail and yank my head backwards and told me that this is what a ponytail is for. Once I got the library job I was sexually assaulted, sexually harassed, and given the Unofficial Title of "Transbassador" by the librarian. This assault couldn't be covered up, too many cameras. So that inmate went to the bucket. Don't even think about a job at CI Commissary here if you are trans. You will be told, "Not at this time", Sugarcoated discrimination. (Stephanie | LB1764)

SCI Rockview: About our support group, There's 4 of us that attend every week. Its a bunch of fun when we all get together. The Lady who runs our group is Ms. Hull. She's the Psychologist on A-Block. @ group we either talk about s*** that us girls deal with being in prison or we'll watch movies on Netflix that have something to do with Trans, Videos how we can do our make-up, hair etc. When it comes to the Trans community here @ Rockview, Us girls all stick together for the most part. Shout-out to LC who just got here, Girl it was Nice to finally meet you. I wish our group was bigger. I get a lot outta the support group (cree)

FACT CHECKING

Leading up to the election, issues related to LGBTQ people became talking points in conservative election platforms. Millions of dollars were spent on anti-trans advertising. There is a lot of speculation about what it means for our futures, and a lot of rumors. We are aware that it is difficult for folks on the inside to access the resources needed to discern facts from speculation. Here's the info we have.

rumor: hormones will become instantly inaccessible in prison/on the street

reality: the incoming administration has threatened access to trans healthcare for minors, and promised to end federal funding that covers trans healthcare. this is very concerning for folks in federal detention, folks reliant on military or veteran's healthcare, and people on Medicare.

However, there are protections in place - the Affordable Care Act (ACA, aka Obamacare) includes protections for trans healthcare, and repealing all or part of the ACA would require congress.

Also there are *some* protections for prison healthcare under federal constitutional law (*Estelle v Gamble* - no deliberate indifference to healthcare needs), which would take a supreme court decision to overturn.

That doesn't mean that enforcement of these protections will be effective. We are already seeing some providers feeling empowered to make hormones more difficult to access.

The incoming administration, though, will not be able to instantly ban hormones nationwide.

rumor: legal name changes will be reversed

reality: this is patently false. Name changes are a matter of state law, and are legal in every state.

rumor: same gender marriages will be reversed

reality: this is false. If a marriage was lawful when entered, it will stay lawful. It would take a supreme court decision to end federal protections for same gender marriage, and then we would return to the state-by-state mix of laws we had prior to *Obergefell*.

rumor: gender changes on ID will be reversed

reality: birth certificates and state IDs are covered by state law, not federal law.

Passports are federal, and we can expect that it will become more difficult or impossible to update gender on a passport, and that having an X gender marker will no longer be an option.

Social security cards are federal, but do not include any gender information.

Are there any other rumors you're hearing that you'd like more information on?

INSIDE VISIONS (THE GIFT)

Cecilia Ransom (Ceci) | SCI Phoenix

Hello my HOAW family, I'm Ceci, CPS. Here's my story...

Can you see my visionary dream? I'm a baby zebra, born with seven siblings, my parents nursed us, but as we started to mature with our Black and White stripes, my parents notice that one of her babies 2-Tone stripes appeared different, they assumed the Black and White will eventually appear.

One year later they notice that the stripes was becoming very BRIGHT, the parents was embarrassed at the child's differences, so they hid the child until they found a way to lose it during their relocation, they succeeded...

The child wandered lost and confused, not blending in with their surroundings, so they found toxic flowers to cope, creating allusions by the toxicities in their system that everything's fine. Being untrained and deserted by their patents, they wandered into dangerous territories, until one day they was found deceased and partially dismembered, eaten by the predators that had surrounded this baby zebra.

Scientists later discovered that this particular zebra was born with a special gift that identifies with the light over the planet, only recognized after a rainfall on any area on earth, this color is called a "Rainbow," this is the earth's natural light which allows us all to see in color.

The child's differences were a gift to the parents; not understanding and following the status quo, they missed the opportunity to further advance their lives, by dismissing their child's specialties and leaving them behind and lost. If only they knew.

I write this story for us, to share with all of us who was born with THE GIFT, and what was considered abnormal, most of us never had the opportunity to shine, where others can see our colorful stripes, teaching by our presence.

But it's never too late to turn on your light (for real) to shine where you are, and bloom where you're planted, don't let anybody curtain your glow, let your light shine, allowing "NO SHADE" effect you
Δ

BARS BACK AT YA

Royal Lioness Nefer-titi
SCI Phoenix | NX1988

Who thinking they the hottest in the state?
hold up wait
booty bouncin when it shake
I got that cake
plus I even got a face
Why they hate?
cuz my ass fat wit a tiny waist
and I'm straight
Come holla at the Lioness
to get a plate!
last summer you know all the Lions ate
no debate
don't make me slide that (?) across your face
plead the case
I'm da hottest female rapper up to date
she's a fake!

A WARNING TO US GIRLS

Munta AKA Moon | JP4037 | SCI Benner

This is to emphasize on Miley S. Diamond's reply to Monica on page 37 of issue #37 of "Hearts."

I've been brooding on this for a couple of issues now. I don't speak because I want to talk, I speak when I have something to say. I speak with first-hand experience and only with facts. No spin or story and I understate the reality of things cuz I'm not a storyteller.

I am an example of a complete 180° change in character. People can change. Facts, how many people say they have changed but just put on a façade? Lots. How do you tell when someone's truly changed? Actions, time and consistency. Face facts, people do not come to prison for their outstanding character. Literally, this is the worst place to find someone who'll treat you right. There are good people in prison, but not many. How do you sort out game from truth? We all know that simply being in prison teaches us about various forms of human nature and how to be deceitful whether it be for hiding a contraband stinger or trying to get "perks" out of employment.

There are a plethora of examples of how we downplay, lie, or hide things to stay out of trouble or to have fun. Some people learn how to manipulate people for their gain as a way of life. In prison, being able to read people becomes a life necessity.

I've been traumatized by past partners -as I've previously stated- and I'm going to remind you what I went through. I was mentally, emotionally, socially, financially, physically and sexually abused by past partners. He even beat me with a lock. Forced me to have sex under threat of violence. Even after I left, he said he changed and promised that he'd never do it again. He even took on another partner in this time and seemed to have genuinely changer. But when I denied him sex, he rushed into my cell and assaulted me. He spread rumors about me so no one wanted to talk with me and this lead to other people seeing me as on easy target for attack He'd present himself as the only option available for my protection cuz "I'm the only one who gives a fuck about you." There's WAY more to it but you get the picture-

I bring this up again for a very important reason! A COUPLE OF YOU ARE DATING THEM!!! I have been super down over this for many reasons.

I'll be honest with you and say that one reason is that I don't want this person(s) to feel love. I want him to feel as alone as he made me. To this end, I want to name drop and put them on blast. I'm not going to.

Other reasons for this article are for awareness and self-preservation. Every time I see these names associated with love and affection; I want to scream "No! Stop! He's dangerous!" like some scene out of a horror movie. I'm also overwhelmed with a sense of impending doom. I know how these person(s) can be the sweetest most generous person ever yet have a switch that transforms them into a monster.

A WARNING TO US GIRLS, CONT.

Personally, I would want to know if this happened to someone else. If my man did this, I would want to know.

As I've said before, people do change. I hope this is the case. At the end of the day, we are all grown and can make decisions for ourselves. But what kind of person would I be if I seen this going on and not at least give some kind of warning. If something happened, I would feel like I'm responsible because I didn't even say something. Know what I mean?

I'll finish with this piece of advice for ALL the Queens:

Sit down and have an honest conversation with your man about both of your past relationship experiences. Being candid and honest will both enlighten you and build a stronger relationship. It's not my place to tell his story for him, although it's my story as well. I don't want to come off as the crazy bitch who is just being spiteful. It's better to hear the truth from him.

I say all of this with the best of intentions. I wish nothing but the best for all of the community. If you wish to contact me, I'd be open to it. I'm not going to give hate speech. Only facts.



Art by Yum Yum

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear Hearts Family, I got to Houtzdale last spring. My name is Genesis and I am a 23 year old Trans Woman from Philly. I have been on HRT since I was 14.

When I got locked up I got really depressed and stopped taking my hormones. I been strapping down my breasts and growing out my facial hair and no one here even knows that I'm Trans. Wild, huh! I gave up on myself and was afraid at first, then it became so easy to blend, get money and be among 'the men' that I strayed real far yall... Keep reading tho.

So check it. I always go to the library everytime my block goes and I am in awe of this one worker. Most of us are... On the low tho. Her name is Indya but some still call her Tito. She is beyond beautiful. She is kind, confident and smart. Shorty a latina from Brooklyn, been down since she was a kid. She has a body that turns heads too... Thee Fattest ass. Yo, Shit is Stupid! But she humble and polite. Everybody fux wit her. Its beyond inspiring to see a Trans woman who is not all extra and shit. She is respected for real. On some grown ass woman shit. Mami is real as fuck. (But not to be fucked with)

I never spoke to her, but one day last year I was looking for some shit in the law library and she helped me. Then she came over and types "You only get one life Sis.. Live it on your terms"!!! Bitch blew my mind. Lol. Like WTF! Then I thought "Oh shit. What now." She smiled and said "I got you don't worry." and as I was leaving she slipped me a note that I still have. It says "I been there before. Stay as long as you need. But don't stay too long!" and she signed it in purple glitter ink. I love purple.

We have become good friends in the last year and a half. She has not told anyone that I am Trans. This prison gossips a lot and a lot of people know me. She has kept her word at every turn. I respect her journey and she respects mine. Because of her I am seriously considering restarting my hormones and reviving my true self. I never had support like this from another woman.

Shout out to Indya. My Mentor. My Angel. My friend. I love you to pieces. Thank you for everything. Love always,

~ Genesis.

Hi HOAW family,

Hope you all are doing good wherever you all are and I would like to give a shoutout to the community here at Benner. Egypt, Rokko, Ari, Night, Moon, KC, Spade, O, Cali, Ray, Dec, Stef, Rose, Cork, Leo, David, and a special shoutout to my amazing wonderful sexy hubby Nice. I love you baby and to Rosie we miss you and hope you're doing good.

~ Ashley Olivia Bennet | SCI Benner | QL2399

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear H.O.A.W. Family,

I have been down 8 years and I have 19 left. We have to stand up for each other. I want to give a special shout out to my wonderful beautiful wife Miley S Diamond. I wish you were still here at SCI Forest with me. I know that you have my back. I love you for who you are. I also want to give another special shout out to Teacup, Didi, Jojo, Tiff on HA, Lexi, JB, Emmi, Adam, Chad, Kid, Sydney, Ms. Chicago, Anastasia, Pursephone,

~ William Diamond | SCI Forest | NJ8107

Hopefully this gets published so I can say hi to everyone. Everyone who knows me up here at Albion knows how much I support all of us. I'd like to shoutout to my peeps on East Side, Littlepaw, Reign, Dave, EZ, Siobhan, anyone else I forgot. Also to my favorite E-Chan, I miss the times we had together and hopefully we'll see each other in the future. Anyone else that I missed, I love ya too! To all the girls here at Albion, come to the support group! I go to see all of you since they love to keep us separated. Much love to everyone!

~ Claire Wolfever | SCI Albion

NEW LYRICS FOR MINES

Pharaoh D. Maxwell | JX9638

They too DL, bitch carry on pharaoh doing what pharaoh doing, just sitting back, just laughing at 'em.

I'm tired of cheats that tap da pack, they moving wrong don't ask me that.

Niggas worrying, who gay or not,

CO's strip 'em they ain't saying nothing

Tell ya lift ya dick make ya open ass,

Niggas don't protest that

We are who we choose to be

Shut up nigga go shoot da three

You ain't where you pose 'da' be

Me, me I'm just having fun.

Travieso, so so adorable, ma baby caked up, Dam' ya face so fine, I never mind kissing face up, Get it girl go get it girl

Bring worry oh haters, shake ya butt I'ma get behind it and grip ya waist up wet tongue in ya butt, have you making faces, open up ya legs and get on that and ride without a seat.

LETTERS & LOVE

HOAW Community,

What's good fam? I missed the last deadline, so I'm gonna get to the issue #37 response first. Dwayne: what's understood is understood. Appreciate the directness. RESPECT. Greene community: love and respect. Keep unifying. I've been eligible for Phase 1 since May and approved for G.P. since July. Central office is now dragging their feet with my transfer. 7 years in the twist but I ride solo and I'm a soldier. Kevin Shay: appreciate that. Losing a parent is a terrible pain. Nikki sin: No love lost. In different circumstances it'd be different. I wish you the best and hope you find true love. I'm glad you're ok too! I wanted to tell you directly.

HOAW fam: keep unifying across the board. There is enough hate in the world towards LGBT folks. Try to keep that hate outside of the community. I got a LOT going on y'all so my apologies for any direct shouts I didn't acknowledge. Much love to ALL of you. Keep ya'll heads up!

~ Indy (hopefully in gen. pop by now) | 9-19-24

Big shout to all the queens and goddesses. If you lose your blood family, you will always have your LGBTQ+ family. I've been doing research about me. I'm pansexual and I'm free, and I'll stand up for the queens and goddesses. I used to not want to believe anything but as I grew up into the strong, good man I am, I learned that to be loved you also gotta give love back. I want to send my love to Brittney Rose Werner at SCI Houtzdale: I want to say thank you, you gave me reason to keep it pushing in life. I hope we meet up in Pittsburgh. I called your mom to tell you happy 4 years and happy bday. I love you. You have a home to come to, you got my word.

I want to say what's up Tank, what's goody my boi. I'm about to collect that check default judgement is in my future my dude, send me your info, I'll send you a check. Brittney, Nino, Chino, Eli, Nikki, Tito, to my homegirl Rosie Lis Love here at SCI Greene wit me. Nino, Chino, Eli, we had our problems but we grown and we brothers and warriors. Shout to Big Mir, tighten up, stay strong. To all the community, stay strong and live your best life even if you feel it's not. Keep ya head up. Love,

~ Polo | LG1134 | SCI Greene

Dear HOAW,

I'm writing just to say hi to all of my brothers & sisters that are or were at fayette from 2010-2015: Bonus, Gombert and Wax and Chainsaw. Ya'll were always there when I was weak and needed a friend. Gambert I miss you soooo much and I wish we could've gotten to know each other better. Bonus (my kid) Sometimes being honest is scary but being in prison/young is worse. Torch or Ace will max out on 3/2/27. He's me and we are at Mahanoy. Love always

~ LeRoy McWilliams aka Torch | SCI Mahanoy | JM6908

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear sweet, beautiful, amazing Hearts,

Hey y'all! Ever start writing a letter and you realize that it may just be the newest American Classic? Well, this ain't it. But it doesn't need to be. What it is, is my attempt at expressing my love to all. Ramon, I wish you the best that life has, my love. On your journey, think of me. I miss you so much my world is torn. I love you! To all who are going through something and just can't see to grasp hold of your sanity, I'm with you. Someone you've never met truly cares! Be strong! And to those who have it all together, and are content, share your love. In any form you choose. But love someone you don't know. Help someone you despise. Share your togetherness. If you don't, well, you don't have it together as you believe. Hey Leroy! Slow your roll. You came off thirsty! Anything worthwhile takes time. Let it happen naturally. If it's to be, it'll be. TO all who are fighting your good fight, hang tough. I wish you well, and if I can help, even piss off some people, let me know. I'll write, grieve, and bitch on your behalf. I fear no retaliation! F*@k 'em! I love stirring the shit! And to all who put these words and all others in Hearts on a Wire, thank you! It's the most love I've witnessed, and I'm so deeply thankful! I love you all collectively and individually.

~ Sage <3

Whats up HOAW Family,

I want to give a special shout out to my uncle Quincy Williams that's at SCI Albion I love and miss you unc. Send me your state number so I can write you. Should out to Unique and Mariah Lea that's at SCI Mahanoy. I love and miss you queens. Shout out to midnight and knowledge where ever you are send me yall state number. And last but not least, should out to my brother Cain that's here with me at somerset I love you lil bro and Chocolate Drip I got to holla at you bro. Much love to anybody I missed.

~ The Real CR

SCI Somerset | KZ4953

MY LOVE - IZZY

Maddie | QP3525

My first true love, His name is Izzy,
The love, the Butterflies, He makes me Dizzy!

I can't wait to say I do!

+spend the rest of my life w/ you.

This type of love, I've never felt
This type of Hand, was never dealt.

You treat me like the Queen,
Always kind, loving, + never mean.

Daddy you're my entire world,
This is the Greatest love story ever told.

Can't wait till we are all wrinkly + old

Our love is like a pot of Gold!

I miss you with all my Heart.

I'm in the RHU, feeling tart
When I touchdown, it's time to press restart

On this love that will never end
Love Loyalty+forever—that's our trend.

My love is for you, your heart to tend.

Can't wait to see you, a kiss to mend.

LETTERS & LOVE

Hello to everyone in the H.O.A.W community and beyond,

For years I struggled with my identity, but then in 2016 I slowly began to come out as bi. I struggle with what I am more than who I am. But I know for sure that I love women born & trans. Shoutout to all the queens and give some dab to the guys that hold yawl down. In particular, I wanna say hi to my big sis Yeshoni, Ary, Pretty, and Rozai. These last few years here in Phoenix have been weird but I don't regret coming. Have a Nice Day! Peace!

~ Lil' Wazi | Mikey | SCI Phoenix | QF1039

LA FATÍGA

Indya

[Hook/Coro]

Soy ELLA, Siempre ando filotia'
Las tengo Paniquia, Se ven tan fatiga,
Soy ELLA, Por eso me tiran sal,
Se ven tan fatiga, Las tengo paniquia
[Verse/Verso]

I don't acknowledge them til they come and
kiss the ring,

All the Queens Men but I let these bitches live,
Sit pretty while they pick from what I dissed
Her Nicca want ins but he more like a Sis,
No somos iguales No somos ni similares,
Nunca pierdo no se ni quedar empate,
Tomen asiento cuando entro no se paren,
Aparta el ojo no quiero que se desmayen,
Body Goals I'm stacked with a pretty face,
No knock offs side eye when I spot a fake,
Set the trend kick back watch them ride the
wave

My name steady in and out they mouth, tell
'em how I taste,

Les falta mucho pa' pararse al lado de mi,
Primero califica si tu quieres competir,
Tongue tied y no saben que decir,
Don't speak pucker up bend the knee...

It's been some time it's W.F.
Whittany I know you are at
Rockview, I wanted to say hello. If
you need someone to talk to when
you get out of the BMV come find
me WF AKA Biuy. Stay strong and
don't let others tell you otherwise.
You are you and I will stand with you
no matter what. I seen a lot of
LGBTQ persons I know I love being
one. Get back at me in Hearts on a
Wire keep your usual shine and your
smile on your face everyday you are
special don't let others say otherwise.
STAY SAFE AND BE STRONG. I
will see you one day and say hello in
person. Your special in every way
keep it up girl and my daughter has
your first name

~ WF AKA Biuy

SCI Rockview | FS0968

LETTERS & LOVE

I want to give a shout-out to (Big Sexy Fox) I still go to hoop and stay as true as I can to all the teachings. It's a work in progress forgiveness I think is the most important thing out of all the teachings, so I forgive you and anyone who have done me wrong. My release is coming up soon, 11/24/26 as a Cree female I plan on keeping true to my teachings and not giving up just as Dan George Intertribal said, "Do not stop watering the corn while you count on the clouds to bring rain." Another Hopi Proverb, "Lose your temper and you lose a friend. Lie and you LOSE yourself. Trans Female Red Power!!!

~ Brittany Rose Marie | QA4783 | Bon Haas | SCI Houtzdale

Dear Hearts On A Wire,

My name is Eli and I recently came out as my true self. I've known for quite some time that I was a woman, but I've always kept it to myself. With the help of my amazing Man Chris. I finally had the courage to step into the light and I cannot tell you how much better I feel. It was such a weight off my shoulders to put the fake me out there for everyone to see. There are definitely some difficulties, as I am a very shy and private person. So trying to be assertive and tell people my name and my new gender is challenging. I want to thank you for your newsletter, as reading stories from others in our community has helped me tremendously. Knowing that I'm not alone in what I'm dealing with gives me Heart that better times are ahead. Thanks again for all you do,

~ Eli | QQ2027 | SCI Forest

Sup HOAW Family?

I hope everyone is well. When I first started receiving HOAW I just needed something to do, but once I started really getting into it I realized that this jawn really jumping like social media or some shit. I be sitting on my bunk CTFU especially when this dude say he love this jawn and she say she love some other dude :) To Pursephone I read your submission in issue #38, I don't know if it was a typo or what but thanks but no thank you. We both know it wouldn't be a good idea. To the black pocahontae chief medicine woman when you said you will become exactly what you envision you will be that was some real shit. Hit me up, NO I'm not shooting my shot you just seem like you can hold the type of convo I like to have. Tell Bass Bigz said what up. To munta LOL hell yeah Rock out with your sock out shortie Miley what up. Last, all the kings & Queens @ Greene get out this Jawn, blessed be.

~ Vlad DE Impaler | SCI Green | LZ4329

LETTERS & LOVE

TO: Hearts on the wire. I have gotten your last Book and I love your support for us the gays and the trans such as my self I have lost a lot of people in my life Because of my life style so I have no love coming from The outside.

Shout out to Shodo CR. JB. Keke y'all keep y'all heads up swetty bady we love you and Kip we love you and Shy with the green eyes freedom I love you.

Love Mee Me AKA

~ Quincy Williams | LK 4519 | SCI Albion

Dear HOW Fam: It's been over a year since I last contributed. Emotionally its been a tumultuous period for me. I'm sorry for not turning to my brothers & sisters for support. I came out to my mom. At first I thought it went well but quickly her true feelings started to permeate our conversations. Even now, thinking of it gums me up. I don't much feel like writing. All I ever wanted was for my mother to accept me. How can you say you love someone and not support their authenticity? Why is my unwavering eccentricity such a threat to her happiness? My mother is so afraid that someone will hurt me that she is blind to the soul crushing pain she herself is killing me with. Thank you so much to the kings & queens I've met while incarcerated. Your love, your shout outs, your hearts laid bare on this wire-- they sustain me through the days when I don't think I could bare it for another day. When the abuse threatens to silence me-- you sustain me. As I prepare for the next chapter of my life, I have faith that your love-- spread across the PA DOC & beyond will sustain me through the uncertainty of the future waiting for me outside these walls. The LGBTQ+ community and its allies have been an integral part of my support during my incarceration. Losing you as I walk out is a pain I am not sure how to prepare for as the inevitability of my release becomes larger than the trauma I'll be leaving behind. I would walk through this hell-bion all over again if it means I'd get to meet you beautiful people one more time. I hope to see you on the other side but until then please take care of yourselves and one another. Goodbye. Au Revoir. Adios.

~ X. Salcedo – Ms. Chino | QK7250 | SCI Albion

HOAW Family

I shoutout to yins all, Miley thank you for your inspiring words in last issue #37 to me. Shouting out to Ms Mary @ Phoenix, Ms Tessa @ Greene, Indy I hope to meet you one day. I am at Greene & other Trans are asking about you here. Ms Rebecca Coltfire , haven't heard from you Girl. Hope all my Trans Sisters @ Albion are well and hope for a shoutout from yins all, and all the Trans Sisters across PA want to give a warm shout-out & hello.

~ Ms. Tay | SCI Greene

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear HOAW,

Hey Fam! For some reason, I haven't been receiving my HOAW Newsletter. Hopefully these guards aren't withholding them. Y'all know how they feel about us girls and our community as a whole. But lately I have been really focussed on trying to get relief through the courts and get out of prison. If all goes my way I'll be happy, but very scared. I look a lot different than before I came to prison, I'm a lot more girly and now have c-cup breast. And I look "damn good". Also feelin' good about myself and my future. I love my transness along with all my brothers and sisters "we rock".

I've learned a lot from HOAW newsletters and hearing different journeys, and reflecting on my own journey. I wanna say "hey" to the boy Indy, yes you know I like you! To my girl Cree at Rockview, what up sis? Jacinda Lee at Albion, we gotta hang out girl!

Also October 8th is the hearing for 2nd degree Murder becoming no longer an automatic life sentence. The Derrick Lee case. Fingers crossed. Well family I love y'all, remember we must stand as one.

Your sister,

~ Ms. Angela B.

H.O.A.W.,

So I'm starting my path to womanhood. I've been down this road b4, it took A LOT of people and myself to realize that no one is worth ending your life over or ruining it. I thought to myself "what would a person who cares a lot about me say if they found out I did this?" And it helps. I'm not here to preach, no one is perfect. But if you wanna figure out your worth, just start thinking you're better than a celebrity. Like for me I think of myself as Ke\$ha. She had a rough road but still does her stuff. But don't let any girl, man, person, or anything that puts you down make you think less of urself. Shout outs to: Adam, I miss you even though you're away, I still think about you. I hope to meet up again. Diamond: take care of Miley, miles don't separate love. Gordon, hey sister, how's you doing? French, hey sorry for the hate I made you have towards me. Cherry Red (Unique) be a good girl, also be careful out there, I've heard bad stories about Phoenix. Heather, Brittany, Miley, Frankie, Zoey, Rosie, Ashley, Stephanie, Megan, Blue Magic, Chino, hey bros and sisters. I got messed up in Benner. I agree with the info on Benner not being a trans safe haven. Well, hope to see you guys on the other side of the fence. With the BMU program I can get my DK time done and possible 360 of getting parole (possibly) but I will plan for the worst and hope for the best. But by the way, if anyone wants to know how make shirts with sayings on them, use deodorants that are white then write the saying and it stays on the t shirt until it's washed. Good luck anyone and everyone. #TeamWhittany

~ Whittany | SCI Rockview | QH2193

LETTERS & LOVE

HELLO HOAW FAMILY: Shoutout to my wifey Abercrombie and Chris/Christopher M.J. Scott!! Sorry I've been MIA. , I have a lot of legal business to tend to, and a heavy caseload. I send my love and shoutouts to everyone on the H.O.A.W!! LOVE IS LOVE. IN SOLIDARITY

~ Ernest Scott | ND23773 | (ESQUIRE) -AKA TANK-

Hi family: Well, they moved me from Benner back to Greene, but this time I'm in G.P. on KA Block. On this block, I met Ms. Charli, she is a sweetheart. I just met her n love her, she's everything u can ask for in a friend/sister, beautiful in and out. Today is 9/11/24. I have a promotion to put in next month, to move closer to home. Ace at Mahanoy, thank u for the kind words, I'm glad I was able to help u live ur truth. I <3 u very much. Send ur info. Shout out to Nice, Stefanie, Ashley, Egypt, Rokko, Arianna, Cork, Leesa, Rose, Miller, Nyght, KC, Spade, to my heart Mama Dee, <3 u sis... Unique, Whitney, stay strong. Ms. Peaches, <3 u sis... big Daddy foot here at Greene. I be at church if any family wants to meet me, here at Greene. To my husband Safu at Somerset, <3 u Boo Daddy.

~ Rosie Lis Love | Nelson Vazquez | KH0078 | SCI Greene

WEIRD

"A"

People say that I'm weird, well I say I'm unique...
Why do I have to be weird when I'm just being ME!
Am I weird cause I chase Baddies and a little booty?
Or is it cause I'm comfortable with who I am and you're trying to be me?
I guess I'm weird cause I have the courage to truly be me...
So if I'm weird let me be weird so my community sees.

-This is for my Sistas and Brothers who have been called weird. We're weird, we're Queer, and we here. LGBTQ+++

What's up Hearts,

I need a bit of advice. There's this girl that I kinda have a thing for but I already told her that I didn't want to mess around with nobody due to me being short on time. She's bad. but here's the thing how do I go back on that part where I don't wanna mess with nobody? I feel like if I fall in love I would find a reason to stay in jail and my goal is to get back to the real world. I know where my loyalty would get me. Should I tell her how I really feel? And tell her what my fears are? Damn yall please help me Im desperate.

~ "A" | KD3

LETTERS & LOVE

HOAW Family!

Love Fam. 2 years ago a special woman told me she wanted to be my friend. Y'all know her as Nikki (with all the aka's) but she is now Mrs Nichole Quinones-Walker. She's my twin, best friend, confidante, & fiancée. We are so alike it feels like a psychic connection. You always got my best interest at heart. You protect those chinks in my armor without question. I could have all the riches but still couldn't afford to lose you. #BIGFACTS! Thanks 4 being the woman U are. I Love U4-Eva-N-All-Ways! Quick Shoutouts: Dwayne: What's understood is understood. Appreciate the directness. Respect! Greene Community: Keep unifying y'all! I'll be in a new camp by the time this lands most likely. Kevin Hay: Thanks. No pain like losing a parent. Calvin, Vlad, Kareem: Nikki is GOOD! Thanks for the concern but I got her. PERIOD! LOVE FAM! Keep working on unifying across the board. We got enough hate outside the community, so unify within. P.S. MWCL to all my Juggalo/Juggalette Homies

~ Antoine "Indy" Walker

My Beloved Family,

I am now in SCI Forest, in the BMU UGH! I really don't like it here. Shout out to anyone who been or are currently in a BMU and are LGBTQI...Shout out to Whittany Ann Smith at Rockview. I was housed at Rockview before for like 10 years. I watched them build Benner. Anyways, I am isolated cuz most over here are hating me. But Fuck that shit! Come on Whitany, we going to get this program done and go back to GP. I'm already on 3M. I'm actually trying to go back to Rockview on Phase 1, then I'm going to try to get to the camp. Anyways, I just wanted to update the Fam. Shoutout to my Boop, My heart G- Hill. I miss you. Holla at C. Gadson. Everyone at Rockview and Albion. Shout out to Van Hall, it's been too long. I see you. Buckshot, Lil Mama (aka Kay) at Albion, and Alexis, Munta what up love. Forever to Everyone. #L.G.F P.S. I was thinking of a new name. Instead of GeGe I might change it to C.C.

~ C.C.

Hi, much love to LGBTQ+ people, and all supporters of LGBTQ+ people, thanks for trying to understand what we go through. Shout out to Nikki, Ms. Q at Forest, to Burk at Forest, to Chino, to Jessie, Bob what's poppin, to Dayna, to Lil foot, much love for you no matter what, to my cellmate, to Kelly, hey Steffanie, to Maddie, to Freedom, hey stack Hous, keep your head up. Hi to one of my many styles Ms. Ashley Ray AKA A-Ray, to wade your cup is still running and I like that, to Bam Bam, I know we don't always see eye to eye but I still have love for you, to 50 Shades of Jay, like your work, to Dior, yes get your life Honey, to Rider keep your head up, to Luke, we're not always perfect, remind yourself of that.

~ Dyvon Rogers | QP3534 | AKA Yum Yum

LETTERS & LOVE

Hello H-O-A-W Family. This last year has been a journey for me. I was too focused on helping others & lost myself along the way. I thought if I give my all to my (friends, lover(s), family) that I would receive the same treatment... LOL NOT @ ALL... When it comes to this (prison) life, it's very rare to have someone (other than your mother) who would always be there for you. I am 11 years on a sentence for a crime I didn't commit. Navigating who to trust has been my biggest problem. I never judge a person off of what others say, I rather let them show me who they are through their actions.

Now I'm not gonna cap & act like I'm a saint because, I'm far from that! But, I'm not a bad person because of how I chose to style my hair or because I have tattoos all over my body. I chose them to pay homage to my African ancestors. For me it's a artform. So, the next time your about to judge a book by it's cover, make sure you read the book first.

Before I go, shout out to everyone apart of the LGBTQ+ Community & those who support us. Shout out to all of my folks up Benner! (Munta, Ariana, Steph, Ashley, Roslynn, Lisa, Kourt, O, Cali, J.R., Nice, J.P., Whiskers, Egypt, Rock... etc.) sorry if i missed anybody (no shade) LOL & Shout out to my Twin! Your really the best thing that's every happened to me like... you gotta nigga feeling like I'm back in middle school or some shit. LOL #PuppyLove :) – POPPA OUT! Sincerely,

~ Mid-Knyght | SCI Benner | LX3072

Blessed Be,

HOAW Trans Sisters in PA that are Wiccan aka Timber stay strong. To Brittany Rose Werner, I remember you a lot, stay strong. I will be home soon as Records straighten my max date. I am going to Erie, PA. If I can't remember, can you find your info and we'll stay in touch through the mail. Oh my adopted Mom passed away when I was on the phone with her, so I feel numb as shit. Heads up Raymond Beck aka Raylin @Forest is on some Forest UB type time.

Brittany, there was a black trans sister Brittany here when you left Somerset is your white sister I came up with I miss you, you was family Girl to me. Send your info I can stay in touch. We been through a lot. I'll help you get set up with some place to live. Hey to my wife forever Mrs Ravin Starz Marie Killian, I love & always will. We went through stuff and come out of it, deep down I will love you & take you back with or without our street history I love you. I changed my name Kayla to Kimberly because it's a new start and a better fit on my name.

Love,

~ Kimberly Destiny Emmel | Joseph Emmel | QA5959 | SCI Somerset

Soon to be Kimberly Destiny Killian for life

LETTERS & LOVE

To Hearts on a Wire:

First, I want to say thank you to the publishers of HOAW for their wonderful publication. Reading issue #38 helped me to realize that I am a bisexual male. Shout to those at SCI Forest who, most likely, knew this about me but let me come to self-knowledge in my own time.

To Will and Steve: thank you for being the true friends you became to me by helping me out in many matters, including my sexual identity. Keep doing what you're doing and you will eventually win. To Jason: I'm sorry I can no longer walk and talk with you, but I did what I needed to do to get out of a bad celly situation. I hope you understand. To Lee: I'm sorry you and I will never become cellies but I did what I needed to do. I hope you are doing well and plan to keep in touch with you when I max-out. Keep your head up and stay true to what we talked about. To Ben: It was good seeing you earlier this week. I'm glad I was able to apologize to you. I still care about you and wish there was something I could do to make things better for you. With your permission, I will keep in touch with you when I get out. Just know that I will always want and wish for the best of everything for you. Keep smiling! To Tone Tone: Hope to see you back in our home town. I will keep in touch with you until then.

To all of the above: Keep doing the good things you are doing and be who you are, no matter what anyone else says or does.

~ Kenny C | GM9278 | SCI Forest

Wassup H.O.A.W family I'm currently at SCI Forest. Its cool so far here is an Extensive LgbtQ+ community It just saddens me how divided the community is. Im also a Pagan, so if their is any Pagans and/or Wiccans also within the community Whats up Reach out if possible. Stop all the divide within the community. Shoutout to the Bro Slim @ SCI Mahanoy and IK She got transferred but also to Cardi that was at Mahanoy. anybody within the community Ever looking or Need spiritual advice get in contact with me Im a demigod a Big spiritual advisor. P.S) Shoutout my bro's + Queens!

~ INK | SCI Forest | Samir Price | MZ8030

Well well, look here, if it ain't my old friend. After so long when you were in 41 cell on D Block and I was in 14 cell on D Block. How you been Mariah, I was shown your picture in June, wow! I still hear from Danny who was my cellie, he's down in Phoenix, so you can give shoutout to my cousin Knowledge, but I've known you since B Block when you were in 58 cell and I was in 17 ...

~ Tone Tone | LV3537 | SCI Forest

THE ROSE THAT GREW FROM THE CONCRETE

Kev, to Rosie Lis Love

Roses R Red, Violets R Blue
The words within is said, what I think of u!!!

You're the most precious of all Roses
that a man has ever seen
And everyone knows this
it's embedded within your genes

Where the hell you came from
must've been so damn unique
A beautiful Rose to proclaim one
that came from off the Street

Born to this world
a special treasure to be found
A boy who lives as a girl
in this Universe that is crowned

A Queen who Rules
majestically from her throne
A Lady who use her power to constantly roam

She's a Rose everyone know
from her head to her toes
her shadiness expose
to all her friends n her foes

She's a prize, oversize
She's a gift to be swift
In my eyes she hypnotize
my lips to be kissed

Magnetic full of energy
so exciting to have as a friend
always constantly inviting me
to embrace your loving within

You're truly one of a kind
No one can match your wit
you're one, a special find
that everyone want to get with

You're so much I can say
or think of in any way
A rare friend indeed
what more must I say?

If someone ask me
I'll be very quick to
speak, you're the
Rosiest of all Roses
that grew from the
Concrete!!!

LETTERS & LOVE

Hey HOAW! I would like to give a shoutout to my Baby boo Slim! Your always there for me and make me smile, your truly amazing Love. I'd also like to shoutout the baddest girl I know Makayla! Your so much fun and I love when your around. Shoutout to the other girls on my block. Kaitlyn you make my hair look so good and Nicole your so pretty girl! And last I'd like to say hi to the rest of the Houtzdale crew, I don't see all of you as much anymore. Oh and special shoutout to Nino.

~ Kaylee

QP7165 | SCI Houtzdale

To Hoaw

Family times are rough my own ally who I was close with got me a 120 days for a incident I got away with the community is small at Dallas we are outcasted by all measures. No TV in the hole Chucky my love I miss you dealry I tried to go home Its probably best said on pge 18 from the summer issue a Poem by Brandon Williams – Wherever there is hope to land at Phoenix with ya. To KC. Nate was up here got his info he's gonna hit your Brother up LOL

P.r.i.d.e life.

J. Montanari or Brenner 1.21.23

~ J Montanari

SCI Dallas | KT6847

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear HOAW,

I have run out of ideas . It's so hard to get a job in prison and even harder to keep one. On another note they started our trans group back up at Albion. We meet once a month but to be honest they have no clue how to run this group. It was shut down once before b/c there was no kind of direction. Do you have any suggestions on topics or goals that we as a group should work on? Is there any paperwork or information or legal issues we could be working on? I would like to see more girlie stuff on commissary or at least be offered the same as the female pop. All it seems like they are doing is taking more and more stuff from us. To the Inside Collective~ Listen Girls, we have to come together as a group and community. I have a Girl who wants my husband so bad that she is in contact with his mother. Come on Girl, we can do better than this. It's not a contest and we achieve nothing hurting each other. #Stopthegossip. Mr Wolfe I miss you like no other, you have shown me what I was missing in life. Now without it I'm hurting more than even you know. You have done well at taking care of me and you have treated me like a true Queen in every sense of the word. Girls I only hope that you have a taste of what true love is. I've had more than just a taste and would be lost without it. Just know there is someone for everyone and I wish you all the luck. I'm working for changes for all of us as we speak, wish me luck! 😊 Freedom!

~The Real Harley Quinn | Justin Stackhouse | QQ5081 | SCI Albion

Whats up family,

A big shout out to everyone I -ucked with at SCI Houtzdale. All my love to my baby Skyler. I really miss our time together, you really helped me and for that you will always hold a place in my heart. Wherever I land I'm goin to have my bro get ahold of you. From the bottom of my heart I love you and miss you sooo freakin much. Soon as I get out of here I'm coming to find my baby. Until then keep your head up and stay how you are which is sexy as a mother-ucker.

A big shout out to my homie Nino at Houtzdale. I'm done with this nut camp. The best thing that ever happened to me is when I met you five years ago in the kitchen. Never stop doing what makes you happy lil homie cause you already know I'm here for you if you ever need me, soon as I land I'll have my folks keep in contact with you. I got a whole lot of time and so do you so hopefully our paths cross again, cause I don't have anyone to drink with. I know our path is goin to cross again. Until then, stay you and don't let them suckers at that jail turn you into one of them.

~ Buddy | SCI Houtzdale | HH9252

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear all the family in hearts,

I have been doing well. By the time this is printed I will have gotten my next hit from the denial bored. It's nice to see I'm not the only non-binary person. Kaitlyn May, I like how you put it: Everyone is Enough. I also agree with The Black Pocahontas being Wiccan and attending Native American Circle, I feel like I can be close to Gods and Goddesses because I rep both male and female. I also like how Munta put it, I'm going to rock out with my cock out - I like to be able to change my gender when I want. Also Munta I feel you, it sucks when the banana breaks.

To Detroit at Houtzdale as far as Wicca books that I have found to help me *The Complete Book of Witchcraft* by Raymond Buckland *Witch School First Degree* by Don Lewis-Highcorrell and *Color a Magick Spell* by Hedgewater and Daniels - this is a good book to work spells in prison. We are not able to run our own Wicca or Pagan service here without a pagan chaplain. So a lot of us attend Native Hoop.

Prime it's good to hear another person find their true self. Sage I enjoy seeing you. Ash I love your poem and always like to see you. Shout out to Shay I hope you're doing good at Coal. I miss you Gator, when's your max? I'm glad you enjoyed my poems. Your brother is still here. Keep your head held high, love.

I'm sending lots of love to all my other friends who get this that I haven't mentioned. I talked to my mom about my name change and she was okay with it. She said to change my last name to what my first name is so my family can still call me Tyler. I don't know how I feel about it.

~ Taz/Timber | Tyler Trewitz NM4043

Giving a shout-out to all my trans sisters and brothers in PA. Shoutout out to Ary, Rebecca, my trans mom Miley (miss you dearly mom), and all those in SCI Albion. Also, shoutout to Kaleem Shelton and Chocolate Drip at SCI Greene. This is Ms. Tay at SCI Greene. I am on B Block too. Come say hello. For everyone else, what's up! Ms. Ari at SCI Phoenix: can you say hello and what's up from time to time? Don't play like you're old and forgetful.

~ Ms. Tay Wolfgang | SCI Greene | LT0387

Shout to Ashley at SCI Benner. Tell Dave I said Hello.JP and Tiffany I hope y'all make it home safely. Shoutout to my Blue Eyed Angel the She-Wolf Anastasia at SCI Forest and Miley S Fletcher, SJ, Ms Tattoo, Ms Dee Dee, Sydney up at SCI Forest and my Man Knowledge wherever you hold up at, your Homie, I'm proud of you Dawg real talk. And to Olivia and Ms Cindy up at SCI Benner, and to Aryilla up at SCI Greene I hope I see y'all out on the street.

~ Big Daddy Big Foot | SCI Huntingdon

LETTERS & LOVE

I'm a transgender person who was always looking for someone to be there for me. When I was young I would always be by myself the funny thing is that it wasn't with GI Joe Cars, football, basketball are anything that was for 'Boys' are suppose to like I play with Jacks, Bardara, cooking toys, rope, doctor, house, hide go see I always feel like something wasn't right and if a girl would look at me I would roll my eyes because's I thought they was "worry" because I like to do the same things they did so now I have find out about a new life style it seem like I want to no more so I begin to look for people like me it took me days to find but when it happened that when I realize that I was gay. As a gay boy I wanted to know what the life was about it was the most funny's thing that I did and I love it so now that I'm old I have been in relationships with men's but I never feeled love by them so I want to find that one person that will give me there soul and heart and my search I have gotten in and out of trouble so it me a long time to find someone I can be with, but now I'm a full transgender person and I found the one I want to spend my life with it funny because I'm lock-up in jail. I would never had believe that this can happened but i have so we are now as husband and wife but as his wife I want him to always know that I will continue to love him so he have given me my ring and I never thought that it would happen and I'm getting his today as I write this, so this is a big thing to me we will always and forever as one my name was Kelly Williams and now it will be Kelly McKinney and I welcome my new life with this man I love with my life. Demmin D. McKinney my husband well it been nice talking to you all and I hope that you will find someone special too.

~ Kelly McKinney | SCI Forest | QQ0978

Dear HOAW,

"Thanks" to all the HOAW Family for making these issues possible for us all. I send my love to everyone in the community near and afar. Shoutouts to everybody at SCI Houtzdale, Nikki, Nichole Quinones, Tito, Brittany, Jay Lynn on FA & DA, Kaitlyn Mae Santos. To my guys Eddie, Bones, Lyte, Butters All Love Squad. To the Kings & Queens all over, All Love. Let us continue to maintain and make our community Great. Because we are all Family!!

~ Amir aka Mr Big, King of Kings
SCI Houtzdale | FE5819

TO LIVE AGAIN

Ashley Olivia Bennett | NG1062

The cold darkness and the fall that lead me to the deep depression that brought on the hot

salty tears and the aching heart and feeling alone and unwanted scared and falling apart wondering where I went wrong and thinking I would be better I was gone and then you came along and picked me up and brought me into the beautiful warm light cheered me up wiped away my tear's healed my heart and took away my fear's and make me fall in love over and over again because of you I have a reason to live again

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear Hearts on a Wire Family, Brothers, & Sisters,

I am writing to let everyone know that this is my last posting while behind the walls of this Korrupt PA Doc System. I Can honestly say that I am thankful to max out 7 yrs. I did it with the help from ALL THE LGBTQIA2S+ Family. Thank you all so much. I will keep in touch with all of you. Especially those who been by my side during my incarceration, here @ Benner Township. Let me shout them out! *Heather – Thank you for helping me to find my womanhood and help me come out as trans. *Arianna – who helped me physically, emotionally, and mentally, and financially. Thank you for being my friend. *Spade – Who became my homie and was there when I was having relationship issues. He also never turned his back on me. *Leesa – Girl you became my best friend after we got to talking and hanging out with each other. You've helped me through rough times and struggles. *Cork – Thank you for always having my back when I was fucking up. You're a True homie. *MY TRUCKING-O-Zone – Thank you babe so much for proposing to me while in the RHU. Thank you for not giving up on me babe. You showed me how to hustle, be a TRUQUEEN, showing me my worth, and opening my eyes to what I can have being with you. You gave me a chance to be your Queen and be in the same position as you and not caring what people were saying bout me. You told them that you was gonna change that and wife me up and you did baby boy. I love you and miss you so much. You are my world my everything. Love Always & Forever your TRU Queen/Wifey/BabyGurl Jordyn Autumn Wilson/Infinite \$tarr Pizzy. I Can't wait until we are home & we have a family. Shout out to my Brothers & Sisters that I forgot to name here @ Benner & all the SCIs in Pennsylvania. I also want to name a few others. *Midnyght – Thank you for being a homie and a friend. I have your info I will reach out to you & set up visits, phone, & pictures. *Nice – Your my homie and I will keep in touch with you as well. *My Bro JD on A-Blle with me Thank you for being my homie and hanging out with me. *JD on c-Block @ Benner – Yo you my homie. I will keep in touch with you and we can hang out when I get home and when you get home. You will be home soon. *Berger AKA Kim – Girl you be yourself and don't let those assholes get to you. You are a great person & have a good personality. Don't go lookin fo luv let luv come to you. *Chino & Alex – Y'all two are my homies & have given me advice on so many things thank you for being my homies. Now here is something that I want EVERYONE to know. Keep a positive mindset, plan ahead on what you are gonna do when you are released, stay away from old habits, people, places, & things. You can do anything that you put your mind to and be the positive change in the community. Let others follow you and you not follow them. Love you all & stay sucka free. Good vibes your sister JPizzy/Infinite Starr.

~ J Pizzy | Infinite Star | SCI Benner | NR0059

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear Heart on A Wire I would like to inform people that SCI Forest is doing things like false-inprisoning inmates for speaking their minds I am facing 60 days for nothing and on top of that I was leaving the best person in my life (Emi) Sorry for all the sadness and hardship I bestow apoun you. Also for all the others keep your heads up and don't let anyone get ya down. Shoutout to my loving family in Forest. Big Momma (Emi), T. cup, Syd, Ed, Jamie, Will, Steve, Mama Ty, Big King Tim, SPARROW, Omar, Tif, ToneTone, and others if I forgot sorry I love everyone.

~ Kiddy KID | SCI Forest

Timber? Taz, my beautiful and special baby whom I like, love, care about and be with. You've made a positive impact n my life. I accept you for who you are yesterday, today and tomorrow. Also, I want you, I love you

~ A.W.E. | SCI Mahanoy

Hello HOAW Fam, I'm at SCI Forest now and this spot is trash. The LGBTQ+ community in this facility has no unity at all and I wish it wasn't like, we need love, loyalty, and respect amongst us. Please show the love, loyalty, and respect for all the Brothers and Sisters at SCI Forest because we need each other. I want to give a shout-out to Ms DiDi @ Forest, I love you Baby, I think about you daily and enjoy our time together whenever we get it. Jay-Hood in SCI Houtzdale, I miss you bro always stay up no matter what happens. One last shout-out to Veronica Lynn Fierce, I miss ya crazy ass. Stay out of the way and go home to your family. Stay positive y'all, never give up. Peace and Love,

~ Baby Bama | SCI Forest | NY7077

Dear H.O.A.W.

Sending my love to "Little Foot" at Albion. You have my heart forever and I'll NEVER let anyone or anything come between us. Stay focused so you can get out of there. My case against the DOC is going well, the expert testifies for me at the next hearing. Pray for me and keep your fingers crossed. Remember that you are loved dearly. Love you boo-boo kitty!

~ Anthony "Whitey" Day Sr. | SCI Houtzdale | HQ4005

HER

Eli Evans | PD3496

I fell in love with Her
All of Her
Her love
Her body

I want Her
I need Her
By my side
In my arms

Lay her down
Making love to her
Showing Her
How much I love her

Watching Her
As she shakes that a\$\$
Looking at me
Watching Her

I want Her
I love Her
She needs me
And I need Her

LETTERS & LOVE

Hearts on a wire,

Hey everybody its Mariah Lee @ Mahanoy. First I want to thank Hoaw for all the support they show ALL Lgbt thru this news article. I been working on trying to introduce the female brown uniform into the male prisons. I am currently waiting to hear back from an attorney from the PILP. I have already took all steps to avoid a civil lawsuit but this prison will not give me this uniform. I filed and exhausted all remedies so I'm now waiting on the lawyer. I wanted to give a couple shoutouts: First shoutout is to my lil sis Ms. Parker... Girl... I love you and I'm always going too PERIOD!! SAGE, Ash, Red, Javier (my Baby), Ace, Dre, Todd, Cliff, and I saved Daniel French for last. JB I hope your doing OK I have not talked to your Mom in a while ONLY cause I lost her # but tell her I send ALL my love and RESPECT! Savage, Nir, Violet, and Joe... I miss y'all and love y'all. To Amir AKA Big Mir @ Houtzdale... you funny as hell... Umm I got no more drawings but I'll bless you soon l-o-! Stay out of trouble. All love: Mariah Lee

~ Mariah Lee | SCI Mahanoy | KP5129

(A RAP I WROTE) [WINDOW PAIN]

Mid-knyght | LX3072

When I'm all alone – I cry to myself –
They say holding that shit in is bad for ya health //
Locked behind the wall – shackled – wrists all in chains //
As soon as I took a fall – It seemed like everybody changed //
Hurting looking out the window – staring at the rain //
I guess that's really why they call that shit "window pane" //
I need help with my depression –
Started using drugs just to cope, but it aint helping //
It just make me even madder once my high gone –
Upstate talking to my grandma on a pay phone //
She tell me "Hold ya head high – one day you coming home" –
Told her I try, but my biggest fear's to die alone //
(Nobody know what this shit like)
Gave me four letters – I ain't talking bout no kite //
The system set me up – and then they took away my life //
Crooked ass cops – violated all my rights //
Freedom is free – cuz everything does has a price //
I wanna take a knee – then sometimes I wanna fight //
I should've took the plea – but innocent despite //
The color of my skin – this wouldn't happen if I was white //
(Would it?)...

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear Hearts,

To all my gods and goddesses, I pray that every one of you is holding your crown! But I know this isn't always easy. All of my friends have turned their back on me for love or money, but mostly for money. And I hate how we in the community do each other. It's hard enough that the entire Earth is already against us. Why must we cut down, and backdoor each other? Recently, a lot of people I cared about have fallen out of the lions circle, my only true friends left are Bazz and Babi Gurl. Why can't we love one another and build each other up? We are all we have! But I realize that I can't change the community, I can only change myself. So on that note, I'm letting the Lioness loose! Because they turned on me. I am gonna turn up! I'm gonna make more love and more money than every before, and I'm gonna breed more lions and bad bitches. And I'm gonna do my best to set the standard and example for what it means to be under this banner. I am a lion. And a lion is a "leader in our nation." And if there are any other lions out there who want to run with the real ones, our hunting grounds are SCI Phoenix. Get at me.

Shoutouts: first of all to Amen Ra, the Most high God. God of the Egyptian Hebrews who are the Nefari Lions. Then to Boss Daddy, boss of all bosses, you know I love you man. Keep that thing in your pants and we will be fine! To Rozai Benu, I'm done howling at the moon, I'm back walking in the Egyptian Sun. Holla at me, you know my magik is strong. To Babi Gurl, if that ass got any fatter it's gonna pop! Thank you for being a true sister. To Bazz, my God and my king, what's understood don't need to be explained. To the Nefari Lions, thank you for making this transformation with me. Didn't I promise to feed you well? And finally to Darrell Maxwell aka Pharaoh. You know I am the only true Egyptian Lion Goddess "Sek-met Nefari," I see you still got hot bars, remember the red and black kufi I gave you with the Eye of Osiris on it? You will never believe how bad I am now! I love you all my Lion Kings and Queens, get wit me, we eatin now!

~ Royal Lioness aka Nefer-titi | NX1988

All of my Mahanoy LGBTQIA+ community & family, thank you for loving me & supporting me. Timber AKA: Taz stay strong, I miss you! Dawn love ya honey & Hey Babe! Tay tay, Simone, Matt, Sage, Gator in Camp Hill, I hope your doing better. Bran keep writing & creating, waiting to do a song? Caspian @ muncy do you like art? If so, any favorite type of art? Jerold, "shaking the tree boss." Question to the community. Does anyone have any tips on voice training? Thanks, embrace the positive, reject the negative, peace & love. Your princess, Ash Horan @ Mahanoy. ♡ PS. Jerold, Yea, you see, got my choppa. lol, LMFAO.

~ Ashley Horan | SCI Mahanoy | GZ4476

LETTERS & LOVE

hello hoaw family,

how's everyone doing? i got my newsletter [38] and i'd like to say its great hearing from ya'll. i'd like to send a shout-out to a few ppl. let me 1st start with whittany ann smith, keep your head up. i know it can feel like your all alone back there, [bmu] but we're here for you. do you know when your gonna be out in pop? we'd love to welcome you with open arms. [support group, meeting you in pop] shout-out to monica, girl get back with me. i sent you tons of emails, but you haven't got back. i miss you. to everyone i've missed, i'm sending love ur way. we need to support each other instead of tearing them down. it is my duty to get everyone here at rockview who is in the community to stick by 1 another. update on my love life, i'm back with my ex haasan. we've been taking crap slow and working on us. some ppl might say; why.. i say when you love someone, its hard to just turn it off. i believe everyone deserves a second chance. feel free to give me feedback on giving ppl second chances [partners] i send my love to each of you. on 10/1 it'll mark 3yrs on hrt. i love how my body is changing. hey ya'll at other sci's don't have support group once a week or more times than what its now? here at rockview we have it every week, thursdays 1:30-2:30
well i gotta go, remember, i love everyone.
stay strong. your sister,

~ mrs. cree phillips (phillips is my husband's last name)

UNTITLED

Tone Tone | SCI Forest

How could you leave
and break my heart in two
then leave me with this pain
inside.

I thought you and I were
each other's world.

But I guess it's not the
way you felt about it.

I can't hide the fact,
that I still have feelings
for you.

When I go to bed at night
I think about you

My Brothers and Sisters I have a question for y'all why do nice guys finish last? I'd like to hear from the brothers and sisters in the community on this. Shout out Indya Cariña te quiero mucho, Eli you my dude, George my mentor thank you for showing me there's always something to improve in one's self, Makayla you always keep me laughing, Kaylee you my #1 burnout but I love you, Nikki you'll always be someone I care about I miss your silly ass, Brittney even though we don't talk as much anymore you know I love you, Yum Yum you may not remember me but we were in Camp Hill together on H Block. To any one I missed I send my love

~ Robert Perez aka Nino

SCI Houtzdale | LB0800

PROMISE

Reign | QP7278

CHORUS:

The shit you got me doing and going through for you girl
The shit that I be doing and going through for you
I swear I can't take to be away from you girl
And I'll do anything it takes to prove that my love is true
So let me love you and girl I promise
I'll be your prince you'll be my Pocahontas

VERSE ONE:

I knew you were the one since I first laid eyes on you
But you've been running from my love since you first laid eyes on me
Are you scared girl? Be honest, cause I will fight away all your fears
You can trust me, I promise, because my love for you is so sincere
I'm feeling you, you feeling me
I read you like a book and girl its clear to see
So open up let me inside

Let your heart do the talking cause your mind breeds lies

(CHORUS)

VERSE TWO

I promise that I'll be the best man that I can be girl
I promise that I'll love you for eternity
Ever since we met you've been a blessing to me girl
As long as there is air left in my lungs to breath
I'll cherish you, so cherish me
My rightful place is in your heart so that's where I need to be
So open up, let me inside

Let your heart do the talking cause your mind breeds lies

(CHORUS)

VERSE 3

And baby I am being sincere
If you ever need my assistance, I am always here
I promise, to love you, adore you
Kiss you and spoil you
I'll rub your feet, I'll wash your hair
I'll massage your body with gentle care
I'll love you until the end of time
baby that is why, that is why i don't mind

(CHORUS)

End song

LETTERS & LOVE

To my Man: you know who you are. You have forever fucked up the game for any other guy who tries to holla at me. You are the bar. Your swag, your intellect, your smell...UGH! You drive me the fuck crazy! You make these walls melt away. I can't wait to get out and live with you. Ima show you why I wear a helmet in bed. No one does pull-ups like me. #Pound Town. The freaks come out at nyght. Song "streets" by Doja Cat.

To my Girl: You know who you are. I started falling for you from the second I met you. You are the most understanding woman I've ever met. Your chocolate and pink lips are constantly invading my day dreams. I can't wait to wrap you in my arms and never let you go. You've done things for me no one else has. Like, no other woman I've met can even attempt to hold a candle to you in ANY way. Smart AF, thick, super curvy AND you know how to rock it. You make me feel intimidated and self conscious cuz you got me beat all around the board. It's cool cuz I'ma beat you all around the bed with my extra medium dong! LOL #hunglikeachipmunk I can't wait to come home and treat you like the Queen you are. You're worth every second of this 20 years. You are the reason I'll accept parole. Song: "DFMU" by Ella Mai.

I love both of you like crazy. You'll have to fight over who gets custody of me. While we have little contact due to my incarceration, y'all keep me looking forward to the next visit, call etc. and it helps me more than you know.

To my ex's: No hard feelings. Shit happens. I'm still here if you want to talk. No shade. You know I don't do the jealousy or backbiting shit.

To all the Queens + Kings: Stay true to one another. Y'all are too deep to list. LOVE!

To all the undercover: Y'all are even deeper! LOL When you decide to pop out, I'll be there to support you.

To GiGi @ Forest: Girl, I'm so sorry about your situation. I be callin Mom regularly to check on you. Try to come to Benner once you do the step down. Ima see what I can do for you in the mean time. I have a lot of love for you. I owe you my life. 2 Questions: 1. You still got the bikini Girl I drew for you? 2. Was it worth getting locked down for? One more, Have you gotten any better at fishing? LOL

~ Múnta AKA Moon | Shawn Simms JP4037 | Benner

I would like to send big Shoutouts to Dorian cousin miss you, Dayna Silver, Tiffany, Yum Yum, Ms Bee, Siobhan, Big Mir I'm still in the building. Nichole Quinones sis you are a real on, Ms Gege, Dior, Reign, Day Day, Freedom, and everyone that I know at Albion and in the DOC love y'all.

~ Kim K AKA Lil' Momma | . HH8042 | SCI Albion | That Girl From Pgh

LETTERS & LOVE

HI Everyone,

How are you all doing I hope everyone is well everywhere. I've Been dealing with a lot lately. I was in the RHU from February to April where the guards allowed an Inmate to physically and sexually assault me. I'm also trying my Best to deal with Being Separated from my Husband the Love of my Life. So I wrote a poem as I do when I feel the emotions I put pen to paper and let it flow I hope you Like it. Timber: "Heroin" is actually a rock song I wrote. They only put the first verse of the song; there are two more. I wrote that song from the perspective of the drug, so the drug is doing the singing. I also loved your poem "Firewisher" that was published in Daughters magazine.

Shout out to Omar Baby I Love you so much "I promise to Love, Honor, and Cherish you until Death takes me." To my Big Sis T-cup I Love you girl thank you for Always Being there for me especially in the RHU God did send you there for me and I'm So Happy we met.

Brianna keep your head up and stay strong my Friend. Sydney you're still so pretty I Love you girl stay up. And Lastly to my girl Di Di Im so proud of you girl let that Loser wallow in his own misery never let a man drag you down its a mans job to Lift us girls up. And to Makayla AKA THICK ASS Tink what's up girl I'm a girl who likes Girls too and I'm very Pretty N Sexy Get at me. Love,

~ Tiffany Epiphany Jackson

SCI Forest | NZ3780

Want to shout out to Miley my mother. I have been doing what you said to do. Still waiting on response and outcome. Still on B-Block. Shout out to all the trans girls, Ari, Tessa, Rebecca Coltfire, my mother Miley S. Diamond, Charli, Diamond, all the trans girls at SCI Albion, and across P.A.

~ Ms. Tay | LT0387 | SCI Greene

OUR PAIN (MOMMY AND DADDY)

Tiffany Epiphany Jackson

The Light is fading,
I feel Death's caress.
And with my Last Breath,
Tell you, you possess
this Beating thing inside my breast.
And Before I go into cardiac Arrest,
Tell you that you were the Best.
Thing to every Happen to me,
Then Die Happily.
Knowing I Loved you madly,
and that Suddenly and Sadly.
That for now this is the end for me,
Until I see you again.
But until then,
you'll still be my Lover and Best friend.
And that even in Death
on my Love you can Depend,
Because it will transcend.
All Rhyme or Reasons,
And it will Never change.
Unlike the seasons,
It will always Remain the same.
Addictive Like cocaine,
It will Get you high and Numb your Brain.
As you stand alone in the rain,
waiting to see me and Become over Sane.

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear HOAW Family,

I'd love to shoutout to my one and only father Bill Tipton NL5487 which my song, "Fatherless Son" is for. Dad I love you & miss you. I don't know if you been keeping track of my situation but I still have till 2032 now due to catching 2 more cases for staff assaults. As of right now I've been in the RHU for 2 years now (9-14-22) and have 390 more days to do. I'm being recommended for the BMU. I've tried killing myself multiple times. The COs have literally tried killing me in which there's a lawsuit in for(Sky Tipton v. Scott Klinefelter, et Al, 3:24-cv-126-KAP) I've asked my Unit Team to start a vote sheet to let us contact each other. Also I didn't know you were apart of the community. HMU Dad Love Always,

~ \$prayer | Sky Tipton | QH5217 | SCI Huntingdon

FATHERLESS SON

\$prayer Sky Tipton, for William
Tipton, my father

(Hook *2)

Don't ya see,
Dad your family,
Even if you don't want ya to be.
Believe me.

(Verse 1)

Dad I understand ya wanted to be a father to me.
But ya never will be to anybody.

I understand you're sorry,
I Kan Forgive you, Kan you forgive me?
I've been a fatherless son till 23,
Ya said I'd be a better father den ya ever'll be,
So why would I ever hurt Charity,

Or Destiny, Or Trinity.

I just kan't believe
Dat you would do dis to me,
To ya own family,
To ya own blood.

I'm not mad Dad dat you kouldn't show me love,
Dad dere's 3 things I want ya to understand.

I'm a better man,
Dad I love you,
I'm able to forgive you

(Hook *2)

Shoutouts to everyone here at Forest and everyone through out the P.A. D.O.C. who's a part of the LGBTQ+ and Transgender community... Just because I don't write much doesn't mean, I don't care or don't stand up for us all!!! And it's sad... We're all walking around here alone... When we need to be all walking together!!!

Hope everyone gets to enjoy your holiday. And hope to talk more soon!!! Transgender Pride!!!

~ Angel Rose White

AKA: Lefty | SCI Forest

LETTERS & LOVE

DEAR HOAW Family.... I've been a reader of Hearts for a long time. This is my first time writing though. Reading this last issue had inspired me to add my voice to this beautiful collective.... Shout out a few people... @ Mahanoy: Ash, Jerry, Ruth, Dawn, Mariah, Tay, Caddy, my old celly Matt F., and Curtis A.K.A. Joker. Westside, our conversations slacking in the RHU is something that I think of often. I'm doing better putting into practice your good advice. Taz, our talks through the fence were always awesome. I miss your enthusiastic personality, your kindness, your one-of-a-kind expression of who you are.... @ Albion: Harley, Dayna, Siobahn, Griff, Reign, Maddie, Lil Bumblebee, Ike, Lonnie, B.O.B., Micah, Dallas, Kelly. Yum-yum, I love you and the person you are. Being around you is always good vibes. You are truly one of my favorite people. EZ, you are my boo always. No matter what happens you will always be in my heart. Chino, you are my heart and you know it. I thank God every day for you being in my life. You are the best big sister anyone could ask for. We are family forever and always.... @ Rockview: Aaron, where you at? It was awesome meeting you here in the O.T.U. Maybe one day we will be able to build more. Stay safe and don't forget to tell Cree what I said.... That's it for now family. Stay positive. Spread love not hate. Let us build each other up rather than tear each other down...

~ Jesse James | SCI Albion | HU3831

Wass Good! H.O.A.W. I'm stuck in the R.H.U. for 90 days. I want to shoutout "Eastwood" @ SCI Phoenix I feel you on protecting our Queens/wives. I want to shout out my big bro Bones @ Houtzdale, Big Mir @ Houtzdale Slim @ Houtzdale. For the Queens here at Houtzdale keep ya head up and know you're beautiful. I want to give a special shoutout to INDYA the law clerk @ Houtzdale I forgive you and I hope you forgive me we ain't good good but we still good. To all the beautiful queens in the community and of Hearts on a Wire, Hold ya heads it get greater later stay beautiful and smile. I'm looking for a bad bitch to win with me and I'll be going home soon. I just want loyalty, trust, unconditional love. Get at me.

~ El Jefe Dre\$ AKA LuLu | SCI Houtzdale | NX1944

Sending my love to the whole LGBTQ community inside and outside. Slez-E, what's up Homie miss you a lot. Wish I was there with you like old times. Jacinda know I'll always love you no matter what, and I hope you find what you're looking for in Life. Veronica, I miss you Big Sis. Wish we were on the same block again. I'm on AC right now. I don't know what they are going to do, but we will see. I pulled a stunt to get out of there and I'm at Houtzdale, and I'm looking for a Queen.

~ Keon Thomas MY4800 "Buckshot"

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McKinney

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GOT PREA?

by Justin Schwanke

Got PREA? Be sure to write to: United States Department of Justice. PREA Auditor, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC - 20530, Office of The State Inspector General 555 Walnut Street, 8th floor, Harrisburg PA - 17101, Governor Josh Shapiro, Governor correspondence office 508 Main Office Building Harrisburg PA - 17120 and The Office of The Attorney General on whichever side of the state you are on, you should also write to: The Human Rights Coalition, Post Office Box 34580, Philadelphia PA 19101-4580 and American Civil Liberties Union, National Prison Project 915 - 15th Street NW, 7th floor Washington, DC - 20005. If you want your PREA to work for you against the oppressive staff members, you must push it to everyone everywhere, we need to stand up against the PA-DOC and if you thoroughly explain your situations to all these Prisoners and Government Agencies, you might just get the relief you are looking for. You must bring your problems above the Doc (They operate as one team, as is their mission statement,) so why don't we? It does take a while for all these places to get back to you, make it work for you. I don't believe we should be against each other behind the cell door, no matter who you are, what you do, why your in jail, where you come from, we must need to stand up for each other, with each other LGBTQ or not.



RABBIT

Timber

You are a Rabbit of razor bladed fur.
Your rough and tough around the edges,
but you have a heart of Gold.
Most think your a badass,
but for me I know I can slide up into your ass.
You might be older, but I'm bolder.
When you hold me, we both feel better
and the longer you hold me the wetter we get.
For me you have shed your blades
I have led you to my bed.
So you can slide in my pussy.
Daddy show me your no wussy.
Put your cold hands around my neck.
As you feed my internal hunger,
you have become my cuddly Rabbit.

NEW LGBTQ+ LEGAL FELLOW AT PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTIONAL LAW PROJECT

Dear Hearts on a Wire community,

I'm here to introduce myself! My name is Lisa Fanning. In September of 2024, I began work with the Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project ("PILP") as a new attorney in the Philadelphia office. I have been hired through a fellowship project that will focus specifically on the health and safety rights of LGBTQ+ incarcerated people, especially trans and nonbinary people. The Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project protects and advances the constitutional and civil rights of people incarcerated in Pennsylvania through litigation, advocacy, and legal advice. I would love to hear from you regarding challenges you are facing in the following issue areas:

- Receiving diagnosis for gender dysphoria if it is appropriate
- Accessing hormone therapy
- Access to other forms of gender affirming care including binders, appropriate clothing, and gender-appropriate personal care items
- Gender affirming surgery evaluations and experiences with psychiatric staff member(s) that perform such evaluations
- Safety from physical abuse, sexual assault and harassment

While PILP cannot guarantee legal representation to everyone who reaches out, I will be focused on making sure everyone who writes to us receives a response and any assistance we are able to provide. If you need specific legal resources or information regarding filing grievances, pro se lawsuits, ADA or PREA complaints, please reach out. I look forward to hearing from many of you!

Take care,

~ Lisa Fanning (she/her)

Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project

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

MAN OF THE YEAR

Ms. Angela B.

Thank you, for being consistently wonderful, gentle and attentive to me, the source of care, concern, patience and encouragement.

Thanks for recognizing my needs and desires, bringing out what is best in me. Thanks for bringing warmth and brightness to my life, and being the one person that I happily share love and respect.

Therefore, be it resolved that, in my eyes, mind and heart, you are declared most worthy of the the title:

"Man of the Year."

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Timber:

Lovers' Legends: The Gay Greek Myths by Andrew Calimach is about the gay side of ancient myths that have been left out in our puritanical society.

If I was Your Girl by Meredith Russo is about a trans girl who is bullied . After HRT and surgery she moves in with her dad. She falls in love with a football player but has a secret that could destroy her new reality.

Love on the Hudson by KD Fisher - Art historian David has to move home to take care of his dad with poor health. He runs into Nick, his long time best friend who was more than friends but Nick isn't out yet. Their last meet-up was great sex but needed badly. Do they fall in love?

Heckin' Lewd: Trans and Nonbinary Erotica edited by Mx. Nillin Lore

This is a book of erotic short stories by trans and non-binary authors. Sex with SciFi beasts, witchcraftsex, trans sex. I can't say it is my fave erotica but it gets the job done.

Best Laid Plans by Roan Parrish

This is a gay romance book. Rye inherits a house that has to be rebuilt. From the first time he meets the guy that runs that hardware store there is a fire between them. This is a good story of love and redemption.

TAKE ME HOSTAGE

Crok

Some people have to do a double take when they see me,
because I'm double trouble male and female,
I don't fit in societies Bubble.

I can be laid back like a dormouse,
but when other give me flack.

I tend to bite back a bat or shoot my load at
them with a double barrel.

The fashion I wear tends to bend what society thinks.

Tho I have passion of who I am.

But my ass is soft as a lamb.

Take me to the left and treat me right
or beat me right.

Tho I'm quite a site in the nude.

I can be crude at times,

but I would rather be a cute and cuddly cat.

Take me hostage I won't fight back,

because when you slide in me I might be tight.

If you want a fight I can turn into a mountain lion.

Then mount you like a cowboy mounting a bull.

Tho I'm a cool site to see, and

a troubled whore for you to fuck my brain out.

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 in PA 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. 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. **Ithaca College Books Thru Bars** send free books nationwide. **Pittsburgh Prison Book System** sends free educational books and quality reading material to prisoners and prison libraries. **Books For Prisoners at UCSD** and **East Bay Prisoner Support** send socially conscious reading materials nationwide. **Tranzmission Prison Project** sends books and trans booklets to incarcerated LGBTQ folks nationwide. **Prisoners Literature Project** and **Prison Library Project** ship free books.

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.

Let's Get Free has a magazine available to folks in PA prisons.

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

Pittsburgh Prison Book System

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

SUBSCRIBE

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

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.

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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

We are looking for short articles about the relationship between gender and spirituality/religion. You can respond to these questions or write anything else you think is important. Does your gender impact your experience of spirituality? Do you have a community of faith? Why or why not? Have you had positive experiences with religion? **Negative? How does your faith community support you?**

Guidelines:

- **Deadline for Next Issue: February 10.** 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 tell us to do so.**
- We will not publish full addresses.
- 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.**